

On The Committee

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A Time for Study and Discernment- Sandy Tice

Commission is continuing a conversation regarding congregational vitality
Matthew 11.25-30 read through three times

There’s so much; hidden these things from wise/intelligent; Jesus is offering us rest and then invites us to put a yoke on, is that contradictory?; and yet the promise is that it won’t be burdensome because there will be help; learn from me; Jesus’ yoke is unique; if one has a yoke, there’s a need for teamwork, pulling together-we’re not very good as pulling together as Presbyterians/Presbytery/Individuals; as Presbyterians the yoke reminds us of being a connectional church; it’s not just the wise and intelligent that we’re reaching out to; what does it mean to acknowledge that God has revealed to ‘infants’; Jesus says ‘I am gentle and humble in heart’; seminary professor referred to children as ‘intuitive theologians’;

Hold in our heart: this is revealed to those whom God has chosen, perhaps us...we are invited to take this work on and that we are promised that the yoke is easy enough for us to manage/bear...

PCUSA 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality

Discipleship

Evangelism

Outward focus

Servant leadership: to empower leadership, not focus on leadership from us where do we see this? Do we share when we see it?

Spirit-led worship

Relationships

What of passionate leaders who have had transformative experience?

Ecclesial Health

The importance of these is that they provide a measuring stick

A great obstacle to health is the crisis in self-perception of congregations

Internal instead of outward focus, etc, we’re not good at truth-speak

How do we create a climate in which we can speak to truth and trust?

When pastors get together there is often a perception of shame

The list is not some kind of absolute...but it does provide us with context

How could we find some way of assessing health/dis-ease of a congregation?

Pulling out the seven healthy signs would be helpful to a health check-up

Using the marks to listen to God

Calls/Contracts

No calls or contacts made during the last month.

Matters Concerning Churches

Crestline: Discussion with local Church interested in renting facility ongoing.

Meeting at end of February; identifying what rental agreement looks like;

Filed against the former buyers of the pre-school property re foreclosure;

Crestline worship service has moved to 2pm;

Wildomar: Noel Anderson took time to sit with Joe Mazzella over breakfast to discuss gracious separation process. Perhaps will rescind the letter requesting formation of gracious separation committee. Timm High visited with Wildomar Session. How do we become a permission giving Presbytery?

El Buen Pastor Status/Fontana Church

Lazaaro (a person who has been an evangelist in Brazil and worships with the Northkirk Church and is interested in pursuing the CLP process) and Martin Smith met with the elders of El Buen last year. Previous pastor left two years ago, numerous members left at same time; 15 member congregation, one of the elders has preached regularly; 3 current elders: the elders there have been there since the '80's committed to reformed theology; preacher/worship leader/administration and prayer; weekly worship continues at 11; church closed during the week; neighborhood has real human needs to meet; agreement that there is possibility for growth; could presbytery fund a survey of neighbors and their needs and with prayer to focus on what God is calling them to engage in; request of presbytery to fund a survey that Lazaaro is willing to engage: 4 weeks to take, 4 weeks to reflect, return to the Presbytery with results; perhaps make use of Mission Insight; funds from Synod; this is a congregation that could use HPCC's help to be restored to hope; help with restoring them to a sense of balance; does the presbytery resent them?; we have liability issues with El Buen Pastor regarding insurance request from El Buen Pastor's Session for financial assistance of \$4000 to fund the survey, for his time; request to have a session meeting, Timm High will be present.

M/S to request \$4000 to support El Buen Pastor request

How to pay when he doesn't have legal status

Lots of questions to pursue

Moved to table/s/p

Fontana: committee of Scott, Sam, Sylvia wish to meet with Martin re: Fontana
Another place where mission insight info could/would be helpful;
Sam who can't be here tonight has had discussions with Synod Spanish group

Presbytery Leader/Stated Clerk Report

Committee of Counsel for Spitzer vs. PoR regarding Big Bear Lake Dismissal:

TE Henry DeGraaff; RE Wendy Hill (Bethany); RE Margaret Merhoff
(Kirkmont)

Announce prayer practices for Lent: for clergy/for presbytery at large

HPCC Committee Meetings

M/S/P to hold March 1 HPCC meeting at Beaumont FPC

Permission to labor out of bounds:

Rev. Jonathan Murray, PCUSA Teaching Elder, member of Presbytery of New Covenant requesting permission to labor within our bounds in order to officiate at a wedding in Menifee, CA, on March 17, 2018 (he has permission from PNC) M/S/P

Prayer Concerns

HR TE Jim Karcher is coming to the end of his earthly life; Wildomar and Joe Mazzella; Robert Spitzer; El Buen Pastor; Crestline