

Report of the Presbytery Commission
October 2018

The Presbytery Commission met on October 30, 2018, at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. After a time of devotion and prayer we began discussing the many challenges that each of our committees and commissions and our Presbytery Leader for Mission and Vision/ Stated Clerk brought to the PC.

The following are action items that we are asking the PA commissioners to consider:

1 - Bill and Carol Stanley brought the PC up to date on the work of the Crestline AC. They are now working with a couple of Realtors and hope to list most of the property that was owned by the Crestline church very soon. As it might discourage a sale if we have to wait for a PA meeting to take place they requested that the PC name a group to act on behalf of the PA to authorize a sale. The motion is to grant this authority to the PC, in consultation with PFIFD.

2 - The PC has discussed the issue of the PA quorum. We now have 26 worshipping communities in the Presbytery of Riverside. Our present PA quorum requirement is that 50% of our worshipping communities be represented by a RE. We do not usually have an issue meeting this requirement for TE's. The problem we have is that 5 of our worshipping communities rarely if ever participate in the PA. This means that we are actually having to meet a much higher percentage of attendance since we begin with 21 active communities. The PC is proposing that we reduce our quorum requirement to 1/3 of our worshipping communities to make our quorum more realistic considering our actual active worshipping communities.

3 - The per capita rate was raised at the 2018 GA so the PC, on the recommendation of PFIFD, moves that we increase the per capita for congregations in the Presbytery of Riverside to \$36, for 2019.

4 - The PC moves to recommend the budget proposed by the PFIFD for 2019.

5 - The PC puts into nomination the following:

For the NWC AC - Jeanie Riggs, RE Riverside Magnolia

For the Committee on Nominations - Grace Baldwin, RE Redlands First

6 - The March PA meeting is now scheduled to be held at the Big Bear Camp and Conference Center on 3/9/19. They have asked if we can move it to the same weekend as March Madness. The PC moves that we change the date to 3/23/19.

7 - The PC has designated that offering for the November PA meeting to be given to The Open Door, a local group that works with victims of sex trafficking, to use for their Christmas baskets.

8 - It is possible that the building the houses the presbytery office will be sold. To be proactive the office staff has investigated the offers of several churches in our presbytery that have room to house part of the staff and the records of the presbytery (some of the staff will work remotely). The staff has recommended to the PC that they move to Redlands First. The PC would like to hear from the PA about this recommendation.