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Summarizes some of what went on at our Presbytery meetings. The minutes continue to be the official record of the meetings, but The Day After will provide a tool for sharing and reporting what happened. The Presbytery's web-site (www.pacificpresbytery.org) is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities.

Thanks to Host

Many thanks to Rev. Neal Neuenschwander and the members and staff of the First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro for the lovely breakfast, the gracious hospitality, and the use of their beautifully renovated sanctuary.

Happy New Year! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!
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Saluting our *Military Chaplains*

Pacific had the opportunity to hear a first-hand perspective on military chaplaincy from **Rev. Russ Ferguson**, whom Pacific ordained into chaplaincy to the Navy and Marines 18 months ago. We also prayed for **Rev. Grace Kim**, who also led in worship, reserve chaplain to the Army; **Rev. Patrice Mbo**, who sent in a video from his training class in South Carolina, where he is preparing to be a reserve chaplain to the Army; **Rev. Mark Lee** (Army), just back from Iraq; **Rev. Alfred Peña** (Navy), stationed in Hawaii, and **Morsan McSweeney**, Army reserve chaplain. Russ made the following suggestions for churches:

Pray. Russ' unit of 1200 came back without any deaths or loss of limbs, so he knows prayer works.

Send care packages, but first connect with a chaplain in the field to make sure you send what they can use. Contact Wendy Tajima at statedclerk@pacificpresbytery.org who can connect you with a chaplain.

Send handwritten letters—this is a way that children can get involved in showing concern for service people far from home.

Get educated. Russ suggested several resources to learn more about life in and after military service: *On Killing* by Dave Grossman and *Achilles in Vietnam* by Jonathan Shay. Or you can meet and support vets and their families by volunteering at the Fisher House near the VA in Westwood. Go to <http://westlafisherhouse.org/how-can-you-help> if you want to volunteer or contribute money.

Welcome the vets into your faith community. Russ reminded us that not all vets come home with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and most just need a listening and non-judgmental ear. Russ showed how welcoming vets and their families and supporting them as they return to civilian life is one more way to serve our Lord, as Jesus suggested in Matthew 25:34-40.

Another kind of chaplaincy is hospital chaplaincy, and we celebrated **Rev. Estuardo Bazini-Barakat**, chaplain at LA County General Medical Center. Pacific and three neighboring presbyteries contribute to make this chaplaincy possible. Estuardo is also the first certified bilingual CPE supervisor in the country. He was prepared for ministry and ordained by our presbytery.

2012 Budget *Approved*

Tom Fleming presented the budget for 2012. This budget has been balanced but expanded to reflect the investment in new church development—so there is now a way for churches to contribute to new church development, and the Presbytery's commitment to Agape Wilmington as a new church development is now being reflected in the budget. The **per capita allocation of \$37.25** was approved in the November 2011 Presbytery meeting. The GMC had already directed the Committee on Staff to review staff configuration and salaries, and Presbytery leadership to work with Agape to increase the church's financial responsibility for its mission.

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Committee on Preparation for Ministry (and Committee on Ministry) note three milestones:

- 3 Candidates Certified Ready: Sam Chung (Wilshire), Brian Symonds (Immanuel), Andrea Rock (Pacific Palisades)
- 2 Candidates (to be) ordained: Scott Andrews (Hollywood, December 4, 2011) and Jacoba Vermaak (Brentwood/ called to Wilshire, February 12, 2012)
- 1 Inquirer: Chris Greer (Bel Air).

Rev. Michael Mudgett, CPM Chair, introduced the new CPM Chair for 2012, Rev. Micka Moto-Sanchez. Thanks to Michael for his excellent leadership and we look forward to Micka's service!



Vice Moderator Dave Worth and Moderator Tom Fleming

New Presbytery Leadership *for 2012*

Congratulations and thanks be to God for new leaders for 2012. We installed **Elder Tom Fleming** as Moderator and **Rev. Dave Worth** as Vice Moderator. We also gave thanks for the leadership of **Rev. Shin-Hwa Park**, who is now Chair of the General Mission Council, and **Rev. Mark Brewer**, completing the three-year leadership cycle. New leaders elected on Saturday were:

- Committee on Ministry: Sally Cuaresma (Gardena), Rev. Ann Hayman (2014)
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Rev. Michael Mudgett, Rev. Martin Smith (2014)
- Mission Interpretation and Promotion: Rev. Erin Tamayo (2012), Nancy Smith (2013)
- Committee on Staff: William Baxa (Immanuel; 2014)
- Committee on Self-Development of People: Ani Abiedu (Culver City; 2014); Rev. Ann Hayman (2013) resigns from SDOP and moves to COM (2014)
- Leadership Development: Rev. Roché Vermaak (2014)
- Permanent Judicial Commission: Byung Cho (Faith; 2017)



2012 GA Commissioners, pictured from left to right: Brian Symonds, Cathy Chisholm, Tom Fleming, and David Worth

Mission: *The Presbytery on the Move*

The Youth Encounter in Nicaragua, July 1-8, 2012, is coming together—only ten youth will be allowed to participate, so get your applications in by **February 15, 2012**. And the fund drive to support the Nicaragua covenant enters its second year. Almost half of the \$50,000 goal has been raised, so please consider giving—or giving again—as an individual and/or a church.

And the New Orleans team is coming together; they will be going back to NOLA March 24-31, 2012. Contact Heidi Worthen-Gamble if you have questions.

General Assembly *2012 Update*

The Presbytery elected the following commissioners to the 220th General Assembly:

Ruling Elder Commissioners: Tom Fleming (Knox), and Brian Symonds (Immanuel)

Teaching Elder Commissioners: Cathy Chisholm, and Dave Worth

The GMC was granted authority to select a YAAD. In order to meet the GA's deadline, any YAAD applications must be submitted statedclerk@pacificpresbytery.org by February 10, 2012. See www.pacificpresbytery.org for application.