

**Meeting Packet
for the 504th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



May 17, 2016

***Hosted by
Union Park Presbyterian Church
Des Moines, Iowa***

PROPOSED DOCKET**(With additions)****May 17, 2016**

8:30 a.m.	Registration Begins Fellowship and Refreshments	
9:30	Open Meeting Approve Docket Appoint Parliamentarian Appoint Recording Clerk Approve Excused Absences Seat Corresponding Members Introduce First-Timers and Guests Approve Consent Agenda	Maurice Dyer
9:40	Welcome by Union Park Presbyterian Church	John Gilmore
9:45	Worship	Worship Task Group
11:00	P-1 – Interim General Presbyter Search Committee Report	Jan Scott
11:45	F – Nominating Committee Report	Ann Polito
11:55	C – Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report	Kathryn Roblee
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00	Announcements	
1:10	D – Budget and Finance Committee Report	Sarai Schnucker Rice
1:25	E – Leadership Council Report	Shamaine Chambers King
1:35	B – Dismissal of Covenant Council	Shamaine Chambers King
1:40	A – Moderator of Moderators Report	David Endriss
1:45	A-2 – Congregation Reconciliation Task Force Report	Lola Peters
1:50	A-1 – Church Professional Task Force Report	Mary Lou Aspengren
2:20	V – CROSS Ministries Report	Roberta Victor
2:30	Commissioning of GA Commissioners	Maurice Dyer
2:40	H – Personnel Committee Report	Ann Johnson
2:50	I – Stated Clerk Report	Dave Hamilton
2:55	Other Business	
3:00	Adjournment and Benediction	

A-2 – CONGREGATION RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

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The CRTF has been meeting monthly since January of 2015. We have received a total of seven referrals and have completed working with five churches, and are currently working with two churches.

We are also beginning to work on what additional services we can offer to help referral churches better function in ways that may prevent future conflicts. We will be using the Presbyterian model from Matthew 18. We would like to enable and empower church leaders in the area of conflict.

Lola Peters attends the MOM meetings (meeting of all task force moderators) as a way of communicating and coordinating with them. As CRTF members, we are discussing ways we can better communicate with members of the other task forces who are also working with our referral churches.

Task Force members are:

RE Lola Peters, moderator (Ankeny)
TE Jane Martinez (Ottumwa, East End & Westminster)
RE Joanne Page (Des Moines, Union Park)
TE Craig Palmer (At-Large)
TE Sarai Schnucker Rice (At-Large)
RE Midge Slater (Des Moines, First)
RE John Sprole (West Des Moines, Covenant)
RE Mickey VanBaale (Newton, First)

Respectfully Submitted,
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K – NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Committee presents the following persons be elected to the positions noted:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2016

TE Kristin Pike (At-Large)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2018

TE Scott Paczkowski (Des Moines, Westminster)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION

2016

TE Shamaine Chambers-King (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

2018

TE Jessica Wietzke (Grimes, First)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

2016-Moderator

RE Cindy Ray (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

2017

TE Christopher (Kip) Harris (Carlisle, Scotch Ridge)

2018

TE David Madsen (HR)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2018

RE Robert (Bob) Finney (Clive, Heartland)

TE David Madsen (HR)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

2017

RE Julie Will (Des Moines, Central)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TEAM

2018

RE Karen Quinn (Newton, First)

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE

2016 Moderator

TE Ken Rummer (Corning, First)

2017

TE Ken Stuber (Des Moines, First)

2018

TE Nathan Lamb (Hartford, Community United)

K – COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT

May 17, 2016

Our Sister Parish News

May 2016



Your Mission Co-Worker:
Rev. Katherine Pater

A Call to Climate Consciousness

"Around the globe, governments are confronting the reality that as human-caused climate change warms the planet, rising sea levels, stronger storms, increased flooding, harsher droughts and dwindling freshwater supplies could drive the world's most vulnerable people from their homes. Between 50 million and 200 million people — mainly subsistence farmers and fishermen — could be displaced by 2050 because of climate change, according to estimates by the United Nations Institute for Environment and Human Security and the International Organization for Migration."¹

It grieves us to report that this climate change-driven displacement has already begun in earnest here in Central America, mostly due to the 2015 drought. Many people have left Berlin, or even El Salvador, seeking work because they can no longer grow enough food to feed their families. Most of the people who have left are leaders in their communities, so this displacement of people has disrupted the work of the community organizations. It is always the best, the brightest, and the bravest—those who would have been the most active agents of change in their own communities—who leave first.

El Salvador experienced the driest wet season in living memory last year, and while May began with cloudy skies, cooler temperatures, and a few sprinkles, that does not mean that the severe drought affecting our region is over. Climate scientists indicate that the 2015 drought was caused by an El Niño strengthened by anthropogenic climate change, but they warn that Central America will remain extremely vulnerable to global warming regardless of established semi-annual oscillations of the Pacific Ocean's temperature. Salvadorans alone can do very little about climate change as a global problem, seeing as most carbon emissions are produced by larger, industrialized countries and regions such as the United States, China, and Europe. We simply cannot let this continue, nor can we continue to live in communal denial about it.

We would never tell you who to vote for in the 2016 election season; that would clearly be unethical and go against the Presbyterian values of democracy and mutual forbearance. But we beg you: *please consider voting for only those candidates, whether for local, state, or national office, who understand that anthropogenic climate change is real and threatens the very fabric of human civilization.* There are viable options across the political spectrum. If your favorite candidate does not "believe" in climate change, *please consider informing them that your vote for them depends on them changing their position.* Organize other people to do this with you. Candidates take well-organized faith-based voters seriously. Please ask God's guidance in deciding who to vote for, and please include in your thoughts and prayers the "least of these" who will be hit first—and hardest—by climate change and its social, economic, and political effects.

¹ Source: NYTimes.com, "Resettling the First Climate Refugees," Retrieved 5/3/16

EQUIPO PASTORAL
La Casa Pastoral
Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador



Your Pastoral Team Members:
**Margarita, Idalia, Jesús,
Balmore, Blanca, Cecilia**

If you consider yourself a Democrat/progressive/liberal, please keep in mind that all other social justice issues—education, women's rights, public health, nutrition, water access—are connected to climate change. If you consider yourself a Republican/Tea Partier/conservative—particularly if you proudly consider yourself pro-life, as many members of the Pastoral Team do—please consider that climate change is a threat to human life at all stages of development, particularly as climate change-linked diseases such as Zika rout already-vulnerable regions. People are already dying; this is a pro-life issue.

Please keep Central America, and missions like *Our Sister Parish* who serve with the people in this region, in your prayers.

~Rev. Katherine Pater

Compañeros Delegation

In April, a group of five Compañeros members traveled to El Salvador to visit at the Pastoral House with Katherine and the Pastoral Team members. It was a week full of community visits and meetings. It was a deeply meaningful week shared with prayer, food and fun. Those who traveled this time were: Rev. Linda O'Connell, Marcia McAdoo, Mark McAdoo, Alisha Lundberg & Kathy Bassett.

It was also a week filled with worry about the water situation in Berlin: many springs have dried up, and several communities connected to the local potable water project haven't received water for TWO MONTHS.



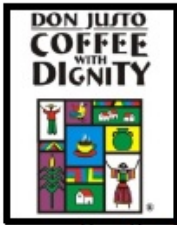
Be sure to read Katherine's blog: <https://womanbetweenworlds.wordpress.com/>

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Presbytery of Des Moines
Urbandale, Iowa, U.S.A.

K – COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT continued...

Don Justo Coffee with Dignity

May 2016



Are you drinking Don Justo Coffee?

Do you even know what Don Justo Coffee with Dignity is?

Our Sister Parish, the mission of the Presbytery of Des Moines, in Berlin, Usulután, El Salvador, has been

working with coffee farmers in the Berlin area since 2002 to change the way coffee is sold. When you buy delicious coffee through this project, you (churches, organizations and individuals) can ensure:

- ☛ Fair prices for coffee growers and workers
- ☛ Environmental protection and biodiversity
- ☛ Profits are re-invested in Salvadoran communities
- ☛ Economic and Social justice

Do you think drinking Don Justo Coffee doesn't make a difference?

For each pound of Don Justo coffee purchased, the funds received are divided into the following 3 categories:

- ☛ 33.5% to the local economy for growing, harvesting, processing, roasting, and grinding
- ☛ 37.2% for administrative and supply costs for things like bags, labels, flavor oils, and shipping
- ☛ 29.3% to the Pastoral Team to fund local social and economic development projects (like the pictures to the right)

That means 62.8% goes right back to the economy of the communities in the area of Berlin, Usulután, El Salvador.

DJ Important People

At the beginning of every calendar year a new Don Justo contract is signed between the coffee farmers, coffee coordinators, Pastoral Team, mission co-worker & Compañeros. Some years the coffee coordinators are actually present for the signing. Here was the last time that happened – in February, 2014. These folks were at the Pastoral House for the signing. Here are: Coffee coordinators Maurice Dyer and Betty Dyer and Coffee farmers Vidal Gonzalez and Estella Gonzalez.



DRINK MORE COFFEE!

Do you remember this picture?

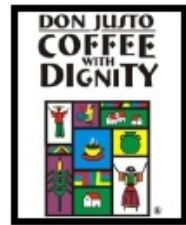
This picture of our long-time Don Justo friend, Mauro, has been in our brochure and other info many times over the years. Sadly, Mauro passed away last October from cancer. If you ever visited the tostadora in Berlin, you may have met him! He was the man in charge and made sure we got the coffee that we ordered each time.



DRINK MORE COFFEE!

How does drinking Don Justo Coffee help?

Since the beginning of 2016, the Pastoral Team delivered fertilizer to hundreds of people in year with proceeds from the Don Justo Coffee project, including families in the villages of Mediagguá, Loma Alta, El Rescate, and El Zapote. Below you can see photos of the fertilizer being delivered.



DRINK MORE COFFEE!



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Don Justo Trivia

For each pound bag of Don Justo Coffee, you should be able to get an average of 120 cup-sized cups of coffee. (A mug holds more coffee than 1 cup.) That means that for every cup of Don Justo, you are paying all of \$.08. For a mug full of Don Justo, you may be paying all of \$.16. For a travel mug full, it would be more expensive. How does that compare to your large expensive cup of ready-made coffee?



DRINK MORE COFFEE!
You can make a difference!

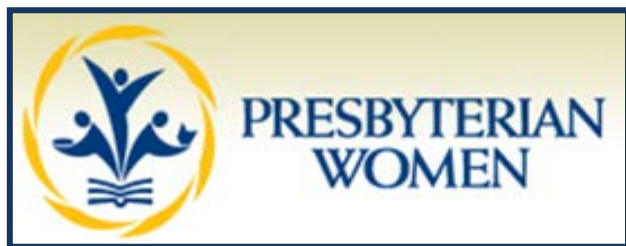
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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Regular Roasts: | Decaf Roasts: |
| Medium Ground | Medium Ground |
| Medium Whole Bean | Medium Whole Bean |
| Dark Ground | Dark Ground |
| Dark Whole Bean | Dark Whole Bean |
| French Ground | |
| French Whole Bean | |

- Flavors:**
- Snickeroo Ground
 - Snickeroo Whole Bean
 - Mocha Ground
 - Mocha Mint Ground
 - Amaretto Ground

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R – PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PWP) REPORT

May 17, 2016



PW purpose statement

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- *to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,*
- *to support the mission of the church worldwide,*
- *to work for justice and peace,*
- *and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom*

Nurture our faith through prayer and Bible Study

PW Coordinating Council (CC) continues its commitment while planning the Spring Connection in February and March; asking how we can demonstrate the multiple ways local mission assists us to live in the God moment; how we are all connected; and sharing mission that works with each other. This included the development steps for both the PW Grapevine and the 2016 Spring Connection. The CC team developed a theme of *Lift Every Voice*; discussed the upcoming nomination process for 2016 and confirmed the site with Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines.

The coordinating council supported efforts and provided for the 2016 PW Spring Connection on May 7, including worship service, *Listen from the Heart* by Rev. Betty Sandy and delivered multiple break-out sessions during the Spring Connection. We networked among attendees with a challenge to hold panel presentations on poverty in each church and submit applications for honorary lifetime PW memberships for fall meeting.

Support the mission of the church worldwide

The March 2016 PW Grapevine was produced by CC team and included input from historian comments, resources, upcoming dates, advocacy schedule, approved a budget and focused on sharing mission themes and resources available for Presbyterian Women across Iowa.

On May 7, 2016 the PW Spring Connection was held. The conference program, *Lift Every Voice*, included Homeless and Poverty Panel voices from: Voices of Hunger, Cross Ministry Food Pantry and Homelessness, Voices of Immigration, and Voices of Poverty locally. After lunch we heard from and worked with mission projects *Days for Girls* and the Covenant Presbyterian Church *Faith and Grace Garden*.

Work for justice and peace.

In March we distributed via *Grapevine Newsletter* the Presbyterian Church Mission advocacy calendar and shared topics and statistics of poverty in local communities at 2016 PW Spring Connection.

We also established a scholarship and promoted attendance at the upcoming June 2016 Synod Gathering.

Upcoming Event:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace --

Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women

June 15-18, 2016

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Presbytery of Des Moines, PC(USA)

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Deichmann, moderator