

Temporary Stated Clerk's Report to HPCC

June 4, 2020

1. Alex Aaron is a minister member of the presbytery whose "clergy card" I sent to a Las Vegas address two months ago. Today I got a request that he be dismissed to Nevada Presbytery retroactive to September 11, 2018. Alex was under care of the Session of Calvary Presbyterian Church, was ordained to chaplaincy ministry in about 2016, went through a divorce and has apparently thought it best to get a fresh start in a new locale. **I move that we transfer him to the Presbytery of Nevada retroactive to September 11, 2018.**
2. I trust that we can admit Jon Berquist, Sallie Willis-Watkins and Bill Roozeboom into the membership of the Presbytery of Riverside. Since they are coming from other denominations (in Sallie and Jon's case, not technically, but practically) I think it best to recommend the Assembly be given their Statement of Faiths and be asked to introduce themselves. Questions will be encouraged. I would also like to recruit them to what the Quaker tradition calls a Clearness Committee to pass on 3-4 names for the position of Redevelopment Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Cathedral City (CPCCC) once their Mission Assessment is completed (target date, September 1, 2020). I cannot prove it but they strike me as having special gifts in discerning when pastors are moving into an area to do a ministry that this presbytery is investing a lot of time and attention to, let alone a \$50,000 initial bridge loan.
3. We need to elect Wayne Morrow as Transitional Pastor of CPCCC and moderator of Session effective June 4, 2020 and approve his Terms of Call. He is serving on a quarter time basis while he remains Pastor of Desert Hills Presbyterian Church of Yucca Valley.
4. I have tried in vain to get a reference check on Jim Toms, a minister member of the United Methodist Church to authorize him to preside at the Table on the 3rd Sundays of the month at CPCCC. I will continue to try to get someone from his conference who knows him.