

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii Summary of the 2017 Spring Assembly

The Synod Assembly met on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at New Presbyterian Church (Los Angeles) in the Presbytery of the Pacific. Special thanks to the church's pastor TE David Won and to the church members for their warm hospitality. This congregation was one of the first in the former Hanmi Presbytery to transfer to a geographic presbytery.

Actions taken by the Assembly include the following.

1. During the opening worship service TE Mark Hong was installed as the Synod Executive/Stated Clerk by the Moderator, RE Janice Takeda of San Gabriel Presbytery.
2. As recommended by the Commission of Assembly, the Assembly voted to reallocate the \$450,000 that was reserved for Hanmi Presbytery to use for funding new church development or revitalization projects in the following manner:
 - a. The Synod would retain \$240,000 to be used for ethnic Korean ministry development under the jurisdiction of the presbyteries of the Synod. Matching \$1 to \$1 grants (same as current Synod policy) would be provided based upon presbytery commitments.
 - b. The remaining \$210,000 would be evenly divided among the remaining seven presbyteries toward their existing balances for church development or revitalization projects.
3. As recommended by the Synod Finance Committee, the Assembly voted that the net proceeds of \$363,856.68 from the sale of the property of the Casa Blanca Home of Neighborly Services shall be placed in a restricted fund that will be disbursed to the Presbytery of Riverside exclusively for the benefit of community ministry within the City of Riverside or alternatively a community based ministry in neighboring communities within the bounds of the Presbytery of Riverside.
4. RE Pat Niles of Los Ranchos Presbytery was elected to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2019 on the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.

Other highlights of the Assembly included:

1. Heard and/or received reports from the Racial Ethnic Pastoral Leadership Program (REPL); Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Work Group (JPIC), Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers, Inc., Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center and the Commission of Assembly.
2. Heard a report from TE Elizabeth Gibbs-Zehnder about her work as the Presbyterian chaplain at LA County + USC Medical Center. Her position is funded by the Synod and the Presbyteries of the Pacific, San Gabriel, San Fernando and Los Ranchos.
3. Heard reports from the Presbytery of the Pacific, Santa Barbara Presbytery, San Fernando Presbytery, San Gabriel Presbytery, Los Ranchos Presbytery and San Diego Presbytery.
4. Heard a report from the Finance Committee on the performance of the Synod's investment accounts with the New Covenant Trust Company, New Covenant Funds and the Presbyterian Foundation Endowment Fund.