

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



PRESBYTERY OF
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2017 Annual Report

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Rev. Dr. Les Hyder



Rev. Adam Knudson



Rev. Amanda Nevin



Dr. Keith Beebe



Rev. Renn Serna

The Lord continued to bless and sustain the Presbytery of San Joaquin in 2017! We are learning over and over again how much there is to do to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The presbytery is much smaller now than it was a decade ago, but we still have a mighty team of Churches, Fellowships, New Worshiping Communities, pastors, elders, deacons and active members dedicated to mission in the central valley. Our heart felt thanks to **Rev. Adam Knudson** who served as our moderator. Adam represents a new generation of leaders that are stepping forward to guide us into a bright future. Elder Lawrence Wayte has been our Vice Moderator and is highly experienced and ready to lead us into 2018 with vigor. May I also take this opportunity to praise our fine staff who are now veterans ready and able to serve you. The energetic staff includes Shirley Batchman (Office Manager), Rev. Deb DeBoer (Assistant Stated Clerk), Karen Anderson (Bookkeeper), Natasha Biasell (Communications Director) and Roger Peterson (Church Growth Consultant). **Rev. Amanda Nevin** joined us in December to overlap and replace Deb who is moving to Mississippi with her family. We are sad to lose Deb, who has done a fantastic job, but overjoyed to have Amanda step forward as another member of a new generation of mid-council leaders. Rev. Simon Biasell and Elder Sonya Knutsen will join us in 2018 serving respectively as our Innovation Program Coordinator and South Valley Liaison/ PDA Coordinator.

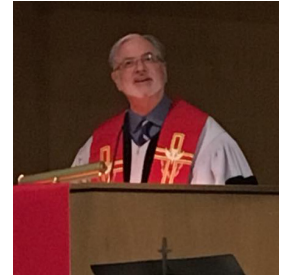
Every year we face challenges and joys. 2017 was no exception. We were sad to bid farewell to the Dinuba Presbyterian Church who was dismissed to the ECO. We continue to pray for their witness in Dinuba representing our Reformed Tradition. There were also two fires this year in our presbytery that touched many lives. The first one in the summer was an arson fire at our Orange Cove Church where the old sanctuary, now the thrift store, burned to the ground. Thankfully the fire department came instantly and saved the beautiful Orange Cove Sanctuary which is a classic California Mission Chapel. Then in September the Railroad Fire near Oakhurst reached our Calvin Crest Camp burning large portions of the timber land, but amazingly not the camp facilities. The Lord was truly merciful! We thank the scores of fire fighters who stood guard against the flames reaching our beloved mountain retreat. In spite of these challenges we were blessed with many joys! Thanks to a Synod Grant we were able to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with **Dr. Keith Beebe**. The lectures, music, worship and fellowship were wonderful. Our Committee on Preparation for Ministry brought us much joy with the graduation of Dustin Maddox from seminary and approval for ordination. They also recruited three new Inquirers who will prepare to become Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. The Presbytery also gathered at University Presbyterian Church in Fresno this fall to install the **Rev. Renn Serna** who became the first female Senior Pastor at UPC. The Lord blessed our La Roca NWC ministry in NW Fresno with a donation of two acres worth \$350,000 to locate this new outreach. La Roca also received the second \$25,000 G.A. grant from the 1001 NWC Program. The Presbyterian Foundation honored the Presbytery of San Joaquin by selecting us for a \$15,000 Lilly Initiative Grant that will help our churches pursue adaptive change. Thanks to Rev. Rick Lemburg and his enthusiastic retreat team we resurrected the annual Presbytery Clergy Retreat at Calvin Crest with our own Dr. Rich Hansen as the guest speaker. This was followed by a series of additional workshops to enrich our congregations. Please see details on the next page.

No doubt 2018 will bring more challenges for us to face, but I know now that you are a resilient presbytery! The California Poppy is a good symbol, because it is drought tolerant and may lay dormant for awhile, but always blooms again! That is the Presbytery of San Joaquin! Please continue to work with us to proclaim the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ in the Central Valley. Your efforts are making a difference for the Kingdom of God!

2017 At-A-Glance

CELEBRATIONS

- 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with Dr. Keith Beebe
- New Inquirers/Candidates for ministry:
 - April Alkema
 - John Kim
 - Larry Kim
- Rev. Renn Serna installed as pastor at University Presbyterian Church
- Dustin Maddox graduated from seminary and certified for ordination



FAREWELLS

- Rev. Deb De Boer – Assistant Stated Clerk, moving to Oxford, Mississippi
- Retirements:
 - Rev. Arsecio Cruz leaving Nuevo Amancer in Bakersfield
 - Rev. Mary Raine leaving the Coalinga Presbyterian Church



FIRES

- Arson fire in Orange Cove
- Railroad Fire that impacted Calvin Crest Conference Center



LILLY INITIATIVE

Launched with Rev. Jim Kitchens & Rev. Deborah Wright

- Churches involved:
 - University Presbyterian Church in Fresno
 - Orange Cove Presbyterian Church
 - Porterville Presbyterian Church
 - Three Rivers Presbyterian Church
- Apprentices:
 - Elder John Davis
 - Rev. Renn Serna
 - CRE Ken Johnson
 - Rev. Simon Biasell



WORKSHOPS

- Safe Church Seminar with Jane Odell & Paula Kelso from Synod of the Pacific
- Communications & Social Media Workshop with Mari Graham & Gail Strange from the G. A. Program Mission Agency
- Bi-Vocational Ministry & COM Orientation with SanDawna Ashley from Office of General Assembly
- San Joaquin Presbytery Clergy Retreat at Calvin Crest with Rev. Dr. Rich Hansen
- Community Outreach with Marcos Mujica



GRANTS RECEIVED

- Synod grant of \$3,500 for the 500th Celebration of the Protestant Reformation
- General Assembly grant of \$25,000 for the La Roca New Worshiping Community
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Grant of \$7,500 for the Railroad Fire (pictured)
- General Assembly seed grant of \$7,500 for the Rio Mesa NWC Probe



2017 Financial Snapshot

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

SUPPORT		
Contributions and other support		\$290,175
Brawley property gift		356,000
Grants		<u>54,675</u>
		<u>700,850</u>
REVENUE		
Interest, dividends and rental		43,876
Loss on sale of property		(110,669)
Transfer of Calvin Crest land		(86,000)
Dinuba dismissal		<u>174,508</u>
		<u>21,715</u>
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE		<u>722,565</u>
EXPENSES		
Program expenses		197,184
Salaries and benefits		174,924
Administrative		<u>63,011</u>
		<u>435,119</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS		287,446
NET ASSETS, beginning of year		<u>2,043,845</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year		<u>\$2,331,291</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$74,903
Investments	852,796
Accounts receivable	18,765
Prepaid expenses	3,506
Notes receivable, current portion	<u>48,000</u>
	997,970
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net of accumulated depreciation	1,167,441
OTHER ASSETS	
Notes receivable, net of current portion	<u>272,555</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>2,437,966</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Notes payable, current portion	5,600
Accounts payable and other	<u>10,492</u>
	16,092
LONG-TERM NOTE PAYABLE, net of current portion	90,583
NET ASSETS	<u>2,331,291</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$2,437,966</u>

SUMMARY OF RESERVE FUNDS

New Covenant Trust Company - General Reserves:

- Balance on 12/31/2016: \$495,697
- Balance on 12/31/2017: \$538,602

New Covenant Trust Company - Congregational Development Reserve:

- Balance on 12/31/2016: \$87,252
- Balance on 12/31/2017: \$144,271