

PSWD Board of Administration

= second 3 year term, x = appointed to fill an unexpired term ending



**Thanks to all for your gift of service to the district.
Special thanks to those who have completed
their term of service as listed by year below.**

Policy Board:

Chair: Nelda Rhoades Clarke (Papago Buttes)

Vice-Chair: Dot Hess (La Verne)

Recording Secretary: Clerk: Karen Cosner (Modesto)

- 2021 Christi Bowman (Living Savior, McFarland)
- 2022 Erik Brummett (Live Oak)
- #2020 Mario Cabrera (Príncipe de Paz)..... Youth / Young Adult
- #2021 Nelda Rhoades Clarke (Papago Buttes)..... Section Rep. AZ
- #2022 Cheryl Crane (Prince of Peace, Sacramento)
- 2021 Jaime Farrar (Modesto)
- 2020 David Flores (Cristo Sion)
- 2021 Jonas Funderburk (Glendale)
- #2022 Eddie Hernandez (Modesto)
- #2022 Dot Hess (La Verne)..... Section Rep. S.CA-E
- 2022 Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)
- 2021 Richard Keeling (Bakersfield)..... Section Rep. Cen.CA
- 2020 Hannah Nelson (La Verne)..... Youth / Young Adult
- #2020 Joel Price (Empire)..... Section Rep. N.CA
- 2020 Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace, Sacramento)
- #2020 Cindy Slaughter (Glendale) (*died 8/5/2020*)..... Section Rep. S.CA-W
- 2020 Joanne Wagoner (La Verne)
- 2020 Julie Wheeler (La Verne)
- 2020 Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)

Ex-Officio with vote

Moderator: Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Moderator-Elect: Al Clark (La Verne)

Clerk: 2021 Karen Cosner (Modesto)

Ex-Officio without vote

District Executive Minister: Russ Matteson

Treasurer: Larry Woodruff (La Verne) (*died 9/29/2020*)

Treasurer: Karin Heckman Nelson (La Verne) (*began 10/1/2020*)

Standing Committee Delegate: Don Shankster (Papago Buttes)

Invited to meetings without vote

Mission & Ministry Board members residing in PSWD: Thomas Dowdy & Lauren Cohen

Executive Board: (Chosen each year by the Policy Board)

Chair: Nelda Rhoades Clarke (Papago Buttes)

Vice-Chair: Dot Hess (La Verne)

Ministry Chair: Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace)

Stewards Chair: Joel Price (Empire)

Moderator: Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Moderator-Elect: Al Clark (La Verne)

District Executive Minister (Ex-Officio without vote): Russ Matteson

District Board of Administration: continued

Ministry Commission: *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Ministry Chair: Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace)

Elected Member, *Vice Chair:* Erik Brummett (Live Oak)

Elected Member, *Secretary:* Cindy Slaughter (Glendale) *(died 8/5/2020)*

Elected Member: David Flores (Cristo Sion)

Elected Member: Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)

Elected Member: Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator; Board Chair

Stewards Commission: *(Members chosen each year by the Executive Board)*

Stewards Chair: Joel Price (Empire)

Elected Member, *Vice Chair:* Eddie Hernandez (Modesto)

Elected Member, *Secretary:* Christi Bowman (Living Savior)

Elected Member: Jonas Funderburk (Glendale)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister, Moderator, Board Chair, Treasurer

Board Appointments: *Page 25 below*

Board of Administration Report

This year began with Nancy Heishman, National Director of the Office of Ministry, facilitating the 5 year Performance Review of our DEM Russ Matteson. Nancy was with us at our January Policy Board meeting to review the highlights of the review with the Board.

Board members spent a significant amount of time this year discerning how the Ministry and Improvement Funds should be made available to our congregations. At our January Board meeting, we divided into small groups to work on different areas. There are four areas of ministry specified for these funds which included Facilities Repairs, Youth, New Ministry Opportunities, and Leadership Development. Board members worked in small groups to put together guidelines for applying for, granting, and reporting on the use of these funds. You should have received this information this fall. The information for participating in these ministries can also be gotten on line or from the District Office.

As is true for people across our district, we have ended up spending a significant amount of time on Covid related issues. All of our meetings after January were conducted in Zoom because of the virus. We also helped individual congregations determine how they would respond given government guidelines and the danger of the virus. Funds were also made available to congregations during this emergency enabling them to continue their ministry as they plan for what has become a longer crisis.

With the continued uncertainty surrounding the Covid-19, it was decided that for the first time this year's District Meeting would be held virtually. We are excited for the possibilities this may allow but also aware of the many concerns. We all are being forced into new ways of operating and we may discover that

some of these new ways are better than the old. We have discovered that we can hold Board meetings by Zoom and many churches have learned to worship and be the church virtually.

It was with sadness that the Policy Board experienced the deaths of two of its members during the past year, Cindy Slaughter and Larry Woodruff.

Cindy was completing her seventh year of service on Policy Board and was an active member of the Ministry Commission supporting the Pastor (Spouse) Retreat. She was a key person in making the WOW Women's retreats happen the last few years. She was a member of and leader in the Glendale congregation, and worked in the recording industry, most recently at Heavyhitters Music, a company she founded with her husband Bill. We continue to remember Bill and many others whose lives were impacted by Cindy in our prayers.

Larry Woodruff served as the District Treasurer for the last 18 years, signing thousands of district checks, making deposits, and contributing to many discussions with a warmth and a can do attitude. He served on the Margaret Carl Trust Advisory Committee and was a member of the La Verne congregation. Larry was a teacher, one of the last public school driver's education instructors around, and had at last retired in June. We continue to hold Larry's wife Judy and his entire family in our prayers.

We are reminded during this time that we do not know what the future holds but "Bless'd be the tie that binds" us as the church in the Pacific Southwest District.

Nelda Rhoades Clarke, Board Chair



Thank you !

The Policy Board thanks those who accepted appointments and task group assignments during the past year. Most appointments are for one year, longer appointments list the concluding year. The Executive Board aims at making appointments between District Conference and the end of the year so that appointees can begin their work in January. Please give us suggestions for next year with the forms on pages 16-17 above.

Financial Appointments

Treasurer: (authorized signatory) Larry Woodruff (La Verne) (died 9/29/2020)

Treasurer: (authorized signatory) Karin Heckman Nelson (La Verne) (started 10/1/2020)

Other Authorized Signatories: (yearly appointment) Ferne Schechter (La Verne), Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Historical Committee

District By-Laws, Article III.K.2.

Chair: Bill Lemon (Pomona Fellowship)

Ex-Officio: Board Chair, Moderator, District Executive Minister

Ecumenical Council Representatives

Arizona Faith Network: Don Shankster (Papago Buttes)

Judicatory Representative to all Ecumenical Councils: Russ Matteson, District Executive Minister

District Disaster Response Coordinator

Network Co-Chairs: Lyndall & Lois Frantz (Empire)

PSWD Youth Cabinet – August 2019-August 2021

Toshiro Gomez (South Bay), Ivan Gonzalez (Príncipe de Paz),
Abraham Rosas (Glendale), Sharon Maldonado (Iglesia de Cristo Sion)

Margaret Carl Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Applications for Bibles, tracts, etc. are available from the PSWD Office.

Administrator: Norma Morris, Trustee (Glendora)

Advisory Committee Members:

2021 Larry Woodruff (La Verne)

2020 Brenda Dickson (South Bay)

2022 Susan Price (Empire)

Ministerial Ethics Committee: (5-Year Term ending)

2020 Eric Bishop (La Verne)

2021 Karen Shankster (Papago Buttes)

2022 Becky Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)

#2023 Karen Pierson (Living Savior)

#2024 Bob Morris (Glendora)

Alternates for District Executive Minister:

#2024 Bob Morris (Glendora)

Ex-Officio: (with vote), Ministry Chair

Ex-Officio: (without vote), District Executive Minister

Congregational Vitality Task Group

Richard Keeling, Chair (Bakersfield)

Joanne Wagoner (La Verne)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator; Board Chair

Cheryl Crane (Prince of Peace, Sacramento)

Julia Wheeler (La Verne)

Church Planting Task Group

This Task Group is being reorganized.