

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: Erik Brummett (Live Oak)
Vice-Chair: Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)
Recording Secretary: Clerk: Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)
2022 Erik Brummett (Live Oak)
x2022 Nick Corral (Cristo Genesis)
#2023 David Flores (Cristo Sion)
#2024 Jonas Funderburk (Glendale)
2024 Gail Heisel (La Verne)
#2022 Dot Hess (La Verne) Section Rep. S.CA-E
2024 Bill Himes (La Verne)
2022 Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)
2024 Andrew Kauffman (Circle of Peace) Section Rep. AZ
#2024 Richard Keeling (Bakersfield) Section Rep. Cen.CA
2023 Jim Lefever (Glendale) Section Rep. S.CA-W
2023 Bob Morris (Glendora)
2022 Deborah Oseguera (Centro Agape en Acción) Youth / Young Adult
#2023 Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace, Sacramento) Section Rep. N.CA
#2023 Julia Wheeler (La Verne)
2022 Elena Yoder (Circle of Peace) Youth / Young Adult
2022 Richard Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)
Ex-Officio with vote
Moderator: Cheryl Crane (Prince of Peace, Sacramento)
Moderator-Elect: Judy Minnich Stout (San Diego)
Clerk: 2024 Laura Miller (Papago Buttes)
Treasurer: Karin Heckman Nelson (La Verne)
Ex-Officio without vote
District Executive Minister: Russ Matteson
Standing Committee Delegate: Don Shankster (Papago Buttes)
Invited to meetings without vote
Mission & Ministry Board members residing in PSWD: Lauren Cohen

Executive Board: (Members chosen each year by the Policy Board)

Chair: Erik Brummett (Live Oak)
Vice-Chair: Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)
Ministry Chair: Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace)
Stewards Chair: Dot Hess (La Verne)
Moderator: Cheryl Crane (Prince of Peace)
Moderator-Elect: Judy Minnich Stout (San Diego)
District Executive Minister (ex-officio without vote): Russ Matteson

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

Stewards Chair: Dot Hess (La Verne)
Elected Member, Vice Chair: Jonas Funderburk (Glendale)
Elected Member: Andrew Kauffman (Circle of Peace)
Elected Member: Bob Morris (Glendora)
ex-officio members: Secretary: District Executive Minister, Moderator, Treasurer

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

Ministry Chair: Norma Sexton (Prince of Peace)

Elected Member, Vice Chair: Julia Wheeler (La Verne)

Elected Member, Secretary: Gail Heisel (La Verne)

Elected Member: David Flores (Cristo Sion)

Elected Member: Jeremiah Irizarry (Empire)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator

Congregational Vitality Task Group: (Members chosen each year by the Policy Board)

Chair & Moderator-Elect: Judy Stout (San Diego)

Policy Board member: Nick Corral (Cristo Genesis)

Policy Board member: Bill Himes (La Verne)

Policy Board member: Jim Lefever (Glendale)

Policy Board member: Elena Yoder (Circle of Peace)

Policy Board member: Richard Zapata (Principe de Paz)

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister; Moderator

Invited guests: Board Chair

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Board of Administration Report

At the beginning of the current term, we welcomed everyone, both new and ongoing members, and reorganized the board, commissions, committees, and task groups.

Having our policy and executive boards in place, we began our work in January 2022. In April 2022, we held our first in-person policy board meeting since January 2020. The pandemic, as we are too well aware at this point, forced us to move our meetings online.

Our work together this year began with current moderator, Cheryl Crane sharing with us her theme for this year's District Conference, Together in Ministry. We engaged in conversations regarding our priorities for 2022, many of which surrounded the difficulties of doing worship during a pandemic, as well as the blessings and challenges of online worship, while noting the importance of gathering in-person to interact with one another. Such a conversation lends itself to discussing church attendance, facility needs, and demographics.

This helped set the pace for our year together, as we have strived to continue supporting our congregations through established ways, such as the Ministry and Improvement Fund, and new ways, such as technology grants and Jesus in the Neighborhood grants.

One of our main focuses has been how to navigate ourselves into the new normal brought on by COVID, while being available to help and support our congregations to do the same. The technology grants are an important aspect of this, as our congregations recognize the value of streaming and/or recording and uploading services to sites such as YouTube but needed

the technology and equipment to do so and to do it well.

Another emerging focus, born out of Annual Conference's adoption of the Compelling Vision in 2021, has been to provide congregations with Jesus in the Neighborhood grants. These grants are to encourage congregations to both see and be Jesus in their neighborhoods through creative and imaginative outlets, such as a community cookout or movie night, to reach out to their neighbors, get to know them, and build relationships with them. Along with this, we have discussed working with Jeff Glass and the demographic resources of Percept to help congregations know and understand the make-up of the neighborhoods that surround them

Recognizing the effects of the pandemic on our pastors and ministers, as well the weight, burden, and burn-out many of our pastors feel, pandemic or no pandemic, we worked to expand awareness of ministry resilience grants, so that our pastors could access resources to help and support them in providing themselves with self care. We are able to provide financial support, as well as a list of therapists, coaches, and spiritual directors for pastors and ministers to utilize.

At our April meeting, we engaged in a conversation/activity as to how to better promote the variety of grants and funds available to congregations, pastors, and ministers. Some suggestions included more useful organization, overcoming barriers e.g. language, and helping congregations identify their needs.

We want to thank Rafael Aranda for his 2 ½ years of service as district youth advisor, as we have entered into a time of conversation to discern how we can best

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support youth ministry programs at both the congregational and district level. Other items we have acted on:

- The sale of the property in Paradise
 - Circle of Peace's Growth from the Ashes fund request for their building project.
 - Ministerial loan funds.
 - The affiliation process of "Cristo Jesús es mi Esperanza" church.
 - Approving a Growth from the Ashes fund request from Centro Agape en Accion.
 - District spending levels to keep in mind when preparing the 2023 budget.
- Determined the job description, salary range, and benefits for AA position, upon Joe's retirement.
 - Providing funding to help youth and advisors attend National Youth Conference.
 - Accepted the resignations, from the policy board, of Mario Cabrera and Deborah Oseguera.
 - Various board appointments
 - Russ' sabbatical changed to 2023 due to personal reasons.

Erik Brummett, 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 [18-17](#) above.

Financial Appointments

Treasurer: (authorized signatory) Karin Heckman Nelson (La Verne)

Other Authorized Signatory: (yearly appointment) Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

Historical Committee

District Bylaws, Article III.K.2.

This Committee is being reorganized.

Ex-Officio: Moderator, District Executive Minister

Ecumenical Council Representatives

Arizona Faith Network: Doug Doser (Papago Buttes)

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

District Disaster Response Coordinator (BDM)

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

Children's Disaster Services (CDS)

Network Co-Chairs: Kathy Davis (La Verne) & Mary Kay Ogden (La Verne)

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:

2023 Linda Davis (Living Savior, McFarland)

2022 Susan Price (Empire)

2024 Janelle Keeling (Bakersfield)

Ministerial Ethics Committee: (5-Year Term ending)

2022 Becky Zapata (Príncipe de Paz)

#2023 Karen Pierson (Living Savior)

#2024 Bob Morris (Glendora)

#2025 Eric Bishop (La Verne)

2026 Shawn Carothers (Circle of Peace)

Alternates for District Executive Minister:

#2024 Bob Morris (Glendora)

Ex-Officio: (with vote), *Ministry Chair*

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