

Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
MISSION DESIGN

As disciples of Jesus Christ, instructed by the Scriptures and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called by God to be a community of faith to carry out the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in accordance with the Constitution of the denomination.

The following structure is designed to enable the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to carry out its mission.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Synod Assembly will be composed of commissioners elected by the presbyteries and officers elected by the Synod Assembly. It will meet at times and places designated by the Synod Commission of Assembly to worship and conduct business appropriate to it. The Synod Assembly has primary responsibility for, but may delegate to commissions or the Synod Commission of Assembly, approval of

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Ecclesiastical and Corporate Bylaws
Overtures to the General Assembly and to the Synod
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ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

The following ecclesiastical entities are accountable to the Synod Assembly, and may also report to the Synod Commission of Assembly. Members of ecclesiastical committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission are nominated by the Committee on Representation and Nominations and elected by the Synod Assembly, or in the interim between meetings of the Synod Assembly, by the Synod Commission of Assembly.

Permanent Judicial Commission

The Permanent Judicial Commission will have the responsibilities outlined in the *Book of Order* D-5.000.

Committee on Representation and Nominations

The Committee on Nominations will have the responsibilities outlined in the Book of Order G-3.0103 and G-3.0111. The Synod Commission of Assembly will have the responsibility to present to the Synod Assembly a slate of nominees for election to the Committee on Representation and Nominations.

Polity and Records Committee

The Polity and Records Committee will have the responsibility to review presbytery records, process overtures, train/resource ecclesiastical functions and to relate to other ecclesiastical bodies.

SYNOD COMMISSION OF ASSEMBLY

The Synod Commission of Assembly will serve as the Board of Trustees for the corporation, and will have the power to act in the name of the Synod between meetings of the Synod Assembly reporting such actions to the succeeding Synod Assembly. The Commission has the authority to create committees, work groups, and task forces to assist in carrying out its responsibilities. The Commission serving as the Board of Trustees has primary responsibility for

Trustees
Interim Authority
Manual of Administrative Operations
Financial Oversight
Budget Development
Personnel
Property

The Commission of Assembly also has the responsibility to develop and support a broad strategy for mission and ministry across the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, coordinating and providing oversight of ministries that cross presbytery borders. This will include making recommendations for use of church development funds and restricted and designated funds for mission and ministry. The Commission has the authority to create work groups and task forces to assist in carrying out its responsibilities. The Commission has primary responsibility for

Church Development/Redevelopment Funds
Restricted/Designated Funds for Mission and Ministry
Racial, Ethnic and Justice Ministries
Emerging Mission and Ministry Issues
Related Mission Partners

RELATED ENTITIES

The Synod of Southern California and Hawaii has a direct relationship with other entities that engage in mission and ministry on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The following corporations have accountability to the synod through (1) election of their trustees by the synod, (2) an ex officio member of their boards designated by the synod, (3) concurrence of the synod in bylaw changes, and (4) an annual report, including a copy of the audit, made to the synod annually.

Monte Vista Grove Homes, Inc.
Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers, Inc.
Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Commission, Inc.

The Synod of Southern California and Hawaii of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Nile, Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Egypt have established a sister synod relationship.