

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF OLYMPIA  
 KELSO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 March 18, 2010

The Presbytery of Olympia met in Stated Meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at Kelso First Presbyterian Church, Kelso, Washington. Vice Moderator Rev. Heather James opened the meeting with prayer.

Host Rev. Hanna Peterson welcomed presbyters to the Kelso Church. Privilege of the floor was granted to Rev. Mark Frey from Cascades Presbytery and Roger Lee from Alaska NW Synod. Five first time elders were introduced. Clerk Tony Cook introduced Kerry Dantzig from Heffernan Insurance Brokers who is here with information on their insurance program for churches.

The docket for the meeting was approved, after comments and changes made by the Stated Clerk.

Stated Clerk, Elder Tony Cook presented the Consent Agenda, which was accepted and is included at the end of the minutes.

The Clerk's report was given by Elder Cook.

It was determined there was a quorum present. The results of the rolls are as follows.

MINISTERS	Dunn	A	Kirkpatrick	P	Morrow	P	Skiffington	A	
Ainley	A	Dunson	P	Klein	A	Myers	A	Smith, Raymond	P
Alfsen	A	Emery	A	Klump	P	Nah	A	Smith, Rhyan	A
Alger	P	Fischback	P	Kohler	A	Nelson	A	Snelling	A
Armstrong	A	Galbraith	P	Lee, J	A	Nichols	A	Soh, Samuel	A
Barrett	A	Ganzer	P	Lee, K	P	Noh	A	Soh, Shin	A
Basler	A	Geisel	A	Lee, S	A	North	A	Starmer	A
Bates	A	Geppert	A	Lewton	A	Ok, M	A	Starr	P
Beil	A	Gilliland	P	Long	A	Olmsted	A	Steppert	P
Brooks	A	Haberlin	P	Longfield	P	Pelz	A	Stidham-North	A
Brown, D	A	Heath	A	Lordahl	A	Petersen, A	A	Stivers	A
Brown, L	P	Hegg	A	MacDonald	A	Peterson, H	P	Suter	A
Brown, M	A	Hendrickson	P	Martin	A	Pettichord	A	Swigart	A
Buescher	A	Hoehne	A	Mathiesen	P	Phillips	A	Thoburn	A
Bursch	A	Hogue	P	McCann	A	Porter	P	Toone	A
Carr	A	Howell	A	McClanahan	P	Postma	A	Tweedie	P
Castle	A	Hundrup	A	McGonigal	P	Probert	A	Vaccaro	P
Cathey	A	Hutchison	P	McMaster	A	Rake-Marona	A	Varkonyi	A
Chea	P	Hutton	A	Mead, D	A	Renz	A	Ware	A
Choe	A	Ives	A	Mead, J	A	Schacht	A	Watkins	P
Chung	A	Jacobsen	P	Meyer	A	Schiller	A	Whipple	A
Clark	A	James	P	Miniken	A	Schmick	A	White	A
Clelland	A	Kegley	A	Mitchell	A	Senecal	A	Williams	P
Cobban	A	Keller, D	P	Moffitt	A	Shoop	P	Williamson	P
Davis	P	Keller, W	A	Monroe	A	Sikes	P	Wrisley	P
Dawson	A	Kim, James	P			Singleton	A	Wyatt	A
Dowdy	A	Kim, Je Gun	A					Young	P
Dugan	P	Kim, K	A						

Present: 40  
 Absent: 93

CHURCHES:

ABERDEEN, First Gean Ross	MONTESANO, Presbyterian Peggy Gillespie Linda Anderson	Immanuel A
ALDER, Presbyterian Harriett Beach	OLYMPIA Cornerstone A	Korean First Dale Longdeal
BUCKLEY, Community Barbara Rubin Chuck Kirkhoff	United Churches Sid Olson	Korean United A
CENTRALIA, Harrison Square Bea Wright	Westminster Olympia A	Manitou Park Joanna Danko
CHEHALIS, Westminster A	ONALASKA, Community Rose Erickson	Marine View A
DUPONT, Community A	PACIFIC BEACH, Chapel by the Sea A	Parkway Elsie Erlenmeyer
GIG HARBOR, Chapel Hill Shari Monson Bev Jackson	PACKWOOD, Community Beverly Brathovde	Skyline Marilyn Scott Denis Sprague
GRAHAM, Evergreen Tony Cook	PUYALLUP First Arlen Davison	Trinity A
HOQUIAM, First Debbie Cato Sarabeth Shofner	Fruitland A	Westminster A
KELSO, First Dick Anderson	Shepherd of the Hill Gayle Shenk	TENINO, First A
LACEY Korean PC of Olympia A	RAYMOND, United Church A	TOLEDO, Presbyterian Bob Davidson Jan Davidson
Lacey Presbyterian A	SEAVIEW, Ocean Beach Ardell McPhail	UNIVERSITY PLACE Bob Lucas Maryellen Priedeman Dave Sparling Bob Mohr
LAKEWOOD Lakewood Presbyterian Carol Reeve	SHELTON, Presbyterian A	WESTPORT, South Beach Patricia Dover
Little Church on the Prairie Alice Amblad	SUMNER, Presbyterian A	WOODLAND, Presbyterian Jim Wilson
Tacoma Central A	TACOMA Bethany  Pat Warner Cynthia Flores	Churches Present: 31 Absent: 19
LONGVIEW, Presbyterian Ron Marshall	Church of the Indian Fellowship Anne-Cecile Porter	Elders on Council Julie Johnson P Jeri Nordstrom A
MINERAL, Presbyterian Wayne Clark Lois Benton	Fircrest Sylvia Gentili Irene Van Arnam	Elder Trustees Morgan Dunn P Ruth Adams A
MILTON, Mission Woods Matthew Klump	First A	Elder officers Linda Gaines A John Gillespie P Tony Cook P* Sid Olson P*
Commissioned Lay Pastors Joe Hibbard A	Kathy Johnstone A Sharon Romero P	Elder chairs of committees Rose Erickson P* Grover Laseke A Char McMullen A Maryellen Priedeman P*

\*representing a church

### **Celebrations of the Community**

Church efforts for Malawi and Haiti earthquake relief were celebrated with prayer by Vice Moderator Heather James. She asked that those who had aided in the relief effort please stand and almost everyone in the room stood up.

Synod of Alaska-Northwest Moderator Roger Lee was introduced and brought thanks to the Presbytery on behalf of the Synod for the six people that Presbytery sent to the Synod-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training session.

### **General Presbyter's Report**

Rev. Lynn Longfield briefly apologized for having to leave the meeting early to honor an earlier commitment to a Tacoma church group. This interfaith group has been doing a Lenten study to understand and improve relations across race and ethnic lines. It has been an eye opening experience for her and others to listen to African-American and Native American experiences in contrast to Euro-White ("white privilege") experiences in the USA. Rev. Irvin Porter amplified Rev. Longfield's remarks from his American Indian perspective. Rev. Harlan Shoop also helped to get across the often painful issues and experience encountered. Rev. Longfield will report on the experience on the olypres website and she and the others will be available to answer questions and assist those who want to start a similar activity.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Hanna Peterson introduced Inquirer Anne-Cecile Baer Porter who is seeking to be advanced to Candidate status. The Committee recommends that Inquirer Anne-Cecile Porter be advanced to Candidate. She described her life experiences and what led her to seek to become a Presbyterian pastoral candidate. After several questions from Presbyters, Inquirer Porter left the room. The body then voted unanimously to advance her to Candidate status. Inquirer Porter then came back in and affirmatively answered the Candidate questions asked by Vice Moderator James. Rev Irvin Porter celebrated her advancement with a prayer.

### **Stewardship Committee**

Rev. Harlan Shoop expressed thanks to Presbyters for supporting the financial goals of the Presbytery. We have had a successful campaign, almost reaching our goals for 2010. Rev. Shoop spoke about a national Presbyterian stewardship meeting he recently attended in Indianapolis with 300 others. He described several examples of innovative ideas to facilitate local church stewardship.

A ten minute "U paid 4 it" video was presented which featured Sound View Camp and Conference Center.

### **Committee on Ministry**

Elder Rose Erickson introduced Rev. James Tweedie, the new Pastor at Ocean Beach. Ardell McPhail, PNC chair, and several church members joined him and expressed thanks to God for the good outcome of their pastoral search. A motion was made and

approved to hold the installation service at 3 PM on April 18. Prayer was offered by Elder Nancy Lundquist, the COM liaison to Ocean Beach.

Elder Erickson then introduced the Rev. James Kim who is the new Pastor at Little Church on the Prairie. He came forward with friends and family. A description of their search and feelings of success in finding Rev. Kim was presented by Joan Fraser from LCOP. The group then laid hands on Rev. Kim and prayers of thanksgiving were offered by Ms. Fraser.

### **Futures Task Force**

Rev. Gary Mathiesen discussed the draft initial report from the Task Force, which presbytery recently received. The body broke into five work groups that, for one hour, discussed aspects of the draft report and future directions. Members of the Task Force chaired each group and received input for the Task Force's deliberations.

### **Board of Pensions**

Rev. Mark Frey, Board of Pensions western regional representative, presented information on pensions. The markets are recovering and that is good news for the Board and pension contributors. PC(USA) is 100% funded in our pensions and are making good progress in rebuilding reserves. Rev. Frey also described some updates in health care coverage for 2010.

### **Youth Ministry Team**

Rev. Meghan Davis presented the Team's nomination of Anika Engels for Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly, with Jonathan Bicker as alternate. After calling for nominations from the floor, the body unanimously elected the nominees.

### **Nominating Team**

Elder Arlen Davison presented the Team's nominations for membership on Presbytery Committees:

#### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Class of 12/31/2012, Rev. Irvin Porter

#### **SOUND VIEW MINISTRY TEAM**

Class of 12/31/2011, Joni Jeffries (Sumner); Rev. Ray Smith

Class of 12/31/2012, Joanne Tess (Fircrest)

#### **PERSONNEL**

Rev. John Haberlin, previously elected, to serve as chair

#### **TRUSTEES**

Class of 12/31/2012, Elder Jon Duncan (Skyline)

#### **CARE TEAM**

Class of 12/31/2012, Rev. Doug Basler

After calling for nominations from the floor, the body unanimously elected the nominees.

Prayer of thanks for the meeting, and grace for dinner was offered by Rev. Hanna Peterson.

The meeting recessed for dinner at 6 PM.

**Worship**

The meeting re-convened in worship at 7 PM. Rev. Hanna Peterson delivered the sermon, and led in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. During worship, the necrology report for 2009 was given by Stated Clerk Cook as follows:

**Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

George Merrin, ordained 11-11-1953, died 7-27-2009, age 86

Lorenzo Dow (L.D.) McNall, ordained 11-11-1960, died 8-8-2009, age 95

**Elders**

Name	Church	Ordination	Date of death	Age
Sam Pemberton	Westminster Olympia	1-16-2000	3-17-2009	85
Keith Hickox	Westminster Olympia	1946	4-17-2009	91
Cloe Johnston	Westminster Olympia		12-11-2009	96
Ramona Jean Thorniley Smith	Chapel Hill	5-22-1994	1-23-2009	82
Mary Penney	Shelton	2-27-2000	5-5-2009	65
Eleanor E. Youngs	Buckley	2-12-1984	9-9-2009	95
Dudley Bothel	Skyline	8-21-1980	2-17-2009	88
Trudy Smith	Skyline	2-4-1979	1-16-2009	74
Anna Ayers	Immanuel	5-2001	4-27-2009	56
Donald Heym	Lacey	1948	3-26-2009	79
Evelyn Darby	Lacey	2-2-1975	6-2-2009	92
Thomas J. Goldsmith	United Olympia		3-5-2009	99
Henry William (Hank) Kipp	United Olympia	1974	6-6-2009	79
Ralph Harold Rudeen	United Olympia		10-29-2009	90
Zina Atkinson	South Beach	2003	7-18-2009	45
Elaine Williams	Shepherd of the Hill	6-14-2009	11-27-2009	66
Kathryn Anderson	University Place	1-28-1945	7-12-2009	93
Stanley Christian Thomson	University Place		6-10-2009	73

G.E. Peterson	University Place		8-21-2009	87
Wallace H. Potucek	University Place	1962	11-5-2009	94
Myron W. Thompson	University Place	7-5-1988	10-9-2009	93
Ann Tremaine	Little Church on the Prairie	2-8-2009	10-10-2009	80
Betty H. Thoren	Little Church on the Prairie	6-1-1980	11-10-2009	86
Charles E. Snyder	Westminster Tacoma	1-22-1989	4-24-2009	82
Audrey Conner	Westminster Tacoma	1-25-1976	6-29-2009	102
Sandra Stone	Chapel by the Sea			
Cliff Miller	Toledo		11-2009	

There was no miscellaneous business so the meeting was adjourned with the closing benediction of worship by Rev. Meghan Davis at 8 PM.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Council:**

Recommends Presbytery approve the minutes of the February 3, 2010, and March 2, 2010, Council meetings.

#### **Stated Clerk:**

Recommends the approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2010 Presbytery meeting as distributed by mail and email.

#### **Committee on Ministry:**

Recommends approval of the request of Rev. Kathryn Nichols to serve temporarily in the Episcopal denomination, for preaching, serving Communion, and other pastoral care as needed, as provided in G – 11.0411.

Recommends that Rev. Jett Brooks be honorably retired effective May 1, 2010.

### **Information items**

#### **From the Stated Clerk:**

Rev. Elbert G. Harlow joined the company of the saints eternal on Monday, February 22.

Rev. Raymond Smith was installed as Pastor at a worship service held at 4 PM on January 31, 2010 at Mission Woods Presbyterian Church in Milton.

The transfer of Rev. James Tweedie was approved by the Presbytery of the Pacific on February 24, 2010.

The following churches will be hosting future stated presbytery meetings, all meetings being on the third Thursday of the month:

May 20, 2010 Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach  
September 16, 2010 Lacey Presbyterian Church, Lacey  
November 18, 2010 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chehalis

The following churches are sending an extra delegate to presbytery meetings: Aberdeen, Bethany, Buckley, Chapel Hill, Evergreen, Fircrest, Harrison Square, Hoquiam, Immanuel, Mineral, Montesano, Packwood, Shepherd of the Hill, Skyline, South Beach, Sumner, Tacoma Central, Tenino, Toledo, University Place, and Westminster Olympia. In addition to delegates from the churches, Commissioned Lay Pastors, chairpersons of standing committees, elders on Council, elders on the Board of Trustees and elders who are officers are entitled to vote.

### **Committee on Ministry**

On February 4, 2010, on behalf of Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry: Approved the call for Rev. James Kim beginning February 1, 2010, as Pastor at Little Church on the Prairie with the following terms: salary and housing \$80,000, vacation 4 wks, study leave 2 weeks, continuing education \$2,000, BOP medical/ pension, automobile \$4,000, professional expense \$4,630.

Authorized Bethany Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Approved the request of Rev. Heidi Calhoun, a member of Seattle Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of Olympia Presbytery as the Program Coordinator, Community Resource Connections, at Associated Ministries of Pierce County.

On March 4, 2010, on behalf of Presbytery, the Committee on Ministry: Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Eric Renz and Puyallup First Presbyterian Church until December 31, 2010. Salary \$3,700/year.

Approved the Parish Associate relationship between Rev. Jennifer Rake-Marona and Immanuel Presbyterian Church until February 1, 2011, without compensation.

Authorized the opening of an additional Associate Pastor position at University Place Presbyterian Church.

Authorized Buckley Community Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry

On March 10, 2010, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:  
Held a consultation with John Pfaff, and continued him as a Learner.

Enrolled Nicole McKnight (Sumner) as an Inquirer.

The **Stated Clerk** reports the following information from the Statistical Reports submitted by the churches for 2009:

### Membership

Prior Active Members:  
10,201

### Gains

Profession 17 & Under: 67  
Profession 18 & Over: 291  
Certificate: 93  
Other: 39

**Total Gains:** 490

### Losses

Certificate: 57  
Death: 134  
Other: 679

**Total Losses:** 870

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**Total Active Membership:** 9,821

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Female Members: 5,085  
Inactive Members: 1,512  
Baptized Members: 840  
**Total Adherents:** 12,173  
**Average Church Attendance:** 6,242  
**Affiliate Members:** 41

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### Baptisms

Children: 91  
Adult: 49

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### Officers

Male Elders: 188  
Female Elders: 214  
Male Deacons: 86  
Female Deacons: 275

### Age Distributions

25 & Under: 899  
26 - 35: 1,520  
36 - 55: 1,520  
56 - 64: 1,541  
65 & Over: 2,917

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### People with Disabilities

Hearing: 390  
Mobility: 276

Sight: 105  
 Other: 176

**Christian Education**

Birth 3:	595	Grade 7:	283
Age 4:	309	Grade 8:	251
Kindergarten:	290	Grade 9:	232
Grade 1:	180	Grade 10:	227
Grade 2:	225	Grade 11:	195
Grade 3:	246	Grade 12:	192
Grade 4:	241	Young Adults:	159
Grade 5:	211	Over 25:	2,890
Grade 6:	219	Teacher/Officer:	701
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,646</b>		

**Racial Ethnic Breakdown**

	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Elders Deacons</b>	
Asian	201	7	3
Black	58	3	2
Native American	82	9	6
Hispanic	52	2	0
White	6,254	344	308
Other	186	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,833</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>321</b>

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**Potential Giving Units:** 5,706  
**Budgeted Income:** 15,022,679  
**Budget Expense:** 15,577,738

**Receipts**

Regular Contribution: 13,802,702

Capital Building Fund: 1,840,764

Investment Income: 420,315

Bequests: 423,407

Other Income: 2,090,729

Subsidy or Aid: 190,670

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**Expenditures**

Local Program: 14,824,472

Local Mission: 794,185

Capital Expenditure: 1,237,227

Investment Expense: 166,467

Per Capita Aprt: 279,938

Validated Mission: 351,387

Theological Fund: 6,509

Other Mission: 475,987