

**PRESBYTERY OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST  
STATED MEETING  
September 19, 2009**

The September Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at Latah Valley New Church Development, Spokane, Washington. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Moderator Elder Richard Welch at 10:00 a.m.

A quorum was present as shown by the following roll:

Roll

Ministers Present: 45

William Ailes	Gary Foster	Matthew McNelly
Russell Alsgaard	Norman Fowler	Donald Meekhof
Richard Avery	Ron Frase	Betsey Moe
Frank Beattie	Craig Goodwin	Neil Munro
Gary Bowker	Nancy Goodwin	John Noah
Brad Buff	Daniel Grether	Kenneth Onstot
Bob Burdett	Cathy Harrison	Howard Redmond
Jim Burford	J Weaver Hess	Paul Rodkey
Cynthia Carter	James Howell	Henry Sugden
Gregory Carter	Heather Jepsen	Marcia Taylor
Forrest Claassen	Scott Kinder-Pyle	Larry Veith
Karen Claassen	Sheryl Kinder-Pyle	Douglas Waltar
Walter Estelle	Mark Klohe	Bill Ward
Dennis Evans	Donald Liebert	Steve Watts
Robert Eyman	Grant MacLean	Mark Wheeler

Ministers Absent: 60

Janice Anderson	Diane Freeland	Amy McNelly
Paul Anderson	Bruce Glover	Richard Melin
Odin Baugh	Jon Hoadley	Joshua Mikelson
Keith Beebe	LuAnn Howard	Mary Jane Miles
Ted Broadway	Jean Jenkins	Walter Miller
Josh Bruns	Jack Jennings	Steve Neuder
Erik Buhl	Jim Jensen	Matthew Paul
Michael Bullard	Phyllis Johnson	Eric Peterson
Glenn Carlson	Arthur Johnstone	Paul Seebeck
Douglas Clegg	Hunter Keen	Mindy Smith
Nancy Copeland-Payton	Charles Klautt	Ray Smith
Donald Cornish	Gerard Kuiper	John Sowers
Barbara Coyle	George Lacy	Pamela Starbuck
Tim Dolan	Ki-beom Lee	Scott Starbuck
Robert Duryee	Daniel Loomis	Gail Stearns
Matthew Edminster	William Lutz	Janeen Steer
James Edwards	Stanton McClenny	Steve Wilbraham
Karen Finch	Terry Mcgonigal	Amy Willis
Kevin Finch	Mark McIlraith	Steve Willis
Art Finney	Paul McLaren	Cynthia Wuts

Churches Represented: 18

Churches Not Represented: 31

Elders Present: 35

Ahsahka	Corbett Wheeler	Spokane, Bethany	---
Bovill	---	Emmanuel	#1 Della Stevens
Clarkston	#1 ---		#2 ---
	#2 ---	First	#1 ---
Coeur d'Alene	#1 ---		#2 ---
	#2 ---		#3 ---
Colbert	#1 ---		#4 ---
	#2 ---	Hamblen Park	#1 Joan Biddison
Curlew	---		#2 Jay Lake
Davenport	#1 ---		#3 ---
	#2 ---	Knox	#1 ---
Fairfield	---		#2 ---
Ferdinand	---	Korean	---
Hayden Lake	Phil Clements	Lidgerwood	Eugene Peden
Hunters	---	Manito	#1 ---
Kamiah, Community	---		#2 ---
Kamiah, First	---	Millwood	#1 Anna Comella
Kamiah, Second	---		#2 Diane Williams
Kooskia	---	Mission Comm.	Walt Shields
Lapwai	Keith Hendrick	Northwood	#1 Marge Aukerman
Lewiston	#1 ---		#2 Arnold Stueckle
	#2 ---	Opportunity	#1 Gerrie Hobbs
Marcus	Bette Morris		#2 Nancy Comstock
Moscow	#1 Randy Baukol	Shadle Park	#1 Gary Ludke
	#2 ---		#2 Eileen Hartzog
Northport	---	Westminster	---
Oakesdale	#1 ---	Whitworth	#1 Rebecca Wilson
	#2 ---		#2 ---
Otis Orchards	Mary Ann Karlsen		#3 ---
Post Falls	#1 ---	St Maries	#1 Marv Wheeler
	#2 ---		#2 ---
Potlatch	---	Washtucna	---
Pullman	#1 ---	Wilbur	#1 Tina Colvin
	#2 ---		#2 ---
Reardan	---		
Republic	---		
Reubens	---		
Sandpoint	#1 ---		
	#2 ---		
Spalding	---		
Spirit Lake	---		

Roll  
 Additional Elders:  
 David A Hamilton, Jr, Stated Clerk  
 Julie Borrevik, CPM Chair  
 Richard Welch, Presby. Moderator

Patsy Soliday, Recording Clerk  
 James Hobbs, Meeting Comm. Chair  
 Neil Prescott, Past Presby. Moderator

Commissioned Lay Pastors:

Sandy Brockway  
 Richard Henry  
 Kathy Sandusky

Lucille Gump  
 David Roser  
 Ellen Sokolis

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Stated Clerk moved that the Consent Agenda be adopted. It was requested that approval of the docket be removed from the Consent Agenda. By **approving** the Consent Agenda, the Presbytery:

- May Minutes  
 Approved
1. **Approved** the minutes of the May 28, 2009 Presbytery meeting.
  2. **Granted** courtesies of the floor to those who are scheduled to speak but are not members of Presbytery.

FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Freelander/  
 PAMSI
1. **Confirmed** the appointment of Diane Freelander as a member of the Administration, Mission, Strategy and Interpretation Committee, class of 2009.
- Wilbraham/  
 CPM
2. **Confirmed** the appointment of Steve Wilbraham as a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2010.

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

For Action:

Docket  
 Approved

**The Presbytery voted** to approve the revised docket.

Native Amer.  
 Conference/  
 Communion

**The Presbytery voted** to approve the communion service at the Native American Presbyterian Men's Leadership Conference to be held at Tshimakain Creek Camp near Ford, Washington on Sunday November 8, 2000. The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett, Alaska Presbytery will preside.

For Information:

- Ministers  
 Received
1. Ministers received by Presbytery
 

Brent Raska	6/28/2009	Ordination
Erin Raska	6/28/2009	Ordination
Robert W. Burdett	8/18/2009	Presbytery of de Cristo

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| Ministers<br>Dismissed                               | 2. Ministers dismissed by Presbytery:   |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
|  | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Brent Raska</td> <td>6/30/2009</td> <td>Presby of New York City</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erin Raska</td> <td>9 6/30/2009</td> <td>Presby of New York City</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elizabeth C. Baker-Smith</td> <td>7/7/2009</td> <td>Presbytery of Lehigh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gerritt W. Baker-Smith</td> <td>7/7/2009</td> <td>Presbytery of Lehigh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susie Crawford Beil</td> <td>8/11/2009</td> <td>Presbytery of Olympia</td> </tr> </table>  | Brent Raska             | 6/30/2009 | Presby of New York City | Erin Raska | 9 6/30/2009 | Presby of New York City | Elizabeth C. Baker-Smith | 7/7/2009 | Presbytery of Lehigh | Gerritt W. Baker-Smith | 7/7/2009 | Presbytery of Lehigh | Susie Crawford Beil | 8/11/2009 | Presbytery of Olympia |
| Brent Raska  | 6/30/2009   | Presby of New York City |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Erin Raska   | 9 6/30/2009   | Presby of New York City |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Elizabeth C. Baker-Smith                             | 7/7/2009  | Presbytery of Lehigh    |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Gerritt W. Baker-Smith                               | 7/7/2009  | Presbytery of Lehigh    |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Susie Crawford Beil                                  | 8/11/2009   | Presbytery of Olympia   |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Administrative<br>Commission/<br>Brent/Erin<br>Raska | <p>3. Report of the Administrative Commission:</p> <p>The Administrative Commission named by the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest to ordain Brent Allan Raska and Erin Rebekah Raska met at Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church at 3:15 pm on June 28, 2009. The Commission was convened by moderator Richard Welch and opened with prayer by the Brent Raska. Members present were: Julie Borrevik (Colbert), Lynn Crecelius (Whitworth), Rev. Rob Eyman, Rev. Janeen Steer, and Rev. Steve Wilbraham . Commission Moderator Richard Welch was unable to attend. Presbytery Vice-moderator Rev. Doug Waltar moderated the commission at Richard's request. Also participating in the ordination service were Mr. Mark Benson, Rev. Tom Hansen, and Scott Trotter. The Commission moved to the worship service where Brent Allan Raska and Erin Rebekah Raska were ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. The meeting concluded with the benediction by the Rev. Brent Allan Raska and the Rev. Erin Rebekah Raska at 4:50 pm.</p> |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Bridges/COM  | 4. Jean Bridges has submitted her resignation from the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.  |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Osterback/<br>Personnel                              | 5. Vern Osterback has submitted his resignation from the Personnel Committee, Class of 2011.  |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Batson,<br>Representation                            | 6. Lois Batson has submitted her resignation as chair of the Committee on Representation.   |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Frankhauser/<br>Technology                           | 7. John Frankhauser has submitted his resignation from the Technology Committee, Class of 2009.   |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |
| Waldt/WAC  | Alice Waldt gave an oral presentation from the Washington Association of Churches.  |                         |           |                         |            |             |                         |                          |          |                      |                        |          |                      |                     |           |                       |

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### For Information:

Camp Title  
Transfer

Camp Spalding:

The title for Camp Spalding needs to be transferred from the Presbytery to the Camp Spalding 501(c)(3) corporation. Bob Bangerter will research what is needed to accomplish this transfer.

- Camp Loan      It was MSC to make the Presbytery's \$50,000 to Camp Spalding interest free through December 31, 2009. This action is taken in encouragement of the steps the Camp Spalding Corporation has taken to deal with the financial problems they are facing.
- Ameriprise Investment      Ameriprise Proposal:  
It was MSC to accept the recommendations of Keith Hegg concerning changes in Fund and Securities holdings in the Camp Spalding endowment fund. These include: (1) Sell Fidelity Adv. Diversified International Fund and use the proceeds to buy Aim International Growth Fund, (2) Sell Ishares S&P 500 and use the proceeds to buy DWS Dreman Small Cap Value Fund, and (3) Sell Oppenheimer Limited Term Govt. Fund and use the proceeds to buy Sentinel Govt. Fund. We will not reduce the money invested in Mission Development Certificates with the Synod.
- Northwood Shortfall      Northwood:  
The Northwood church anticipates they will be facing an approximate \$30,000 budget shortfall this year. The Trustees strongly discourage them from obtaining a loan that would encumber the church building to deal with this shortfall. Options suggested included : (1) Individual members obtaining personal loans to cover the shortfall, (2) Conduct a short term stewardship drive to fund the shortfall, and (3) make a request to Presbytery's Administration, Mission Strategy and Interpretation Committee for Mission funds to help cover the shortfall.
- Latah Valley LLC      Latah Valley:  
The Latah Valley new church development is considering the possibility of forming a LLC (Limited Liability Corporation) to provide funding to help pay off existing loans on the property purchased for the church. This is a process the Presbytery trustees need to be involved with. Gary Foster will talk with Ken Onstot and Dean Mielke about what is involved in establishing an LLC.
- Presbytery Finances      Financial statements for January 2009 through May 2009 were distributed and discussed.
- Manito Loan      A Modification Agreement for the loan between Manito and the Synod MDC loan program has been signed. The new interest rate is 6.75%.

### **WELCOME AND MISSION OF THE LATAH VALLEY NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

The Rev.'s Sheryl and Scott Kinder-Pyle welcomed the Presbytery to the Latah Valley New Church Development. Scott shared the mission vision of the church as serving the disinherited, the disoriented and the "whiskey priests." The vision is to make worship in this place a retreat, to re-orient people as leaders around the gospel and to reach out across boundaries. Seeing this property as both a blessing and a responsibility the invitation was made to come along side in assisting with multiple

projects. Thanks were extended to all for faithful and prayerful support of the New Church Development.

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### For Action:

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| 2010 Minimum Salary          | 1. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to approve the minimum salary for 2010 be increased 1.8% as follows: \$43,295 (salary plus housing allowance); \$33,263 (if manse is provided); \$33,044 CLP.   |
| Bowen, CLP<br>Recommission   | 2. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to approve recommissioning Marilyn Bowen with the Nez Perce Joint Session for 3 years ending September 19, 2012 with authorization to Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Sacrament of Baptism, Having a voice in meetings of Presbytery, and Having a vote in the meetings of Presbytery. |
| Sokolis, CLP<br>Recommission | 3. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to approve recommissioning Ellen Sokolis to First Presbyterian Church at Hunters and Community Presbyterian Church at Marcus for 3 years ending September 19, 2012 with authorization to perform all the pastoral functions per G-14.0562.  |
| Grether,<br>H. Retired       | 4. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to grant the status of Honorably Retired to Dan Grether as of January 1, 2010.  |
| C. Corbett<br>Received       | 5. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to receive Cecil Corbett from the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon.   |

#### For Information:

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| Raska's<br>Ordained                   | 1. Approved ordaining Brent and Erin Raska at the request of the Presbytery of New York City.  |
| Raska<br>Administrative<br>Commission | 2. Approved the Administrative Commission for Brent and Erin Raska's ordination on Sunday June 28 at Whitworth Community Presbyterian at 4 p.m.: Rev Steve Wilbraham, Elder Lynn Crecelius (Whitworth), Rev Rob Eyman, Elder Julie Borrevik (Colbert), Rev. Janeen Steer, Elder Richard Welch, Presbytery Moderator.   |
| Burdett/<br>Sandpoint                 | 3. Approved the Interim contract between Bob Burdett and First Presbyterian Church, Sandpoint: Salary \$22,800; Housing \$21,000; Travel \$5,000; CE \$500; Professional \$500, Cell phone \$200.  |
| Sexual<br>Misconduct<br>Seminar       | 4. Sexual Misconduct Training will be held October 7 & 8 at Latah Valley NCD from 9:00am – 5:00pm with separate morning and afternoon session. Training will be offered on two dates with the option to attend the morning session on one day and the afternoon session on the second day. This training is mandatory for any pastor who has not had such training in the last five years. It was recommended that |

Youth Pastors and Directors, Interns, and Children's Directors be strongly urged to take the training and it was recommended that sessions make the training mandatory for these individuals.

- Miles/Spalding Moderator 5. Appointed Rev Mary Jane Miles to serve as moderator for First Presbyterian Church, Spalding, Idaho.
- Labor O/S Bounds 6. Approved the following laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery:  
Bill Ailes officiating at a wedding August 29 at Pacific City OR  
Dennis Evans officiating at a wedding August 29 at Kennewick WA
- Beil Transferred 7. Approved transferring Susie Beil to Olympia Presbytery.
- 2010 Budget 8. Approved the PAMSI suggested lump sum amount of \$47,500 for Congregational Support in the 2010 budget.
- Taylor/East Valley 9. Approved the ½ time Stated Supply contract between Marcia Taylor and East Valley Presbyterian Church for 5 months beginning August 1, 2009: \$21,265 Salary; \$3,000 Housing.
- Peterson/CDA 10. Approved the Interim contract between Bill Peterson and First Presbyterian Church, Coeur d'Alene for one year beginning September 1, 2009: \$30,000 Salary; \$24,000 Housing; \$1,800 medical; \$9,800 SS Reimbursement; \$500 Professional; \$5,700 Moving expenses; \$900 Auto.
- Burford/Emmanuel 11. Approved the Stated Supply contract between Jim Burford and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for 1 year beginning August 1 with no changes in compensation.
- Northfork Church 12. The new building for Northfork Presbyterian Church at Ahsahka ID will be dedicated September 27.
- Stonebraker/Faith 13. Approved William Stonebraker for membership in the Presbytery contingent upon him receiving a call from Faith Presbyterian Church.
- Keim/Northwood 14. Approved Sue Keim for membership in the Presbytery contingent upon her receiving a call from Northwood Presbyterian Church.
- Sanderson/Spo. First 15. Approved Jeremy Sanderson for membership in the Presbytery contingent upon him receiving a call from Spokane First Presbyterian Church.
- 2010 Budget 16. Approved the following breakdown of mission funds for 2010, line item "Congregational Support" totaling \$47,500.
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| Bovill               | \$5,735  |
| Kamiah Community     | \$2,870  |
| Kooskia              | \$2,870  |
| Nez Perce Jt Session | \$17,195 |
| Republic             | \$8,790  |

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Washtucna	\$4,305
Curlew	\$5,735

Sexual  
Misconduct  
Seminar  
Excused

17. Approved excusing the following from the Sexual Misconduct Seminar:
- Paul Anderson – recent prior training
  - Karen Finch – contingent upon checking training received at Whitworth University
  - Terry McGonigal – contingent upon checking training received at Whitworth University
  - Norman Fowler – out of town – needs to do alternate seminar
  - Steve Wilbraham – out of town – needs to do alternate seminar

East Valley  
Triennial  
Visitation

Triennial Visitation – **East Valley Presbyterian Church, Otis Orchards WA** - If you drive down Harvard Rd., the reader board at EVPC is likely to catch your eye. A recent message read: “THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART!” This message captures the spirit of the community at EVPC. In the 9 years of Pastor Marcia Taylor’s ministry here, there has been steady growth—in maturity, stewardship and community—in all but the last year. The down economy has hit this community especially hard (as many members are retired), and has forced many changes in stewardship (including a reduction in hours for Marcia). What is encouraging, however, is how this faith community has responded to these challenges. All along, the members of EVPC would characterize themselves as “great prayer warriors,” “welcoming & hospitable to all who come” and people for whom “God is our strength.” In the face of harder times, they have reached for and found even deeper levels of meaning to these descriptions. Now more than ever, they say, “Marcia’s teaching & leadership always makes us stretch and learn from each other.” Three keys to this community’s identity are authenticity, mutuality and caring. Visitors commonly comment that Marcia’s persona & manner in the pulpit and over coffee are one and the same. She models a spiritual integrity that is contagious! Her recent sabbatical restored and deepened her spiritual strength (just in time to face these difficulties). Members agree that “Caring for one another is our primary mission.” These believers are invested in one another. And together, they are invested in their local community, through service and ministries such as an evening VBS, their “Leadership Garden” and ministry to those in need through their food bank. So, despite real & significant challenges, EVPC continues to chug up the mountain—the little church that could—“THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART!”

### **WORSHIP**

Worship included a dramatic presentation from the Gospel of Mark by Rev. Ken Onstot. The worship service included the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and the recommissioning of Commissioned Lay Pastor Ellen Sokolis. The offering total of \$510.00 will be used to assist with a bulk mailing for neighborhood invitations to the Latah Valley New Church Development.

### **LUNCH**

Latah Valley  
Second Stage  
Capital  
Campaign

## **REPORT OF NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Ken Onstot of the New Church Development Committee presented a power point and oral report on the current status of the new church development. **The Presbytery voted** to begin a second stage capital campaign fund.

Nominating  
Committee  
Report

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Rev. Don Meekhoff presented an oral report from the Nominating Committee detailing vacancies that need to be filled for the new year.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

### For Action:

Acting Stated  
Clerk

**The Presbytery voted** to authorize the Personnel Committee to appoint an acting Stated Clerk to serve for up to one year from the date of start.

### For Information:

#### May 5 meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to engage in conversation about our present life and vitality as a presbytery and the challenges that we are facing on the horizon with the announced retirement of Rick Melin and David Hamilton's decision not to seek re-election as Stated Clerk. Council members shared about the work of their committees, including highlights, lowlights, challenges and concerns.

A number of questions were raised in today's gathering that warrant further discussion even before we enter into our transition. An additional question raised was "What are the relationships between Council with the Peacemaking Task Force, Presbyterian Men and Women, and the Liberty Park Child Development Center Board? This question should be included in future Council discussions.

Council will meet again on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Colbert Community Presbyterian Church, 9 am to 3 pm. Committees who were not able to present reports at today's meeting are requested to be prepared to address the Council on the highlights, lowlights, challenges and concerns of their committees.

#### June 2 meeting:

Rick presented his parting thoughts including his assessment of the "State of the Presbytery." Joyce Emory, transitional Synod Executive shared some thoughts on her perspective of things going on in this Presbytery and things that we should consider as we look at the future.

Ken Onstot summarized from our May 9 gathering that there are five key questions that we need to address in preparation for determining the type of leader we need for the future. These are:

- 1) What is the presbytery's purpose and priorities?
- 2) What kind of committee structure would best serve the future PINW; and, is the current council model adequate to that vision? (Currently, the council serves mostly in an advisory role, not as a session to the presbytery)
- 3) Do we need to continue with separate people filling the exec and stated clerk roles?
- 4) What is our mission-funding strategy?
- 5) How do we, as a presbytery, deal with the major capital issues facing the presbytery?

Craig Goodwin offered that we might even consider these as two major areas of concern: the major cultural and mission issues that are the environment for our ministries, and capital issues.

The council **decided** to recruit a work group to do a mission study for the presbytery, giving them the inputs and concerns raised in council during these last two meetings. We will ask this work group to lead us in the process of identifying and interpreting the cultural and mission contexts for ministry in our presbytery.

The council then broke into three groups to brainstorm in the areas of process, questions to be asked/answered, and potential members of the work group.

### **Process.**

We would ask the work group to identify and coordinate models/forums through which to draw as many people from the presbytery into the conversation as we seek to articulate: Who are we? Where have we been? And, where are we going (in the next 20 years)?

The work group will be asked to identify ten congregations, from a cross-section of the presbytery, which show evidence of vitality and innovation in the Spirit (i.e., prayer ministry, raising new leaders, are in some vital way are connected with their community, and are drawing in new people).

- \* Enter into relationship with those congregations to learn from them:
- \*\* What are they doing that helps them flourish?
- \*\* What kind of organization structure (for presbytery) is needed to aid/facilitate congregations in discernment and ministry?
- \*\* How can we (PINW) help shape congregations to be discerning, vital, Spirit-filled congregations?
- \* Report interim progress at each presbytery meeting, allowing time for discussion.
- \* Draw in other people/resources as needed.
- \* Provide a final report to Council and Presbytery with a target date of completion May 2010.

Training for the work group will be provided through the council. Craig Goodwin and Eric Peterson will draw together the training program and use other resources as deemed needed.

### **Questions for the Work Group to Address.**

To give focus to the general areas of concern addressed in the process, the work group will be asked to provide specific feedback on these questions:

- 1) What are the changes in the culture of our society and churches that may change the mission of our presbytery and how we carry it out?
- 2) What should be the mission of our presbytery going forward?
  - a) Is our presbytery mission statement adequate?
  - b) What should our priorities for mission be for the next 5-10 years?
- 3) What are the assets that we have as a presbytery for carrying out our mission?
- 4) What are the most effective ways to carry out our presbytery mission?
  - a) Doing it as a presbytery?
  - b) Doing it in partnership with ecumenical entities?
  - c) Doing it in partnership with churches or other Presbyterian entities?
  - d) Facilitating direct partnerships between congregations, community organizations, and mission projects?
  - e) Other?
- 5) How do we fund mission in the future?
  - a) What about immediate, urgent capital needs?
  - b) What about on-going support?
  - c) What about stewardship training?
- 6) What staffing and administrative structure (including committees) can best facilitate and guide our mission?

### **Potential Work Group Members**

A subgroup identified names of 27 people who represent a cross-section of lay, clergy, youth, CLP, minority, rural/small church, poor, large church, mid-size church, Whitworth, Camp Spalding, retired, past search committee members, and geographical location.

Volunteers from among council will contact these people to invite them to be part of this work group for the coming year. Each caller will call one person at a time until a definite “yes” or “no” is received. Report names of volunteers to Marcia Taylor (926-5936 or 475-1754) as you get them. Do not call the next person on your list until asked to do so by Marcia.

Our target is to have 12 members in the work group.

Council **decided** to appoint Doug Waltar as the initial convener of the work group. The group will then elect its own moderator to proceed with their work.

Council **decided** to request \$500 for 2009 and \$500 for 2010 to cover administrative expenses of the work group (mileage, postage, calls, reproduction, etc.).

Council will report these actions to the Presbytery at the September meeting, and invite feedback/questions at that time.

August 18 meeting:

For information:

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Mission Study Team      Mission Study Team:  
 The following 8 individuals have agreed to serve on the Mission Study team:

Marcia Taylor	Bob Wofford
Sandy Brockway	Dave Peterson
Mary Beth Baker	Dennis Evans
Betsey Moe	Don Liebert

Nominating Committee:

The Committee distributed information concerning existing vacancies for the new year. A concern was expressed about the suggestion that Justice for Women be reorganized as a subcommittee of the Committee on Ordained Leadership Development.

Nominating Committee nominees:

A list of names was suggested as possible members of the Nominating Committee: Marcia Taylor will contact these individuals to see if they are willing to be nominated.

Beattie  
 Transitional  
 Executive

Personnel Committee:

The committee reported that they have selected Frank Beattie to propose to Presbytery as their nominee for Transitional Executive Presbyter. It was MSC to rescind the motion by Council that Council be given the authority to appoint the Transitional Executive Presbyter based on a recommendation from the Personnel Committee and to affirm the Personnel Committee's recommendation that Frank Beattie be proposed to Presbytery to fill this position. The recommendation is that Frank fill this position effective September 1, 2009 and that the position become full time at Rick Melin's previous salary.

The committee reported that they have begun the search for an Acting Stated Clerk.

Ordained  
 Ministers  
 Anniversaries

**ORDAINED MINISTERS ANNIVERSARIES**

Acting Presbytery Executive Rev. Frank Beatty recognized all Pastors who celebrated anniversaries of ordained ministry in 2009 in five-year increments from 5-50+. In honor of the 942 years of total service represented, **the Presbytery voted \$942** from reserves to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Ordained  
 Leadership  
 Committee  
 Report

**REPORT OF THE ORDAINED LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Rev. Cathy Harrison presented a power point and oral report from the Ordained Leadership Committee.

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Habitat For Humanity Report	<p><b>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY</b></p> <p>Elder Eileen Hartzog, Shadle Park Presbyterian Church, introduced Dennis Reed of Habitat for Humanity who shared a video and an oral presentation describing their ministry.</p>
PAMSI Report	<p><b>REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, MISSION STRATEGY AND INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE</b></p>
2010 Per Capita	<p>Rev. Craig Goodwin of the PAMSI Committee presented an oral and video report concerning the status of missions of the Presbytery. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to set the Presbytery per capita for 2010 at \$15.95. <b>The Presbytery voted</b> to urge all sessions and churches in the Presbytery to view the video, which will be sent to each church and pledge to increase their giving to missions.</p>
2010 Budget	<p><b>The Presbytery voted</b> to adopt the proposed budget for 2010 budget. <b>APPENDIX 1</b></p>
Technology Committee Report	<p><b>REPORT OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>The Technology Committee gave a power point and oral report discussing ways they may be of assistance to Presbytery churches in helping them set up their own web page. The service is available to Presbytery churches free of charge.</p>
Church Banners	<p><b>The Presbytery voted</b> to direct the Presbytery Office to establish a resource where:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">All churches that have banners they are willing to loan to another church should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. send a picture of each banner to the Presbytery office with</li> <li>2. the loan period or restrictions and</li> <li>3. the name of the church and contact person</li> </ol> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">These pictures will then be put in a file on the Presbytery website as both a worship statement in themselves and an offer of sharing.</p>
Peacemaking Network Report	<p><b>REPORT OF THE PEACEMAKING NETWORK</b></p> <p>Rev. Paul Rodkey presented an oral report from the Peacemaking Network.</p>
Guatemala Task Force Report	<p><b>REPORT OF THE GUATEMALA TASK FORCE</b></p> <p>Nancy Hobbs presented a power point and oral report from the latest mission trip to Guatemala. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> mission trip taken by members of the Task Force.</p>
Beattie elected Presbytery Transitional Executive	<p><b>REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b>The Presbytery voted</b> to elect Frank Beattie as the Transitional Executive for the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest.</p>

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**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**

Transitional Executive Presbyter Frank Beattie expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence from the Presbytery. Frank made note of several happenings within the Presbytery and at the same time urged members to not let themselves become “overloaded.” He challenged the members to “raise the bar” for education and training of elders.

2008  
Presbytery  
Minutes  
Reviewed

**Further Information from the Stated Clerk:**

Stated Clerk David Hamilton reported that Presbytery minutes for 2008 had been reviewed by the Synod.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Moderator Richard Welch at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:

David A. Hamilton, Jr.  
Stated Clerk



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## APPENDIX 1

August 26, 2009

Dear Presbytery Commissioners,

The Presbytery Missions Committee otherwise known as PAMSI is presenting a budget for approval at the September Presbytery meeting. The budget we are presenting is predicated on a modest increase in Per Capita. We are recommending this increase based on a very simple calculation based on the 2008 administrative expenses for Presbytery activities. We took the total for personnel and operations not including the Exec. Salary, and divided that by our 49 church's membership as of the end of 2008 of 8316.

This calculation came to \$27.43. Our Per Capita for 2009 is \$26 including \$14.52 of this that is designated for Presbytery use. Using \$27.43 as a guide we recommend raising our Presbytery portion of Per Capita by \$1.43 to \$15.95. For 2010 the Synod amount is \$5.46 and the GA amount is \$6.15 which brings the total Per Capita amount to \$27.56.

Please note that many Presbyteries include the salary of the exec in determining Administrative costs and that some Presbytery's in Washington have per capita amounts that are well over \$30 and even \$40.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Presbytery of the  
Inland Northwest  
2010 Budget

	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Per Capita	\$225,055	\$224,640	\$229,189
Per Capita to Synod	(\$47,720)	(\$47,174)	(\$45,405)
Per Capita to Gen Assembly	(\$50,605)	(\$52,013)	(\$51,143)
<b>Net Per Capita</b>	<b>\$126,730</b>	<b>\$125,453</b>	<b>\$132,641</b>
Mission - Pres/Synod	\$250,000	\$245,720	\$243,000
Other Interest Income	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>	<b>\$250,720</b>	<b>\$245,500</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$381,730</b>	<b>\$376,173</b>	<b>\$378,141</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
Executive Salary	\$43,890	\$45,426	\$72,000
Executive Housing	\$21,945	\$22,713	\$0
Small Church Consultant Salary	\$12,600	\$10,000	\$0
Financial Administrator	\$18,653	\$18,644	\$18,804
Fin Admin/ Camp Offset	(\$1,280)	\$0	\$0
Administrative Assistant	\$27,816	\$28,790	\$29,221
Office Assistant	\$9,216	\$4,916	\$4,941
Stated Clerk	\$11,631	\$12,038	\$12,098
Recording Clerk	\$462	\$478	\$481
Newsletter Editor	\$917	\$949	\$954
Custodian	\$1,811	\$1,874	\$1,874
Network Admin Tech	\$5,706	\$5,906	\$5,935
<b>Total Wages</b>	<b>\$153,367</b>	<b>\$151,734</b>	<b>\$146,308</b>
Executive Pension & Medical	\$20,811	\$21,539	\$22,680
Executive Travel & Cont Ed	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Sm Ch Consult. Trav & educ	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
Staff Pension	\$6,788	\$7,539	\$7,610
Staff Medical	\$11,726	\$12,542	\$11,953
Staff travel, Educ & Meetings	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Staff FICA	\$5,495	\$5,695	\$5,683
Staff St Ind Ins	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,980
<b>Total Benefits &amp; Taxes</b>	<b>\$58,570</b>	<b>\$59,565</b>	<b>\$60,906</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>\$211,937</b>	<b>\$211,299</b>	<b>\$207,214</b>
<b>OFFICE OPERATIONS</b>			
Rent	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Utilities	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$4,000
Maintenance/ Office	\$250	\$250	\$250
Maintenance/ Equipment	\$3,200	\$3,000	\$3,200
Telephone	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Office Supplies	\$3,600	\$3,200	\$3,200
Postage	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650
Bank Fees & Finance Charges	\$600	\$600	\$1,500
Financial Review	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Taxes/ Lic/ Fees	\$500	\$500	\$1,000
Legal Fees	\$500	\$500	\$500
Resource Center	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300

	<b>2008 Budget</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2010 Proposed</b>
Newsletter	\$800	\$500	\$200
Admin Workshops	\$500	\$500	\$500
Moderator Training	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$30,100</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$32,100</b>

Presbytery of the  
Inland Northwest  
2010 Budget

	2008 Budget	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed
<b>MISSION/ PARTNERSHIPS</b>			
Synod of Alaska Northwest	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$8,000
Yukon & Alaska Presbyteries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,000
Camp Spalding	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Nez Perce Joint Session	\$18,000	\$0	\$0
Kamiah Church	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
Kooskia Church	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
Bovill Pres Church	\$6,000	\$0	\$0
Liberty Park Child Dev	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000
Westminster Church	\$0	\$0	\$0
Republic	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
Curlew	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Latah Valley NCD	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Washtucna	\$4,500	\$0	\$0
Clarkston Church-TLC	\$1,000	\$0	\$500
Knox	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Post Falls-FPNI	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Bethany-Tiger Time	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0
Northport	\$4,000	\$0	\$0
Congregational Support	\$0	\$46,500	\$47,500
<b>TOTAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS</b>	<b>\$128,500</b>	<b>\$123,500</b>	<b>\$119,000</b>
<b>MISSION PROJECTS</b>			
Gary Payton	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Faith Partners	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Rural Ministry Resources	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,000
Guatemala Partnership	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Youth Task Force	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$4,000
The Fig Tree	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Presbytery Council Mission Study	\$0	\$0	\$500
Journey of Discovery	\$7,500	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL MISSION PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$20,300</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

