



Presbytery of the Inland Northwest

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January 26, 2010

To: All Presbyters

From: Forrest Claassen, Acting Stated Clerk

Enclosed are documents pertaining to the February Stated Meeting of the Presbytery to be held Saturday, February 13, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield, Washington. Directions to Fairfield are included at the bottom of this letter. There will be no charge for lunch. Childcare will be provided at this meeting. **Please call Ione Felgenhauer at (509) 291-3925 by the Wednesday prior to the meeting (February 10) if you are going to need childcare.**

Notice that a significant portion of the docket is devoted to a conversation guided by the Mission Study Task Force. The Task Force hopes that this will be a valuable time of hearing from each other. Conversations will include table groups, large-group reporting, discussions over lunch, and listening for God's promptings in worship. We hope you will avail yourselves of the full day.

Notice also that the first item on the docket is "Orientation of First-Time Commissioners." This session is an excellent opportunity for those of you who have not previously attended a Presbytery meeting to learn how we do business. Attendance should help you more effectively participate in the meeting. I urge first-time commissioners to attend.

The Rev. Craig Goodwin, Pastor of Millwood Presbyterian Church, will be preaching at the worship service. The offering collected during worship will be designated to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Haiti.

Directions to Fairfield:

From the south (via Rosalia):

Take 195N to Road 19 Rosalia Exit (left). Turn right onto Rosalia Road/Old State Highway. This will become Old WA-195 (Scenic). Turn right onto E Prairie View Road. Turn right onto WA-27. Turn left onto Main Street. Turn right onto S McNeill. Church is at 108 S. McNeill.

From Spangle (useful if coming from the west):

Take Old WA-195 (Scenic) to E Spangle-Waverly Road (left turn). E Spangle-Waverly Road becomes S Prairie View Road. Turn right onto WA-27. Turn left onto Main Street. Turn right onto S McNeill. Church is at 108 S. McNeill.

From the north (preferable for most Spokane locations):

From I-90, take exit 289. Turn south on WA-27/North Pines Road. Go to Fairfield. Turn left on Main St. Turn right on McNeill. Church is at 108 S. McNeill.

DOCKET
FEBRUARY 13, 2010

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| 9:30 | Registration |
| | Orientation of First Time Commissioners |
| 10:00 | Convene, Opening Prayer |
| | Installation of Presbytery Moderator |
| | Report of the Stated Clerk |
| | Introduction of first time elders and new pastors |
| 10:15 | Welcome and Mission of First Presbyterian Church, Fairfield WA |
| 10:30 | Acting Executive Presbyter Report |
| 10:40 | Mission Study Task Force |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 1:15 | Worship |
| 2:15 | Preparation for Ministry Committee Report |
| 2:30 | Personnel Committee Report |
| 2:45 | Commissioned Lay Pastor Committee Report |
| 2:55 | Committee on Ministry Report |
| 3:05 | New Church Development Committee Report |
| 3:15 | Christian Education Committee Report |
| 3:30 | Guatemala Task Force Report |
| 3:35 | Adjourn |

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CONSENT AGENDA

February 13, 2010

The Stated Clerk will “move that the Consent Agenda be adopted.” The moderator will ask if there is any item that you wish to have removed from the Consent Agenda. If you are not satisfied with explanations of certain items that are on papers included in the packet that was mailed to you, or you want to discuss any of the subjects included in the Consent Agenda, speak up. Specify which item(s) you want removed and they will be taken up later in the meeting. All items that remain on the Consent Agenda are enacted when the motion is passed.

THE PRESBYTERY MEETING COMMITTEE MOVES: that the docket proposed for this meeting be adopted.

STATED CLERK MOTIONS:

1. That the minutes of the November 19, 2009 Presbytery meeting be approved.
2. That courtesies of the floor be granted to those who are scheduled to speak but are not members of Presbytery.

FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

1. That the appointment of Elder Tom Sutherland as Synod Commissioner, class of 2013, be confirmed by Presbytery. Tom is replacing Arne Stueckle who was elected at the November 20, 2009 meeting.
2. That the appointment of Rev. Steve Watts as Chairperson of New Church Development Committee, be confirmed by Presbytery.

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
Report of the Stated Clerk
February 13, 2010

For Action: That the Consent Agenda be ADOPTED.

For Information:

1. *Annual Board Reports:* Annual reports have been received from Westminster Outreach Board of Directors; Liberty Park Child Development Center; Presbyterian Women; and Camp Spalding. As of this mailing, an annual report has not been received from the Proclaim Liberty Board. Copies of the reports are attached.
2. *Report of the Administrative Commission:* The Administrative Commission named by the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest to install Sue Keim as Pastor of Northwood Presbyterian Church met at Northwood Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on January 10, 2010. The Commission was convened by moderator Richard Welch and opened with prayer by Rev. Keim. Members present were: Rev. Gary Bowker; Rev. Greg Carter; Elder Tom Tiffany (Knox); Elder Joe Simpson (Northwood); and Elder Richard Welch (Knox), Commission Moderator. The Commission moved to the worship service where Sue Keim was installed as Pastor of Northwood Presbyterian Church. Other participants in worship included: Rev. Gayle Parker, Preacher (Phoenix, AZ); Rev. Bill Ailes, Charge to Pastor; Rev. Bill Lutz, Charge to Congregation; Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Prayer of Installation; Elouise Engle, Kathy Venum, Melissa Sprengle, Joe Simpson, and Sue Anderson (Northwood PNC); and Nancy Tordai (Mesa, AZ). The meeting concluded with the benediction by Rev. Keim at 3:00 p.m.
3. The following people have submitted their resignations from the respective committees: Jane Clark, Meetings; Bill Ailes, Commissioned Lay Pastors; Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Meetings.
4. *Redress of Balance:* The Book of Order (G-11.0101b) requires that annually the Stated Clerk of each Presbytery shall ascertain the number of resident ministers who are members of the Presbytery and the number of elders that the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to Presbytery meetings. When the number of ministers is larger, the imbalance shall be redressed. Presbytery Standing Rule 4.102 specifies how the balance between ministers and elders will be maintained.

At the time of this writing, I am not able to ascertain the exact number of minister members and other elder members of Presbytery. I expect to have this information by the meeting, and to be able to propose for Presbytery action a redress that is in keeping with G-11.0101b and Standing Rule 4.102.



Liberty Park Child Development Center Annual Report 2009

This year Liberty Park Child Development Center has remained fully enrolled with a waiting list for most of the year. That is a positive change from last year. The majority of our families are receiving some kind of assistance. Many are going through financial, physical or emotional struggles. The center provides a safe haven for children and their families as they try to better their lives.

Another positive improvement is the fact that there have been very few staff changes this year. The staff works very hard to provide children and their families with a safe and loving educational environment. Each staff member possesses skills in positive guidance techniques, motivation and developmentally appropriate interaction with children.

One of the examples of how Liberty Park reaches the whole family unit is the “Strengthening Families Program” funded by Spokane County. For seven weeks, six of our families with children ages 10 to 14 years old met in the evenings at the center to eat dinner together and develop skills to help improve youth/adult interactions. They were given tools in areas of personal interaction like making and following rules, consequences, positive reinforcement, daily routines, decision making, respectful behavior, discipline, peer resistance skills, communication and family activities. Parents who completed this program in Spokane County reported improvement on positive involvement and family harmony. Liberty Park will continue implementing this program for more families next year.

The board is very thankful to Presbytery for the generous financial support of LPCDC. Many congregations in our Presbytery have also made Liberty Park a large part of their benevolence giving. Church groups help with monetary donations, books and supplies, outfits for the children, household items, dinners, clean up events, help with summer camp, bus passes, music programs, Vacation Bible School, special treats, hats and mittens and adopt many of our families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Congregations are willing to share their facilities, camps and vans to enhance the programs at LPCDC.

Individual contributions of time and finances remain very important to the success of the programs. The board sponsored “Dinner by Candlelight” was a big success this year. Supporters were able to enjoy a nice meal served by wonderful youth servers and to help financially support children’s scholarships. The board is also working on other fundraising ideas for the future. Letters went to all 50 congregations in our Presbytery asking for fundraising help. There are also grant requests pending.

These are hard financial times and that reality has not missed the center and it’s families. The state has cut a large chunk from our budget and many of our families are having trouble paying their bills. Our cash reserves are being depleted each month even with many cutbacks in our expenses.

On the bright side, the center continues to serve children and families at a very quality level and make a positive Christian difference in many lives. **“Children are our Business” and Liberty Park Child Development Center fills a huge need in a very depressed area of Spokane.**

Marge Cusworth, President

Liberty Park Child Development Center Board of Directors

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
Westminster Outreach Food Bank
2009 Annual Report

The Westminster Outreach Food Bank (WFB) operates at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2705 West Boone Avenue, Spokane. We are a distribution agency for 2nd Harvest Food Bank and serve those in the West Central area, neighbors of the church. Hours of client operation are: Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In 2009, the WFB served 2,503 clients of which 820 were 'new'. New is defined as those who have visited WFB for the first time or the first time after the fiscal year start date of July 1. From January to June 30, 2009, we served 313 'new' clients. In 2009, we saw an increase of 1,092 clients, a 77% increase over 2008.

95,011 pounds of food were provided to our clients in the year. This is an increase of 53,624 pounds over 2008 (41,387) a 130% increase. This is partly due to the increased availability of food to 2nd Harvest Food Bank from which WFB buys the bulk of the food. As the need in our community rose due to the economy, the state of Washington and other entities worked to meet those needs.

This tremendous amount of food is purchased and donated, then sorted, stocked on shelves and distributed under the direction of Ross Sommers (Westminster Pres.) and with help from volunteers from the following churches in the Presbytery: Hamblen Park, Manito, Northwood, Shadle, Westminster and Whitworth. Area grocery stores donated food on a regular basis, and coupled with the food donations from our participating churches, we were able to provide substantial assistance for so many families.

A very large and heartfelt "thank you" to each church and volunteer!

We invite others to join us in this important and, in some cases, essential ministry to those who are struggling to feed their families during a down turn in the economy and job market. We are looking for those who would like to learn the client interviewing process, computer CAPSYS record-keeping program or to distribute food to clients 'with a personal touch'.

Catherine Bowers served as Board Chair, with members from the above named churches. The Board oversees all aspects of food bank operations. Pastor Sandy Brockway, Westminster Presbyterian Church, serves as an ex-officio member on the Board.

Respectively,

Catherine A. Bowers
Chair

2009 PWP ANNUAL REPORT

Our new year started trying to schedule our Coordinating Team meeting around the huge winter of snow we had. We finally were able to meet at the Presbytery office on Feb 3 to plan our Spring Gathering.

the Spring Gathering was held on April 17 at Christ Kitchen. They catered our lunch and gave us a tour of the facility. We have supported Christ Kitchen for a number of years. Our scholarship recipient for this year is Karissa Mielke from Davenport WA. Karissa is an honor student at WSU and is planning on entering a nursing program. It is always with great pleasure that we are able to award a scholarship.

In July nine of the women from our Presbytery including me attended the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville Kentucky. The theme was based on Joshua 3:5 "God Will Do Wonders Among You". We were asked to bring \$20 gift cards for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. A big thank you to the Church's in our Presbytery that participated in this mission. As of July 14 the total was \$69,250.

The Fall Gathering was held at Millwood Presbyterian Church on October 22. Communion was served by the Rev Bill Ailes Interim Presbytery Executive.

We need several new officers to start our 2010 year and a brief meeting of the current officers was held at Millwood Presbyterian Church in November to discuss possibilities of filling the needed positions and hopefully by the time our Spring Gathering meets at Opportunity Presbyterian Church on April 17 we will be able to have installation of new officers.

Patsy Peterson, Moderator Presbyterian Women of PIN

**2009 Annual Report to the Presbytery of the Inland NW
Camp Spalding & Clearwater Lodge
Andy Sonneland, Director**

This past year was a challenging one for Camp Spalding and Clearwater Lodge. A significant decrease in guest group visits, as well as a drop in camper attendance (off 16% from 2008 record attendance), created a our own economic downturn. However, a budget cut of 15% in June, combined with a significant summer fee increase, helped bring us to the end of 2009 in the black. We believe 2010 will be more of the same, with no increases in either rates or expenses, leaving the cuts of mid-2009 in place. The board is hopeful that, after another year of holding tight, we'll be positioned for renewed growth and more solid footing in 2011 and beyond.

This past summer was another solid season of camping ministry (and, even with the decrease in campers, it still would have been a record as recently as 2005), with many hundreds of young lives encountering the presence of the living God during a week at our Presbytery's camp. On-line registration was vastly improved over 2008, the rate increase resulted in some \$45,000 more in summer income vs. 2008 (despite fewer campers), our summer-long Compass program for incoming college freshmen continued to be a huge success, and our team of summer staff was exceptional.

In addition to holding tight with budget matters in 2010, we are implementing several (relatively inexpensive) improvements to our Pioneer Camp program, altering some summer staff job descriptions, and – with the addition of Kristi Burns (thanks to a grant from the M.J. Murdock Foundation) – seek to strengthen relationships with Presbytery churches and families, as well as foster new partnerships with area churches and non-Presbyterian Spalding families.

No question that the past eighteen months have been among the most challenging of my 19 year tenure. We are, however, in much better position financially than at this point last year. I am reasonably confident we will be able to maintain our current level of ministry and budget until the national economic picture improves.

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
Report of the Board of Trustees
January 19, 2010

For information:

Financial Management:

- a. All original signatories to the Blackstone account have now moved on. Trustees VOTED that (i) the chair of trustees, (ii) the stated clerk, and (iii) the executive presbyter shall become signatories.
- b. Trustees VOTED to transfer ownership of the Bohman account to the Camp Spalding corporation from the Presbytery corporation.
- c. Two MDCs, totaling approximately \$75,000, came due in January. Trustees VOTED to keep the MDCs as they are, renewed for 1 year at the current rates.
- d. Trustees RECEIVED the financial review from Shoedel & Schoedel for 2008. No significant findings.

Bethany Tithe:

Bethany Presbyterian Church has offered Presbytery a tithe of the sale of its property to the State of Washington, to be divided between (i) the Presbytery's Habitat build, (ii) the New Church Development, and (iii) "Congregational Transformation and Missional Vision." Trustees VOTED to receive forthcoming money from Bethany Presbyterian Church as the church designates, pending approval by the congregation at its meeting on January 24.

Opportunity Presbyterian Church Loans:

Trustees received a letter from the Rev. Matthew Paul, Pastor of Opportunity Presbyterian Church, requesting assistance in negotiating a payment plan between the church, a local contractor, and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest regarding the church's building loans. Rev. Gary Foster, chair, and Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Acting Executive Presbyter, will meet with Rev. Paul to encourage that this request come from the congregation in keeping with G-11.0103y of the *Book of Order*. Upon receiving the request from the congregation, the Trustees will then be authorized to approach the church's session and set up a meeting with all interested parties.

Trustees AGREED that Presbytery needs to seek legal counsel on this matter.

Trustees VOTED to set a 60-day window for Opportunity Presbyterian Church to make progress. If the church is unable to move forward during those 60 days, Trustees will need to become more directly involved.

Post Falls Loan:

Community Presbyterian Church of Post Falls has an outstanding loan with the General Assembly that must be reviewed once every five years. Payments are approximately \$2,200 per month and are current. Trustees AUTHORIZED the Stated Clerk to sign off on the documents indicating that a sufficient review has taken place and that the loan should be continued.

Reubens Dissolution and Transfer of Property:

Trustees VOTED that the Stated Clerk should sign a quitclaim deed after Presbytery has voted to dissolve the Reubens church. Trustees AGREED to inviting people from the church to the February Presbytery meeting so that we could wish them well.

Signature cards at Bank of America:

We have added the Stated Clerk, the Financial Administrator, and the Executive Presbyter to the checking accounts at Bank of America. The President of Trustees and the Treasurer should also pay Bank of America a visit for this purpose. Rev. Kinder-Pyle is not on the account related to the LVNCD for reasons of conflict of interest.

Trustees VOTED that, by position, the following people should be singers on the bank accounts (names are present position-holders):

Stated Clerk (Forrest Claassen)
Executive Presbyter (Sheryl Kinder-Pyle)
Financial Administrator (Sandy Riebe)
Treasurer (Bob Bangerter)
Chair of Trustees (Gary Foster)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Action items:

1. Recommend that Presbytery validate the ministries of the following ministers for 2010:
Joshua Mikelson – Assistant Minister at St Columbia Parish Church, Ayr Scotland
(Church of Scotland)
Matthew Edminster – Alongside Ministries International, Tallinn Estonia
Mindy Smith – Assistant Chaplain at Whitworth University and Parish Associate at
Colbert Church

2. Recommend that Presbytery approve dissolving the Reubens congregation per a formal request dated August 26, 2009 and direct the Presbytery Trustees to proceed on a quit claim deed of all real property and liabilities to their corporation

Report:

1. Approved Karen Claassen as Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Clarkston WA with no compensation beginning January 1, 2010.

2. Approved the Stated Supply contract for 1 year between Scott Starbuck and Manito Presbyterian Church beginning January 1, 2010: Salary \$30,655; Housing \$28,155; CE \$3,000; Prof. \$3,000; Pension \$19,742; 2 weeks CE time; 2.5 days/mo vacation.

3. Appointed Mary Jane Miles moderator of session at Valley Presbyterian Church, Lapwai ID.

4. Appointed Mary Jane Miles moderator of session at Second Presbyterian Church, Kamiah ID.

5. Appointed Mary Jane Miles moderator of session at Northfork Presbyterian Church, Ahsahka ID.

6. Approved the Stated Supply contract for 1 year between Marcia Taylor and East Valley Presbyterian Church at 50% time beginning January 1, 2010: Salary \$21,648; Housing \$3,000; Pension \$11,523; Travel \$1,500; CE \$500; Prof. \$200.

7. Approved the terms of call for William Stonebraker at Faith Presbyterian Church, Hayden ID: Salary \$20,530; Housing \$22,000; Pension \$13,396; Dental \$1,217; Travel \$1,000; SS \$1,650; CE \$1,000; Prof \$2,000.

8. Appointed Donna Beal moderator of session at Curlew Presbyterian Church.

9. Approved the changes in terms of call for 2010 per the attached spreadsheet.

10. Approved continuing Nancy Goodwin on the At Large roll of Presbytery.

11. Study leave reports were received from the following people:
 - Doug Waltar, Post Falls
 - Ken Onstot, Hamblen Park
 - Jim Burford, Emmanuel

12. Reports were received from the following laboring outside the bounds of Presbytery:
 - Matthew Edminster – for a wedding in May
 - Bill Peterson – for a funeral in Michigan December 22

13. A letter from Board of Pensions stated that Eric Buhl received a debt assistance grant for \$2,500.

14. Approved Donna Beal receiving no compensation as CLP for one year and then re-evaluate the situation.

15. Received Betsy Wynne as an At Large member of Presbytery from New Brunswick Presbytery.

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest
Report of the Presbytery Council
January 19, 2010

For Action:

1. CONFIRM the appointment of Tom Sutherland as Commissioner to the Synod of Alaska-Northwest. [NB: Arne Stuckle has completed two full terms and is therefore ineligible to be re-elected as Commissioner.]
2. AMEND Section 13.112 of the Presbytery Policies and Procedures Manual as follows: Strike “two consecutive years” and replace with “two consecutive Assemblies.” [NB: this section deals with the eligibility and seniority of pastors to serve as commissioners to General Assembly. Under current language, pastors who decline to serve for “two consecutive years” lose their “seniority points” and are moved to the bottom of the guide-list. This amendment would adjust the policy language to account for the new, biennial, Assembly calendar.]

For information:

Meeting Committee:

All members of the Meeting Committee are committed with multiple responsibilities and are unable to function as chair. The term has expired of Jim Hobbs, the one member who was in a place to serve as chair.

Council VOTED to accept, until the Mission Study Task Force has completed its work, the responsibility of preparing for Presbytery meetings, with the understanding that the legwork be handled by a subcommittee of the Moderator of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk, and the Executive Presbyter. Said subcommittee would be allowed to co-opt others as necessary. Responsibilities include coordinating worship and preaching; setting the agenda; coordinating special activities; and obtaining a location.

Committee on Ministry:

Council VOTED to REFER the following MOTION to the MSTF: that the moderator of the join Nez Perce Session be a permanent member of the General Council.