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**Presbytery of Yukon
Leadership Team Regular Meeting
January 9, 2016**

CONVENE

Rev. Piper Cartland convened a teleconference meeting of the Leadership Team at 10:02 am with the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Teaching Elder Members Present: Piper Cartland, Kim MacInnes-Green, Dean Knapp; ex-officio member presbytery exec Curt Karns

Other Members Present: Ruling elders (RE) Jan Burger, Arlayne Knox, and Mark Wartes; Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) Richard Mauer and Beulah Nowpakahok; Deacons Jo Ann Bantz and Barbara Brown; ex-officio members commissioner to Synod RE Ron Illingworth, and stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Excused/Absent: RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth, CRE Marjorie Poggas, and ex-officio member treasurer Mary Kron

A quorum was present.

FEBRUARY STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING

- By **GENERAL CONSENSUS**, the Leadership Team approved the following:
 - **Theme verse:** Philippians 4:13 [Substituting ‘we’ for ‘I’ and ‘us’ for ‘me’]: “*We can do all things through him who strengthens us.*” Unless the Leadership Team decides otherwise, Psalm 40:8 was designated as the thematic verse for the fall 2016 presbytery meeting.
 - **Ruling elder commissioner testimony topic:** “Pinpoint one or two significant ways you saw God working in the life of your church since the last presbytery meeting and what are you looking forward to God doing in the church in this year.”
- Presbytery docket
 - *Culture of Generosity* workshop facilitated by Presbyterian Foundation ministry relations officer Rev. Rob Hagan.
 - Discussion on encouraging mission to village churches.
 - Rev. Johan Shin’s examination for temporary presbytery membership. Rev. Shin arrived in December to serve as temporary supply at the First Korean Presbyterian Church in Anchorage.
 - Presbytery restructuring discussion – two hours devoted on how best to restructure Presbytery to meet the needs of ministry in this time and place. A task force of folks from the different geographic areas will meet over the next six weeks to develop a couple proposals to introduce at the February presbytery meeting. Commissioners will be asked to take the proposals back to their sessions to get their feedback. Leadership Team members RE Bob Christensen and Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green volunteered to serve on the task force. Structural and procedural changes will require amending the *Standing Rules and Manual of Administrative Procedures and Operations* in time for presentation at the fall 2016 presbytery meeting.
 - Nominations and elections: Envisioning a major restructuring of presbytery within a year, Rev. Cartland suggested that nominees be elected to a 1-year term, so by the February, 2017, we will have an entirely new structure in place. The LT **APPROVED** a motion to ask the Nominating Committee to nominate individuals for a one-year term, pending presbytery’s restructuring. [Clerk’s note: The

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configuration and terms of the Permanent Judicial Commission are set forth in the 'Rules of Discipline' and therefore will not be affected by the restructuring of presbytery.]

OTHER BUSINESS

Future Leadership Team meetings:

- Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm – 1st Presbyterian Church in Anchorage
- The regular summer meeting may be scheduled as a face-to-face meeting in late spring/early summer for the purposes of moving forward in the restructuring process.

ADJOURN

Joys and concerns were shared. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 am with Rev. Piper Cartland and Rev. Curt Karns leading in the closing prayer.

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Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Yukon

**Presbytery of Yukon
Leadership Team Regular Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage
February 25, 2016**

CONVENE

Rev. Piper Cartland convened the meeting of the Leadership Team at 6:45 pm with an opening prayer. Members were asked to share one word that describes the last year.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Teaching Elder Members Present: Piper Cartland, Kim MacInnes-Green, Dean Knapp; ex-officio member presbytery exec Curt Karns

Other Members Present: Ruling elders (RE) Jan Burger, Arlayne Knox, and Mark Wartes; Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) Beulah Nowpakahok and Marjorie Poggas; Deacons Jo Ann Bantz and Barbara Brown; ex-officio members commissioner to Synod RE Ron Illingworth, and stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Excused/Absent: CRE Richard Mauer

A quorum was present.

PRESBYTERY DOCKET

- By **GENERAL CONSENSUS**, the Leadership Team approved the recommendation that presbytery approve the docket as amended and grant the presbytery moderator the authority to adjust the docket as necessary.
- **Presbytery restructuring proposal**
 - Presentation

Friday: Rev. Piper Cartland will give a PowerPoint presentation, to be followed by 45 minutes of discussion in small groups of 4 - 5. Each group will report back to the entire assembly. Groups will be asked to discuss three questions:

 1. What are your hopes and dreams for the presbytery?
 2. Would organizing work by regions help facilitate those hopes and dreams? What are the positives and what are the negatives?
 3. If the decision is made to organize by regions, how many regions would serve us best, and how should we define their boundaries?

Saturday: 2 - 3 regional group discussions will be scheduled in order to give commissioners the opportunity to discuss specific things that affect their churches. St. Lawrence Island commissioners to decide which group discussion they will attend. The presbytery exec, Leadership Team chair, and stated clerk were assigned to listen in on group discussions.
 - Proposal highlights
 1. Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry to coalesce to form a Ministry Commission.
 2. Regionally based work will be done in sub-committees. It will be up to presbytery to decide the number of regions.
 3. Leadership Team becomes much smaller, with two subcommittees
 4. Two stated meetings annually, with at least one face-to-face meeting.

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5. Regions meet quarterly, whatever they look like for the purposes of fellowship, worship, elder training, and planning common ministries together. Time will be spent at the October presbytery meeting to approve changes to Standing Rules and Manual of Administrative Procedures and Operations. New structure will be implemented in spring, 2017. Regions will need to meet between October and February to organize and find nominees for the new structure.

APPOINT ALTERNATE RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER TO SYNOD

Elder Ron Illingworth will be unable to attend Synod's face-to-face meeting on March 16th. The Leadership Team **VOTED** to appoint Elder Arlayne Knox to attend as alternate.

NEXT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING:

The Leadership Team will need to meet face-to-face in June, possibly between June 8-11, for the purposes of bringing the Standing Rules and Manual of Administrative Procedures and Operations into line with the new structure. The team will meet wherever it is most economical.

ADJOURN

Joys and concerns were shared. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm with Rev. Piper Cartland and Rev. Curt Karns jointly leading in the closing prayer.

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Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk

**Presbytery of Yukon
Leadership Team Special Meeting
May 3, 2016**

CONVENE

Rev. Piper Cartland convened a teleconference meeting of the Leadership Team at 1:05 pm. Rev. Curt Karns led in the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Teaching Elder Members Present: Piper Cartland, Israel Nelson; Henry Woodall, ex-officio member presbytery exec Curt Karns

Other Members Present: Ruling elders (RE) Bob Christensen, Ron Illingworth, Arlayne Knox, and Mark Wartes; ex-officio member stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Excused/Absent: Barbara Brown, RE Jan Burger, RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Commissioned Ruling Elder Beulah Nowpakahok

A quorum was present.

AGENDA

University Community PC

Arlayne Knox reported that the University Community PC session has invited Christian peacemaker David LaMotte to speak. Session is inquiring as to whether presbytery would be interested in inviting David to speak at the fall presbytery meeting. Discussion followed. Concerns about whether David would be espousing anti-military rhetoric were allayed by members who have heard Mr. LaMotte speak at other conferences. Motion to invite David LaMotte was **APPROVED**.

June Leadership Team Retreat

There was a **CONSENSUS** that the Leadership team would gather on the evening of June 8th for dinner and community buildings and adjourn by noon on the 9th.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm with Piper Cartland leading in the closing prayer.



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Stated Clerk

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
Leadership Team Retreat
June 8 – 9, 2016

June 8, 2016

FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

The Leadership Team gathered for dinner at the Peters Creek Inn in Chugiak at 6:00 pm. The remainder of the evening was spent sharing and in worship together.

June 9, 2016

CONVENE

The Leadership Team gathered at 10:30 am for worship, singing '*How Great is Thy Faithfulness*'. Leadership Team chair Rev. Piper Cartland led in the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Members Present: Revs. Piper Cartland, Israel Nelson, Henry Woodall; Commissioned Ruling Elder Beulah Nowpakahok, Ruling Elders (RE) Jan Burger, Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Ron Illingworth, Arlayne Knox, and Mark Wartes; deacon Barbara Brown; ex-officio members Executive Presbyter Rev. Curt Karns, Treasurer Mary Kron, and Stated Clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Absent/Excused: RE Bob Christensen.

A quorum was declared.

AGENDA

Proposed changes to the Standing Rules (SR) were distributed prior to the meeting. The morning was spent discussing proposed changes to the standing rules reflecting a more, nimble presbytery structure. New recommendations brought forth at the retreat.

- The bylaws are a better place to set down the structure of presbytery, rather than in the Standing Rules. There was a **GENERAL CONSENSUS** that applicable proposed Standing Rule provisions be merged into the bylaws.
- Nominating Committee: The committee will consist of two regional representatives, with each region responsible for electing their own regional representative, and an overall coordinator who will work with the regional representatives.

Copies of the proposed bylaw changes will be distributed in advance of the next Leadership Team meeting, scheduled for August 10th at 7:00 pm.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for lunch, followed with a brief time of worship and Communion.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm with prayer.



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 Stated Clerk

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON LEADERSHIP TEAM
SPECIAL MEETING**

August 10, 2016

CONVENE

Presbytery Moderator Ron Illingworth, at the request of Leadership Team (LT) chair Piper Cartland, convened a special teleconference meeting of the Leadership Team at 7:09 pm.

ROLL

Present: Rev. Henry Woodall; Ruling Elders (RE) Jan Burger, Ron Illingworth, Arlayne Knox, Beulah Nowpakahok, and Mark Wartes; ex-officio members Executive Presbyter Rev. Curt Karns, Presbytery Treasurer Mary Kron, and Stated Clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Absent/Excused: Rev. Piper Cartland, Rev. Israel Nelson; Ruling Elders Bob Christensen, Elizabeth Hollingsworth; and Deacon Barbara Brown

A quorum was declared.

AGENDA

The meeting was called to continue the discussion of proposed revisions to Presbytery's Standing Rules and bylaws. Revisions to the Corporation bylaws and Presbytery's Standing Rules proposed at the team's retreat in June were distributed to the LT prior to the teleconference. In an effort to simplify Presbytery's governing documents, the Stated Clerk prepared and distributed a third document which was a product of combining principal provisions from the Standing Rules with the Corporation bylaws.

Discussion ensued. It was the general consensus to proceed with perfecting the combined document, a total revision of the bylaws. The LT **APPROVED** by motion or consensus the following changes:

- Page 1: B-1.1: The name of the presbytery shall be "Presbytery of Yukon ~~of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)~~, hereafter referred to as "Presbytery." As a mid-council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), . . .
- Page 7: B-8.2.a(1) : The Leadership Team shall be composed of the Leadership Team Chair, Moderator of Presbytery, Moderator-elect of Presbytery, Moderators of the Ministry Commission and the Stewardship Committee, two ruling elder representatives from the Native Ministries region, one being the region moderator and one other person ~~chosen by the region~~, and a regional ruling elder representative from the road system.
- Page 7: B-8.2.c(2): The regions ~~Native Ministries region~~ will elect their own Leadership Team representation.
- Page 9: B-9.5.a: The Ministry Commission shall consist of at least ten members . . .
- Page 9: B-9.5.c: The commission shall
 - Fourth bullet: Provide oversight of inquirers and candidates preparing to become teaching elders (Ministers of Word of Sacrament) and Commissioned Ruling Elders.

Other discussions addressed the following:

- Awkward vocabulary identifying the two regions.

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- Minister of Word & Sacrament (MW&S) terminology should remain for historical purposes, even if presbyteries fail to approve the proposed amendment to reinstate MW&S terminology.
- Whether separate treasurers are needed for the Presbytery and Corporation. Further discussion with Bob Christensen, the Executive Presbyter, Mary Kron, and possibly an attorney will be scheduled at a later date.
- Are duplicate provisions needed for the Presbytery as well as the Corporation? Presbytery's attorney will be consulted.
- Presbytery has been out of compliance with the provision requiring that members of the Board of Trustees be elected from amongst the members of the Corporation. Historically, Presbytery has elected Trustees, with the exception of the Secretary, from the Presbytery at large, rather than from amongst enrolled members of Presbytery (B-3.3.b). Presbytery's attorney will be consulted.

The clerk was instructed to incorporate the latest, approved revisions, before the next Leadership Team meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 pm. Agenda to include:

- Recommendation to Presbytery on adopting the combined, perfected bylaws revision.
- Planning for the Fall Stated Presbytery meeting.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm with Rev. Curt Karns leading in the closing prayer.

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Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON LEADERSHIP TEAM
SPECIAL MEETING**

August 24, 2016

CONVENE

Leadership Team (LT) chair Rev. Piper Cartland, convened the special teleconference meeting at 7:02 pm, with an opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Members Present: Revs. Piper Cartland, Israel Nelson, Henry Woodall; Ruling Elders (RE) Jan Burger, Ron Illingworth, Arlayne Knox, and Mark Wartes; Deacon Barbara Brown; ex-officio members Executive Presbyter Rev. Curt Karns and Stated Clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Absent/Excused: Commissioned Ruling Elder Beulah Nowpakahok, REs Bob Christensen and Elizabeth Hollingsworth; and ex-officio member Presbytery Treasurer Mary Kron.

A quorum was declared.

AGENDA

The meeting was called to perfect and recommend the proposed revision to Presbytery's bylaws and plan for the October Stated Presbytery meeting.

Bylaws Revision

Discussion continued on perfecting the document. The LT **APPROVED BY CONSENSUS** the following changes (deletions marked with a strikethrough; additions marked with an underline):

- Page 2: B-2.2: The Presbytery shall be organized into two regions: (1) Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Road System and (2) Native Ministry congregations which includes Anchor Presbyterian Church.
- Page 5: B-6.1 . . . The Executive Presbyter shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, . . .
- Page 6: B-7.2.a(1) The Leadership Team shall be composed of . . . and two ruling elder representatives from the Native Ministries region; one being the region moderator ~~and~~ plus one other person, and a regional ruling elder representative from the road system.
- Page 6: B-7.2.c(2) The regions will elect ~~its~~ their own Leadership team representation.
- Page 8: B-8.5.c, fourth bullet: Provide oversight of inquirers and candidates preparing to become ~~a~~-teaching elders (Ministers of Word & Sacrament) and Commissioned Ruling Elders.

The Leadership Team **APPROVED BY CONSENSUS** a motion to accept the proposed bylaws, as perfected and to recommend the document to Presbytery for adoption.

Presbytery Meeting Planning

- Presbytery docket
 - Board of Pensions regional rep Mark Frey - 10 minutes early Friday morning
 - Revision of the bylaws – one hour on Friday for amendments and discussion; vote on Saturday

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- Native Ministries Committee – Roy Nageak was appointed acting moderator; the committee will require 15-20 minutes for their report.
 - David LaMotte workshops
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry – report scheduled for Friday.
 - Worship: Commissioners will be asked to bring forth 25% of the Peace and Global Witness offering collected by their churches on World Communion Sunday and to identify what the 25% will be used for.
 - 2017 budget – the LT is hopeful that the Budget and Finance committee will have a budget to propose at the meeting.
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- Theme verse – Workshops' presenter David LaMotte will be asked to identify a verse which will tie in with the focus of his workshops. Adoption of the verse by the LT will be done via electronic polling.
 - Ruling Elder Testimonies – The following questions were **APPROVED BY CONSENSUS**:
How is the theme verse playing out in your congregation now and how will it play out in the future? Sessions will be asked to provide input.

NEXT MEETING

The Leadership Team will gather for dinner and a meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 6:00 pm, at University Community Presbyterian Church.

ADJOURN

Rev. Piper Cartland adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm with Rev. Curt Karns leading in the closing prayer.



Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk

**Presbytery of Yukon
Leadership Team Regular Meeting
University Community Presbyterian Church
October 6, 2016**

CONVENE

Rev. Piper Cartland convened the meeting following dinner. The dinner prayer served as the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Teaching Elder Members Present: Piper Cartland, Israel Nelson, Henry Woodall; ex-officio member presbytery exec Curt Karns

Other Members Present: Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Beulah Nowpakahok, Ruling elders (RE) Jan Burger, Ron Illingworth, Arlayne Knox, Mark Wartes; Deacon Barbara Brown; ex-officio member treasurer Mary Kron and stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

Members Excused/Absent: Deacon Barbara Brown, REs Bob Christensen and Elizabeth Hollingsworth
A quorum was present.

AGENDA

- Presbytery Docket: Major time blocks
 - Christian Peacemaker David LaMotte will hold two workshops prior to each day's lunch recess.
 - Bylaw Revision: presentation and questions for clarification on Friday; voting on Saturday
 - 2017 Proposed Budget: presentation on Friday and questions for clarification; discussion and voting on Saturday.
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Darlene Matz will be examined for commissioning. If the way is clear, her commissioning is set for Friday evening's main worship service.
 - The trustees have finalized the investment policy and will recommend its approval.
 - 222nd General Assembly Reports are docketed for Saturday.
- Finances

Mary Kron answered questions about the 2016 budget and presented the proposed 2017 budget.

 - 2016 Budget: Presbytery is experiencing a shortage this year. Undesignated funds can be used to compensate for any shortage at the end of the year
 - 2017: Budget and Finance has no idea what the PLUME Ministry (Presbyterian, Lutheran, United Methodist, Episcopal) will ask for, now that Executive Director Rev. Robert Hicks has resigned. On the income side of the budget, it will be necessary for the Leadership Team to identify between now and next February, which special funds could be applied to the \$30,000 *in funds already held*, line item #59. Recommendation that presbytery approve the proposed budget was approved by **GENERAL CONSENSUS**.

ADJOURN

Concerns were shared prior to the closing prayer.



Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk