

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
WINTER STATED MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
Trinity Presbyterian Church
February 24-25, 2017

*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” II Corinthians 5:1*

FRIDAY, February 24, 2017

OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery opened with worship at 9:00 am in the Trinity Presbyterian Church sanctuary, with Rev. Curt Karns delivering the message, ‘*Old Salty*’ Scripture readings: Genesis 1:24-27 and Matthew 5:13-16.

CONVENE/OPENING PRAYER

Moderator Ruling Elder (RE) Ron Illingworth convened the Winter Stated Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Corporation with prayer at 9:39 am.

HOST CHURCH WELCOME

Interim Pastor Rev. Todd Allen extended a warm welcome to Presbytery.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The moderator declared a quorum, in accordance with G-3.0304, that ruling elders representing at least three churches and three teaching elders constitute a quorum.

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

Presbytery **ADOPTED** the docket, as amended.

INTRODUCTIONS/SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Guests, first time ruling elder commissioners and teaching elders were introduced. Corresponding members were **ENROLLED**. Motion granting voice to corresponding members and guests giving reports and providing expertise, was **APPROVED**.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special attention was given to Rev. Alice Green who will turn 100 on July 21st. A member of presbytery since 1945, Alice was thanked for her service in Savoonga and as stated clerk. Further recognition will be provided during the lunch recess at which time folks will have the opportunity to share memories.

ROLL

Teaching elder members present:

Leisa Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i>	Piper Cartland – <i>pastor, Eagle River PC</i>
Alice Green – <i>honorably retired (Fri. only)</i>	Ellen Johnson Price – <i>temporary supply, Immanuel PC</i>
Britt Johnston – <i>temporary supply, Anchor PC</i>	Luke Jones – <i>pastor, Jewel Lake Parish</i>
Curt Karns – <i>executive presbyter</i>	Dan Ketchum – <i>honorably retired</i>
Dean Knapp – <i>honorably retired</i>	Ian MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large (Fri. only)</i>
Neill McKay – <i>pastor, University Community PC</i>	Curtis Matz – <i>pastor, New Hope Church</i>
Israel Nelson – <i>honorably retired</i>	Matt Schultz – <i>pastor, First Anchorage PC</i>
Johan Shin – <i>stated supply, First Korean Anchorage PC</i>	Mary Ann Warden – <i>honorably retired</i>
Henry Woodall – <i>pastor, First Wasilla PC</i>	

Commissioned ruling elders (CRE) present:

Leah Hathaway – *Jewel Lake Parish*
 Darlene Matz – *Kaktovik PC, New Hope Church*
 Marjorie Poggas – *Jewel Lake Parish*

Virginia Kasak – *Kuukpik PC*
 Beulah Nowpakahok – *Gambell PC*

Churches represented by a ruling elder (RE) commissioner:

Anchor PC – *Clyde Kaneshiro*
 Eagle River PC – *Debbie Ossiander*
 First Anchorage PC – *Jim Powell*
 Gambell PC – *Wanda Slwooko*
 Jewel Lake Parish – *Susan Woods*
 Olgonik PC – *Cora Akpik (Sat. only)*
 Trinity PC – *Jamie Storter*
 University Community PC – *Paula Long*

Delta PC – *Ann Geise*
 Fairbanks Korean PC – *Jinhee Dickerson (Sat. only)*
 First Wasilla PC – *Meg Broste*
 Immanuel PC – *Sandra Haldane*
 New Hope Church – *Matt Tinkelenberg*
 Savoonga PC – *Chris Alowa*
 United Protestant Church – *Joseph Brock*
 Utqiagvik PC – *Miranda Rexford-Brown*

Other voting members present:

RE Merle Apassingok – *Leadership Team*
 RE Bob Christensen – *Leadership Team*
 RE Arlayne Knox – *Leadership Team*
 RE Sharon Rayt – *Stated Clerk*

RE Jan Burger – *Leadership Team*
 RE Ron Illingworth – *Presbytery Moderator*
 RE Danna Larson – *Certified Christian Educator*
 RE Mark Wartes – *Leadership Team*

Teaching elder members excused:

Isaac Akootchook – *honorably retired*
 Richard Carpenter – *honorably retired*
 Sandra Faison – *member-at-large*
 James Nageak – *honorably retired*
 Dianne O’Connell – *honorably retired*
 Ken Smith – *honorably retired*

Patrick Bracken- *military chaplain*
 Tim Carrick – *co-pastor, United Protestant*
 Henry Guinotte – *honorably retired*
 William Ng – *honorably retired*
 Youl Rhee – *honorably retired*

Churches not represented by a ruling elder commissioner:

Atqasuk Chapel
 First Korean Anchorage PC
 Kuukpik PC

Chapel in the Mountains
 Kaktovik PC

Other voting members excused

CRE Paul Bodfish – *Atqasuk Chapel*
 RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth – *Leadership Team*
 CRE Cody Ryu – *Fairbanks Korean PC*

Barbara Brown – *Leadership Team*
 CRE Richard Mauer – *Delta PC*

Enrollment of corresponding members:

Rev. Todd Allen – *interim pastor, Trinity PC (New Hope Presbytery)*
 Rev. Hugh Anderson – *temporary supply, Atqasuk Chapel, Kuukpik PC, Olgonik PC (Cascades Presbytery)*
 Rev. Rob Hagan – *regional ministries relations officer, Presbyterian Foundation (Northwest Coast Presbytery)*
 Rev. Jinsuk Kim - *associate executive presbyter for Korean ministries (Northwest Coast Presbytery)*

Guests/Presbytery office staff:

Mary Kron – *Presbytery Financial Secretary* RE Angela Larson
 Dean Mielke – *Mission Development Certificate Program*

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Mileage – Bob Christensen

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

- The stated clerk presented the consent agenda. The vote to adopt was postponed to Saturday morning, giving commissioners sufficient time to review the consent agenda.
- Amendments to the Standing Rules: Motion to delete and add provisions for the purpose of bringing the standing rules in compliance with October's bylaws revision was **APPROVED** (Appendix A). Motions of a more enduring nature will be added as provisions to the Standing Rules in the future.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church – RE Miranda Rexford-Brown

Elder Brown shared the Word of God from John 3:16 in English and Inupiaq. Interim pastor Rev. Joseph Reid is doing well. The congregation is happy to have Joseph in the pulpit – he loves to sing and preaches a good sermon at the two worship services and on the radio program. A child protection policy has been implemented. Sunday school restarted after a 1.5 year hiatus - twenty adult volunteers work with the 58 children who attend. The church has no youth group. Additional elders are needed on session, and more deacons are needed to assist the two active deacons. More volunteers are needed for the food ministry which assembles food boxes for distribution. Many people attended the reconciliation and renewal event. The Presbyterian Church is the only site in town to host Alcoholics Anonymous meetings for men and women. Narcotics Anonymous meetings have started.

Jewel Lake Parish - RE Susan Woods

The church council (session) is working to make the church more welcoming. The front of the sanctuary has an updated look. The congregations help with the distribution of food at the Food Bank of Alaska's weekly, mobile food pantry.

Kuukpik Presbyterian Church (Nuiqsut) – CRE Virginia Kasak

CRE Kasak gave high praise to an awesome God. Prayer was requested for the two elders on session who are dealing with health issues. Virgie tries her best to take care of the church. Rev. Hugh Anderson provides encouragement during his visits to the village.

First Anchorage Presbyterian Church - RE Jim Powell

Under the pastor's leadership, the congregation is growing slowly. Rev. Schultz is very much a presence in the community, by frequently writing an op-ed column in the Anchorage Dispatch News. Gratitude was extended to Certified Christian Educator Danna Larson, who works with three other Presbyterian churches to hold youth events. The congregation continues to participate in the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter program, by hosting homeless families every Monday evening and sometimes Tuesdays during cold weather. Revenue is supplemented by renting space to the presbytery office, a charter school and a portion of the front parking lot.

Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green led in the prayer for these churches.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM) – RE Jan Burger

Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Program

- The committee reviewed the records of various individuals who have taken classes. A copy of the pastoral edition of the *Book of Common Worship* will be given at the time of commissioning to those whose commission includes the authority to preside over the sacraments.

The committee discussed ideas about CRE training, including how candidates are identified, working in teams, and how to best provide training. One way to identify those who wish to pursue CRE training is to require interested individuals to complete an application form. Training may be accomplished via face-to-face classes, online classes, or a combination of both. 'Opening Doors in Discipleship' (<http://odtd.net>) is an online resource.

- Delta CRE Richard Mauer tendered his resignation, effective the day after Easter. The pastor feels his ministry there is finished. The committee thanked Rich for a job well done.
- The New Hope Church Council have affirmed their desire to have RE Matt Tinkelenberg commissioned. Having met the requirements for becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder, Matt was examined by the committee which recommended that he be commissioned. Presbytery proceeded with the examination. Matt read his statement of faith (Appendix B) before answering questions from the assembly. Questions were limited to personal faith, motives for seeking the commission, and areas of instruction. Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to arrest the examination, at which time elder Tinkelenberg was escorted out of the room. Discussion ensued. On behalf of CPM, Jan Burger moved that Matt Tinkelenberg be commissioned for service to New Hope Church. Areas of responsibility include:
 - Lead worship services and preach the Gospel
 - Administer the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism
 - Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the council or other responsible minister, and when allowed by the state
 - Perform a service at a funeral
 - Have a voice and vote in the meetings of presbytery.

Presbytery **APPROVED** the motion to commission RE Matt Tinkelenberg as described. The commission is for one year, after which time the commission may be renewed for a term not to exceed three years. Elder Tinkelenberg rejoined the plenary session amidst applause. The formal commissioning service is scheduled for the Saturday morning worship service.

Preparation for Ministry Process

Candidate for ministry, CRE Cody Ryu will take three senior ordination exams in April.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT – Rev. Curt Karns

Highlights of the exec's report.

- **New Ways of Doing Presbytery:** This meeting marks the start of a new structure in the presbytery, which now puts the focus on two regions: Native Ministries Region and Road System Region. This structure puts the emphasis on congregational support and empowers leadership from churches in the regions to partner together for ministry and mutual support.
- **Introducing Rev. Hugh Anderson:** The Olgonik Presbyterian Church, Atqasuk Chapel, and the Kuukpik Presbyterian Church have pooled their resources to hire Rev. Hugh Anderson to serve as interim teaching elder and coach to leaders in those three congregations. Specifically, Hugh is: providing CRE training to three students in Wainwright who hope to become a CRE team; providing elder/deacon training and CRE coaching in Atqasuk; and working with the session in Nuiqsut to raise up new officers. In addition, Hugh provided a unit of continuing education in worship for CREs on Wednesday under the authority of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- **Young Adult Leadership Development:** The exec has been working with the Leadership Team to develop an idea for improving our congregations' effectiveness in raising up and encouraging young adult leadership development throughout the presbytery. This follows up on Chapel in the Mountains request to find a new director for Project Y.E.S. (Youth Exploring Service). This program for high schoolers was one of the most effective peer-evangelism and peer-to-peer training programs going on in the presbytery. Anaktuvuk Pass youth provided leadership to younger children in the community but also reached out to youth in Nuiqsut, who then began to reach out to youth in Wainwright. The program, which is dependent on a good organizer/director, fizzled when Christian Educator Sally Johnston moved back to the east coast.

With this in mind, there are plans to use Mathes Internship Funds to seek an intern to: encourage young adult ministries in our congregations, serve as Project Y.E.S. director, and gather information about resources and methods that are working across the denomination.

- **PC(USA) Apology to Native American, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians**

Following on the heels of the two 222nd General Assembly overtures, and at the prompting of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church session, the exec presented an apology at the Alaska Federation of Natives meeting last October. The big event happened early in February during Kivgiq week, when former PCUSA stated clerk Rev. Gradye Parsons delivered an apology. The event was important enough that the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and Ukpeagvik Inuit Corporation each gave presbytery a grant of \$10,000 to do this well. The grant allowed presbytery to bring one person from each of our congregations to Utqiagvik for the event.

Two outcomes requires follow up. Noting that an apology which is not followed by walking a new path is not true repentance, presbytery needs to be asking God what our next steps should be. Two areas clearly require action:

- Developing healing ministries for dealing with the effects of intergenerational, historical trauma left behind by the clash of western culture into indigenous cultures in Alaska.
- Finding appropriate ways to raise up local leaders in our villages and communities and to provide quality mentoring and training for them.

- **Finances**

Good work cannot always be done on the cheap. The results that are beginning to come out of our work at the Renewal and Healing event in the arctic, like the results that are developing in Gambell after the Reconciliation Event five years ago, all cost money. The ministry of Jesus Christ is essential, if people are to thrive in the abundant life of Christ. How to raise the money it takes to do it well, is a burning question.

A related, but different question is how to raise up the workers needed. People are starving for good news and are in need of leaders, who know how to connect the Gospel to the healing that their broken souls crave. How will we raise up leaders, and how can we afford to train, mentor and support them well for the ministries needed in Alaska?

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Kron reviewed the 2016 year-end Financial Statement and Budget (Appendix C) and 2016 Corporation Financial Report (Appendix D).

2017 proposed budget revision: The budget approved by presbytery in October showed a \$30,000 income deficit. On behalf of the Leadership Team, Bob Christensen recommended approval of the following recommendations as a way of balancing the budget:

1. Raise the budget interest line from \$18,000 to \$24,000, reducing the “need” to \$24,000. This is based on information received from the Presbyterian Foundation.
2. Use the \$4,063 in the Bicentennial Prospectus fund. This fund was originally designated for 4-wheelers for the villages, which have been purchased. The money now in the fund has was re-deposited when vehicles were sold as pastors left. There are no immediate plans to buy any 4-wheelers.
3. Use \$10,000 from the ‘Arctic Area Presbytery Meeting’ fund. If presbytery wants a meeting off the road system, it can find other ways to make it happen such as individuals/congregations paying their own way, mileage tickets, special donations, and leaving a small amount in the fund for those who really need it.
4. The balance of the \$18,000 to come out of the ‘Candidate Under Care Travel’ fund. This would leave that fund at approximately \$5,000 which should cover any expenses in the near future.

It was also recommended that the \$27,678 remaining from Mary Jane Landstrom’s bequest be held to help cover the \$32,643 difference between the budget and expected income in case the anticipated underspending doesn’t happen. Presbytery **APPROVED** recommendations to more clearly define the \$30,000 deficit to the 2017 budget, which the Leadership Team passed previously. Total 2017 per capita remains unchanged at \$46.00:

GA.....	\$7.50
Synod	\$1.50
Presbytery	37.00

LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery recessed for the lunch recess at 12:00 pm with Rev. Johan Shin leading in prayer. The First Korean Presbyterian Church Anchorage congregation provided the meal.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 pm. RE Bob Christensen shared the Word of God from Malachi 3:10. Presbyters were reminded of the importance of the 50/50 Club as a means to increase the presbytery's endowment fund.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Savoonga Presbyterian Church - RE Chris Alowa.

Moderator Rev. Leisa Carrick has provided encouragement and leadership. A new session member was ordained a few weeks ago, but encouragement is needed in developing new leaders. Worship attendance on Sundays is sparse, sometimes only three people show up for worship. Worship leader Heidi has started a weekly women's group, and a group of men have started a weekly prayer group. Trustees struggle with delivering fuel oil to the church.

New Hope Church - RE Matt Tinkelenberg

New Hope is a great place to be; Rev. Curt Matz has been a blessing to the congregation. The pastor also works with the children at the preschool. The preschool, which is housed in the church, has a waiting list. In addition to Sunday morning worship, a Saturday evening service has been added. The congregation ministers to the community through food and used appliance ministries. The church is doing fine financially. New Hope has encouraged CRE Darlene Matz to travel to Kaktovik and raised money to enable Darlene to stay at the hotel in Kaktovik.

Kaktovik - Rev. Mary Ann Warden

The church does not have a pastor at this time. Mary Ann is not the pastor of the church, but pastor to the community: she presides at graveyard services when needed, and offers prayers for people when requested. The community celebrates successful whale hunts and holds singspirations. The church is without heat.

United Protestant Church - RE Joseph Brock.

Many community groups use the church facilities. The church supports AA, Valley Charities, Turn-A-Leaf Thrift Store, the food bank and serves as a host church for Family Promise. Deacons provide a Fred Meyer food or gas gift card ministry to the homeless. Youth groups are doing well. Outside of the community, the church's ministry extends to the Savoonga Presbyterian Church. Rev. Leisa Carrick reported she could use help with her ministry in Savoonga.

Rev. Piper Cartland led in the prayer for these churches.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The plenary session recessed for Native Ministries and Road System regional meetings. Each region was tasked with deciding how best to organize and do ministry in their region.

AFTERNOON RECESS

The road system region went into recess until 3:50 pm.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Immanuel Presbyterian Church – RE Sandra Haldane

Immanuel celebrates daily the gifts of God. God's light has become a beacon in the community. There are new elders and deacons. Several young children attend worship which has been a challenge to some of the older congregants. Ministry to those outside their fold include: providing food and bus passes to those in need; sharing

in the regular spiritual visit to residents of the Sitka House homeless shelter; and continuing their relationship with Nunaka Valley Elementary School by providing gifts of winter clothing to students. Gratitude was extended to Danna Larson for including Immanuel's youth in area youth activities. Even with a bare-bones budget, session took a leap of faith by increasing Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price's hours and continuing to pay their pianist. The congregation often feels like they are an island, a small church with great diversity and large age differences. Presbytery help is needed with training and teaching, especially women's and men's groups.

University Community Presbyterian Church – RE Paula Long

Membership is approximately 61, with four new members and two baptisms scheduled in the near future. Adult Sunday school class is offered and the church hosts a Sunday school breakfast for college students. The men's group, the *Garage Guys*, was formed with the idea of bringing men back into the church. A book group recently read a book on racism and has been discussing ways of dealing with racism. The youth group has been active, volunteering at the food bank, sleeping outside with the homeless, and raising money for the homeless. Other ministries of the church include supporting the food bank, Love INC, Boy Scouts, AA, Sweet Adelines which meets at the church, providing rent for a homeless man and meals to *The Door* a program for youth who are not able to live in their own home, and working with the Alaska Peace Center. The congregation participates in the Souper Bowl offering in February. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has designated the church as a 'disaster relief center.'

Atqasuk Chapel - no report

First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage – pastor Rev. Johan Shin

With only one active elder, the Administrative Commission serves as the session. They are struggling to find elders and deacons. At the last meeting, the congregation resolved to revise church by-laws and hope to revise some of the things which have prohibited them from growing. The new bylaws hope to reflect Presbyterian ways as well as Korean culture. There is a 6 am service every weekday morning and weekly Wednesday evening services. On Sundays, there are Korean and English language services. The congregation is trying to grow in Christ and be spiritually revitalized. Prayers were sought for the Korean congregations.

Rev. Henry Woodall led in the prayer for these churches.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF ORDER: Presentation

Presenters introduced the proposed amendments to the *Book of Order* approved by the 222th General Assembly and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote. Presenters:

- Amendments 16-G and 16-H (Directory for Worship): Rev. Hugh Anderson
- Amendment 16-A (Child and Youth Protection Policy): Rev. Henry Woodall
- Amendment 16-B, (Parity on Committees): RE Sharon Rayt
- Amendments 16-C.1-8 (Ordered Ministry Titles): Rev. Piper Cartland
- Amendments 16-D.1-2 (Regarding One Who has Renounced Jurisdiction): RE Sharon Rayt
- Amendment 16-E (Certified Service Requirements): Rev. Curt Karns
- Amendment 16-F (Ministry of Members): Rev. Curt Karns

It was suggested that the presbytery office archive Hugh Anderson's teaching on the Directory for Worship. Discussion and voting on the proposed amendments is docketed for Saturday.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION - No report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Part I – Presbytery moderator

The report of those who will be considered for nomination was presented. Nominations and elections were slated for Saturday.

GUEST INTRODUCTION

Rev. Curt Karns introduced Korean consultant Rev. Jinsuk Kim, who has been a tremendous gift to us from Northwest Coast Presbytery. Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to enroll Rev. Kim as a corresponding member.

DINNER RECESS

Rev. Todd Allen led in the blessing before presbytery recessed for dinner at 6:00 pm.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 7:00 pm to music provided by Trinity's praise team. The scripture reading focused on II Corinthians 5:14-21. RE Wanda Slwooko served as liturgist with Rev. Matt Schultz delivering the message '*Our Ministry of Reconciliation*.' Rev. Todd Allen presided over the Lord's Supper, with Rev. Matt Schultz assisting. '*How Great Thou Art*' was sung in the four languages represented at presbytery. The offering will benefit the Downtown Soup Kitchen's 'Shower House', Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, and Bean's Café. Leaders who went home to be with the Lord in 2016:

	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Church</u>
RE Lydia Agnasagga	November 4, 2016	Olgonik PC
RE Kenneth E. Ryther.....	April 6, 2016	Delta PC
RE Edith Walker	November 22, 2016.....	Delta PC
RE Edward Itta.....	November 6, 2016.....	Utqiagvik PC
RE Jeslie Kaleak	Utqiagvik PC
Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green	June 26, 2016	
Rev. Richard Madden	August 19, 2016	
Rev. Nelson Ahvakana.....	September 8, 2016	
Rev. Kay Shock	August 16, 2016	
Rev. Larry DeLong	August 26, 2016	

SATURDAY, February 25, 2017

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 9:00 am, with RE Merle Apassingok and CRE Virgie Kasak leading the worship service. There was a service of commissioning for RE Matt Tinkelenberg, with RE Ron Illingworth asking the constitutional questions. The service concluded with the laying on of hands, a closing prayer and the joyful singing of '*How Great Thou Art*'.

RECONVENE

The moderator reconvened the meeting at 9:40 am.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Presbyters were provided with the opportunity to pull items from the consent agenda. There being none, Presbytery **ADOPTED** the consent agenda, as amended to correct Luke Jones terms of call.

ACTION ITEMS:

Recommendations for Action from the Stated Clerk

1. Approve the minutes of the October 7-8, 2016 stated presbytery meeting, as distributed.

Recommendations for Action from the Committee on Ministry:

1. At the request of the Jewel Lake Parish council, to renew the commission of CRE Leah Hathaway, for another three years. CRE Hathaway will continue to work to: administer the benevolent fund for the community; serve as volunteer chaplain at the Alaska Native Medical Center and in the community, provide pastoral outreach/sacraments for Jewel Lake Parish and community as requested; provide healing ministry through the Anchorage Healing Touch Clinic and community as requested; serve as liaison for the Presbytery of Yukon/Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to the Alaska VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster); administer the sacraments; have voice and vote in Presbytery). [Feb. 23, 2017]

2. Approve changes to 2017 terms of call for installed pastors (Appendix E). [Feb. 23, 2017]
3. Regarding teaching elder status: Renew Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green's status as 'member-at-large' (per G-2.0503b) for another year. [Feb. 23, 2017]
4. Recommend, at the request of the Fairbanks Korean Presbyterian Church to extend RE Jinhee Dickerson's term for one more year. RE Dickerson has served for six years, but no other candidates will be eligible for another year.

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES:

Miscellaneous Reporting

1. D-5.0206b requires the stated clerk to provide annually a roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) whose terms have expired within the past six years. Whenever the PJC reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the PJC to constitute a quorum.

2016	RE Harry Brower, Jr.	CRE Richard Mauer.....	Rev. James Nageak
2015	CRE Beulah Nowpakahok		
2014	Rev. Dean Knapp		
2. Ruling Elder/Teaching Elder Parity report [As of January 1, 2017.]

Active Teaching Elders (Within bounds of Presbytery)	Ruling Elders (RE)
Validated Ministry 13	Elder Commissioners 21
Members-at-large..... 1	Commissioned Ruling Elders..... 8
Honorably retired..... 6	RE Officers/Committee moderators, & Geographic reps..... 7
Total active teaching elders 20	Total Ruling Elders 36

Other Teaching Elders on Roll

Inactive (within bounds)	2
Out-of-state	7

With the number of ruling elders exceeding the number of active teaching elders within the bounds of presbytery, there is no need to add additional ruling elder commissioners.

3. Insurance Coverage

Program: Insurance Board Policy Period: 1/1/2017 to 1/1/2018

Named Insured: Presbytery of Yukon, Chapel in the Mountains, Kuukpik PC, Atqasuk Chapel, Delta PC
 Gambell PC, Kaktovik PC, Olgonik PC, Savoonga PC

Summary of Coverage (The memorandum of Insurance, which is available for review, shows specific category breakdowns and coverage amount)

Property	Included
Crime	Included
General Liability	Included
Umbrella (Excess Liability)	Included
Abusive Acts & Pastoral Liability.....	Included
Directors and Officers Liability.....	Included
Hired & Non-owned Automobile Liability	Included
Owned and Leased Automobiles	Not Included

4. Disciplinary complaints have been filed against a member of the Presbytery of Yukon. Rev. Tim Carrick, RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth, and RE Mark Wartes were appointed to an investigating committee. The investigating committee has completed its investigation and reported that no charges will be filed.

Correspondence Received

1. Rasmuson Foundation announcement that the presbytery will be awarded a \$500,000 grant to help with the construction of the Gambell Presbyterian Church and Community Center.
2. Kairos Prison Ministry Alaska note of gratitude for Presbytery's 2016 gift to the ministry.
3. J. Herbert Nelson, Office of the General Assembly: 2017 G.A. per capita notice: \$7.50
"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. (Galatians 5:22-23).
The fruit of the Spirit embraces the theme of God's abundance offered to us. The Apostle Paul uses metaphorical language to remind us that we are both blessed internally through the substances of our demeanor and the power that it commands. There is no law that can overcome the power of the human Spirit grounded in the fruit of the Spirit. We possess the power within us to reveal God's overwhelming abundance through the lives we are given.
I am excited about our future. Please pray for your Office of the General Assembly. With your financial support we can broaden our witness throughout the world by sustaining the transformative love of Jesus Christ. We need your full support through per capita giving, as we enter this period of transformative work for the Kingdom of God in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Your appeals and full payment of per capita assessments will provide an extraordinary witness for the PCUSA.
As a denomination we have lamented too long over our collective self-perception of a dying Church. We are alive! We are reforming as a denomination! Our measurement of life ought not be defined or bridled by our struggles. God through Jesus Christ calls to an awareness of what the Spirit has to offer in these times. The fruit of the Spirit is within us and is guiding us to new opportunities in faith. . . It is within us all to remember that this [per capita] is not "head tax", but a witness to the collective love of God's people for the wondrous acts of God in our lives."

Session Records Review

Delta Presbyterian Church: Reviewed February 2017 for the period June 14, 2015 – Sept. 25, 2016
Very good written minutes. Minutes were approved with one exception: There was no report of the annual financial review.

Actions of the Leadership Team

1. Designated II Corinthians 5:18 as the theme verse of the 2017 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting. "*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.*" ."
[January 14, 2017]
2. Proposed that ruling elder commissioners address the following questions in their reports:
 - o *Tell how you see the theme verse lived out within the context of your ministry. OR*
 - o *If not, how can the presbytery help?* [January 14, 2017]
3. Voted to move forward on the proposal to hire a seminary intern. [February 23, 2017].

Actions of the Committee on Ministry (COM)

Pastoral changes:

1. Concurred with the action of the Trinity session to extend **Rev. Todd Allen's** interim agreement. This is a full time position. The covenant terminates on May 31, 2017 or 60 days after a new pastor has declared acceptance of the call, whichever comes first, or upon 60 days written notice from the session, interim pastor, or Committee on Ministry. [Date of action: email vote January, 2017]
Cash Salary\$3,850/month

Housing Allowance	\$1,650/month
Board of Pensions Core Benefits	full coverage
Automobile Allowance	\$250/month
Travel Allowance	\$1,500/year
Vacation Leave	5 weeks/year
Continuing Education.....	as approved by session
Moving Costs	\$2,000
Workers Compensation Coverage.....	As required

2. Concurred with the action of the Immanuel session to extend **Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price's** temporary supply agreement for another year, beginning January 1, 2017. This is a part-time position (28 hours/week). [February 23, 2017]

Cash Salary	\$19,800
Housing Allowance.....	31,200
403(b) Contribution.....	\$6,000
Vacation Leave	4 weeks/year
Continuing Education.....	2 weeks/year
Study Leave Reimbursement	\$1,500

3.Concurred with the sessions of Olgonik PC, Atqasuk Chapel, and Kuukpiik PC to hire **Rev. Hugh Anderson** as a part time (20 hours/week) temporary supply, for the period November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017. It is understood that Rev. Anderson will serve as a mentor/coach to the leadership of each church. He will spend 15 days on-site in the three villages every second month. The remaining time will involve lesson planning and continuing the teaching/mentoring using long-distance technology. [November 3, 2016]

Cash Salary	\$14,350
Housing	\$14,350
Board of Pension Core Benefits.....	\$10,476
Vacation Leave	After 6 mos, 1 month/yr to take off.
Continuing Education.....	1 week/year
Reimbursable Expenses (travel, study leave, etc.)	\$15,250
Worker's Compensation Coverage	Provided

REGIONAL MEETING REPORTS

Road System – Rev. Matt Schultz, regional moderator

The meeting provided a good opportunity for vibrant brainstorming, making connections, and designating nominees for presbytery entities. The next meeting will be scheduled via teleconference.

Native Ministries – RE Merle Apassingok, regional moderator

The group focused on the reconciliation event, finding appropriate ways of raising up local leaders, and designating nominees for presbytery entities.

RENEWAL AND HEALING EVENT REPORT

Dorothy Bekoalak and Lucy Apatiki provided major teachings before the event. Presbyters viewed the apology event video, prepared by Randy Hobson, Manager of Design and Multimedia, Office of the General Assembly. After former stated clerk Rev. Gradye Parsons delivered the apology, North Slope Borough Mayor Harry Brower delivered a *Proclamation of Forgiveness*, for presentation to current PC (USA) stated clerk Rev. J. Herbert Nelson. The moderator suggested that pertinent reference materials be posted on the presbytery's website, e.g., 1974 document, current proclamation of forgiveness, the written apology, videos, etc. Opportunity was provided for those who attended the event to share their experience, noting what impact the event had on them and what is their hope.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Anchor Presbyterian Church – RE Clyde Kaneshiro

The two member session hopes to increase membership, but also realizes its limitations. A meal is provided to the homeless after every Sunday worship service.

Olgonik Presbyterian Church – RE Cora Akpik

Four elders serve on session. Sunday services are usually held each week, but no service was held on Easter last year. Elders continue to lead funeral services. The congregation is down to 41 members. Active elders interested in being commissioned are receiving training. The congregation is optimistically looking forward to the future.

Fairbanks Korean Presbyterian Church – RE Jinhee Dickerson

The apology offered in Utqiagvik makes the congregation examine past conflicts within their own congregation. The building serves as a meeting place for the Korean community. The small congregation serves unbelievers and neighbors in love and with prayer.

Eagle River Presbyterian Church – RE Debbie Osslander

During the last few months, the session has examined the direction the church is taking by going through a long range planning process. Congregational polls have revealed what is desired: stronger, Christian growth for individuals; traditional worship services; and maintaining a strong emphasis on missions, although with a narrower focus. There is strong support for two missions: offering facility space for AA and Al-Anon and housing the Chugiak/Eagle River food pantry. The church's garden supplements the food pantry with fresh produce. The aging congregation is partnering with Young Life and other churches in the area to address needs of the younger generation.

Rev. Matt Schultz led in a prayer for the churches.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION PRESENTATION

Rev. Rob Hagan led a presentation on establishing legacy giving.

LUNCH RECESS

Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price led the prayer prior to the lunch recess at 12:20 pm. Presbytery reconvened at 1:25 pm.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT – Rev. Israel Nelson

The board's most recent focus was on implementing the revised Investment Policy adopted by the Presbytery in October 2016. Presbytery's investments with Merrill Lynch are divided into three types of investments:

- **Short term working capital:** 20% of our investments are maintained in this category. Its purpose is to have capital available for short term needs.
- **General Investment/Income Replacement Portfolio:** 60% of Merrill Lynch investments are maintained in this category. Income derived from these stocks and bonds are distributed either into the short term working capital or reinvested in this portfolio to continue growth of the investment. Stocks and bonds in this category are generally those that have least risk and derive the better return. Investment grade bonds include government securities, preferred stocks, and bonds rated BBB or better.
- **Long term capital fund:** 20% of our investment is maintained in this category. It is anticipated that these investments may be held for 10+ years. Objective is to achieve long-term growth and to provide a dedicated source for legacy. The purpose is creation of longevity for the presbytery and is generally not available to fund general operating expenses. Periodic distributions may be made from this category with approval of the Board of Trustees.

Presbytery's goal is to exceed an absolute rate of return of 5%.

The principle investment guideline is consistent with the fifth great ends of the church, to 'promote social righteousness.' Consequently, there are some categories of investment which will be avoided, such as tobacco and alcohol companies, etc.

Management of presbytery owned real estate is a part of presbytery's mandate. Member churches were encouraged to consult with the Board of Trustees prior to beginning a real estate transaction or when property is

in need of major repair. Churches were reminded that all real estate holdings are held in trust for the Presbytery of Yukon/Presbyterian Church (USA).

GAMBELL BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: - RE Dennis Berry & CCE Danna Larson

Construction: The building’s shell is up; work will continue on the interior. Electrical is in place, and some sheetrock has been put up. Many building materials which have been purchased are onsite. Utilities have not been connected. A job superintendent will be onsite in July and August. Villagers have assisted with construction. Danna Larson encouraged individuals/churches to sign up as work teams for the months of July and August. If everything goes according to plan, it has been proposed that the fall 2018 presbytery meeting be held in the new building.

Fundraising: The Rasmuson Foundation has awarded \$500,000 for the project, payable in 2018. The Gambell church applied for a \$99,000 grant from the North Sound Economic Development Corporation; the decision will be announced this spring. Monies spent in the meantime may be paid for with funds lent to presbytery at no interest, by First Wasilla PC which received an unexpected \$325,000 gift. Presbytery Hillcrest Funds are also available for use. The exec and stated clerk were thanked for their fundraising efforts.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Information and actions were considered under the consent agenda. There was no additional information to report.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Proposed amendments approved by the 221st General Assembly were presented. Discussion followed.

By separate motion, presbytery **APPROVED** all amendments:

- 16-A. *Child and Youth Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106*
- 16-B. *Parity in Committees – On Amending G-3.0109*
- 16-C. *Ordered Ministry Titles*
 - 16-C.1. *On Amending F-3.0202*
 - 16-C.2. *On Amending G-2.0102*
 - 16-C.3. *On Amending G-2.0301*
 - 16-C.4. *On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501*
 - 16-C.5. *On Amending G-2.0701*
 - 16-C.6. *On Amending G-3.0307*
 - 16-C.7. *On Amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline*
 - 16-C.8. *On Amending W-4.4001a*
- 16-D. *Relationship to the P.C.(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church*
 - 16-D.1. *On Amending G-2.0509*
 - 16-D.2. *On Amending D-10.0401*
- 16-E. *Certified Service Requirements – On Amending G-2.1101*
- 16-F. *The Ministry of Members – On Amending G-1.0304*
- 16-G. *Access to the Lord’s Table – On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.*
- 16-H. *Revised Directory for Worship – On Replacing the Directory for Worship*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Part II

Rev. Dan Ketchum presented the slate of nominations, on behalf of Rev. Tim Carrick. The floor was opened for nominations for each position. Nominations were closed, and Presbytery cast a unanimous ballot for the entire slate, including the newly nominated.

Legend: NM – Native Ministries; RS – Road System Ministries
Number after a name indicates term.

Officer	Moderator (RS).....	Rev. Israel Nelson	18
Officer	Moderator-Elect (NM).....	vacant	18
Leadership Team Member.....	Native Ministries Moderator.....	RE Merle Apassingok	19

Leadership Team Member.....	Native Ministries Representative..	RE Clyde Kaneshiro (1)	20
Leadership Team Member.....	Road System Representative ...	RE Paula Long (1).....	18
Ministry Commission	Co-moderator (RS)	Rev. Henry Woodall (2).....	19
Ministry Commission	Co-moderator (RS)	RE Jan Burger (2).....	20
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price (2).....	18
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Johan Shin (1)	18
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	CRE Darlene Matz (1).....	18
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Curt Matz (2)	19
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Ron Illingworth (2).....	19
Ministry Commission	Member (NM).....	RE Ida Olemaun (1)	19
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Neill McKay (1).....	20
Ministry Commission	Member (NM).....	RE Lucy Apatiki (1).....	20
Ministry Commission	Member (RS)	Rev. Mary Ann Warden (1).....	20
Committee on Representation	Member (NM).....	RE Wanda Slwooko (1).....	19
Committee on Representation	Member (RS)	Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price (1).....	20
Nominating Committee	Overall Coordinator (RS).....	Rev. Tim Carrick (2)	19
Nominating Committee	Regional Coordinator (RS)	RE Arlayne Knox (1)	18
Nominating Committee	Regional Coordinator (NM)	RE Miranda Rexford-Brown (1)	20
Permanent Judicial Commission	Member (RS)	RE Joseph Brock	22

Heartfelt thanks extended to those individuals who served on committees these past years, but whose committees have been disbanded under the new structure.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Delta Presbyterian Church – RE Ann Geise.

Pastor Richard Mauer has withdrawn his resignation. Worship attendance ranges from 18-30. Eighteen Presbyterians and the same number of Lutherans make up this congregation.

Gambell Presbyterian Church – RE Wanda Slwooko

Attendance ranges from 28–40; the elders rotate leading worship. Sunday school, Bible study, and fellowship follows the worship service. CRE Beulah Nowpakahok and RE Wanda Slwooko have consistently provided food for the fellowship. Elders visit homes to pray, those sick and dying, or victims of a fire. Mission teams' members helped with VBS, men's and women's Bible studies, and repaired homes.

First Wasilla Presbyterian Church – RE Meg Broste:

The church is blessed with the continued pastoral leadership of Rev. Henry Woodall, who has faithfully served the congregation for 16 years. The church's endowment has allowed the congregation to bless community partners in the Mat-Su Valley, which serve the poor, homeless, and the suffering. Ministries include supporting Family Promise, the food pantry, overseas' mission partners, the poor needing help with utility or medical bills, the furniture barn, praying for people and connecting them with other resources in the community. Logos is a major program serving the youth. The church has a new, music minister. New members are being added, with some of those from younger families. Session decided to partner with the 'AK One Day' movement to take the love and gospel of Jesus Christ to every person and town in Alaska.

Chapel in the Mountains – moderator RE Mark Wartes.

Rev. James Nageak is leading the Sunday morning service, with attendance ranging from 5-10. Mark visited the congregation during Thanksgiving. The church is hurting and in need of some solid leadership. The congregation wants to restart the Sunday school and youth group.

Trinity Presbyterian Church – RE Jamie Storter

The church was at a low point last year with membership down to 109 members. The congregation is now a much stronger 120 members, doing good and moving forward. Session hopes to have an installed pastor in the pulpit by this summer. With little in reserves, session is working with a faith-based budget – God has worked wonders.

The congregation maintains a strong partnership with nearby Huffman Elementary. Partnering with South High students, a couple interns have been hired to update the church's website and Facebook page.

Prayer was led for these churches.

RESOLUTIONS REPORT – Rev. Israel Nelson

This recounts the voyage of [the] Presbytery of Yukon at its stated [Winter] Meeting, 24-25 February, 2017. Iñupiat and members of this presbytery are blunt, enjoying mom's superb spaghetti. We assembled at Trinity Church, nearly buried in snow, watching as snow fell at light speed from the roof. We celebrated the 100 year Grace Walking journey of Alice Green, who arrived in Presbytery in 1945 – 72 years ago – to be among the first ordained women pastors in 1972. We gathered in our regional meetings – Native Ministries and Road System ministries – beginning to go where none of us have gone before. Together we celebrated Christ's presence in bread and fruit of the vine and celebrated the gifts of those who preceded us into the future governed for sure by the Force that is still creating the Universe and that is always with us. We ordained Matt Tinkelenberg as Commissioned Ruling Elder. We celebrated the Utqiagvik Healing Event pledging ourselves to never again disrespect cultures and to learn each other's languages. Challenged by our new structure and the adoption of a new Directory for Worship, we move forward together into a future that God reveals each day as we seek to faithfully listen to the Holy Spirit. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Presbytery of Yukon in meeting assembled goes boldly where Christ leads us.

OTHER BUSINESS

Expression of Gratitude

- The exec moved that presbytery go on record for extending our gratitude and stating our support for the organizations involved in the Renewal and Healing Event. Motion **APPROVED**. Letters of gratitude will be sent to the agencies.
- Appreciation was extended to Trinity Presbyterian Church for hosting the winter stated meeting.

Nomination/Election

RE Miranda Rexford-Brown was nominated and **ELECTED** to fill the vacant Moderator-elect position, class of 2018.

Next stated meeting: The fall meeting is scheduled for October 6-7, 2017 in the Anchorage/Valley area.

Yukon Presbyterian Women's Written Report (PW)

Barbara Brown reported: 'This year has been a fulfilling year for me as your president. The months of planning for hosting this year's Synod Spring Gathering came to fruition when in June 2016, over 50 women from around our Synod came to be in fellowship with the faithful women here in Alaska. Trinity Presbyterian in Anchorage hosted the Coordinating Team meetings for the first day and a half; First Presbyterian in Wasilla hosted Thursday evening and Friday; and United Protestant hosted on Saturday. It truly was a coordinated effort that made all these events run smoothly, and the planning team received a lot of positive feedback after it was all over. We learned about homelessness in the valley and the work of agencies dealing with this issue; we learned about the Chickaloon Tribal Council's work; we enjoyed fellowship during meals together; heard some great singing from our sisters from Gambell and Savoonga; and we got to be tourists when we visited the Iditarod Headquarters. The generosity of PW was proven in a mighty way during the worship service at our church on Saturday. Over \$2,500 was donated of which \$2,185.00 went to the Gambell church building fund, with the remainder staying in the treasury for Yukon PW. My term as secretary for the Synod Coordinating Team will come to an end in June of this year, but I will continue as President for Yukon PW. It has been an honor to serve.

INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR

With the passing of the gavel, Rev. Israel Nelson was installed as moderator. Ron Illingworth was thanked for serving as moderator this past year. A prayer for the new moderator was led by the presbytery executive.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm. Rev. Curt Karns' prayer served as the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk