

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Special Meeting

April 5, 2018

CONVENE

In the absence of moderator Paula Long, former presbytery moderator Henry Woodall convened a teleconference meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon at 7:05 pm with prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

Minister Members Present: Britt Johnston, Curt Karns, Ian MacInnes-Green, Matthew Schultz, and Henry Woodall

Other Members Present: Ruling Elders (RE) Commissioners: Chottie Angst (First Anchorage), Joseph Brock (United Protestant), Randy Frank (University Community), Ron Illingworth (New Hope Church), Clyde Kaneshiro (Anchor), Shirley Novak (First Wasilla), and Wanda Slwooko (Gambell PC); Commissioned Ruling Elders: Leah Hathaway (Jewel Lake Parish); Leadership Team members REs Jan Burger, Ida Olemaun; Certified Christian Educator RE Danna Larson; and stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

All other members were excused.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present in accordance with presbytery's bylaws and G-3.0304, in that at least 10% of enrolled members and no fewer than ruling elders representing at least three churches and three ministers were present.

Enrolled members:58

Ministers present:5

Ruling elders present..... 12

AGENDA

The special meeting was called by moderator RE Paula Long with the concurrence of Rev. Tim Carrick, Rev. Henry Woodall, RE Jan Burger (United Protestant Church) and RE Ron Illingworth (New Hope Church), to act on business identified in the call to the meeting (Appendix A):

• **Appointment of an Administrative Commission for Anchor Presbyterian Church**

A delegation representing Native Ministries and the Ministry Commission visited with Anchor moderator Britt Johnston and three elders about the session and the church's changing identity and mission. Pastor Johnston reported that the church has been unable to muster enough people to sit on session, and on behalf of church's leadership has asked that presbytery provide administrative support. Having met to consider the request, the Ministry Commission (MC) presented several recommendations for presbytery action. Discussion ensued. Presbytery **APPROVED** the following multi-faceted motion:

- that Presbytery of Yukon assume original jurisdiction and appoint Rev. Britt Johnson, Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green, RE Renee Savage, and RE Clyde Kaneshiro to an Administrative Commission (AC) for Anchor PC for a period up to two years, for the purposes of performing the duties of the session as found in G-3.0201; helping the Anchor congregation discern its future direction, and explore possible options in cooperation with Native Ministries.
- that the Ministry Commission be authorized to seek a fifth member, preferably an Alaska Native elder, to serve on the AC and to replace members as needed, and
- that the AC be expected to give a report at each stated meeting of presbytery.

- **Nomination/election of a presbytery moderator-elect**

The position is currently vacant. Ida Olemaun reported that Native Ministries will continue to seek a candidate willing to serve as moderator-elect. This agenda item was postponed to an unspecified later date.

- **Proposed overture to the 223rd General Assembly: On Expanded Response to the Doctrine of Discovery** – Curt Karns

As a member of the national committee appointed after the 222nd General Assembly (GA) to initiate a process of review of the Doctrine of Discovery, the exec proposed that presbytery approve an overture for consideration by the 223rd General Assembly, which expands on the committee's work. The national committee has drafted a report to the 223rd General Assembly, but does not have the authority to submit overtures for GA's consideration.

The mandate from the 222nd G.A. asked the committee to consider work that congregations can do to 'support Native Americans in their ongoing efforts for sovereignty and fundamental human rights,' and 'suggest specific ways in which congregations may recognize, support, and cooperate with Native American individuals, tribes, and nations who reside within their communities.'

The proposed overture expands the committee's work to consider work that mid-councils and the national denominations can do, including work that helps Native American racial ethnic congregations to be more effective in their own work. The commission will be asked to report those recommendations to the 224th General Assembly in 2020.

Discussion ensued. Presbytery **APPROVED** an amendment which identified 'PMA', under recommended action 1, as the Presbyterian Mission Agency. With no further amendments, the overture was **APPROVED**, as amended (Appendix B).

Matt Schultz, who will be attending as Yukon's clergy commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly, was **APPOINTED** as the overture advocate.

- **Report of the Stated Clerk**

Presbytery received the 2017 presbytery of Yukon Summary Membership Report (Appendix C).

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm, with Britt Johnston leading in the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk