

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
FALL STATED MEETING/MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, AK
February 23-24, 2018

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ
Philippians 1:3 - 6

FRIDAY, February 23, 2018

OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery opened with worship at 9:00 am in the First Wasilla Presbyterian Church sanctuary with Rev. Curt Karns delivering the message.

OPENING PRAYER/CONVENE

Moderator Rev. Israel Nelson convened the fall meeting at 9:45 am with an opening prayer.

HOST CHURCH WELCOME

First Wasilla PC pastor Rev. Henry Woodall extended a warm welcome to presbytery.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The moderator declared a quorum, in accordance with G-3.0304 and bylaw provisions: that elders representing at least three churches, three ministers and a minimum of 10% of members present constitute a quorum.

Presbytery membership (ministers & elders)...58
Number of minister members present: 17
Number of elders enrolled and present:23
Percentage of members present.....69%

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was **ADOPTED**, as amended.

INTRODUCTIONS

First time elder commissioners, ministers, and guests were introduced.

ROLL

Ministers of Word & Sacrament members present:

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| Timothy Baranoski – <i>Army chaplain (Sat. only)</i> | Leisa Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i> |
| Timothy Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i> | Piper Cartland – <i>pastor, Eagle River PC</i> |
| Ellen Johnson-Price – <i>supply pastor, 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 (Sat. only)</i> |
| Ian MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</i> | Neill McKay – <i>pastor, University Community PC (Fri. only)</i> |
| Curtis Matz – <i>pastor, New Hope Church</i> | Israel Nelson – <i>honorably retired</i> |
| Joseph Reid – <i>stated supply, Utqiagvik PC</i> | Matt Schultz – <i>pastor, First Anchorage PC</i> |
| Henry Woodall – <i>pastor, First Wasilla PC</i> | |

Commissioned ruling elders (CRE) present:

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| Paul Bodfish – <i>Atqasuk Chapel</i> | Virginia Kasak – <i>Kuukpik PC</i> |
| Darlene Matz – <i>Kaktovik PC, New Hope Church</i> | Marjorie Poggas – <i>Jewel Lake Parish</i> |

Churches represented by a ruling elder (RE) commissioner:

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| Atqasuk Chapel – <i>Elizabeth Hollingsworth</i> | Chapel in the Mtns – <i>Vera Lincoln</i> |
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Delta PC – *Ann Geise*
First Anchorage PC – *Jim Powell*
Immanuel PC – *Candace Arlian*
Kaktovik PC – *Ida Angasan*
Trinity PC – *Richard Henningsen*
University Community PC – *Randy Frank*

Eagle River PC – *Debbie Ossiander (Fri), Evie Gibson (Sat)*
First Wasilla PC – *Shirley Novak*
Jewel Lake Parish – *Susan Woods*
New Hope Church – *Ron Illingworth*
United Protestant Church – *Joseph Brock*
Utqiagvik PC – *Ida Olemaun*

Other voting members present:

RE Jan Burger – *Leadership Team*
RE Danna Larson – *Certified Christian Educator*
RE Sharon Rayt – *Stated Clerk*

RE Bob Christensen – *Leadership Team*
RE Paula Long – *Leadership Team*

Minister members excused (E)/absent (A):

Isaac Akootchook – *honorably retired (E)*
Sandy Faison, *honorably retired (E)*
Henry Guinotte – *honorably retired (E)*
Dianne O’Connell – *honorably retired (E)*
Elizabeth Schultz – *member-at-large (A)*
Mary Ann Warden - *honorably retired (E)*

Patrick Bracken- *military chaplain (E)*
Alice Green – *honorably retired (E)*
William Ng – *honorably retired (E)*
Youl Rhee – *honorably retired (E)*
Johan Shin – *stated supply (E)*

Churches not represented by a ruling elder commissioner:

Anchor PC
First Korean Anchorage PC
Kuukpik PC
Savoonga PC

Fairbanks Korean PC
Gambell PC
Olgonik PC

Other voting members excused (E)/absent (A)

CRE Leah Hathaway – *Jewel Lake Parish (E)*
CRE Richard Mauer – *Delta PC (E)*
CRE Matt Tinkelenberg - *New Hope Church (E)*

RE Clyde Kaneshiro – *Leadership Team (E)*
CRE Beulah Nowpakahok – *Gambell PC (E)*

Guests/Presbytery office staff

Attendees granted voice

Meg Broste – *First Wasilla PC praise band*
Barb Brown – *Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care*
Rev. Mark Frey – *regional church consultant, Board of Pensions (Cascades Presbytery) [Fri. only]*
Rev. Rob Hagan – *ministry relations officer, Presbyterian Foundation (Presbytery of Northwest Coast)*
Lauri Kari – *Family Promise Mat-Su*
Revs. Richard and Mary Koch – *Trinity PC stated supply co-pastors (National Association of Christian Congregational Churches)*
Mary Kron – *presbytery financial secretary*
Karl Mattison – *director of legacy giving, Presbyterian Foundation*
Steve Spencer – *director, Bingle Camp*
Helen Woodings - *Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care*

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Mileage – CRE Marjorie Poggas

Resolutions – Rev. Britt Johnston

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Sharon Rayt presented the stated clerk's report. In accordance with an amendment to the Standing Rules (as set forth below), action is postponed to Saturday.

Presbytery **APPROVED** three provisions to the standing rules:

- Postpone the vote to approving minutes to Saturday, which would give all commissioners sufficient time to review minutes of past presbytery meetings.
- The moderator be given the authority to adjust the docket as needed.
- Guests presenting reports and providing expertise, be granted voice on the floor of presbytery.

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

Regional church consultant Rev. Mark Frey provided an update.

ELDER COMMISSIONER TESTIMONIES

New Hope Church – RE Ron Illingworth

Having recognized a call to the ministry, member Mary Ann Smith has enrolled in seminary through a distance learning program. The church's preschool is nearly almost full, with a waiting list at times. The church council is looking at how to expand alternatives, e.g., perhaps offering preschool in the afternoon, providing opportunities for new people to worship, and enacting changes in ministry as the military presence changes.

Atkasuk Presbyterian Church – RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Elizabeth gave thanks for the flame of the Holy Spirit who continues to be present. Fellowship is strong on Sunday and Wednesday, with refreshments, singing, and visiting with each other. The congregation is blessed with the musicians - the new school teacher in the village plays the piano and her husband the guitar. Thanks be to God for those teens who stay for the entire worship service. A partnership with the city helps the church's food bank to be financially secure, but there are issues which need to be ironed out. The food bank is the primary contact with people not attending worship, so a Bible is distributed with each box of food. Technology will be enhanced with fiber optic coming to the village.

First Anchorage Presbyterian Church – RE Jim Powell

Deferred maintenance is the name of the game. With the church hosting a charter school and several community groups during the week, it is important to have the building in good working order. The congregation continues to serve as a 'cold weather shelter' for homeless families one night a week. A number of homeless people attend worship on Sunday morning and some stay for Sunday school. The organ has been upgraded. Membership is growing, with nearly a dozen new members joining in the last month.

Kuukpik Presbyterian Church – CRE Virginia Kasak

Virgie expressed gratitude to Curt Karns for moderating the December congregational meeting. Two new elders were elected but there are no deacons serving the church. With the assistance of her children and grandchildren, Virgie has been distributing food to individuals in need. Sunday worship attendance may be only 3 – 4, but God remains in their midst. No Sunday school is offered. One of the young men leads an occasional, spontaneous sing-a-long. A contingent from Canada are planning to visit this spring.

Rev. Neill McKay led in the prayer for these churches.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Rev. Rob Hagan led a workshop on *Generosity*

LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery recessed at noon for lunch with a prayer led by Rev. Hagan, reconvening at 1:15 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION WORKSHOP

Karl Mattison led a workshop on the Foundation's *Planned Giving Navigator*.

ELDER COMMISSIONER TESTIMONIES

Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church – RE Ida Olemaun

There is much to be thankful for: Membership increased by 13 this past year. The church continues to sponsor the Presbyterian Hour, a 9:30 – 11:30 pm radio program that reaches across the North Slope into Northwest Territories in Canada and south to Anchorage. Services are recorded on YouTube. The congregation is blessed to have Wendy Christianson oversee the Christian Education program and the pastor and volunteers teaching Sunday school. The congregation receives a benefit from Joseph Reid's preaching; attendance has been high during these services. On March 2nd, the Utqiagvik PC choir will be participating in the Musicale at Change Point Church. A regular visitor has donated a new sound system for the church which enables the service to be heard in the upstairs classrooms when there is overflow crowd. Demand for the church's food bank is high, an average of 100 people a month are fed. Church staffing is stable now. The bookkeeper has done a good job with the books, and giving has increased. Session members lead some of the funerals. The people "are a people of grief" – there were four in just one week. The concept of having a local, ecumenical faith-based recovery program is being well received.

Anchor Presbyterian Church – pastor Rev. Britt Johnson

The church's main focus is to the native population and the homeless, through hospital visitation, providing a bagged lunch every Sunday and a monthly Sunday potluck, and inviting people to attend worship, which can be challenging for dealing with those afflicted by mental illness. With a dwindling church membership, there are too few willing to serve on session. Church leaders reached out to presbytery, which appointed an Administrative Commission to serve as the session. Church records have been lost, so assistance is needed to reconstruct records going back a decade. The congregation is part of a prayer network for the native churches in Alaska.

University Community Presbyterian Church – RE Randy Frank, RE Paula Long

There is much to be thankful for. Of eight elders on session, five are new members and three have never served as elders before. The church is growing. Session agreed that the church will be available to marry same gender couples, provided the service is a Christian service and the pastor is not forced to preside. The congregation's outreach within the Fairbanks community is wide: food was donated during the Souper Bowl offering; the church is host to homeless families who stay at the church a week at a time on a rotating basis; and the congregation continues to be involved in Love, INC's ministry and supports *The Door*, a shelter for youth. Visionaries bring together those from various denominations to form a gospel choir and many community groups meet at the church on a regular basis. UCPC has been designated as an official earth care congregation.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church – RE Candace Arlian

The congregation has a long running tradition of helping Nunaka Valley Elementary School, by providing school supplies and a community dinner. On a less joyous note, the church was the victim of a break-in in January.

Savoonga Presbyterian Church – moderator Rev. Leisa Carrick

Rev. Carrick provides parish support for Saint Lawrence Island. The church has no functioning session and Leisa asked for prayers in raising up leadership. The church is especially important to the community. Its food bank recently distributed food boxes to 400 families, and elders are involved in the whaling service and funerals. Kindergarten school teacher and Assembly of God minister Heidi Secor, preaches and leads Sunday services to an estimated 15-20 worshippers.

Rev. Leisa Carrick led in the prayer for these churches.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT – Rev. Curt Karns

Rev. Curt Karns highlighted his written report (Appendix A)

PERSONNEL REPORT – Rev. Matt Schultz

The Committee chair recommended that the exec be adequately compensated for the work he is doing with Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM). IAM will contract with the presbytery for Rev. Curt Karns services. Curt explained that he would be working half time for the presbytery and half time for IAM, with each entity paying half. Curt recommended that presbytery approve the terms on principal, and let the Ministry Commission sign off on the contract. Presbytery **APPROVED** a change to Rev. Karns terms of call, by splitting the retirement savings and additional medical equivalent (i.e., change in retirement and medical line-items in his call from one line to two lines). This proposal would be reviewed in 90 days.

With few pastors in the Native Ministries region, Curt expects that most of his presbytery work will involve the Native Ministries region. The Leadership Team/Ministries Commission will provide assistance with the road system region.

Rev. Schultz led in a prayer for the presbytery staff.

LEADERSHIP TEAM (LT) REPORT – Rev. Piper Cartland

The LT chair reported that the team is trying to work into the new structure. The following written report highlighted actions of the Leadership Team, which functions as the presbytery's Board of Directors.

Actions of the Leadership Team taken since the Fall 2017 Presbytery Stated Meeting:

- January 6, 2018 teleconference
 1. Designated Philippians 1:3 - 6 as the theme verse of the 2018 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting. *"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."*
 2. The Leadership Team proposed that ruling elder commissioners address the following questions in their reports:
 - a. Tell what you are thankful for?
 - b. What partnerships do you see your congregation blessed by now and in the future
 3. In response to the drawn down of operating fund cash reserves in 2017, the Leadership Team approved a motion recommending that the remainder of the money in the Mary Jane Landstrom Fund, be used to make up for a portion of the lack of income in 2017..
 4. Curt Karns, Joseph Brock, Bob Christensen, Mary Kron, and Sharon Rayt were appointed to a sub-committee to have a conversation as to what financial sustainability looks like. Others may be co-opted as needed.
 5. Bob Christensen, Joseph Brock, and Israel Nelson were appointed to the newly formed Investment Committee. Curt Karns and Sharon Rayt will serve as ex-officio members, without the right to vote. Financial secretary Mary Kron will be called upon as needed.
- February 22, 2018 regular meeting
 1. The Leadership Team endorsed a proposal to encourage legacy giving in our congregations through the Presbyterian Foundation's planned giving navigator program and accepting First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla's offer to match Presbytery's \$1,000, in support of the program.
 2. The Leadership Team approved a recommendation to cash out the \$357,717 Synod Mission Development Certificate which matures in March, 2018. Money will be needed upfront to pay costs associated with completing the project. Funds from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust grant will not be awarded until

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completion of the Gambell building project. Furthermore, grant moneys may not be used to pay costs associated with finishing the apartment.

AFTERNOON RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 3:50 pm.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 4:15 pm, with moderator-elect Paula Long stepping in to serve as acting moderator.

ELDER COMMISSIONER TESTIMONIES

Chapel in the Mountains – RE Vera Lincoln.

The church began in 1959 as a mission of Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church. The congregation is still grieving the loss of Rev. James Nageak in December and having trouble with Sunday morning services since James' death. Only two elders currently serve on session, with elder Casey helping with the youth. Vera is a praying person and conveyed her hope by sharing Romans 15:13. She prays for growth in the church, for Sunday school, and for high schoolers who are hungry for the gospel. Youth group will begin soon on Wednesday evenings; a young man leads music. Groups from Trinity Presbyterian Church and Peter's Creek lead Vacation Bible Schools. A senior van transports elders to Sunday worship. Now that the plumbing works, session is thankful that the church is back in operation. Extra income is received by renting out the manse.

Trinity Presbyterian Church – RE Dick Henningsen

For the past five years, Trinity had a host of problems, and membership dropped drastically. Rev. Mark Klohe came in as an interim and provided immediate first aid, followed by interim Rev. Todd Allen. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), wanting the right spiritual leader, worked on God's time, rather than their own. After reviewing 150 resumes, the PNC found local ministers, Revs. Richard and Mary Koch to serve as co-pastors. Both are former pastors of a local congregational church. Mary will oversee office duties, home and hospital visitations. The church will soon host a new members' class and is searching for a music director and youth director.

Delta Presbyterian Church – RE Ann Geise

Ann expressed thanks for the combined Delta Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran church family and pastor Mauer. The church community is reeling over a number of deaths these past six months – former pastor Richard Carpenter, elders Bob Lee, pastor Mauer's wife Ann, and other members of the congregation. The church partners with Faith Lutheran church in worship and with the 7th Day Adventist Church in Project Christmas. The session/council hopes to form more partnerships with other churches in the area. Pastor Mauer usually leads up the National Day of Prayer service in City Hall. The church handbell group has a good time. An exercise group meets at the church three times a week.

Jewel Lake Parish – Elder Susan Woods

The congregation serves the hungry through its support of Lutheran Social Services by providing canned food each month and volunteers at the Food Bank of Alaska's Mobile Food Pantry. The congregation rejoices over the five new members, including three from Cameroon, and a new birth, but grieves the passing of a long time member.

Rev. Joseph Reid led in the prayer for these churches.

FINANCIAL REPORTS – RE Bob Christensen and Mary Kron

2018 Budget: The Leadership Team had high hopes that presbytery would receive an estimated \$200,000 in support from our churches this year, but we have received only \$81,000 in pledges to date.

2017 Budget: The 2017 year-end financial statement, budget and Hillcrest Loan activity report (Appendix B) was distributed. Mary Kron provided comments. Even though presbytery underspent its 2017 budget, cash

reserves had dropped to \$12,000 by the end of December. By its own rule, presbytery must maintain \$75,000 in reserves. Money from the Mary Jane Landstrom special fund was transferred in January 2018 to cover this shortfall.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

No report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Rev. Tim Carrick

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

YUKON PRESBYTERIANS FOR EARTH CARE

Barbara Brown, Britt Johnston, Lauri Kari, Curt Karns, Vera Lincoln, Neill McKay, Israel Nelson, Beulah Nowpakahok (via phone), and Helen Woodings, addressed different aspects of caring for God’s creation [not appearing in any special order]: effects of global warming on village communities, recycling, stopping heat leaks in buildings, clean waters, submitting overtures to the next General Assembly, divestment of fossil fuels and supporting alternative fuels. The exec presented University Community PC elders with a basket of fair trade items, in recognition of UCPC being the first certified earth care congregation in the presbytery.

DINNER RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 6:00 pm for dinner.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 7:00 pm. The scripture reading focused on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 and Romans 4:16-21. Rev. Piper Cartland delivered the message ‘Promises’. Rev. Henry Woodall presided over the Lord’s Supper. Family Promise Mat-Su was the recipient of the evening’s offering. During the remembrance of the saints, the stated clerk read off the names of church leaders who went home to be with the Lord in 2017.

- Elder Robert J. Lee Nov 24, 2017 Delta Presbyterian Church
- Elder Diane Winslow May 23, 2017 First Presbyterian Church Anchorage
- Elder Jean Adzima Jan 17, 2017 First Presbyterian Church Anchorage
- Elder Eunice Roberta Lott Mar 20, 2017 Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Elder Anne Smith June 19, 2017 Eagle River Presbyterian Church
- Elder Joseph O’Bryan Dec. 1, 2017 University Community PC
- Rev. John Carey March 2, 2017
- Rev. Ken Smith Sept. 17, 2017
- Rev. James Nageak Dec. 15, 2017
- Rev. Richard Carpenter July 18, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 9:05 am with Rev. Mary Koch delivering the message. Scripture focused on I Corinthians 2:14 - 3:15 and John 3:1-17. Joys and concerns were lifted up in prayer.

RECONVENE

Moderator Israel Nelson reconvened the meeting at 9:35 am with prayer. Announcements were made and new guests introduced.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Presbytery considered the report, which had been postponed by action on Friday.

Action Items:

- Presbytery **APPROVED** the minutes of the October 6-7, 2017 fall stated presbytery meeting, as corrected.
- Presbytery **APPROVED** the minutes of the December 16, 2017 special meeting, as distributed.

Information provided for reporting purposes:

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
 2015 CRE Beulah Nowpakahok
 2014 Rev. Dean Knapp

2. **Ruling Elder/Minister Parity report** [As of January 1, 2018.]

| Active Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (Within bounds of Presbytery) | Church Elder Commissioners.21 |
| Validated ministry 14 | Commissioned Ruling Elder8 |
| Members-at-large 2 | Officers/Leadership Team.....7 |
| Honorably retired 5 | Certified Christian Educators ...1 |
| Total active ministers. 21 | Total ruling elder members 37 |

Other Ministers on the Roll

Inactive (within bounds)....2
 Out-of-state.....5

As the number of ruling elders exceeds the number of active ministers within the bounds of the presbytery, there is no need to add additional ruling elder commissioners. [G-3.0301]

3. **Insurance Coverage**

Program: Insurance Board Policy Period: 1/1/2018 to 1/1/2019
 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)

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| 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 |
| Xerox Photocopier | Included |

4. **Correspondence Received**

- Synod of Alaska N/W’s report of on its review of the Presbytery of Yukon’s 2016 minutes (Appendix C)

- Presbytery of Nashville, Cumberland Presbyterian Church confirmed that Rev. Timothy Baranoski was removed from its roll after the Presbytery of Yukon received Chaplain Baranoski as a member.
- 1st Presbyterian Church Wasilla's invitation to host the Presbytery of Yukon's Winter 2018 Stated Meeting.

5. Session Records Review

- Delta PC: Reviewed February 3, 2018 for the period Feb. 15, 2016 – Dec. 11, 2017:
Very good minutes. Minutes were approved with exception: There was no record of the annual financial review [G-3.0113]. Register was not available for review.
- University Community PC: Reviewed February 4, 2018 for the period Aug. 20, 2015 –April 23, 2017.
Very good minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions: There was no record of the annual financial review [G-3.0113]; no congregational meeting minutes [G-3.0204]. Register is in the process of being updated for review.
- New Hope Church: Reviewed February 5, 2018 for the period Feb. 15, 2016 – Dec. 11, 2017.
Approved with exception: Good minutes, but there was a lack consistency in the reporting of quorum, name of moderator, type of meeting; there was no record of elections; the statistical report was not approved by session. Register will be updated for review.

6. 2017 Statistical Report Filing Status

- Churches who have submitted reports electronically or in manual form to the stated clerk: Jewel Lake Parish, First Korean Anchorage, Anchor, Immanuel, First Anchorage, Trinity, Atqasuk Chapel, Delta, Eagle River, Fairbanks Korean, New Hope, United Protestant, Savoonga, First Wasilla
- Churches not submitting a report to date: Chapel in the Mountains, Utqiagvik, University Community, Gambell, Kaktovik, Kuukpik, and Olgonik. The deadline for these churches to file a manual form with the presbytery clerk is Thursday, March 1st.

7. Corporation Business.

As stated in the bylaws, any stated or special meeting of the presbytery shall be a meeting of the corporation, and any business may be conducted that is appropriate to the Corporation. This requires no action of the Presbytery but is reported to make clear that business at this meeting does include corporate business.

GAMBELL NEW BUILDING UPDATE – CCE Danna Larson, RE Dennis Berry

Project volunteer coordinator Danna Larson gave thanks for the prayers, financial support and hard work by volunteers. Six teams of volunteers (50 people) worked on the building last summer, including three groups from the lower 48. About 80 volunteers will be needed to help complete the work this summer. Piper Cartland recognized Danna for the countless volunteer hours she put in to coordinate and promote the Gambell building project. Curt Karns led in a prayer for Danna.

Project director Dennis Berry reported that the goal is to complete construction this summer. Work remaining includes installing the sprinkler system, sheetrock, remaining electrical, duct work, plumbing, painting, cabinetry, and flooring. A major frustration has been the lack of a regular, on-site construction superintendent. The search for a superintendent continues.

ELDER COMMISSIONER TESTIMONIES
Olgonik Presbyterian Church – no report

First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage – Rev. Tim Carrick
Pastor Rev. Johan Shin is on a well-earned vacation this week. With only one elder on session, the church’s leadership asked for the presbytery’s assistance in filling out the session. An Administrative Commission was formed to assume the duties of the session. The goal is to have a full session within a year.

Gambell Presbyterian Church – no report. Adverse weather conditions prevented the planes from flying.

First Wasilla Presbyterian Church – RE Shirley Novak
Elder Novak gave thanks for the many blessings: for Henry Woodall’s 17 years’ service as pastor, the trustees, a fantastic music director and webmaster, benevolences, scholarship funds for high school graduates, camp scholarships, extra mission giving for area agencies, and other churches.

Rev. Curt Matz led in the prayer for these churches

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Part II - Rev. Tim Carrick

The committee put into nomination its slate of candidates. The floor was opened for nominations. Nominations were closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast for the following slate.

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

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| Officer..... | Moderator (RS)..... | RE Paula Long | 19 |
| Officer..... | Moderator-Elect (NM) | vacant | 19 |
| Officer | Stated Clerk (RS)..... | RE Sharon Rayt | 21 |
| Leadership Team | Chair (RS)..... | Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price..... | 21 |
| Ministry Commission | Member (RS) | Rev. Tim Carrick ⁽¹⁾ | 21 |
| Ministry Commission | Member (RS) | Rev. Johan Shin ⁽²⁾ | 21 |
| Ministry Commission | Member (RS) | RE Debbie Melton ⁽¹⁾ | 21 |

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Presbytery recessed for Native Ministries and Road System meetings.

LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery went into recess at around noon.

RECONVENE W/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbytery reconvened in plenary session at 1:07 pm.

Celebration: With two attendees celebrating their birthdays, Presbytery rejoiced with song. Tim Carrick’s provided the accompaniment on the piano.

Family Promise Report—Laurie Kari extended gratitude to presbytery for the \$670 raised at Friday evening’s worship service.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Bingle Camp Report

Camp executive director Steve Spencer reported that no camps were scheduled last summer. The summer was spent renewing and refurbishing some of the facilities. Foundation work was done on the chapel, and significant work was done on the retreat center, in an effort to make it fully handicap accessible. Most of the retreat center is now wheelchair accessible. An upgrade led to a reduced fuel oil consumption of 25%.

As a community outreach event, the camp hosted the ‘largest, on-the-water concert’ last summer. This was possible because the camp has the only large beach with water deep enough to float boats. Upwards of 600 people attended the concert. The camp board hopes that attendance will increase at this summer’s event.

Board member Henry Woodall reported that camps are planned for this summer. In addition, an ‘Upward, Inward, and Outward’ camp targeting teens from churches within the presbytery is scheduled for May 27 – June 2, 2018. Camp staff needs for this summer include counselors (especially male), a cook, and summer camp program director.

The summer camping program is not enough to totally support the camp financially, but rental of its facilities to outside groups has helped make ends meet.

Even though the camp is independent of presbytery, it is under the oversight of presbytery. According to Rev. Woodall, the camp is in better shape administratively, than it has been in the past. There is treasurer, but a financial audit needs to be done soon. Henry led in a prayer for the camp and its executive director.

Regional Meeting Reports

Native Ministries: Ida Olemaun reported that it was unfortunate that the St. Lawrence Island people were unable to get off the island. The proposed *Listening Way* program is being introduced to each of the villages, with presenters seeking input from each community to determine each community’s particular needs. Joseph Reid and Curt Karns will travel to St. Lawrence Island soon to introduce the concept to Gambell and Savoonga. Presbyters were asked to pray for this program and for the recovery of individuals dealing with addictions. Monthly telephone support meetings for community leaders began in January.

Road System: Matt Schultz reported that the region elected new regional officers [Moderator – Luke Jones and Vice Moderator – Marjorie Poggas] and a regional representative to the presbytery nominating committee [Danna Larson.] The region is looking at Native Ministries founding document to use as a starting point for drafting a document outlining the road system’s purpose. Free flow conversation centered on racial/ethnic issues in the church and church security issues.

MINISTRY COMMISSION – RE Jan Burger

Action Item

Recommendation to approve changes to 2018 terms of call for installed pastors (Appendix D). Elder Burger identified those installed pastors whose terms of call are not in compliance with presbytery’s minimums, i.e., do not provide the minimum required medical leave. Presbytery **APPROVED** changes to 2018 terms of call for installed pastors, with the understanding that the Ministry Commission will follow up with churches not providing the presbytery minimum for medical leave.

Report of Ministry Commission actions since the last stated meeting of Presbytery:

1. Concurred with the action of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church session to renew Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price’s temporary supply agreement for another year, beginning January 1, 2018. This is a part-time position (28 hours/week).

Terms of compensation

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| Cash Salary | \$19,800 |
| Housing Allowance | 31,200 |
| 403(b) Contribution | \$6,000 |
| Vacation Leave | 4 weeks/year |
| Continuing Education (Study Leave)* | 2 weeks/year |
| Study Leave Reimbursement* | \$1,500 |
| Medical Leave ** | 1 day earned/qtr. |
| Family Medical Leave (Paid) | Up to 8 weeks per event |

- * Study leave time and reimbursement may be accrued for no more than 2 years.
- ** May accumulate up to a maximum of 10 days.

2. Concurred with the action of the Trinity Presbyterian Church session to enter into a covenant with Revs. Richard and Mary Koch, to serve as co-stated supply pastors, for the period of October 23, 2017 – Feb, 28, 2018. The co-pastors will be employed on a full time basis, serving approximately 40 hours/week. Compensation will be split 50-50 between the co-pastors, except as noted. Terms of compensation

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|---|----------|------|
| Cash Salary..... | \$12,000 | |
| Housing Allowance | \$48,000 | |
| Continuing Education Reimbursement..... | \$5,000 | |
| Continuing Education Leave | 2 weeks | each |
| Vacation Leave..... | 4 weeks | each |
| Workers Compensation | Yes | |

3. Concurred with the action of the Trinity Presbyterian Church session to renew Revs. Richard and Mary Kochs’ stated supply agreement for the period of March 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019. Terms of compensation remain unchanged from what was reported in the aforementioned short-term agreement.
4. Renewed the member-at-large status of Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green for another year (G-2.0503b). The commission voiced support his clinical pastoral education application.
5. Commissioned Ruling Elder Process
 - Commission Renewals
 - **Matt Tinkelenberg (New Hope):** The Ministry Commission approved the request of the church council to renew the commission of Matt for another three years: Areas of responsibilities include lead worship services and preach the gospel; administer the Lord’s Supper; administer the sacrament of 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; and have a voice and a vote in the meetings of Presbytery.
 - **Paul Bodfish (Atqasuk Chapel):** Based on an oral request, the Ministry Commission tentatively renewed Paul’s commission, pending receipt of a written request from the Atqasuk Chapel session and Paul’s agreement.
 - **Marjorie Poggas (Jewel Lake Parish):** On hold, pending a request from the church council.
 - Current CRE mentor assignments:
 - Paul Bodfish Rev. Joseph Reid
 - Leah Hathaway Rev. Luke Jones
 - Virginia Kasak..... Rev. Piper Cartland
 - Darlene Matz Rev. Henry Woodall
 - Richard Mauer Rev. Curt Karns
 - Beulah Nowpakahok..... Rev. Leisa Carrick
 - Marjorie Poggas..... Rev. Luke Jones
 - Matt Tinkelenberg Rev. Neill McKay
 - Jan Burger and Sharon Rayt were appointed to be the point persons for Commissioned Ruling Elders and individuals working through the CRE preparation process.

6. Preparation for Ministry Process

- New Hope member Mary Ann Smith was enrolled as an inquirer. Ron Illingworth will serve as Mary Ann’s liaison with the Ministry Commission.
- The commission has conferred with candidate Cody Ryu, who is expected to take the exegesis exam this spring.

7. Recent moderator appointments

- Olgonik Presbyterian Church (Wainwright): Rev. Tim Carrick
- Kuukpik Presbyterian Church (Nuiqsut); Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green

Vacancy Church Report [churches not served by a CRE on a regular basis, temporary supply, stated supply or installed pastor].

| Church | Status | PNC | Moderator |
|---------------------|----------------------|------|--------------------|
| Chapel in the Mtns | Not seeking a pastor | None | Rev. Neill McKay |
| Kaktovik | Not seeking a pastor | None | CRE Darlene Matz |
| Olgonik PC | Not seeking a pastor | None | Rev. Tim Carrick |
| Savoonga PC | Not seeking a pastor | None | Rev. Leisa Carrick |
| Fairbanks Korean PC | Interim pastor | None | Rev. Ki Chun Lee |

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Eagle River Presbyterian Church – RE Evie Gibson

Elder Gibson expressed gratitude for many things, the positive as well as the negative. Their major partner is Jesus Christ. Youth bring their friends to church, but more youth and families need to be brought in. The Eagle River Food Pantry is housed in their building. Vegetables from the church’s garden supplement the Food Pantry.

Kaktovik Presbyterian Church - RE Ida Angasan

Elder Angasan gave thanks for many blessings: the church is back up again after years of struggle; for Curt Karns and Darlene Matz for leading services when they are in the village; for funds raised in the cake walk for the purchase of a Toyo stove; that someone has volunteered to teach Sunday school; and the manse is rented to the school district for teacher housing. A plumber is needed to install the Toyo stove.

United Protestant Church – RE Joseph Brock

The congregation is blessed by its co-pastors and its participation in local ministries such Kairos prison ministry, Family Promise, and the food bank. AA meets in the building. The men’s group meets once a month with the men’s group of First Wasilla PC for breakfast. The congregation partners with missionaries Ryan/Alethia White and Doni/Gail Lilo, Savoonga Presbyterian Church, and Saroma Presbyterian Church in Saroma, Japan.

Fairbanks Korean PC – Rev. Curt Matz, Administrative Commission member

With not enough elders on the session, an Administrative Commission (AC) was appointed to function as the session. The church has been served by an interim pastor since fall. The AC has been encouraging the congregation to take the time to look at who they are and where God is calling them to serve.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mileage (Expense) Report: Marjorie Poggas reported that three requests for mileage reimbursement were approved. One request was an in-kind donation to the presbytery.

Resolutions Report: Britt Johnston presented a verbal report. A written report was not available.

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INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR

Israel Nelson was thanked for his service as moderator. Paula Long was installed as moderator with the passing of the gavel, *Book of Order*, and fur plaque. Tim Carrick led in a prayer for the new moderator.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm with Paula Long leading in the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk

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