

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
Report of the Stated Clerk
2023 Fall Stated Meeting/
Meeting of the Corporation
October 6-7, 2023

ACTION ITEM:

Recommendations for Action by the Stated Clerk

1. Approve the minutes of the February 24–25, 2023 winter stated presbytery meeting.

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR INCLUSION IN THE MINUTES

Leadership Team actions/key talking points:

The Leadership Team serves as the presbytery's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees. A record of annual proceedings will be posted on the Presbytery of Yukon's website as minutes become available.

1. Mission and Strategy/Exec Search

- a. The Leadership Team gathered for a retreat May 11 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Anchorage. Important points raised during the initial discussions:
 - The need for a better way to include indigenous voices at these meetings
 - A discussion of obsolete practices
 - A discussion of new practices
- b. The Leadership Team approved an additional expenditure of \$16,000/year for Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) to visit the following PCUSA churches 4 times a year to worship and perform the sacraments: Kaktovik, Chapel in the Mountains (Anaktuvuk Pass), Kuukpik (Nuiqsut), Olgonik (Wainwright) and Savoonga. IAM was directed to quarterly to Ministry Commission or Leadership Team with the dates and churches visited, which ministers were present, and what sacraments were performed. Additionally, the presiding minister will immediately report directly to the Ministry Commission any pertinent details about baptisms performed so that the Ministry Commission can keep accurate rolls of members. [March 30]
- c. An annual salary of \$110,000 to \$120,000 per year, plus benefits was approved for the Executive Presbyter, when one is chosen [May 11].
- d. Eagle River Presbyterian Church was gifted \$4,000 to help with their Interim Pastor Blake Severson's moving expenses. [July 3]
- e. The Leadership Team will present Elizabeth Schultz to the Presbytery to be the Leadership Team's candidate for Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Yukon at a base salary of \$100,000 plus 39% in benefits. [August 23]

2. Stewardship

- a. Financial Secretary, Rachel Graham was authorized as a signer and authorized user on all bank accounts along with online access. [March 30]
- b. The decision was made to transfer all recurring payments from the current credit cards to the current checking account and authorize Rachel Graham to do that. [March 30]

3. Fall 2023 Stated Meeting [Aug 23]

- a. The meeting's theme Scripture will be Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the things that happened in the past. Don't keep on thinking about them. I am about to do something new. It is beginning to happen even now. Don't you see it coming? I am going to make a way for you to go through the desert. I will make streams of water in the dry and empty land." [August 23]
- b. Designated the elder commissioner focus questions: Tell us what is joyful, what is a struggle in your church? What do you need us to pray for? [August 23]

4. Miscellaneous

- a. The Kaktovik manse was rented to the North Slope School District for \$15,000/year for a 3-year contract [March 30]