

Yukon Presbytery Road System Meeting Agenda

18 February 2021

7-9PM Via Zoom

Meeting Facilitator: Ron Illingworth

Ron opened the meeting with prayer calling the meeting to order at 7:09pm

Old Business

1) Ron Thanked Danna for inventorying all of the materials in the Presbytery library and developing a spreadsheet listing for them. The spreadsheet is available on the Presbytery website.

2) Ron asked individuals from each of the churches to talk a bit about how they are serving their congregations and what methods they have found useful.

Palmer – Barb Brown gave a big thank you to Dan Carrick and Arlo Brock for their hard work as Technicians. Tim said that the worship services are being done via Facebook live and that they are hoping to open on the anniversary of closing. The services are done the same as a “Normal” service minus the folks in the pews. Session is meeting in person. Israel wanted to note that he is officially retired.

Wasilla – Tim told about the 20th Anniversary of Henry's call to the church and that he was glad he could be a part of it. Henry said that we reopened in June and have been able to continue with Hybrid worship and meetings. A few of the non-church groups have come back and he meets with youth on Friday afternoons. At this time, we are comfortable with what we are doing, but we will begin talking about when we might want to make some changes.

Eagle River – Piper said that as of three weeks ago they are 100% virtual broadcasting from the sanctuary. There are three to five people in the sanctuary with a lay leader and their family the broadcasting and sound folks and Piper. She says it is very different being in the sanctuary without people in the pews. They do have a team working on bringing the congregation back but will always have Hybrid worship. They have been

able to have food pantry and AA meetings that are so needed in the community. 99% of the earthquake repairs are finished.

Jewel Lake – Worship services are posted on Facebook with Luke and Margo doing the tech stuff. Musicians are taping at home and sending the videos in to be added to the worship. This is harder to do when Luke needs to be away. They are following all Methodist and Presbyterian restrictions. At Christmas they had an outside service and may have to do this again for Easter. No outside groups are using the church yet.

1st Pres Anchorage - Deacons have been providing care packages to shut-ins and sometimes phone calls to a wider group. They are using Vmix software for their worship services. Matt gave a big thanks to Lisa Guist and Scott Gorman for all their hard work bringing all of the parts together. Danna said that they do Drive-bys for special events and the youth are staying connected on their own. At this time, they have mixed feelings about coming back. Some are ready and some are hesitant.

Trinity – Susan Lundgren has been recording sermons and trying to record all of the components of a regular service. These are posted on website and Facebook. In January, they started worshipping together. Some folks are still uncomfortable coming into the church, so they have been able transmit on a radio station. Folks can sit in their cars in the parking lot and listen to the service. Deacons have been reaching out via phone, email and cards.

Immanuel – The building flooded the end of October which caused as many problems as COVID. Ellen's office is totally unusable as is the women's restroom. The problem was caused due to roof repairs that had been started and put on hold because of unseen issues. The snow and rain came and thus the flood. The roof is finished but all of the other repairs still need to be done. The AA groups are still meeting but that is all right now. Until repairs are done and COVID restrictions are lifted they won't be able to open for anything more than small groups. Communion Services are now be done via ZOOM once a month. A Christmas Eve service was held with pre-recorded music and the rest done live. It was a wonderful service but far too much work for weekly worship. Congregational meetings have been held via ZOOM. One got a quorum the other did not. Ellen asked that we keep Elsie Eckman, their Elder Commissioner, in our prayers as she recovers from a mild stroke she had two weeks ago.

Delta - Mary Ellen said they are meeting via ZOOM and in person. The Food pantry is open and AA and Alanon are all meeting in the church following COVID guidelines.

UCPC – Paula said they are meeting in person and via ZOOM. Their limit for occupancy is only 50 and they have had 30 to 40 attending each Sunday. At this time, they are working out bugs to be able to live stream. Session meets in person and other groups meet via ZOOM.

New Hope – They are meeting mostly via ZOOM with a few folks able to be there in person. The Methodist COVID guidelines do not allow them to meet in person. They are getting some new technology to be able to follow a format similar to UCPC. The quilters group and AA group are the only groups meeting in the building. They will be looking for a new pastor as Curt is retiring the end of March.

Bob Christensen wanted to remind everyone that Presbytery does still have funds available for technology.

New Business

1. Elections:

- a. Committee moderator – A motion was made and seconded Ron Illingworth be nominated to continue to serve as moderator. Having no other nominations the nominations were closed and motion carried.
- b. Road system representative on the Presbytery's Leadership Team. –Barb Brown expressed a desire to serve in this capacity. A motion made and seconded nominating Barb. A motion was then made and seconded to close the nominations and the motion carried.

Danna Larson had asked to discuss two items –

- 1) She was curious as to what are churches are doing about racism and wondering if we would be interested in having access to resources by joining the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE). She asked if this is something we could imagine our congregations using, and do we want to recommend to the leadership team that the Presbytery join. A Motion made and seconded that the Road Service Committee recommend to the leadership team that the Presbytery join the APCE. After discussion

the motion carried and Ron asked Shirley to type up our recommendation and send it to the leadership team.

2) How are we dealing with Reparation – What do we do after we say I’m sorry? Danna is concerned that we have made the apology but have done nothing to further heal the wounds. There was a great deal of discussion after which a motion was made and seconded that we make a recommendation to have time set aside at the next face to face Presbytery meetings for a time of hearing stories from individuals suffering abuses, and some training on structural racism with a period of time to discuss. In the meantime, working on resources that can be made available for our churches to use with their congregations. The motion carried and Ron asked Shirley to draft this recommendation as well.

Ron closed the meeting with prayer at 8:46pm