

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
FALL STATED MEETING/MEETING OF THE CORPORATION
Discerning the Winds of the Spirit
Eagle River Presbyterian Church, Eagle River, AK
October 12-13, 2018

*“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
But you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*

John 3:8 (NRSV)

FRIDAY, October 12, 2018

OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery opened with worship at 9:00 am in the Eagle River Presbyterian Church sanctuary with Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green delivering the message.

OPENING PRAYER/CONVENE

Moderator elder Paula Long convened the fall meeting at 10:00 am with an opening prayer.

HOST CHURCH WELCOME

Rev. Piper Cartland 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 (in-state active ministers & elders).....	57
Number of minister members present:	15
Number of elders enrolled and present (representing 15 churches)	25
Percentage of members present.....	70 %

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was **ADOPTED**, as amended. In accordance with the standing rules, the moderator has the authority to adjust the docket as needed during the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

First time elder commissioners, ministers, and guests were introduced. In accordance with the standing rules, guests presenting reports and providing expertise, are granted voice on the floor of presbytery.

ROLL

Ministers of Word & Sacrament members present:

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>
Wendy Christianson – <i>ass’t pastor, Utqiagvik (beg. Fri pm)</i>	Ellen Johnson-Price – <i>supply pastor, Immanuel 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 (Fri. only)</i>
Mary Koch – <i>co-stated supply, Trinity (beg. Fri pm)</i>	Richard Koch – <i>co-stated supply, Trinity (Fri pm only)</i>
Ian MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</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, 1st Korean Anchorage PC</i>
Henry Woodall – <i>pastor, First Wasilla PC</i>	

Commissioned pastors (CP) present:

Merle Apassingok – *Gambell PC (Fri evening-Sat)* Leah Hathaway – *Jewel Lake Parish*
Virginia Kasak – *Kuukpik PC* Darlene Matz – *Kaktovik PC, New Hope Church*
Beulah Nowpakahok – *Gambell PC* Marjorie Poggas – *Jewel Lake Parish*

Churches represented by a ruling elder (RE) commissioner:

Anchor PC – *Clyde Kaneshiro* Chapel in the Mtns – *Vera Lincoln*
Delta PC – *Ann Geise* Eagle River PC – *Matthew Hobby*
First Anchorage PC – *Chottie Angst* First Korean Anchorage – *Sun Heo (Fri. only)*
First Wasilla PC – *Shirley Novak* Gambell PC – *Clinton Booshu*
Immanuel PC – *Jamie Amber (Sat. only)* Jewel Lake Parish – *Susan Woods*
Kaktovik PC – *Ida Angasan* New Hope Church – *Ron Illingworth*
Savoonga – *Larry Kingeekuk* Trinity PC – *Susan Lundgren*
United Protestant Church – *Joseph Brock* University Community PC – *David Rohwer*

Other voting members present:

RE Lucy Apatiki – *Leadership Team* RE Jan Burger – *Leadership Team (Sat. only)*
RE Bob Christensen – *Leadership Team* RE Danna Larson – *Certified Christian Educator*
RE Paula Long – *Leadership Team* RE Sharon Rayt – *Stated Clerk*

Minister members excused

Isaac Akootchook – *honorably retired* Patrick Bracken- *military chaplain*
Sandy Faison, *honorably retired* Alice Green – *honorably retired*
Henry Guinotte – *honorably retired* Britt Johnston – *temporary supply, Anchor PC*
William Ng – *honorably retired* Dianne O’Connell – *honorably retired*
Youl Rhee – *honorably retired* Joseph Reid – *stated supply, Utqiagvik PC*
Elizabeth Schultz – *member-at-large* Mary Ann Warden - *honorably retired*

Churches not represented by a ruling elder commissioner:

Atqasuk Chapel Fairbanks Korean PC
Kuukpik PC (Nuiqsut) Olgonik PC
Utqiagvik PC

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

CP Paul Bodfish (A) CP Richard Mauer – *Delta PC (E)*
CP Matt Tinkelenberg - *New Hope Church (E)*

Guests and staff granted voice:

Dennis Berry – *Gambell New Church Building project director*
Mary Kron – *presbytery financial secretary*
Dean Mielke – *Executive Director, Mission Development Certificate Program*
Wanda Slwooko – *New Testament Dedication report*

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Delta Presbyterian Church – RE Ann Geise

Five new members have been added to the congregation, and there has been one baptism. Pastor Mauer is taking classes in preparation of his ordination as a minister. Another elder is taking classes with the vision of being commissioned. Congregants deliver the message while the pastor is away. Connections are made with folks in the community.

Kuukpik Presbyterian Church – CP Virgie Kasak

It is good to see children and young people attend worship. The food bank continues to function – Virgie gets the food ready, with the young people assisting. Gratitude was extended to moderator Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green who spent some time in the Nuiqsut. Virgie talks and prays with people needing prayer, as well as providing encouragement. The congregation celebrated its 45th anniversary with a singspiration.

First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage – RE Sun Heo

The congregation has a faithful prayer group. Elder Heo shared an experience of how the Holy Spirit worked in the lives of the people, by answering a prayer for someone afflicted with a painful illness.

Chapel in the Mountains – RE Vera Lincoln

Prayers have been answered. The village is blessed to have new teachers and a school principal, an ordained minister who helps lead worship services. Average worship attendance is 22. The church is excited to welcome Derek Zuk from Kingdom Air Corps, who has agreed to work to establish a youth ministry on Wednesdays and Sundays. The North Slope Borough provides assistance. Vacation Bible School was very effective. The church will celebrate their 60th anniversary in 2019.

CP Marjorie Poggas led in a prayer for these churches.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK – elder Sharon Rayt

In accordance with the standing rules, motion to vote on the minutes is postponed to Saturday, which provides all commissioners sufficient time to review minutes of previous presbytery meeting(s). The clerk spent a few minutes addressing the basics of parliamentary procedures.

BINGLE CAMP REPORT – Rev. Henry Woodall

The Board President provided highlights of the written report (Appendix A). The camp had a successful program this past summer, though a goal is to increase the number of campers to 100. Another major goal is to hire a program director for the summer of 2019 who would take an active role in hiring and training staff (college-aged counselors, cooks, and cooks helpers) and running camp programs. An *Upward, Inward* camp is again planned for late May, 2019. Rental of camp facilities and the Knox Retreat Center to other groups helps support Bingle Camp Ministries financially. Rev. Curt Karns led in a prayer for the camp.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

- Mary Kron presented the 2018 year-to-date financial report (Appendix B). It is hoped that under spending of the budget will balance the shortfall of support from the churches, primarily \$20,000+ from the Bingle Camp line that ended up being unnecessary to their operations this year. Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price presented the Leadership Team's recommendation for using held funds to address any budget shortfall: *that the \$134,126 in unspecified held funds in our 2018 budget projection be used as follows: that the \$134,126 in unspecified held funds in our 2018 budget projection come from first, the Litigation Reserve Fund of \$7,161.18; second, the Fire Loss Reserve Fund of \$29,534.25; and the remaining as needed from the Synod Building Sale Fund that currently has \$187,421.71.*

Rationale for using two of the aforementioned funds to address the shortfall:

- The amount in the litigation fund is left over from a previous legal case. Hopefully our insurance company would cover legal expenses, should there be litigation in the future.
- Fire Loss Reserve: At one time, maintaining such a fund was a Synod requirement. That requirement was abolished 20 years ago.

The aforementioned Leadership Team recommendation was **APPROVED**.

- Elder Bob Christensen and Mary Kron presented the 2019 Proposed Budget. Rev. Curt Karns was at ¾ time last year. Since March 2018 Curt has been paid for full time work, but the cost to the presbytery has gone

down. Intergenerational Arctic Ministries is contracting with presbytery for half of Curt's time. Elder Christensen ended his report with a reading of Malachi 3:10. Vote on the budget is scheduled for Saturday.

- Mission Development Certificate (MDC) program Executive Director Dean Mielke showed a video on the impact of the MDC program, which supports ministries in the Pacific Northwest region.

REFLECTIONS OF THE SPIRIT BREAKOUT SESSION 1

Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price provided an introduction as to the goal of the exercise, which is identifying the movement of the Spirit, and asking people to open their eyes and ears about where we see or hear the Spirit's effect at presbytery and at the congregational level. Leadership Team members Ron Illingworth, Lucy Apatiki, Bob Christensen, and Clyde Kaneshiro shared where they have heard, seen, or felt the movement of the Spirit: in Native Ministries and the creation of an intercessory prayer group, completion of the New Testament translation into St. Lawrence Island Yupik, addressing homelessness, possible mission into Russia, etc. Rev. Johnson-Price reflected on Numbers 11:26-29.

LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 12:00 pm for lunch with a prayer led by Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 pm with singing to the Lord.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

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

Pastor Cody Ryu returned to his home in Washington State at the end of August. Cody has passed all of his ordination examinations and will be seeking ordination and a call in his home state. The church is ready to submit their Ministry Information Form.

Savoonga Presbyterian Church – RE Larry Kingeekuk

Pastor Heidi and the church's food bank are doing well.

Trinity Presbyterian Church – RE Susan Lundgren

The church will soon celebrate its one-year anniversary under the leadership of co-pastors Revs. Mary and Richard Koch. The church saw a lot of change very quickly. A new administrative assistant will relieve Mary Koch of many duties. New elders come aboard in February. The Kochs have been gentle and gracious in leading change. The building is used by various user groups. Three babies and four children were baptized this year. The session has seen a slow growth in attendance and no longer worries about closing the church doors. Much of this is due to answered prayer. The Spirit moves at Trinity – there are new ideas and vision amongst members of the congregation. Their partnership with Chapel in the Mountains in Anaktuvuk Pass is multi-generational. Worship is more creative. They seek more vision in how to engage the youth.

Kaktovik Presbyterian Church – RE Ida Angasan

Appreciation was extended to Curt Karns and Darlene Matz for visiting Kaktovik. Mothers are asking for baptisms. Even though the church and manse roof has been replaced, the church building still remains closed. Arctic Slope Regional Corporation provides the church with some funding. There is an abundance of caring. The food bank is stocked most of the time. People are asking for Sunday school training.

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

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS

Mileage – RE Ron Illingworth

Resolutions – Rev. Israel Nelson

MINISTRY COMMISSION – Part I: Examinations

- RE Merle Apassingok (commissioning)
The Gambell Presbyterian Church session has determined that it is necessary for the local mission in Gambell to have Merle Apassingok commissioned. Having met the requirements for becoming a Commissioned Pastor, Merle was examined by the Ministry Commission which recommended that he be commissioned. Presbytery proceeded with the examination. Merle read his statement of faith before answering questions from the floor. Questions were limited to personal faith, motives for seeking a commission, and areas of instruction. Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to arrest the examination, at which time elder Apassingok was escorted out of the room. Discussion ensued. On behalf of the Ministry Commission, Henry Woodall moved that Merle Apassingok be commissioned for service to Gambell Presbyterian Church. Areas of responsibility under Merle's commission include:
 - Lead worship services and preach the Gospel
 - Administer the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism
 - Perform services of Christian marriage
 - Perform funeral services
 - Have a voice and vote in the meetings of presbytery.

Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to commission RE Merle Apassingok for a period of one year, after which time, his commission may be renewed for a term not to exceed three years. Elder Apassingok rejoined the plenary session amidst applause. The formal commissioning service is scheduled for the Friday evening worship service.

- Rev. Richard and Rev. Mary Koch (temporary presbytery membership)
The Kochs, who serve as Trinity's stated supply co-pastors, are members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. They have received training in polity. Granting the Kochs temporary membership status while they serve at Trinity, would allow them to legally moderate session. Mary and Richard read their statement of faiths prior to responding to questions from the floor. Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to arrest the examination, at which time the Kochs were escorted out of the room. Discussion ensued. Motion that Richard and Mary Koch be received as temporary members of the Presbytery of Yukon was **APPROVED**. They rejoined the plenary session amidst applause.
- Rev. Wendy Christianson (presbytery membership)
Wendy serves as a tentmaker, assistant pastor for children and youth ministries at Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church and works full time for the North Slope Borough in the Women's Infant Children program. Wendy was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in May by the Presbytery of Utah, which has taken action to transfer Wendy's membership, pending action by the Presbytery of Yukon. Yukon's ministry commission has validated her ministry at Utqiagvik PC. Rev. Christianson read her statement of faith prior to answering questions from the floor. Presbytery **APPROVED** a motion to arrest the examination, at which time Wendy was escorted out of the room. Discussion ensued. Motion that Rev. Wendy Christianson be received as a member of the Presbytery of Yukon was **APPROVED**. She rejoined the plenary session amidst applause.

Rev. Curt Matz led in a prayer for these four new presbytery members.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION – Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price

The Committee saw no problems with the Nominating Committee's 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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE 223RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Commissioners Rev. Matt Schultz and elder Shirley Novak reported on their experience at the June meeting of the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis. No Young Adult Advisory Delegate from the presbytery attended General Assembly. Rev. Schultz also served as our advocate for the overture ‘*On Expanded Response to the Doctrine of Discovery*’.

AFTERNOON RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 3:10 pm and reconvened at 3:35 pm.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

New Hope Church – RE Ron Illingworth

The church council is rethinking how to increase the church’s outreach and what it might do in preparation for the projected increase at Eielson Air Force Base. Several areas of need were immediately identified – food for the school children, school supplies and clothing for children, and the North Pole Food Bank. The council is looking to expand the preschool program which will allow them to enroll more kids. Discussions continue with community leaders, local church leaders, and chaplains at Eielson on how best to meet anticipated changes. There are plans to connect with Ft. Wainwright Army Base officials to inform them of their programs.

Jewel Lake Parish – RE Susan Woods

Susan expressed gratitude for her recovery from the auto accident. The church supports a local food bank ministry and the HUGGS school supplies program. There is a vibrant music ministry. Susan asked for prayers that the Lord send more children to worship.

Gambell – RE Clinton Booshu

Clinton told the story from his childhood about his journey with the Lord. We need to strengthen our children, youth, and young adults with scripture and song.

First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage – RE Chottie Angst

The congregation is much more connected now than in years past. The church’s ministries are led by the Holy Spirit. The children have a passion for singing in the children’s choir, and more children are being involved in the church. The Sunday school curriculum really connects with the kids. The people are inspired from their heart to serve the ‘least of these’ through the church’s participation in the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter program. Desired renovations of the shower by the kids have been completed, and the shower is now useful to cold weather guests.

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

NEW TESTAMENT TRANSLATION DEDICATION

The report was emceed by Rev. Curt Karns. Translating the New Testament into St. Lawrence Island (SLI) Yupik was 59 years in the making. Recognizing the service of Rev. David and Mitzi Shinen, the exec showed the Shinen’s SLI farewell video. Others involved in the project and dedication service were asked to share their experiences.

CP Beulah Nowpakahok worked with the Shinens on the project, on and off for 32 years. She passionately described the work on the project; the digging and figuring out the appropriate SLI Yupik words to use in the Scriptures. Beulah declared that the work was done for *the glory of God!*

Elders Wanda Slwooko and Merle Apassingok were invited to say a few words about what the project meant for the people. Wanda helped for six weeks for the oral read through this past spring and a bit during the translation work. Merle Apassingok spoke of the Shinens as setting good examples. “Dave and Mitzi were interwoven into

the fabric of the community - through preaching, marrying, baptizing, and they became one of the Gambellites.” Merle read the inscription on a plaque made for the Shinens.

A number of people had the privilege to attend one of three dedications in Gambell, Savoonga, and Nome in September. Paula Long extolled about the honor of being designated as a presbytery representative at the dedications. She was touched by being there. Rev. Leisa Carrick reported that eleven folks attended the dedications, not including Saint Lawrence Islanders.

To commend the translation into Saint Lawrence Island Yupik, Rev. Curt Karns moved ‘*that the presbytery, this day, express its gratitude to God, and to the Shinens, for their years of dedicated service that touched so many lives day by day; and our gratitude for their partnership with so many people on St. Lawrence Island to faithfully and joyfully translate the Word of God so that it now can be shared with St. Lawrence Island speakers in Alaska and in Siberia; and our fervent prayer that readers of this translation will find their salvation through faith in their Savior Jesus Christ, to whom these Scriptures bear witness; as well as our prayer that the disciples of Christ, who are inspired by these readings will bear witness to God’s goodness, grace, and living hope, wherever their journeys bring them.*’ Motion unanimously **APPROVED**.

The report ended by a prayer led by elder Lucy Apatiki.

INTERGENERATIONAL ARCTIC MINISTRIES

Presentation of the Listening Way program has been done in eight of the 10 villages, with the exception of Wainwright and Utqiagvik.

The North Slope Borough sent the first check for a faith-based technology grant, to put technology into three churches, for the possible listening way program and other community work. Paperwork has been turned in for other grants.

The Foraker group has been helpful in providing training to the ministries Board of Directors. Five of the seven board members are Presbyterian.

At the request of the exec, the presbytery **APPROVED** the motion that *the Presbytery of Yukon recognize the Intergenerational Arctic Ministries (IAM) projects as ministries validated by the Presbytery of Yukon*. This action paves the way for the Presbyterian Foundation to be a participant in the ministry’s financing.

BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE

Gambell Presbyterian Church

Volunteer coordinator elder Danna Larson reported that 139 volunteers have participated over the years, of which there were 90 different people volunteering on the project. Of the churches represented, ten were Presbyterian, six were other churches, and ten different states were represented. Volunteer hours totaled 7,248, which equates to 906 days.

Project director elder Dennis Berry reported that construction work, which began in 2014, is nearly finished.

Elder Merle Apassingok expressed appreciation to Dennis for his direction (rudder) and Danna for her energy and enthusiasm (outboard).

Beulah Nowpakahok thanked Dennis and Danna for all their help and love to the village.

Rev. Curt Karns presented gifts (scented candle signifying the aroma of God, SLI Yupik language hymnal and New Testament) to Dennis and Danna for their dedication to the project. The reported ended with presbytery singing ‘Alleluia.’

Kaktovik Presbyterian Church

Thanks was given to Leroy Stigen and the work team which replaced the roof on the church and manse.

REFLECTIONS OF THE SPIRIT BREAKOUT SESSION II

Ellen Johnson-Price read John 14:16-17. There was a time of silence for reflection before the gathering into groups of 5 – 6 to share where people have heard, seen, or felt the Spirit of God working through the presbytery.

DINNER RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 6:00 pm for dinner.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 7:00 pm. Scripture and Song was led by Rev. Henry Woodall. Rev. Piper Cartland presided over the Lord's Supper. The \$855.77 offering will go towards purchasing chairs for the new Gambell Presbyterian Church. Rev. Henry Woodall and Rev. Leisa Carrick led the service of commissioning for Merle Apassingok. There was laying on of hands at the conclusion of the commissioning service.

SATURDAY, October 13, 2018

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 9:00 am with Commissioned Pastor Beulah Nowpakahok delivering the message.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New commissioners and guests were introduced. Rev. Timothy Baranoski provided a few departing words, expressing gratitude for being accepted into the Presbytery of Yukon. Even though Rev. Baranoski is being relocated to South Carolina by the military, Timothy plans to keep his membership here. He eventually plans to return to Alaska after concluding his military service.

Danna Larson advocated for Youth Triennium, scheduled for the summer of 2019.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Presbytery considered the report, which had been postponed in accordance with the standing rules.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Presbytery **APPROVED** the minutes of the February 23-24, 2018 stated presbytery meeting, as amended.
2. Presbytery **APPROVED** the minutes of the April 5, 2018 special presbytery meeting, as distributed.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

Correspondence Received

1. **Financial review:** A committee composed of Bob Christensen, Shirley Novak, Kerry Potter, and completed a review of the 2017 financial records in September. No members of the committee were related to the treasurer. Report findings:

The records were found to be neat and generally in order.

We reviewed the income data by randomly choosing 12 items for the year. We compared the income as recorded on the CUI bank statement with the receipt of the deposit with the presbytery's ledger. We found no discrepancies with the deposits/income during this procedure.

We reviewed the expense data by randomly choosing two items per month for the whole year from the expenses appearing in the Credit Union One (CUI) statements and from American Express expenditures. We found four expenses that we could not find back up for, as follows:

- 1). March 31, 2017 office space rent from First Presbyterian Church Anchorage for \$500. There was not a folder to review containing an agreement or monthly billing from FPC Anchorage.*
- 2). February 21, 2017. There was not a folder to review containing quarterly agreements or quarterly budget commitments for Bingle Camp support of \$2125.*
- 3). July 6, 2017. We were not able to find documentation support for Synod of AK-NW expenditure of \$193.25.*
- 4). October 13, 2017. We were not able to find a folder or documentation providing support for paying Melissa O'Malley \$994.03.*

We examined six random receipts of gifts and compared them to deposit information. We were able to find a record on the CUI statements and in the deposit information that included copies of the checks for the items we looked at for except the following three items:

- 1. May 10, 2017 gift of \$2,000 from Northern Light United Church. We were unable to find corresponding deposit and expense information.*
- 2. October 4, 2017 gift of \$400 from Gail M. Saxowsky. We were unable to find corresponding deposit information.*
- 3. September 14, 2017 gift of \$475 from Alice Green. We were unable to find corresponding deposit information.*

We verified the year-end balance from the Presbytery of Yukon Financial Statements compared to the CUI statements and the Merrill Lynch investment account statement. All of the figures matched.

We looked at the check register data. The statements were reconciled monthly.

Financial secretary Mary Kron's response to the financial review:

First I wish to thank Bob Christensen, Shirley Novak and Kerry Potter for taking the time to review Presbytery's financial records for 2017.

The three deposits that were not found were deposited into the Merrill Lynch account. I showed Bob where they were in the file box when he returned it to the office and have attached copies.

Other than the budget, there is no documentation for either the monthly payments for our office space to First Presbyterian Church nor for the quarterly payments to Bingle Camp. In all the years I have been doing this, I do not believe I have ever seen anything in writing from First Pres. Bingle Camp used to send receipts for the payments, but that stopped shortly after Rev. Klaver quit being their treasurer and I have not thought it important to ask for anything.

The Synod does send month statements for the per capita via email. I have never bothered printing them out, since the payment is set up in January to go automatically every month. I did print July 2017's out and it is attached.

The payment to Melissa O'Malley was her end of month pay, October 31, 2017. I have attached the time sheet.

2. An invitation from the **Eagle River Presbyterian Church session** to host the October 12-13 2018 Fall Stated Meeting.
3. Announcement of the renewal of our worker's compensation policy for the period 10/2/18 – 10/2/19 by the **Alaska National Insurance Company**. Entities having a workplace safety program may qualify for a 3% premium credit in recognition of its loss prevention efforts.
4. **Kairos Prison Ministry** extended gratitude for the faithful support presbytery has given to the ministry over the years and asked for the budget money for Kairos this year. A testimony from an inmate who has been positively affected by the ministry: *"I got a lot out of the Kairos weekend. I was given the opportunity to finally forgive myself and others in my life. I was able to experience unconditional love from complete strangers and know that I am not alone in this journey we call life. I was able to experience the love of God through others and receive a true blessing from God."*

Leadership Team (Board of Directors) Actions

1. April 20, 2018 teleconference
 - The Leadership Team approval a funding proposal for a 'Historical Trauma and Resilience' workshop, scheduled for April 24-25, 2018 in Anchorage. The workshop, co-sponsored by the presbytery and the Alaska Synod of the ELCA, was open to all pastors and lay pastors within our Presbytery. [reported as an electronic vote]
 - Elected corporation officers: Ellen Johnson-Price as President, Sharon Rayt as Secretary, and Joseph Brock as Treasurer, and the presbytery moderator-elect as Vice-President (when the way is clear, i.e., upon election by presbytery).
 - Appointed check signers.
 - Adopted the following document signatory resolution: *'BE IT RESOLVED, that Ellen Johnson-Price the President, the Presbytery moderator-elect the Vice-President [upon election], Sharon Rayt the Secretary or Joseph Brock the Treasurer; are authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents, conveyances, earnest money agreements, escrow instructions, closing statements, mortgages, hypothecations, promissory notes and any such other instruments in writing of whatsoever kind or nature that may be deemed necessary and proper to sell, convey, mortgage, encumber and manage any property owned by, on behalf of the corporation, and to affix the corporate seal thereto as may be required.'*
2. August 10-11, 2018 retreat
 - Approved a recommendation to use half of the \$16,983 amount in the Kaktovik Manse Rent fund to pay a portion of the roofing costs. There was a consensus that the remaining roofing costs should be paid out of presbytery's Property and Maintenance Insurance Fund.
 - Appointed Mary Kron, Bob Christensen, Joseph Brock, and the executive presbyter to a small group that will work on identifying unspecified funds which could be tapped to pay for any budget shortfall this year and beyond.
 - Approved a motion recommending that presbytery apply the \$800 payments to the Gambell building project Hillcrest loan.
 - Approved four recommendations from Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care (YPEC)
 - Purchase two prints of the PBS Nova film "Decoding Climate Change" to be available through the Presbytery office. The cost is approximately \$25/print.
 - That the February 2019 Stated Meeting be focused upon climate change, and that two hours be set aside for a two hour 'dinner and movie' presentation of "Decoding Climate Change".
 - Presbytery purchase and then distribute to all the member churches a copy of Rebecca Barnes-Davies *Fifty Ways to Help Save the Earth*, at approximately \$15 each. Used copies are available on Amazon.

- Request that Ms. Barnes-Davies be invited by Presbytery to speak at the February, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery.
 - Approved a recommendation to commission presbytery moderator Paula Long, Native Ministries moderator-elect Lucy Apatiki, Sharon Rayt (if available), and someone chosen from the Arctic Bible Translators to attend the St. Lawrence Island Yupik New Testament dedications in Gambell, Savoonga, and Nome.
 - Approved a Native Ministries request to help find committed folks who feel called to participate in a focused prayer for Native Presbyterian Churches on the North Slope and on St. Lawrence Island, in an effort to discern how to work with the Holy Spirit for Kingdom solutions and strategies for these congregations.
 - Approved the theme and guiding questions for the fall stated meeting of presbytery:
 - Theme: *Discerning the Winds of the Spirit*
 - Theme Verse (not just at presbytery, but over the next two months): John 3:8 - *“The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”*
 - Questions for elder commissioners:
 - a. Where is God’s Spirit/wind blowing in your congregation?
 - b. Where is there enthusiasm, fire, and passion?
 - c. Where are people being encouraged and empowered to serve Jesus Christ in new ways?
 - Extended their gratitude for Bob and Kathy Christensen for hosting the retreat.
3. October 11, 2018 face-to-face meeting
- Recommended that presbytery stay the course on how to distribute investment earnings, guidelines which were approved in 2017:
Based on the consideration of the following goals:
 - An adequate reserve is kept to insulate against market loss.
 - Some funds need to be ‘inflation proofed’ or we have an obligation for a grant to receive interest.
 - Long term, we hope to be able to help fund operations with earnings from investments.

The following funds receive monthly interest at the rate of the highest interest Mission Development Certificate held:

Hillcrest Loan Fund
Property Maintenance and Insurance Fund
Lay Leadership Training (Earl Jackman)
Internship Fund (Mathes)
Immersion Project
Heiserman Grant
Morris Evangelism Fund Grant
Merchant Fund Grant

The undistributed CF Earnings and the Gains minus fees Funds be combined to form one reserve against market loss. All earnings and gains not distributed to the above funds to go into this fund until it reaches 15% of the monies invested in the market.

This proposal to be effective retroactively to January 1, 2017 (except where distributed interest has already been spent) and reviewed at the beginning of 2018.

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church – no report

United Protestant Church – RE Joseph Brock

The Holy Spirit has urged the congregation over the years to work with the Catholic and Lutheran churches on the Vacation Bible School Program. The youth plan to be engaged in intergenerational dinners. Volunteers have traveled to Gambell to work on the new church.

Eagle River Presbyterian Church – RE Matthew Hobbie

The Holy Spirit works through a strong music program. At the urging of the Spirit, congregants provided donations for a new organ. The congregation was blessed to find a new musician after the organist left. The Holy Spirit works through the children – the greatest gift we can gift is teaching the children about having a relationship with the Lord. The youth group has new energy. The community garden supplements the Eagle River food pantry which resides on the church's grounds. The church provides space for AA groups six days a week. Congregants reach out to schools in the community. The movement of the Holy Spirit resulted in the church's purchase of the building years ago, when it was a pool hall.

Anchor Presbyterian Church – RE Clyde Kaneshiro

The church is a mission place for Alaska Natives and other races to worship. The session has been augmented with an Administrative Commission and the addition of elder Jenny Alowa. The Spirit helps them do mission. Good sermons and fellowship maintain the inspiration.

CP Merle Apassingok led in the prayer for these churches.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Presbytery recessed for Native Ministries and Road System meetings.

LUNCH RECESS

Regional meetings recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm. Presbytery reconvened in plenary session at 1:30 pm with song.

REGIONAL MEETINGS' REPORT BACK

Road System – Rev. Luke Jones, regional moderator

- Regional elections:
 - Joseph Brock – road system's representative on the Leadership Team.
 - Shirley Novak – elected to complete Sandy Haldane's term as secretary
- Issues
 - Incorporate generational trauma learning from IAM and relate it to where and how to have authenticity in the city.
 - Health issues related to the western diet and end-of-life issues. How to deal with issues related to death?
 - How can our churches support each other with best practices?

Native Ministries – RE Lucy Apatiki, regional moderator

- Regional elections:
 - Lucy Apatiki – moderator
 - Merle Apassingok – moderator-elect
 - Vera Lincoln – clerk
- Issues

- o Village ministry intercessory prayer group. The entire presbytery was invited to be part of this prayer ministry.

2019 BUDGET: DISCUSSION AND VOTE - RE Bob Christensen

The projection is slightly less than 2018 budget. The 2019 budget was **ADOPTED**, as presented. (Appendix C).

RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Olgonik Presbyterian Church – no report

Immanuel Presbyterian Church – RE Jamie Amber

More families are attending worship. The focus lately has been on care of our youth, which shakes us out of our complacency.

University Community Presbyterian Church – RE David Rohwer

The congregation is growing in the Spirit and in numbers. The facility is used by many groups, including a new home school group. The Spirit is moving to help the homeless, individually and through their partnership with Love, INC.’s family program. There is a concerted effort to do lots of study of the Word and to look at all activities to ensure that they have an outward focus.

Atqasuk Chapel – no report

First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla – RE Shirley Novak

The congregation is seeing the Holy Spirit work in the church in new ways: beginning a table talk (reflection on the sermon), formation of an intercessory prayer group, hosting mission speakers at potlucks. Shirley related a story about the Holy Spirit changing the heart of a politician who gave his shoes to the ‘least of these.’

Rev. Mary Koch 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 the following were elected by separate vote:

Officer	Moderator Elect	CP Beulah Nowpakahok.....	19
Synod.....	Principal Minister Commissioner	Rev. Henry Woodall.....	20 ⁽¹⁾
Synod.....	Alternate Minister Commissioner.....	Rev. Leisa Carrick	20 ⁽¹⁾
Synod	Permanent Judicial Commission	Rev. Dean Knapp ⁽²⁾	22

⁽¹⁾ year. Synod commissioner terms end December 31st of the class

⁽²⁾ Presbytery nominates only, Synod elects

MINISTRY COMMISSION: Part II – Rev. Henry Woodall

Consideration of adopting a **Child and Youth Protection Policy** will be postponed to the winter stated presbytery meeting.

Recommendation for Presbytery Action: 2019 minimum terms of call for installed pastors.

The minimum salary represents an increase over 2018. Presbytery **APPROVED** the proposed minimum terms of call, as recommended by the Ministry Commission:

- **Minimum effective salary** for full-time service in 2019 is \$59,500. The Board of Pensions defines full-time service as 35 hours a week or more. Minimum effective salary for full-time service in 2019 is calculated as follows:
 - o \$45,769 plus manse/utilities value of \$13,731, resulting in an effective salary of \$59,500 **OR**

- An effective salary of \$59,500 divided appropriately between cash salary and housing allowance. Effective salary for part time service may be pro-rated.

In addition to the minimum effective salary, other minimums shall include:

- **Board of Pensions (BOP) core benefits:** medical/pension/death/disability coverage. Pastors' participation dues rate as a percentage of effective salary, is 37%.
- **Vacation** - 4 weeks annually (does not accumulate).
 For bush pastors, every second year an additional 2 weeks' vacation and reimbursement for a round trip by published cheapest airfare to Seattle for pastor and immediate family who reside in the manse/housing. Bush pastors are those who reside at and serve congregations located on other than a year around road or scheduled rail transportation system.
- **Study leave (continuing education) benefits**
 2 weeks each year plus \$1,500 each year of reimbursable costs (may accumulate for a 3-year maximum of six weeks. May not be used at the end of the call.
- **Moving expenses**
 - A. Moving to calling church in the Presbytery of Yukon
 1. Cost of transportation for family from place of residence to calling church.
 2. 3,000 lbs. of household goods & 2,000 lbs. of books moved at the most economical rate available.
 - B. Moving from calling church in the Presbytery of Yukon
 1. The lesser of:
 - a. The equivalent of cost of transportation for family to Seattle.
 - b. Half the cost of moving to the new location.
 2. The lesser of:
 - a. 3,000 lbs. of household goods & 2,000 lbs. of books moved to Seattle at the most economical rate available.
 - b. Half the cost of moving 3,000 lbs. household goods & 2,000 lbs. of books moved to the new location.
 - C. The moving and transportation costs for leaving may be prorated during the first three years in the Presbytery of Yukon.
- **Worker's Compensation** – full coverage
- **Medical Leave**
 10 days initially, accumulating at a rate of one (1) day per month of employment, up to 90 days, at which point long-term disability coverage takes effect.

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

1. Concurred with the action of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church session to renew Rev. Joseph Reid's stated supply agreement for another year, beginning March 23, 2018. [email vote: April 2018]

Terms of compensation

Cash Salary	\$60,000
Manse valuation.....	\$23,143
Utilities (includes cell, internet, cable).....	Paid
Workman's Compensation	Full coverage
Sick leave/ Short term disability.....	¹
Board of Pension core benefits.....	Provided
Vacation.....	4 weeks/year ²
Work outside the church.....	Allowed
Study Leave Time.....	2 weeks/year ³
Study Leave Reimbursement.....	\$1,500/yr ³
Vehicle.....	Gas & maintenance provided
Discretionary Fund.....	available for church/community expenses
Moving Expenses	⁴

- ¹ Presbytery minimum
- ² Every second year, an extra 2 weeks and reimbursement for round-trip airfare by published cheapest airfare to Seattle.
- ³ May accumulate for up to 3 years
- ⁴ The continuation of moving expense budgeted in 2016 for Reverend Reid (and any family who will live at the manse) from Atlanta, Georgia and/or Birmingham, Alabama to Utqiagvik and cost of return to Seattle by air, driving and/or ferry
Moving expenses also include up to 3,000 pounds of household goods and up to 2,000 pounds of books moved to Barrow at the most economic rate available as well as return of such items from Barrow as far as Seattle at the end of the term.

2. Commission Renewals

- **Paul Bodfish (Atqasuk Chapel):** Prior to the last stated meeting in February, the Ministry Commission (MC) had tentatively renewed Paul's commission, pending receipt of a written request from the Atqasuk Chapel session and Paul's agreement - the original request to renew the commission had been communicated verbally. The MC has received the official written request to renew Paul's commission for another three years. Areas of responsibility include leading services and preaching the gospel, administering the Lord's Supper and Baptism, performing the service of Christian marriage when invited by the council or other responsible minister, and when allowed by the state, performing a service at a funeral, and have a voice and vote in meetings of Presbytery. Now that a written request was received, Paul's commission renewal is official.
- **Marjorie Poggas (Jewel Lake Parish):** By email vote, the Ministry Commission approved the request of the church council to renew the commission of Marjorie for another three years. Areas of responsibility include: preach the gospel, lead worship, and serve Communion as requested; maintain contact with partner church and report to council and congregation; assist in visitation/contact with visitors, new members, shut-ins, institutionalized members and friends of Jewel Lake Parish, providing pastoral care and Communion when appropriate; assist in identifying/acknowledging gifts and calls to mission; and facilitate adult Christian education opportunities. [email vote: March, 2018]

3. Preparation for Ministry process

- **Cody Ryu:** The Ministry Commission granted candidate Cody Ryu, permission to negotiate for service. Having satisfied the requirements as set forth in the Authoritative Interpretation (in regards to negotiating for service prior to his final assessment), candidate Ryu may now circulate a Personal Information Form. [August 30, 2018]

The MC agreed to pay the costs of bringing Cody and his wife to the commission's face-to-face meeting in October. The purpose of the meeting will be to meet with elder Ryu for his final assessment by ascertaining his readiness for ministry, providing encouragement and resources, and conducting a debriefing/exit interview. [August 30, 2018]

Having met with Cody and his wife at its October face-to-face meeting, the Ministry Commission certified that Cody Ryu is ready for examination for ordination, pending a call. [October 11, 2018]

4. Recent moderator appointments

- **Chapel in the Mtns (Anaktuvuk Pass):** after the resignation of Rev. Neill McKay, the Ministry Commission appointed Trinity elder Terry Keith, who has had a long-standing relationship with the church.

- 5..... Other Ministry Commission actions
- Fairbanks Korean Presbyterian Church: Given the language barrier, the Ministry Commission (MC) requested that Korean consultant Rev. Jinsuk Kim be asked to act on its behalf, to commend elders for following through and submitting a Ministry Information Form (MIF) for the commission’s approval, relaying concerns the commission had with the MIF, and to lay out options. [August 30, 2018]

 Approved the church’s Ministry Information Form, as amended [October 11, 2018]
 - Approved the transfer of Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green to Mackinac Presbytery, if the way be clear (i.e. being received as a member.) Ian has accepted a position in Gaylord, Michigan [October 11, 2018]
 - Extended the Member-at-Large status of Rev. Elizabeth Schultz, until February, 2019, at which time the Commission will perform its annual review.
 - Extended Beulah Nowpakahok’s commission until February, 2019. Beulah is up for renewal at this time, but the Ministry Commission is working towards placing all Commissioned Pastors on the same commission renewal schedule.
 - Appointed Rev. Johan Shin, as mentor to Merle Apassingok, if the way is clear for him to be commissioned at the upcoming presbytery meeting.

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

Church	Status	PNC	Moderator
Chapel in the Mtns	Not seeking a pastor	None	Elder Terry Keith
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

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT – Rev. Curt Karns

The exec provided highlights to his written report (Appendix D)

- Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church is the fastest growing church in the presbytery.
- Collective impact – if ministry is geared to the community, one needs to understand that our worldview is set by the age of 14. To have an impact in the future, our primary focus must be the children and their families. The elders hold the values and the traditions.
- Churches are being impacted by the sexual abuse that is in the news.
 - Necessary boundaries training can be done with our ecumenical partners
 - We need to be careful when people talk with us. Don’t see yourself as a counselor, but grieve and pray for people and learn about the resources that are available, such as the Anchorage Community Emergency Advocacy Resources Booklet, the municipality’s Dept. of Health and Human Services, 211, and online resources.

REFLECTIONS OF THE SPIRIT BREAKOUT SESSION III

Breakout sessions continued. Feedback on what people heard include appreciation of prayer and the foundational nature of prayer. Sometimes we need to meet the practical needs before the spiritual can be addressed.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mileage: Elder Ron Illingworth reported that two requests for reimbursement were approved.

Resolutions: Rev. Israel Nelson, presented a verbal report.

Guided in worship by kilted clergy, the Presbytery of Yukon assembled Friday, 12 October, 2018 at the Eagle River Presbyterian Church. Departing Iona Community Associate Ian MacInnes-Green is leaving home to serve the church in Michigan. He reminded us that God is within and that we need both wings to fly. Copies of the Yupik New Testament were offered for sale. Yukon Presbyterians for Earthcare distributed copies of 50 Ways to Save the Earth, one to each church. We learned that Bingle Camp has room to grow anticipating a goal of 100 campers and new staff in the coming season. We listened for the ‘wind of the Spirit’ and were serenaded by Tim Carrick on the cello. In his statement of faith for his commissioning, CRE Merle Apassingok said he does not want “to make that rooster crow.” Led by Matt Schultz, reflecting upon the 223rd General Assembly, we chanted “This is what theology looks like.” Children at Anchorage First Church built a shower. We were moved by the Shinen’s video “goodbye” to Gambell after 59 years of translating the New Testament into Yupik. A string ensemble led us in singing “Shine, Jesus, Shine.” Danna Larson led us in an innovative and resourceful report on the Gambell Church building project including one photo of the masked reporter mudding the church wall. We saw photos of the new roofs on [the] Kaktovik Church and manse. On Saturday, we worshipped in Yupik “All for the Glory of God.” Amaghalek Beulah Nowpakahok reminded us that the ‘apostles shook up the world,’ as she shared her testimony about translating the Bible into Yupik. Wowita Merle Apassingok and Yimi Wanda Slwooko read from the Yupik New Testament. The Native Ministries regional meeting challenged us to be intentional ministers of prayer and the Road System churches discussed how to address generational trauma. We adopted a budget for 2019 of \$304,954. In Wasilla we give away our shoes and socks. We adopted Minimum Terms of Call for the New Year.

Now therefore, Be It Resolved that [the] Presbytery of Yukon on this 13th day of October in the Year of Our Lord 2018, that we leave this meeting to continue being the Presence of the Christ in the world.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presbytery extended its gratitude to saints of Eagle River Presbyterian Church.

The next presbytery meeting is scheduled for February 22 – 23, 2019 at United Protestant Church in Palmer.

ADJOURN

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

Sharon Rayt
Stated Clerk