

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON**  
**CONSENT AGENDA AND REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**  
**October 10-11, 2014 Stated Meeting**

The consent agenda allows Presbytery to receive information and approve motions that are routine and generally do not generate any discussion, without putting motions to a formal vote. Please review the consent agenda. Any member of Presbytery may request that an item be pulled from the agenda for separate consideration.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Recommendations for Action from the Stated Clerk**

1. Approve the minutes of the February 28-March 1, 2014 stated presbytery meeting, as distributed.
2. Approve the minutes of the March 15, 2014 adjourned presbytery meeting, as distributed.
3. Approve the minutes of the June 7, 2014 special presbytery meeting, as distributed.
4. Receive with regret, the resignations of Ruling Elder Fenton Rexford who is unable to continue his service as moderator of the Joint Parish, moderator of the Native American Consulting Committee, ruling elder Commissioner to Synod, member of the Presbytery Leadership Team and member of the National Native American Consulting Committee.
5. Receive with regret, the resignation of CRE Sandra Wagenius, as the moderator and member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. CRE Wagenius is preparing to move to Oregon.
6. Receive with regret, the resignation of Ruling Elder Cathy Johnson from the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission.
7. Receive with regret, the resignation of Ruling Elder Paula Long, as moderator of the Committee on Representation. Family obligations prevents Elder Long from continuing to serve.

**INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR REPORTING PURPOSES:**

**1. Electronic Voting Results**

- In June, 2014, and by unanimous vote, Presbytery approved a request authorizing the celebration of the Lord's Supper as part of the Presbyterian's for Earthcare Regional Conference hosted by Yukon Presbyterians for Earthcare during September. According to W-3.6204, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is appropriate for any special gathering.
- In June and by unanimous vote, Presbytery approved University Community PC's (UCPC) request to grant permission for Commissioned Ruling Elder Lois Hildenbrand to administer the Lord's Supper from June 1, 2014 to September 1, 2014, while serving as pulpit supply at UCPC. The scope of Lois' commission will expand to include this newly granted authority. Lois, serving as half-time temporary pastor at New Hope Church in North Pole, was re-commissioned on June 7, 2014 at a special teleconference meeting of Presbytery.
- In July and by unanimous vote, Presbytery approved a request of the Fairbanks Korean PC congregation, on the recommendation of the church session, to sell the manse, a two bedroom condo. The primary reason for selling the property is that the manse is too small for the pastor and his family. There is no indebtedness on the property; the condo was purchased in 2012 with cash. The session is waiting for presbytery approval before the property is listed. There are plans to purchase a larger, three bedroom condo after the manse is sold. Further presbytery action will be required to act on the purchase which will likely be partially funded with a Presbytery Hillcrest loan.

**2. Correspondence**

- PCUSA Budget Coordinator Christopher Nicholas wrote to express appreciation to the Leadership Team for its decision to pay the \$8,935.27 balance owed for 2012 and 2013 General Assembly per capita.
- Correspondence received from U.S. Army Lt. Col. John W. Kaiser, Jr.: "Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend Presbytery in the North Pole this weekend due to mission requirements. This would have been my last Presbytery Meeting in Alaska as my family and I prepare to move to Germany in December. I

want to say it has been an outstanding experience working with the Yukon Presbytery for the last two years, even spending time together at the GA!

I especially appreciated the opportunity to frequently worship and preach at the neighbor Presbyterian Church to JBER-Richardson, Eagle River Presbyterian Church. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to support Piper Cartland in her ministry in a Community and Church so near and dear to our installation.

I cc'd Chaplain Larry Greenslit, who is our PCUSA Endorser for Chaplains and Military Personnel, and allows us to have such great ministry opportunities as I have had in Alaska.”

- The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel invites the Presbytery of Yukon to support Presbyterian chaplains and their families by participating in the council’s Four Chaplains Sunday appeal.

“The story of the Four Chaplains is not only compelling in its own right but especially relevant during a time when the American public has a heightened awareness of the sacrifices made by our military members and their families – the story of the Four Chaplains highlights the faith, courage, and spirit of interfaith cooperation that chaplains are called to exhibit in caring for service members and their families.”

- The session of Kingston Presbyterian Church in Conway, South Carolina, concerned over the actions of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, requested that all presbytery commissioners prayerfully consider the effect of their votes on changing the *Book of Order*.

### 3. Actions of the Leadership Team

- July 12, 2014 Leadership Team regular teleconference
  - The LT accepted New Hope Church’s invitation to host the Fall 2014 Stated Meeting of Presbytery
  - 2015 Budget timeline: Given that few churches submitted pledges prior to the 2014 budget vote in February, Presbytery did not gain much by delaying the vote. The LT team approved a recommendation to revert back to scheduling the budget vote for October.
  - Business pertaining to the 2014 Fall Presbytery Meeting.
    - ‘*Abounding in Hope*’, the theme of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly, was adopted as the theme of the October meeting.
    - Romans 15:13 designated as the theme verse:  
*‘May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.’*
    - Appointed elder commissioners to Presbytery will be asked to respond to the following question during their commissioner reports. “*What is giving you hope and joy in your church, in your home, and in your community?*”
  - The LT approved a request by the PLUME (Presbyterian, Lutheran, United Methodist, and Episcopal) Outreach Ministry to expand the PLUME ministry.
  - Rev. Curt Karns, Shirley Novak, Mary Kron, Sharon Rayt, and Rev. Alice Green (if the way be clear) were appointed to a council sub-committee to investigate ways of using funds received from the estate of Mary Jane Landstrom and Synod (in the wake of its downsizing), and bring back a proposal to the Leadership Team.
- August 20, 2014 Leadership Team Special Teleconference
  - On the recommendation of the funds distribution sub-committee,

- The LT voted to recommend to Presbytery that all of the \$232,401.99 received as a bequest from Mary Jane Landstrom (plus accrued interest), be deposited into the Presbytery's Mission Fund Permanent Endowment held by the Presbyterian Foundation.
  - The LT approved a recommendation that remaining balances of General Assembly per capita from 2012 (\$4,212.58) and 2013 (\$4,722.69) and any deficit of both General Assembly and Synod 2014 per capita be paid out of the \$125,549.10 Presbytery received from the Synod. (Synod already reduced the past due Synod per capita from 2012 and 2013.)
  - In regards to our policy regarding per capita, the LT voted to revert back to assuming responsibility for remitting all General Assembly and Synod per capita in a timely manner and to request that the Budget and Finance committee include the 2015 General Assembly and Synod per capita amounts in the 2015 budget.
  - The LT voted to recommend to Presbytery that the cash flow reserve be returned to \$100,000. Returning the cash flow reserve to \$100,000 will held enable payment of the per capita in a timely manner. The intent is that the balance of the \$125,500+ from Synod will be used to balance the budget for the next several years.
- In regards to the October Stated Meeting of Presbytery:
- Proposed Amendments to the Constitution: The Confession of Belhar and Marriage amendment will be scheduled for Saturday morning. A member of the Belhar Committee and Rev. Matthew Schultz will be asked to make the presentations, respectively.
- October 9, 2014 Leadership Team regular meeting.
    - Acting as the Personnel Committee, the Leadership Team
      - Voted to approve a \$1,000 bonus for Presbytery Administrative Assistant Melissa O'Malley for a job well done in trouble shooting for the earth care event and preparing for the presbytery meeting. Half of the bonus will be paid with money left over from the eco-tour
      - Recommended that Presbytery pay the 1.5% cost for family medical coverage for exec Rev. Curt Karns, in 2015. Recommendation will require separate action by Presbytery, as any change in the exec's compensation represents a change in terms of call.
      - Recommended that Rev. Curt Karns, treasurer Mary Kron, and Melissa O'Malley receive a 2% cost of living increase in 2015. The recommendation for the exec will require separate action by Presbytery.
      - Recommended a 25% increase in the stated clerk's salary in 2015, due to an increased workload.

#### **4. Miscellaneous Reporting**

- Moderator Appointments: Moderator RE Merle Apassingok appointed Rev. Israel Nelson, Rev. Duke Morrow, Rev. Dean Knapp, and Dawn Coggan, to a team to revise Presbytery's Discernment Policy.
- The Investigating Committee appointed in May has completed its investigation and reported that charges will be filed against a teaching elder member of Presbytery.

## PRESBYTERY OF YUKON SPRING 2014 STATED MEETING

First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla, Alaska

February 28 – March 1, 2014

*“But ask the animals, and they will teach you;  
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;  
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.”*

Job 12:7 - 8

### FRIDAY, February 28, 2014

#### OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery opened with worship at 9:00 am in the First Presbyterian Church Wasilla sanctuary. Rev. Israel Nelson delivered the message *Listen Up*. The scripture reading focused on Job 8:11-13a; 12:7-8.

#### CONVENE

Moderator Rev. Duke Morrow convened the 2014 spring stated meeting at 9:00 am with prayer.

#### WELCOME

Host pastor Rev. Henry Woodall extended a warm welcome to Presbytery.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Guests, first time ruling elder commissioners and teaching elders were introduced. Presbytery **VOTED** to grant voice to corresponding members and guests presenting reports or called upon to provide expertise.

#### ESTABLISH ROLL

##### **Teaching elder members present:**

Linda Baggett – <i>co-interim, UCPC &amp; New Hope Church</i>	Trent Baggett – <i>co-interim, UCPC &amp; New Hope Church</i>
Leisa Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i>	Tim Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i>
Piper Cartland – <i>pastor, Eagle River PC</i>	Woo S. Jeong – <i>stated supply, Fairbanks Korean PC</i>
Ellen Johnson Price – <i>member-at-large</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>validated ministry, AK Mtn. Rescue</i>
Susan Knight – <i>temporary supply, Immanuel PC</i>	Tammy Letts – <i>assoc. pastor, Trinity PC</i>
Tom Letts – <i>senior pastor, Trinity PC</i>	Ian MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</i>
Kim MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</i>	Duke Morrow – <i>pastor, Utqiagvik PC</i>
Israel Nelson – <i>honorably retired</i>	Matt Schultz – <i>pastor, First Anchorage PC</i>
Henry Woodall – <i>pastor, First Wasilla PC</i>	

##### **Commissioned ruling elders (CRE) present:**

Paul Bodfish – <i>Atqasuk Chapel</i>	Leah Hathaway – <i>Jewel Lake Parish</i>
Virginia Kasak – <i>Kuukpik PC</i>	Marjorie Poggas – <i>Jewel Lake Parish</i>
Sandra Wagenius – <i>United Protestant</i>	

##### **Churches represented by ruling elder (RE) commissioner:**

Anchor – <i>Clyde Kaneshiro</i>	Delta PC – <i>Ann Geise</i>
Eagle River PC – <i>Donna Davidson</i>	Fairbanks Korean – <i>Jinhee Dickerson</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Anchorage PC – <i>John Weaver (Fri), Ralph Duerre (Sat.)</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Korean Anchorage – <i>InSook Baik (Fri), Steve Bang (Sat)</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Wasilla PC – <i>Daulton Morock (Fri), Bob Christensen (Sat)</i>	Immanuel PC – <i>Mark Green</i>
Jewel Lake Parish – <i>Ken Selby</i>	Kuukpik PC – <i>Carolyn Ahkiviana</i>
Savoonga – <i>Nick Waghiyi</i>	Trinity PC – <i>Todd Carter</i>
University Community PC – <i>Sarah Lanstra</i>	Utqiagvik PC – <i>Ida Olemaun (Sat only)</i>
United Protestant Church – <i>Jan Burger</i>	

**Other voting members present:**

RE Dennis Berry - *Leadership Team*  
 RE Shirley Novak – *Leadership Team*  
 RE Sharon Rayt – *Stated Clerk*

RE Arlayne Knox – *Leadership Team*  
 RE Molly Pederson – *Leadership Team*  
 RE Mark Wartes – *Leadership Team*

**Youth Advisory Delegate present:**

Tiffany Immingan, *Savoonga*

**Teaching elder members excused:**

Isaac Akootchook – *honorably retired*  
 Richard Carpenter – *honorably retired*  
 Philip Gilbert – *honorably retired*  
 Henry Guinotte – *honorably retired*  
 Peter Loughman – *inactive*  
 James Nageak – *honorably retired*  
 Dianne O’Connell – *honorably retired*  
 Ken Smith – *honorably retired*

Patrick Bracken- *chaplain, Ft. Wainwright*  
 Sandra Faison– *member-at-large*  
 Alice Green – *honorably retired*  
 Sig Kristiansen – *honorably retired*  
 Ted McGovern – *chaplain, U.S. Army Reserves*  
 William Ng – *honorably retired*  
 Youl Rhee –*honorably retired*  
 Mary Ann Warden – *honorably retired*

**Churches not represented by a ruling elder commissioner:**

Atqasuk Chapel  
 Gambell PC  
 Olgonik PC

Chapel in the Mountains  
 Kaktovik PC  
 New Hope

**Other voting members excused**

CRE George Agnasagga – *Olgonik PC*  
 RE Merle Apassingok – *Leadership Team*  
 RE Beulah Nowpakahok – *Leadership Team*

CRE Richard Mauer – *Delta PC*  
 RE Paula Long – *Moderator, Representation Committee*  
 RE Fenton Rexford – *Leadership Team*

**Enrollment and seating of corresponding members:**

Rev. Rimuy – *Tayal Presbytery (Taiwan)*  
 Rev. Yuming – *Tayal Presbytery (Taiwan)*  
 Rev. Syat – *Tayal Presbytery (Taiwan)*  
 Rev. Eric Chavis – *ministry relations officer, Presbyterian Foundation (Presbytery of North Puget Sound)*  
 Rev. Mark Frey – *regional representative, Board of Pensions (Presbytery of Cascades)*  
 Rev. Robert Hicks – *executive director, Mat-Su PLUME Outreach (United Methodist Church)*  
 Rev. John Kaiser – *military chaplain, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (Heartland Presbytery)*  
 Rev. Jin Hoon Kim – *interim pastor, 1<sup>st</sup> Korean Anchorage PC (Cherokee Presbytery)*  
 Bishop David Mahaffey – *bishop, Diocese of Alaska (Orthodox Church in America)*  
 Father Phanourios – *Labasa, Figi (Orthodox Christian Church)*  
 Rev. E. Stanley Ott – *director, Vital Churches Institute (National Capital Presbytery)*

**Guests/Presbytery office staff:**

Sheryl Bang  
 Thomas Branton  
 Deacon Jo Ann Bantz  
 Grace Jeong  
 Rozann Kimpton  
 Melissa O’Malley – *Presbytery administrative asst.*  
 Helen Woodings

Alice Branton  
 Barbara Brown  
 Linda Green  
 Laurie Kari  
 Mary Kron – *Presbytery treasurer*  
 Dean Mielke, *Synod of AK/NW MDC Program*  
 Joy Tang – *translator for Tayal visitors*

### DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present in accordance with the requirement in G-3.0304, that ruling elders representing at least three churches and three teaching elders constitute a quorum.

### ADOPTION OF DOCKET

Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket as presented.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**Resolution Committee:** Rev. Piper Cartland, RE Donna Davidson

**Mileage Committee:** Presbytery treasurer Mary Kron

### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

Elder commissioners were asked to address the following questions during their report.

- What important things happening in your church, would you like to share?
- What are some things that presbytery could do to benefit your church?
- What is guiding your faith in practice?

Following elder testimonies, a member of the Committee of Ministry lifted up a joy to celebrate.

### TAYAL PRESBYTERY DELEGATION

The four members of the visiting Tayal Presbytery delivered greetings.

### BOARD OF PENSIONS

Rev. Mark Frey provided an update on the Board of Pensions. The pension fund remains in good shape.

Beginning January 2015, the current long-standing dues structure will change; dues for dependents will increase 1.5%.

### PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Regional ministry relations officer Rev. Eric Chavis provided an update.

### MAT-SU PLUME OUTREACH

Executive Director Rev. Robert Hicks provided highlights of his written report and presented an update on the PLUME Academy for Missional Wisdom, the object of which is to coach and equip participants to create and lead new missional communities with practices of hospitality, service and intentional living. The written report follows:

“Our Sutton PLUME Fellowship has dedicated leaders who facilitate our bi-monthly meetings at the Sutton Public Library. This past year we partnered with Grace Bible Church to bring a top-notch VBS program to 35 area kids. This will be repeated next year. Neither organization could have done this alone. Our PLUME participants become involved in the local elementary school volunteering in their one-on-one reading programs and assisting with after school activities. They are also involved in the local food pantry program and are actively making plans for offering monthly community socials to get Sutton people more acquainted and to build new relationships.

Trapper Creek Fellowship continues its mission to offer a weekly mainline, Protestant worship service; serve a monthly community meal; and host a Valley Charities case manager who facilitates a homeless prevention program for Trapper Creek in their church building. This is coordinated with the food pantry that is housed in the church’s refurbished basement (thanks to hard workers from Good Shepherd and other PLUME churches). Last summer, Hazel Davidson put together a weekly Trapper Creek VBS that served over thirty kids.

In November, PLUME launched a new missional community at Primrose Retirement Center. The group meets for Bible study and prayer on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Primrose Pub. In the future,

we hope to see PLUME groups planted in other Mat-Su retirement centers. We utilize the combined leadership of residents and local PLUME pastors. Rev. Tori Hicks is serving as PLUME's primary mission developer at Primrose.

In 2013, PLUME shared seminary intern, Hazel Davidson, with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Hazel got a good mix of traditional and non-traditional ministry opportunities. We were all blessed to work with her and walk with her as she explored different forms that ministry can take.

At the October PLUME all members' meeting, we initiated our newest project, to construct a business plan and feasibility study for the possible purchase of Meier Lake Retreat Center. Our vision is to turn it into a monastery, a training center for missional engagement, and a spiritual retreat center.

**Our Mission statement:** *To manifest God's reign on earth by cultivating and training Christian leaders to engage in spiritual and missional service amidst Alaskan cultures.*

We have recruited a team to work on this plan with sustainability being a key focus. Our study will be concluded by May, 2014. At that point, membership of Mat-Su PLUME Outreach will discern if it is God's will for us to proceed. A website will soon be available to explain the project in more detail and to report on our progress."

#### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**Jewel Lake Parish** (Anchorage) – RE Ken Selby

Elder Selby reported that primary Ruling Elder commissioner Susan Woods is still recovering from a serious car accident. Parishioners in the "Little Church with the Big Heart," have a driving passion to reach out and serve the needs of the community. The food pantry is in high demand. With a lot of open space around the church, there are plans to construct garden boxes to raise food for the Food Bank.

The Committee on Ministry commended Kent and Phil Reynolds for their work on the proposed new church building in Gambell.

**Anchor Presbyterian Church** (Anchorage) – RE Clyde Kaneshiro

The small congregation meets in the First Presbyterian Church Anchorage Chapel. The 50 member church provides a welcoming place for natives, the homeless, and those from other backgrounds. A potluck is held every Sunday after worship. Members are looking into ways of publicizing the fact that Anchor is a place for villagers to worship when they fly into Anchorage. The church is seeking ways of being self-supporting and giving back to the Presbytery of Yukon for all the support provided by the Presbytery. There is a small outreach to the homeless in the community, and members are looking for ways to attract children and youth. "We trust in the Lord and have hope."

The Committee on Ministry commended Anchor PC for hosting the Tayal delegation.

*Rev. Curt Karns led in the prayer for these churches and the PLUME Outreach ministry.*

#### EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT – Rev. Curt Karns

The exec provided of highlights of the written report (Appendix A).

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – Mary Kron

The 2013 year-end Financial Statement and Budget were distributed (Appendix B).

#### 2014 BUDGET

The proposed budget was presented; voting is scheduled for Saturday.

### COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (COR)

No members of the committee were available to present a report.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part I) – Rev. Tim Carrick

Rev. Carrick presented the committee's report on behalf of committee moderator RE Ida Olemaun. Nominations and elections are scheduled for Saturday.

### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

#### **New Hope Church** (North Pole) – Co-interim Rev. Trent Baggett

The church safe was stolen. Rev. Baggett recommended that church safes be anchored to the floor. Having begun the pastoral search, the Pastor Nominating Committee is asking for prayers of discernment.

#### **Chapel in the Mountains** (Anaktuvuk Pass) — Session moderator RE Mark Wartes,

In the absence of an elder commissioner, elder Wartes reported that older congregants attend the morning worship, and that the younger generation tends to worship in the evening. Former pastor Rev. Keith Johnston and Christian educator Sally Johnston are planning to visit in June to assist with Vacation Bible School. Following VBS, several members of the church will return with Keith and Sally to spend time training with the Johnstons in Virginia.

#### **Kuukpik Presbyterian Church** (Nuiqsut) — RE Carolyn Ahkiviana

One of the school teachers leads the music during the Sunday morning worship service. A healing service was well attended. Prayer requests included: church growth, for CRE Virginia Kasak and church ruling elders. The church is planning a new addition to the manse and other building improvements. CRE Kasak is a blessing to the church, and the session has requested that her commission be renewed.

COM commended CRE Kasak for her service and the congregation for its food bank and cooperative work with the local Assembly of God church.

#### **Olgonik Presbyterian Church** (Wainwright) — Rev. Curt Karns

The exec asked for prayers for George and wife Lydia. CRE George Agnasagga was not able to attend presbytery because he is caring for Lydia.

COM commended CRE Agnasagga for the idea of hiring a roving pastor to serve churches in the arctic north.

#### **Atqasuk Chapel** — CRE Paul Bodfish

The Atqasuk, Wainwright, and Nuiqsut churches are working on the proposed roving pastor model. Atqasuk will provide funding toward the roving pastor's first year. Congregants pray for the Presbytery of Yukon and all the churches.

COM commended Atqasuk for providing a place for the roving pastor – a 'manse on a sled'. The majority of the congregation is involved with this project.

*Rev. Curt Karns led in the prayer of these churches.*

### LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened with song at 1:00 pm.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP – Session I

Rev. Stan Ott of the Vital Churches Institute led the afternoon workshop.

### AFTERNOON RECESS

Presbytery recessed for a break at 2:45 pm and reconvened with song at 3:00 pm.



## COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM) – CRE Sandra Wagenius

CRE Candidates Beulah Nowpakahok (Gambell PC) and Eunice Ahsuak (Utqiagvik PC) were unable to be present for the commissioning examination.

Trinity's RE Todd Carter has come under care as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) candidate.

CPM hopes to receive a \$7,000 grant from Cook Native American Ministries to fund a Commissioned Ruling Elder Immersion Training Program. The program aims to provide an individualized training experience in an arctic village setting. Each immersion trainee would be paired up with a qualified mentor. Phase one, developed jointly with the CRE trainee and teaching mentor, would be based upon the candidate's specific needs to complete their requirements to be commissioned. A four member committee, to include village church members, will design the program. The plan is to have the first immersion project implemented by 2015.

## RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

### **Immanuel Presbyterian Church** (Anchorage) — RE Mark Green

The church continues its partnership with the neighborhood elementary school by providing food and school supplies; the AWAIC shelter, and Alcoholic Anonymous groups, and shares its building with Seventh Day Adventist and Tongan congregations. RE Sarah Johnston and Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green serve on the First Korean Presbyterian Church Anchorage Administrative Commission. Session is re-examining the church's mission and planning a new project – installing garden plots/gardens boxes. Session is feeling re-energized with the addition of two new, younger elders and another to fill a vacancy. The Board of Deacons is complete. A special prayer was requested for individuals raising grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

COM celebrated Immanuel PC for pioneering in many ways: the garden boxes; the only More Light church in the state; and the leadership provided in the way they live.

### **First Anchorage Presbyterian Church** — RE John Weaver

With the help of new pastor Rev. Matthew Schultz, the congregation is rebuilding, and there is an upbeat, positive attitude. The church is one of seven churches participating in the Cold Weather Program, by providing shelter one night a week for homeless families when nighttime temperatures drop below 45 degrees.

COM commended the church for their participation in the Cold Weather Program and for providing space for the Presbytery office and Anchor Presbyterian Church.

### **University Community Presbyterian Church** (Fairbanks) — RE Sarah Lanstra

The church again provided housing for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance teams sent to assist in disaster areas. The Deacon Board is active. A Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected to begin the search for a permanent pastor. Congregants are grateful for co-interims Rev. Linda and Trent Baggetts' ministry and are appreciative of the Presbytery, which has been called upon to provide assistance and guidance.

COM commended the church for completing a mission/vision study so that they are now ready to form a PNC; and for the fact that their finances are stabilizing and growing.

*Rev. Tammy Letts led in the prayer for the churches.*

## RECESS

Presbytery recessed for a brief recess and reconvened with song.

## RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

### **Savoonga Presbyterian Church** - RE Nick Waghiyi

There is new life within the congregation; new, younger elders and deacons are taking an active role in the life of the church. Worship is scheduled for Sunday evenings, with local school teacher Heidi, leading the music. Many of the same children return each week for the afternoon Sunday School. Tiffany Immingan and Nick are working on scheduling more youth events. Youth enjoy worship music. Nick asked for prayers for the youth who don't

have a lot of attention from their families or community. Youth are struggling, and many are turning to drugs, and teen pregnancies. A major challenge is keeping the building warm, and it is difficult to transport fuel oil from the village tank farm to the church. Money has been donated to purchase more fuel; other volunteers have fixed broken pipes. A food bank was started in response to the disastrous village walrus/seal harvest. Work is progressing on getting final approval. The Presbytery has been working with the church to secure food for the food bank.

COM commended Savoonga for electing new, younger elders.

### **Gambell Presbyterian Church**

Due to poor weather conditions which prevented the planes from flying, the ruling elder commissioner from Gambell was not able to be present.

COM commended Gambell for the progress being made on their new church building; starting a food bank, and electing new, younger elders to serve on session.

### **Kaktovik Presbyterian Church** — church moderator Rev. Curt Karns

Illness prevented the ruling elder commissioner from attending Presbytery. The church is going through a difficult time; only a few attend worship services which are held at the senior apartments. The Assembly of God church in town is facing similar problems. The session has decided that Kaktovik Presbyterian and Assembly of God Christians need to move forward. Failure to provide heating oil to the church and manse has caused both buildings to freeze. With no heat since November; the session is looking for someone with expertise to repair the plumbing system.

*Rev. Duke Morrow led in the prayer for these churches.*

### MISSION IN ACTION COMMITTEE

#### **St, Lawrence Island** – Deacon Jo Ann Bantz

The Food Bank of Alaska has authorized food for delivery to the villages of Gambell and Savoonga. Rev. Dan Ketchum is working with the two communities to get the food banks operational. The first shipment of food will be shipped in the next few months. A member of the Palmer church, who is a nutritionist, has been assisting in the food selection. Costco is helping with the shipping costs. The Savoonga church will house the Food Bank; Tiffany Immingan has been hired by the session to serve as the Food Bank's director. The last of the paperwork was hand-delivered to the Anchorage Food Bank office this week.

#### **Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care (YPEC)** – Rev. Curt Karns.

Highlights of the written report (Appendix C) were provided.

- A regional climate change conference hosted by YPEC is scheduled for September 2-7, 2014. The eco-tour will be a chance for PCUSA members to observe and reflect on signs of climate change.
- YPEC is working with the Alaska Coalition Against Toxics (ACAT) to study how to improve St. Lawrence Islanders health.

Tiffany Immingan spent a few minutes leading Presbytery in the finger-game energizer “fish.”

- Rev. Dan Ketchum presented a request to concur with General Assembly overture 050: “*On Affirming the Importance of Sustainable Development and the Precautionary Principle*”; vote is scheduled for Saturday.

### RECESS

At 4:45 pm, Presbytery **VOTED** to recess the ecclesiastical meeting for the Order of the Day - the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

## ORDER OF THE DAY: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

Trustee President RE Dennis Berry convened a meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon, Inc. with an opening prayer at 4:47 pm. A quorum was present.

- Members **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Corporation meeting, as distributed.
- The Nome Presbyterian Church building has been sold. The Presbytery is carrying the note, and the buyer is making monthly payments which will be used to pay off the Nome PC's Hillcrest loans.
- The nominating committee presented the list of nominees for the two positions on the Board of Trustees. The floor was open for nominations. There being none, Presbytery **VOTED** to close nominations and elect the following to the class of 2017:

Arctic North	RE Martha Stackhouse (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Interior	RE Karl Reid (1 <sup>st</sup> term)
- University Community PC has completed the sale of the old log church.
- New Gambell Building Proposal  
The New Gambell Church Committee is working to realize the dream of many years to have a new church in Gambell and forwarded a proposal requiring Presbytery action. The high cost of construction and high annual cost of heating and maintaining facilities creates real challenges for new facilities.

At this time, the committee is working with Allen Rohde, of Rohde and Associates, to develop new plans for the church. From the previous 9,600 ft.<sup>2</sup> design, the group is now looking at less than a 6,000 sf<sup>2</sup> structure which will include a manse. Square footage has been reduced by using movable walls, allowing for expansion of the 100 seat sanctuary area with classrooms to create a space accommodating up to 250 when classroom walls are removed. The sanctuary could be a multi-use space for the community. Plans include a kitchen, bathrooms with showers, offices, storage space, and an area for the Food Bank.

Working budget is \$3,000,000; \$850,000 is on hand. The proposed plan is to erect the building shell this summer and recruit volunteer work crews to assist next summer in completing the interior. The committee is seeking a \$500,000 grant and \$500,000 loan from Presbytery. These funds, in combination with the funds in the bank will allow construction of the shell this summer. The loan is intended to be a construction or bridge loan that will be paid off by fund raising efforts. The community of Gambell will not be left with any debt. The Hillcrest Loan Fund has a balance of \$1,014,624.67 and the Kellum Street Fund has a balance of \$420,548.37.

Discussion ensued. Members of the Corporation **VOTED** to approve the committee's request to seek a grant of \$500,000 from the Kellum St. Fund and a \$500,000 construction loan from the Hillcrest Loan Fund.

The Corporation meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm, with Presbytery moderator Morrow leading in the prayer to adjourn the Corporation meeting and reconvene the presbytery meeting

## RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**Delta Presbyterian Church** - RE Ann Geise

The confirmation class is ongoing and will be completed this spring. Ann asked for prayers for a senior member of the congregation and the pastor's daughter, both of whom are struggling with cancer treatments. The Souper Bowl of Caring meal was held on Super Bowl Sunday; funds raised will help provide heating fuel to those in need. The church is sponsoring a third child in India through World Vision. In cooperation with the Delta Ministerial Association, the church participates in a Thanksgiving meal, and the congregation provides food for Project Christmas. The hand bell choir is a way for the church to reach out into the community, with community

members playing in the choir. Another outreach is through an exercise group that meets at the church. There are plans to re-insulate the building this summer.

COM commended the Delta congregation for faithfully tithing to the Presbytery, helping to enroll individuals in Affordable Care Act plans, and strengthening its connection to the Presbytery.

**Korean-Fairbanks Presbyterian Church** — RE JinHee Dickerson

The congregation has been praying, asking Jesus for guidance. A group of parishioners met for 23 consecutive days in January at 6 am to pray, and in February they began to see answers to their prayers. One of the local church missions involves hosting a beauty shop at the church on Saturdays. Money raised during these events is given to the church to help support foreign and local missions. Prayers were sought, that those in the church will love each other and forgive each other, and be transformed into the likeness of Jesus.

COM commended the church for meeting their Presbytery mission budget and per capita this year.

**Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church** (Barrow) — RE Molly Pederson

Elder Pederson has been out-of-town for a couple of months, but has been able to keep updated through Facebook and other electronic means. Molly was installed as a Ruling Elder via an electronic meeting. The sanctuary has been rearranged, with a new screen. Elder Pederson suggested that Presbytery publish a Mission Yearbook of Prayer for churches within the Presbytery of Yukon, as a reminder to pray for each other. The church choir is singing this evening at the Native Musicale in Anchorage. Radio KGRW.org broadcasts from 9:30 to 11:30 pm, as an extension of the Sunday evening worship service and plays a tape of a scripture reading every morning. With a youth leader now on board, the session hopes that youth will return to the church. There have been four break-ins recently - the safe was destroyed; damages and losses are estimated to be \$40,000. Many had given their Arctic Slope Regional Corporation dividend checks to the church.

COM commended the church for 30 baptisms (not all infants), the church's financial solvency, and for helping to pay the way for the stated clerk from Puerto Rico to attend the upcoming 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

*Rev. Britt Johnson led in the prayer for the churches.*

**DINNER RECESS**

Presbytery recessed for dinner at 5:55 pm; with grace said at tableside. A LOGOS style meal was served.

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

Presbytery gathered at 7:00 pm for worship. Tiffany Immingan, RE Jinhee Dickerson, and RE Marjorie Poggas read scripture readings from Genesis 1:26 – 2:4, 2:15 and Colossians 1:15-17; RE Barbara Brown led in the responsive "Earth Care Litany"; Rev. Curt Karns delivered the message. The Inupiaq choir led in the singing of the Offertory "How Great How Art". Rev. Henry Woodall presided over the Lord's Supper. The \$524 offering benefited the valley's Family Promise ministry to the homeless.

In the remembrance of the saints, the stated clerk read the list of those leaders who went home to be with the Lord since January 2013.

	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Church</u>
RE Riley Hugo	December 18, 2013	Chapel in the Mountains
RE LeeAnn Crumbley	December 17, 2013	Trinity PC
RE Ruth Estelle	December 8, 2013	United Protestant Church
RE Vera Kaneshiro	November 19, 2013	Anchor PC
RE Jerry Ham	September 28, 2013	Delta PC
RE Henry Gettinger	February 10, 2013	University Community PC
RE Roberta Rice	January 15, 2013	University Community PC
RE Patricia Stigall	August 31, 2013	Jewel Lake Parish
RE Mary Ann Tipton	January 8, 2014	Eagle River PC
RE Raymond Lammon	October 5, 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Anchorage PC

RE Mary Lou Leavitt  
RE Mary Jane Landstrom  
RE Joseph Ericklock  
Rev. Judith McQuiston

February 25, 2013  
January 21, 2014  
January 3, 2014  
November 23, 2013

Utqiagvik PC  
Immanuel PC  
Kuukpik PC  
Former Presbytery member

## **SATURDAY, March 1, 2014**

### **SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

Presbytery reconvened for worship at 9:00 am with Rev. Duke Morrow presiding. Prelude music was provided by Rev. Henry Woodall on the guitar, Rev. Tim Carrick on the cello; and RE Dennis Berry on the violin. Bishop David Mahaffey, Russian Orthodox Church, Diocese of Alaska read Psalm 104 and delivered the message. The Russian Orthodox Church has done amazing work on earth care in Alaska and worldwide. Joys and concerns were shared.

### **TAYAL PRESBYTERY PRESENTATION**

Presbytery Exec Rev. Curt Karns presented gifts to the Tayal delegation and led in a prayer for the delegation which will be traveling to St. Lawrence Island after the Presbytery meeting with a group from First Wasilla PC. The Tayal group presented gifts to Rev. Curt Karns and moderator Rev. Duke Morrow. As a witness to our Christian unity and to reflect that we are in God's will to be unified, \$7,900 was presented to Presbytery moderator Morrow for the Gambell church building fund. Dayan Bibles were presented to the eight indigenous churches. The Tayal delegation sang in their native language. Presbytery responded with "*Till We Meet Again*", followed by the Inupiaq version.

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP – Session II**

Rev. Stan Ott led the last of the Acts 16:5 workshops before closing the session in prayer. In appreciation for Stan's work with the Presbytery over the past three years, Rev. Piper Cartland led in a prayer for Rev. Ott, with the laying on of hands.

### **LUNCH RECESS**

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:45 am, and reconvened at 12:50 pm with Rev. Duke Morrow leading in prayer.

### **RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES**

#### **First Wasilla Presbyterian Church — RE Bob Christensen**

The church has a new website; electronic giving will soon be available online. An adult mission trip is scheduled for Savoonga this summer. New members and baptisms are pointing to church growth.

COM commended the church for their spirit of generosity. The church is known in the Valley by their furniture ministry, which is run by the deacons.

#### **Trinity Presbyterian Church (Anchorage) — RE Todd Carter**

Todd reported that he has experienced the truth of Romans 15:7 to "Welcome one another," at Presbytery and at Trinity. Trinity is going through some challenging times, but in the midst of all the mess, God is at work, and there are still good things happening. The church's vision statement is "Filled up and Poured Out." Trinity is more than just the church, but a Christian community with home groups. Twice a year, following a 30 minute Sunday worship service, congregants venture out to serve in the community. Trinity provides the worship service for the Anchorage Rescue Mission every fifth Monday of the month. The church has discovered the connectional reality through the caring of the Committee on Ministry. RE Carter asked for prayer, that we be intentional about having welcoming, safe communities and churches; have holy gumption (courage plus compassion) to work for healing among all, and for Todd personally, that he would find his way to be commissioned as a CRE.

COM commended the Trinity session on how well they are realizing their strength to move forward, and for their outreach to younger members of the greater Anchorage community.

**Eagle River Presbyterian Church — RE Donna Davidson**

The Presbytery holds the mortgage which will be paid in two years. The church probably wouldn't have been able to do what has been accomplished without Presbytery's assistance. "By sharing with Presbytery, we are stronger." The Presbytery can benefit the church by helping the congregation to share and communicate better. Prayer is needed for the church, hearts are broken over the four deaths in the past six months, and the departure of others.

COM commended the deacons for praying for all members. The church is very supportive of the connection with Presbytery and the Synod.

**United Protestant Church (Palmer) — RE Jan Burger**

There has been no need to ask the presbytery for help recently. The co-pastors are serving as moderators of three other churches (Tim at First Korean Anchorage, and Leisa at Gambell and Savoonga). Several members have recently served on two Administrative Commissions appointed by the Presbytery. The church has experienced our connectedness by being able to assist at the hospital and with property recovery when a Jewel Lake Parish member was involved in a serious car accident in Wasilla.

COM commended the congregation for the support given to Presbytery and for their service to the homeless through Family Promise.

**First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage — RE Steve Bang**

The congregation has been going through a difficult time, but things are now settling down. The church is served by an interim, and the congregation is in the process of appointing a search committee. There are about 50 active members. Thanks was extended to Rev. Tim Carrick who has been serving as moderator of session. The church hopes to have a new pastor soon; elder Bang requested prayers for the search committee.

COM commends the church for coming through a difficult year; it has survived and is stronger.

*RE Mark Wartes prayed for these churches.*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OVERTURE**

Following opportunity for discussion, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion recommended by Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care, that the Presbytery concur, with additional rationale, General Assembly overture #050: *On Affirming the Importance of Sustainable Development and the Precautionary Principle - From the Presbytery of Southern New England.* (Appendix D)

Presbytery **VOTED** to appoint Tiffany Immingan as the overture's advocate at the upcoming 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. Tiffany is very aware on the effects of the toxins on the people of St. Lawrence Island.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (B&F) – RE Bob Christensen and Mary Kron**

- At the request of University Community Presbyterian Church, and on the recommendation of the B & F Committee, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following motion::
  - Payoff the church's \$179,000 Synod loan with a new 3.25% presbytery Hillcrest Loan.
  - Reduce the interest on the church's current Hillcrest loan to 0%, as of January 1, 2014 until the new loan is paid off, but no later than December 31, 2020, at which time it will revert to the current rate of 4.75%
  - Freeze UCPC's current Presbytery Hillcrest loan balance, retroactive to January 1, 2014.
- 2014 Budget: Along with the Budget proposal, the committee recommended that presbytery do an every church special offering separate from the regular pledge. This would enable the Presbytery to move forward in mission, by funding some or all of the four items trimmed from the dream budget presented at last fall's

meeting: New Ministry Endeavors, Creative Congregational Outreach, Additional Village Elder Training, and Global Change Ministry. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the proposed 2014 budget (as presented) and special offering recommendation (Appendix E)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 2)

Committee member Rev. Tim Carrick presented the slate of nominations on behalf of moderator RE Ida Olemaun. The floor was opened for nominations. Presbytery **VOTED** to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Terms for Synod commissioners end at the end of the class calendar year.

**Legend:** AV – Anchorage/Valley; AR – Arctic North; I – Interior; W – West.

Number after name indicates 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> term on the committee.

Moderator .....	(W) .....	RE Merle Apassingok .....	17
Moderator-elect .....	(AV) .....	Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green.....	17
Committee on Preparation for Ministry.....	Member (W).....	RE Merle Apassingok (2).....	17
Committee on Preparation for Ministry.....	Member .....	Vacant.....	17
Committee on Ministry.....	Co-moderator (I) ...	RE Mark Wartes (2) .....	17
Committee on Ministry.....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Israel Nelson (2).....	17
Committee on Ministry.....	Member (AR).....	Rev. Duke Morrow (2) .....	17
Committee on Ministry.....	Member (W).....	RE Wanda Slwooko (1).....	17
Committee on Ministry.....	Member .....	vacant (vacated by CRE Richard Mauer)	15
Interpretation and Stewardship.....	Moderator (I).....	RE Roger Smith (2).....	17
Interpretation and Stewardship.....	Member (W).....	RE Rachel Akeya (1).....	17
Committee on Representation .....	Member (AR).....	RE Vera Woods (2) .....	17
Committee on Representation .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Britt Johnston (2) .....	17
Mission in Action Committee .....	Member (AV).....	RE Herb Turner (2) .....	17
Mission In Action Committee .....	Member (AR).....	Rev. Mary Ann Warden (1).....	17
Mission in Action Committee .....	Member (I) .....	RE John Lewis (1) (vacated by Lucy A.) ..	15
Mission in Action Committee .....	Member (I) .....	RE Mary Ellen Lucas (1).....	17
Mission In Action Committee .....	Member (I) .....	Janice Stable (1) .....	17
Korean American Consulting Committee ..	Moderator.....	vacant .....	16
Korean American Consulting Committee ..	Member .....	vacant .....	16
Native American Consulting Committee ...	Member (AR).....	RE Lydia Agnasagga (2) .....	17
Native American Consulting Committee ...	Member (AR).....	Rev. Mary Ann Warden (1).....	17
Native American Consulting Committee ...	Member .....	vacant (vacated by CRE Lucy Apatiki) ..	15
Self-Development of People Committee....	Member (AR).....	RE Molly Pederson (2).....	17
Self-Development of People Committee....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Leisa Carrick (2) .....	17
Self-Development of People Committee....	Member (W).....	vacant (vacated by Lucy Apatiki) .....	15
Permanent Judicial Commission .....	Member (I) .....	RE Cathy Johnson .....	16
Permanent Judicial Commission .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Matthew Schultz .....	17
Permanent Judicial Commission .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Britt Johnston .....	17
Commissioner to General Assembly .....	Principal Clergy .....	Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green .....	16
Commissioner to General Assembly .....	Alternate Clergy .....	Rev. Henry Woodall.....	16
Commissioner to General Assembly .....	Principal elder .....	RE Jan Burger .....	16
Commissioner to General Assembly .....	Alternate elder.....	vacant .....	16
Young Adult Advisory Delegate .....	Principal .....	Samuel Ahsoak.....	16
Young Adult Advisory Delegate .....	Alternate.....	vacant .....	16
Nominating Committee .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green (1) .....	17
Nominating Committee .....	Member (I) .....	RE Ann Geise (1) .....	17

**FIX THE TIME TO WHICH TO ADJOURN**

With other business remaining on the docket, Presbytery **VOTED** to fix the time to which to adjourn to March 15, 2014, at 10:00 am. The meeting will be conducted via teleconference. The day's session closed at 2:15 pm with the moderator leading in the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt  
Stated Clerk

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**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON**  
**ADJOURNED MEETING**  
March 15, 2014

CONVENE

The Presbytery of Yukon met in adjourned session via teleconference at 10:00 am. Presbytery moderator Rev. Duke Morrow led in the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

**Teaching Elder Members Present:** Leisa Carrick, Tim Carrick, Piper Cartland, Curt Karns, Susan Knight, Ian MacInnes-Green, Kim MacInnes-Green, Duke Morrow, Israel Nelson

**Ruling Elder (RE) Commissioners Present:** Ann Geise (Delta PC), Donna Davidson (Eagle River PC), Wanda Slwooko (Gambell PC), Ron Illingworth (New Hope Church), Jan Burger (United Protestant Church), Sarah Lanstra (University Community PC)

**Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) Present:** Sandra Wagenius (United Protestant Church);

**Other Voting Members Present:** Ruling Elders Merle Apassingok (Leadership Team), Arlayne Knox (Leadership Team), Shirley Novak (Leadership Team), Beulah Nowpakahok (Leadership Team), and Mark Wartes (Leadership Team), Deacon Jo Ann Bantz (Leadership Team), and stated clerk RE Sharon Rayt

**Teaching Elder Members Excused:** Isaac Akootchook, Linda Baggett, Trent Baggett, Patrick Bracken, Richard Carpenter, Sandy Faison, Phillip Gilbert, Alice Green, Henry Guinotte, David Jeong, Ellen Johnson-Price, Britt Johnston, Luke Jones, Dan Ketchum, Dean Knapp, Sig Kristiansen, Tammy Letts, Tom Letts, Peter Loughman, Ted McGovern, James Nageak, William Ng, Dianne O'Connell, Youl Rhee, Murray Richmond, Matthew Schultz, Ken Smith, Mary Ann Warden, Henry Woodall

**Churches not represented by an elder commissioner:** Anchor PC, Atqasuk Chapel, Chapel in the Mountains, Fairbanks Korean PC, First Anchorage PC, 1<sup>st</sup> Korean Anchorage PC, First Wasilla PC, Immanuel PC, Jewel Lake Parish, Kaktovik PC, Kuukpik PC, Olgonik PC, Savoonga PC, Trinity PC, Utqiagvik PC

**Other Voting Members Excused:** CRE George Agnasagga (Olgonik PC), CRE Paul Bodfish (Atqasuk Chapel), CRE Leah Hathaway (Jewel Lake Parish), CRE Virginia Kasak (Kuukpik PC), CRE Richard Mauer (Delta PC), CRE Marjorie Poggas (Jewel Lake Parish); Leadership Team REs Dennis Berry, Molly Pederson, and Fenton Rexford; RE Ida Olemaun (moderator, Nominating Committee); RE Paula Long (moderator, Committee on Representation)

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present in accordance with the requirement in G-3.0304, that ruling elders representing at least three churches and three teaching elders constitute a quorum.

DOCKET

Business remaining on the docket from the February 28 - March 1, 2014, Stated Meeting of Presbytery constituted the agenda. The docket was adopted with two additional items added to new business by Stated Clerk

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Two items, the approval minutes of the October 11-12, 2013 and October 29, 2013 adjourned meeting minutes, were pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration. Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the consent agenda, as amended. (Appendix A)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES AND MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS: Rev. Piper Cartland

The task force recommended proposed changes to the rotation system of nominating commissioners to General Assembly and Synod in the first reading of these documents. Discussion about the need to adopt the revisions ensued. The task force will consider the next steps. Thanks was extended to task force members Rev. Piper Cartland, Rev. Ellen Johnson, and Ruling Elder Molly Pederson.

INTRODUCTION TO MARRIAGE STUDIES: Rev. Tim Carrick

General Assembly has made available two studies on Christian Marriage: a two-hour study and a more extensive six-week study. Marriage will be considered at the upcoming 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly meeting in June.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: CRE Marjorie Poggas

All business pertaining to the Committee on Ministry was adopted under the Consent Agenda.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Resolution Committee:** Rev. Piper Cartland read the report of the Resolutions Committee.

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- to do the work of God in Wasilla, in Alaska, and in all the world
- to hear from each other how God is working in our churches, our ministries, and our lives
- to pray for joys and sorrows and successes and failures and the work of God's Spirit through it all
- to celebrate our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ across continents and cultures and many languages

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To try, fail, and learn: to be the people of God before we do the work of God
- to have Jesus-people eyes: to see people through the eyes of Christ
- to work together without secrets or subversion or surprises while fully supporting one another
- to lead with integrity, cherishing the value of each person

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To care for creation
- intentionally as a presbytery, through the ministry of PEC and others
- by learning to be good stewards of God's world and God's resources through sustainable practices

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To build a church in Gambell!

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To laugh and play and eat as God's family

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To worship - to sing and listen and remember our saints and feast at the Lord's Table

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To thank chefs and dishwashers and hosts and drivers and greeters and organizers

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To find new ways to train CRE's and to support their various ministries throughout the presbytery

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- To never stop talking and working and praying together

**WE ARE RESOLVED**

- TO DREAM BIG!

**AMEN AND AMEN!**

- **Mileage Committee**

Expense thus far total \$10,001.20 for air travel and \$190.57 for four driving reimbursements. Of the airplane tickets, seven Alaska Airlines tickets were unused totaling \$3,082.00. A ticket was purchased for Rev. Mary Ann Warden, but due to illness, Rev. Warden did not make it to the Presbytery meeting. Mary Ann did use the ticket to attend the ecumenical "Giving Voice" meeting. With Presbytery's approval, this expense of \$744.00 will come out of the Presbytery meeting line item as our financial contribution to "Giving Voice", which is mostly supported

by Methodist dollars. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the mileage report and the recommendation to use the \$744 spent on Rev. Warden's ticket as a contribution to "Giving Voice." Thanks was extended to individuals who did not turn in reimbursement requests!

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- **Receive 2013 Annual Statistical and Summary Membership Reports**

Reports were received for the record. (Appendix B)

- **Next meeting:** The next stated meeting of presbytery is scheduled for October 10-11, 2014 in the Fairbank area.

- **Items pulled from the Consent Agenda**

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the October 11-12, 2013 stated meeting and October 29, 2013 adjourned meeting, as amended.

#### INSTALLATION OF THE NEW MODERATOR

When asked about his willingness to serve, recently elected moderator RE Merle Apassingok responded that he was willing to serve where the Lord called. Rev. Curt Karns led in a prayer for the new moderator.

#### ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am, with RE Mark Wartes leading in the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt  
Stated Clerk

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON**  
**CONSENT AGENDA AS ADOPTED**  
**February 28 – March 1, 2014 Stated Meeting**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Recommendations for Action from the Stated Clerk**

1. Approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 special presbytery meeting, as distributed.
2. Receive the resignation of Mission in Action co-moderator RE Mary Charlotte McCall, with regret. Mary Charlotte and her husband Rev. John Carey recently relocated to North Carolina.
3. Receive the resignation of CRE Lucy Apatiki, as a member of the Native American Consulting Committee, Mission in Action Committee, and Self Development of People, with regret.
4. Receive the resignation of CRE Rich Mauer from the Committee on Ministry, with regret

**Recommendations for Action from the Committee on Ministry:**

5. Receive the report of the Administrative Commission tasked with closing the Nome Presbyterian Church and dismiss the Commission with thanks.
6. Receive the report of the First Korean Anchorage Administrative Commission and dismiss the Commission with thanks.
7. Regarding Teaching Elder Status
  - Renew Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green's status as 'member-at-large' (per G-2.0503b) for another year.
  - Change the status of Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price from "Engaged in Validated Ministry" to "member-at-large" (G-2.0503b).
  - Change the status of Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green from "Engaged in Validated Ministry" to "member-at-large" (G-2.0503b).
8. Approve changes to terms of call (attached).
9. Regarding Commissioned Ruling Elders:
  - At the request of the Kuukpik session, to renew the commission of CRE Virginia Kasak, for another 3 years.
  - At the request of the Jewel Lake Parish council, to renew the commission of CRE Leah Hathaway, for another 3 years.
  - If the way be clear (pending receipt of a request from the Atqasuk session), to renew the commission of CRE Paul Bodfish, for another 3 years.
  - With the intent of keeping all CREs on the same cycle, to extend the commission of CRE Richard Mauer from December 15, 2014 to February, 2015.

**INFORMATION:**

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.  
2014 Rev. Dean Knapp Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green  
2008: Rev. Israel Nelson
2. **Ruling Elder/Teaching Elder Parity:** As of December 31, 2013, there were 27 active, members-at-large, and honorably retired teaching elders residing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Yukon. With 7 active Commissioned Ruling Elders, 21 ruling elder commissioners and 11 ruling elder Leadership Team members and committee moderators, there is a balance of teaching and ruling elders for 2014 without the need to add additional ruling elder commissioners.

### 3. **Insurance Coverage** (for inclusion in the Presbytery's Corporation's Annual Report)

Program: Insurance Board

Policy Period: 1/1/2014 to 1/1/2015

Named Insured: Presbytery of Yukon, Chapel in the Mountains, Kuukpik PC, Atqasuk Chapel, Delta PC  
Savoonga PC, Gambell PC, Kaktovik PC

Summary of Coverage (see Memorandum of Insurance for specific category breakdown and coverage amount)

Property – Blanket Limit – Total Values \$9,853,741	Included
Deductible (\$1,000)	
Crime	Included
Deductible (\$1,000)	
General Liability	Included
Umbrella	Included
Abusive Acts and Pastoral Liability	Included
Directors and Officers Liability	Included
Hired and non-owned Automobile Liability	Included

### 4. **Session Records' review**

- **Jewel Lake Parish:** Reviewed 11/24/13 for the period 11/6/11 – 9/30/13  
Excellent minutes. Minutes were approved with one exception, as noted:
  - Annual statistical report was not included in the minutes.
 Church register was approved without exception.
- **Trinity Presbyterian Church:** Reviewed 11/24/13 for the period 11/14/11 – 11/12/13  
Very good minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions, as noted:
  - Full names were not consistently used.
  - Time of meetings was not always recorded.
  - There is no record of session approving the annual statistical report.
  - A financial review had not been done for the two years under review.
  - Documentation missing from minutes: annual statistical report, report of the annual financial review, Church register approved with exception.
- **United Protestant Church:** Reviewed 1/14/13 for the period 9/10/10 – 12/19/13  
Very good minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions, as noted:
  - Declaration of a quorum at meetings of session was not always noted.
  - The required annual financial review was not always done.
  - Documentation missing from the minutes: terms of call; annual statistical report, annual budget as approved by session
 Church Register was not reviewed.
- **Savoonga Presbyterian Church:** Reviewed 11/24/13 for the period 11/15/09 – 11/24/13  
Very good minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions, as noted:
  - Minutes for the past few years do not indicate that if there was a quorum.
  - In recording baptisms and changes in membership, full names were not always used.
  - Minutes were not always reviewed for accuracy and approved.
 Church Register was not available for review.
- **Eagle River Presbyterian Church:** Reviewed 1/24/14 for the period 11/8/11 – 12/10/13  
Excellent minutes. Minutes and church register were approved without exception.
- **Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church:** Reviewed 2/26/14 for the period 1/17/13 – 10/29/13  
Excellent minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions, as noted:
  - Documentation omitted from the minutes: annual statistical report; financial review report
  - Missing minutes: January 20, 2013 congregational February 3, 2013 special session, June 3
  - Misinformation appears in April 16, 2013 minutes; item VII J – information applies to the Presbytery of Alaska, not the Presbytery of Yukon as indicated.

Other comments: Only baptism register was available for review.

- Kaktovik Presbyterian Church: Reviewed 2/25/14 for the period 6/13/13 – 9/12/13.

Minutes were approved with exceptions, as noted:

- Roll: Full names were not consistently used; roll of elders present or absent not always recorded.
- Declaration of a quorum was not noted.
- Minutes were not reviewed and approved.
- Convene and adjourn times were not recorded.
- Name of clerk is not consistently recorded.

Other comments: The treasurer does not provide reports making it difficult for the session to provide financial oversight. The church register was not available for review.

## 5. Correspondence

- From Synod of Alaska Northwest Stated Clerk Rev. Dean Strong: “The Mid Councils Commission was delegated authority to approve boundary changes by the General Assembly. The Synod of Alaska/Northwest] no longer has jurisdiction over the churches of former Alaska Presbytery. They are now a part of Alaska North Puget Sound Presbytery (which will eventually have a new name).”
- From Office of the General Assembly: Regarding Statement on Minister Housing Case in Wisconsin: “The Office of the General Assembly (OGA) has been receiving inquiries and questions regarding the November 21, 2013 decision of a federal district court (Western District of Wisconsin) judge in Madison, Wisconsin which held that a portion of Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code is unconstitutional. Section 107 is the provision dealing with tax- favored housing benefits for “ministers of the gospel.” Specifically, the court held that Section 107(2), which permits ministers to receive tax-free cash “housing allowance,” is unconstitutional because it violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Section 107(1), which allows ministers to reside tax-free in a church-provided manse, was not affected by the court’s decision . . . It is too early to fully understand the impact of this case or to predict the chances for this decision to be reversed. OGA will continue to actively monitor the case and be in conversation with ecumenical partners as it develops.
- The national Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People acted to certify the Presbytery of Yukon’s SDOP Committee in 2013. Presbytery will be notified in early 2014 of the amount available to carry out the Committee’s work. Funding is based on the participation of our churches in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.
- Out of concern for retired teaching elders and their spouses/survivors in the presbytery, The Association of Retired Ministers, Their Spouses or Survivors (ARMSS) encourages presbytery to select a representative who would oversee the welcoming of new retirees and fellowship among the retirees, and to plan get-togethers.
- The Office of the General Assembly has reported that the GA per capita rate for 2014 is set at \$7.02.

## 6. Actions of the Leadership Team

- January 4, 2014 Regular Meeting
  - The LT accepted First Presbyterian Church in Wasilla’s invitation to host the Spring 2014 presbytery meeting with no objection.
  - The LT approved by a recommendation to schedule the Rev. Stan Ott’s final workshop on Leadership Develop during the Friday and Saturday sessions of presbytery.
  - The LT approved by CONSENSUS, a recommendation to set aside 30 minutes for the purpose of introducing commissioners to the two congregational studies.
- February 8, 2014 Presbytery Leadership Team teleconference:
  - Job 12: 7 - 8 designated as the theme verse of the 2014 Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting  
*But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
 Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you.*

- Appointed elder commissioners to Presbytery will be asked to respond to the following questions during their commissioner reports.
  - What is presbytery doing now that benefits your church?
  - What can presbytery do that would be helpful?
  - Lift up a concern in your life, the church's life, or in the community that presbytery can be praying about?
- February 27, 2014 Presbytery Leadership Team regular meeting.
  - There is no Presbytery representation on the Board of Directors of the Presbytery owned Bingle Camp. Rev. Curt Karns and/or several other members of the Leadership team plan to attend the next Board meeting.

## 7. Report of the Committee on Ministry (COM)

- After much prayer and discernment, CRE Lucy Apatiki tendered her resignation as Moderator the Gambell Presbyterian Church session. Furthermore, Lucy will not seek to be re-commissioned as CRE at the February 2014 presbytery meeting.
- COM appointed Rev. Leisa Carrick as moderator of the Gambell Presbyterian Church, effective February 27, 2014.
- COM approved the request of the University Community Presbyterian Church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- COM voted to transfer Rev. Murray Richmond's membership to the Presbytery of the Cascades. Rev. Richmond has received a call from First Presbyterian Church in Medford, Oregon.
- COM voted to extend the contract of temporary supply Rev. Susan Knight until June 2014, in accordance with the following terms:
  - Cash salary \$16,300 per year
  - Housing allowance \$19,200 per year
  - Accountable Reimbursement Arrangement \$4,500 per year, administered according to rules described in IRS Publication 517
  - Four weeks paid vacation per year
  - Two weeks paid time for continuing education per year, and \$1,500 study leave allowance per year. If unused in the year, the continuing education time and allowance are banked for the next year for no more than a three-year accumulation. If this one-year covenant is not extended for additional years any unused time and allowance are lost.

### • Vacant Church Report:

Church	Status	PNC	Moderator
Chapel in the Mtns	Not actively seeking a pastor	-	Mark Wartes
Gambell	CRE candidate seeking commissioning	-	Rev. Leisa Carrick
1 <sup>st</sup> Korean Anchorage	Interim Rev. Jin Hoon Kim	Active	Rev. Tim Carrick
Kaktovik PC	Not actively seeking a pastor	-	Rev. Curt Karns
New Hope Church	Interims Rev. Linda and Trent Baggett	Active	New Hope ruling elder
Savoonga	Not seeking a pastor	-	Rev. Leisa Carrick
University Community PC	Interims Rev. Linda and Trent Baggett	Approval granted	Revs. Trent and Linda Baggett

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON**

Installed Pastors' Terms of Call for 2013 - 2014

(Changes in terms from the previous year appear in bold print)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Rev. Leisa Carrick - United Protestant, Palmer</b>		
(Part time - ¾ time)		
Cash Salary	\$38,765	<b>\$39,739</b>
Manse Valuation	\$11,630	<b>\$11,921.70</b>
Manse Utilities	Paid	Paid
Auto expense reimbursement	\$1,200	\$1,200
Book expense reimbursement	\$350	\$350
Board of Pensions core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$2,000	2 weeks/\$2,000
<b>Rev. Timothy Carrick - United Protestant, Palmer</b>		
(Part time - ¾ time)		
Cash Salary	\$38,765	<b>\$39,739</b>
Manse Valuation	\$11,630	<b>\$11,921.70</b>
Manse Utilities	Paid	Paid
Housing Allowance	N/A	N/A
Auto expense reimbursement	\$1,200	\$1,200
Book expense reimbursement	\$350	\$350
Board of Pension core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$2,000	2 weeks/\$2,000
<b>Rev. Piper Bush Cartland - Eagle River</b>		
Cash Salary	\$18,250	\$18,250
Housing Allowance	\$47,050	\$40,400
Utilities		\$6,650
Auto allowance	\$4,300	\$4,300
Professional expense reimbursement	\$750	\$750
Board of Pension core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Discretionary fund	\$2,000	\$2,000
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$3,400	2 weeks/ <b>\$2,000</b>
Dental	\$1,224	\$1,224
Social Security Offset	\$0	\$2,750
<b>Rev. Luke Jones - Jewel Lake Parish, Anchorage</b>		
Cash Salary	\$47,332	<b>\$36,042</b>
403(b) retirement savings matching	0	<b>12,000</b>
Manse Valuation (less utilities)	\$14,200	<b>\$25,200</b>
Manse Utilities (estimate)	5,500	5,500
Auto expense reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000
Professional expense reimbursement	\$500	\$500
Book expense reimbursement	\$500	\$500
Board of Pensions core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$1,500	2 weeks/\$1,500
Social Security Offset	\$3,621	<b>\$5,106</b>
Disability leave: 30 days initially; 1 day accumulation per month on payroll up to 90 days coverage when Board of Pensions coverage begins.		



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 Installed Pastors' Terms of Call\*  
 2013/2014

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Rev. Duke Morrow</b> – Utqiagvik, Barrow		
Cash Salary	\$55,000	<b>\$60,000</b>
Manse Valuation	\$19,000	<b>\$20,000</b>
Manse Utilities	Paid	Paid
Board of Pension core benefits	Paid	Paid
Book expense reimbursement	\$500	\$500
Vacation time	4 weeks	5 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$	2 weeks/ <b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Rev. Matthew Schultz</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, Anchorage		
Cash Salary	\$41,000	\$41,000
Housing Allowance	\$35,000	\$35,000
Board of Pension core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$	2 weeks/\$1,500
<b>Rev. Henry H. Woodall</b> – 1st Presbyterian, Wasilla		
Cash Salary	\$48,960	\$48,960
Housing Allowance	\$22,440	\$22,440
Auto expense reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000
Professional expense reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000
Board of Pensions core benefits	Paid	Paid
Vacation time	4 weeks	4 weeks
Study leave time/reimbursement	2 weeks/\$2,000	2 weeks/\$2,000

**PRESBYTERY OF YUKON**  
**SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
June 7, 2014

CONVENE

Moderator Ruling Elder Merle Apassingok convened a teleconference meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon at 10:00 am. Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Sandra Wagenius led in the opening prayer.

ESTABLISH ROLL

**Teaching Elder Members Present:** Tim Carrick, Piper Cartland, Curt Karns, Dan Ketchum, Dean Knapp, Israel Nelson, Matthew Schultz, Henry Woodall

**Ruling Elders (RE) Present:** Commissioners Ann Geise (Delta PC), Sarah Lanstra (University Community PC) and Ida Olemaun (Utqiagvik); Leadership Team members Merle Apassingok (Gambell PC), Jo Ann Bantz (Trinity PC), Arlayne Knox (University Community PC), Beulah Nowpakahok (Gambell PC), CREs Marjorie Poggas (Jewel Lake Parish) and Sandra Wagenius (United Protestant); CRE member Richard Mauer (Delta PC), and stated clerk Sharon Rayt.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was present in accordance with G-3.0304, that ruling elders representing at least three churches and three teaching elders constitute a quorum. All other members were excused.

AGENDA

The teleconference was called by moderator Ruling Elder (RE) Merle Apassingok with the concurrence of Rev. Israel Nelson, Rev. Duke Morrow, RE Mark Wartes (Utqiagvik PC)), and CRE Marjorie Poggas (Jewel Lake Parish) to act on the following business:

**Committee on Ministry Recommendations:**

- Vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationships of senior pastor Rev. Tom Letts and associate pastor Rev. Tammy Letts with Trinity Presbyterian Church, according to the terms of severance. The Letts' last day of employment was May 15, 2014.

- Up to 10 months' salary and Board of Pension core benefits, based upon the following adjusted payout schedule, for each position.\*

<b>Rev. Tom Letts</b>	<b>Monthly base salary</b>
90%: 1 <sup>st</sup> three months	\$7,625.70
80%: Following 4 mos.	\$6,778.40
70%: Final 3 mos.	\$5,931.10

<b>Rev. Tammy Letts</b>	
90%: 1 <sup>st</sup> three months	\$4,619.70
80%: Following 4 mos	\$4,106.40
70%: Final 3 mos.	\$3,593.10

\* This is the maximum exposure Trinity would be exposed to, pending Tom and Tammy's next employment start date.

- After ten months, medical benefits would extend under one policy, through the end of 2015. Estimated cost: \$1,994/monthly.
  - Moving expenses, not to exceed \$15,000.

The severance package was negotiated between the session, pastors, and the Committee on Ministry before being presented to the congregation on April 27, 2014 for a vote. Following discussion, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the dissolution in accordance with the terms of severance.

- Change the status of Rev. Tom and Tammy Letts from ‘engaged in validated ministry’ to ‘member-at-large’. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the recommendation
- Re-commission Paul Bodfish for three years, at the request of the Atqasuk session. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve sessions’ request.
- Re-commission former Presbytery of Yukon Commissioned Ruling Elder Lois Hildenbrand as half-time temporary pastor at New Hope Church for the period June 16 – August 31, 2014. Duties to include: Leading worship, administering the sacraments, renewing New Hope’s caring ministries program, and attending Pastor Staff Relations’ Committee, Trustee, and Council meetings. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the recommendation.

The University Community PC session has requested that CRE Hildenbrand be granted the authority to administer the Lord’s Supper for the period June 1 – September 1, 2014, while Lois is serving as church pulpit supply. As this request was not received in time to be included in the call to the meeting, a vote will be taken electronically.

- Vote on COM’s recommendation to require churches with pastors to pay the 1.5% dues family medical coverage beginning in 2015. Medical dues for member + family coverage will increase from 23 to 24.5 percent of effective salary, as of January 1, 2015. Churches will be required to pay the 23% member-only dues, but the Board of Pensions has left it up to the presbyteries to develop policies addressing payment of the 1.5% for family coverage. Discussion ensued. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve COM’s recommendation that church’s pay the 1.5% dues for family coverage, when needed.

#### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommendation:**

- Appoint two principal and one alternate readers for the western region ordination exams scheduled for August 4-8 and November 3-7, 2014 and determine how readers will be used in the two reading periods. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the committee’s recommendation to appoint Ruling Elder Ron Illingworth as reader for the August exam; Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price as reader for the November exam; and CRE Sandra Wagenius as alternate.

#### **Presbytery Trustees**

- Amend previous action, pertaining to the funding of the Gambell building project taken by Presbytery at February’s stated meeting. Previously, Presbytery approved the Gambell Church Building Committee’s request to seek a \$500,000 grant from the Kellum Street Fund and a \$500,000 construction loan from the Hillcrest Loan Fund. There are sufficient funds in the Hillcrest Fund to fund a loan, but the balance in the Kellum Street Fund is less than the \$500,000 required to fund the grant. Presbytery treasurer Mary Kron, who was unavailable to participate in the teleconference, has suggested a combination of strategies involving the shifting of corporation funds. Presbytery trustees have not met to discuss the matter. Presbytery **AMENDED** previous action taken in February, and directed Mary Kron to prepare a proposal, to grant the Board of Trustees on behalf of the Presbytery the authority to sign off on the final proposal for the shifting of funds, and to authorize the treasurer to use the mechanisms needed to shift the funds.
- Vote on the Delta Presbyterian Church request to donate the old log chapel, to the Delta Chamber of Commerce for use as a historical attraction near the Sullivan Roadhouse. Delta Ruling Elder Ann Geise reported that the church is looking for volunteers willing to help move the structure. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve a motion to donate the old log chapel, on the condition that Presbytery execute a bill of sale, indicating that the building is being donated.

### Report of the Stated Clerk

- Vote on a request from Yukon Presbyterian Women, that Presbytery grant YPW standing approval for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the group's spring and fall gatherings, as needed. Presbytery was assured that a teaching elder would always be available and *Book of Order* requirements would be followed. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve a motion granting the request.
- Receive information:
  - Pertaining to two disciplinary cases:
    - a. Judicial Process case 14-1: In mid-March, the stated clerk received written allegations against a teaching elder member of Presbytery. In accordance with the Standing Rules of Presbytery, moderator Merle Apassingok appointed Rev. Ellen-Johnson-Price, Herb Turner, Dianne Walters, and Stuart Beard to an Investigating Committee (IC). Having concluded its investigation, the IC has determined that no charges would be filed. Presbytery **VOTED** to dismiss the committee with thanks.
    - b. Judicial Process case 14-2: In April, the stated clerk received written allegations against a teaching elder member of Presbytery. In May, and in accordance with the Standing Rules of Presbytery, moderator Merle Apassingok appointed Rev. Susan Knight, David Rohwer, and Debbie Osslander to a committee to investigate the allegations. The Investigating Committee is just beginning its work.
  - Committee on Ministry moderator appointments:
    - a. Rev. Tim Carrick has been appointed moderator of Trinity PC until an interim has been hired.
    - b. Mark Wartes has been appointed moderator of University Community PC. Interims Revs. Trent and Linda Baggett will be leaving in mid-June.

### ADJOURN

The teleconference adjourned at 11:05 pm with CRE Sandra Wagenius leading in the closing prayer.

Sharon Rayt  
Stated Clerk