



Presbytery of Yukon

July 28, 2022

Memorial Service for Rev. Dan Ketchum

There will be a memorial service to celebrate the life of the Rev. Dan Ketchum on Friday, August 5, at 4:00pm at Immanuel Presbyterian Church (2311 Pembroke Street, Anchorage). Dan died in January 2022 after falling ill from COVID-19 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had gone to live in the early weeks of the pandemic in order to be closer to extended family. Knowing the importance of the Immanuel congregation and the Yukon Presbytery in Dan's life, however, his family opted to wait until summer in order to hold a memorial service for him back here in Alaska. Friends from the Presbytery are invited to join in this worship service; all are asked to please mask as part of the congregation's COVID mitigation plan.

Now Hiring - Stated Clerk

Presbytery of Yukon Stated Clerk Job Description

This is a part-time position. Work hours average 10 - 20 hours/week, but may increase at various times, especially during in-person, presbytery meeting weeks. The stated clerk is elected by the presbytery for a term of three-years and is eligible to reelection for an indefinite number of terms. Oversight is provided by the presbytery exec. Training and a stated clerk resource manual will be provided.

Qualifications

- PCUSA minister or ruling elder (including commissioned pastors)
- Ability to work effectively with others
- Ability to communicate in a gracious manner, protecting confidentiality and building relationships
- Computer/internet proficiency and reliable internet access
- Good organizational skills
- Basic knowledge of the *Book of Order* and parliamentary procedure
- Flexible schedule
- Available to travel to in-person meetings, staying overnight(s) on an occasional basis

Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include, but are not limited to the following major duties:

1. Interprets the PCUSA Constitution as needed and advises presbytery members, Leadership Team, Ministry Commission, clerks of session, and presbytery staff on procedures.
2. Presbytery meetings: drafts the call to presbytery meetings, attends meetings, assists in preparing the docket (agenda), records transactions,

serves as a resource to the presbytery moderator and host of virtual meetings

3. Records management: minutes, maintains membership rolls and required registers, minister and judicial process records.
4. Provide staff support and resources for the work of the Leadership Team, Ministry Commission, Nominating Committee, and other presbytery entities as needed. Attends and takes minutes at Leadership Team and Ministry Commission meetings.
5. Serves as staff resource person in matters of judicial process; trains investigation committees and the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC); serves as a procedural resource for complainants, respondents, prosecution and the PJC
6. Fosters positive relationships with clerks of sessions, provides resources to clerks, and oversee the annual review of session/congregational minutes and rolls and registers.
7. Submits required reports to the national church: end of year, pastoral changes, etc.

To Apply: Please address all inquiries to interim presbytery exec, Rev. Leisa Carrick at exec@pbyukon.org.

Youth Triennium News

Danna Larson reminds us that this is the week that presbytery youth would have been attending the Youth Triennium in Indianapolis which needed to be cancelled because of COVID. But the Presbytery Youth Triennium website has put some resources together that are available for our youth even though they couldn't go.

They have released three new resources based on the Matthew 25 "When Did We See You?" theme. The Group Study Guide, Recreation Guide, Worship & Prayer Guide and accompanying resources can now be accessed on their website: <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>.

Even though they were not all able to gather together in person this week, we hope these guides will help bring the theme to your youth & families over the next couple of years until we can meet again.

You can read more about these resources and what is coming next at: [Presbyterianmission.org/story/so-much-more-than-an-event/](https://presbyterianmission.org/story/so-much-more-than-an-event/)

Update on Executive Presbyter Search

From Executive Presbyter Search Committee Member, Rev. Tim Carrick:

Our EP Search Committee has been meeting weekly by Zoom for the past number of months. We think that we know what we are looking for in a new EP. Like last time (sixteen years ago) we are trying to visit with every congregation in the presbytery this summer in order to make sure we are on the right track. (We are aware that any committee or group of people working on a project can have blind spots. We are hoping by the visits to make sure that should we have any blind spots that they will become clear.) We are planning to begin requesting dossiers from candidates in the early fall.

Conference on systemic racism in the church: Fraught & Flummoxed

The Montreat Conference Center is continuing its conferences on systemic racism. You can register now. It will be October 10-13, 2022.

In a time when the gospel of Jesus is threatened by the ascendance of Christian nationalism and white supremacy, what is the apprehensive, overstretched church leader to do? How does a leader tend one's soul for the elevation of the gospel? How do followers of Jesus meet this moment with courage and imagination?

Building on the content of past conferences such as ColInspire, DisGrace, and MLK's Unfinished Agenda, we will engage in three days of peer learning group work in partnership with Crossroads to examine the current challenges of leadership in this time and place. Google Montreat Conference Center to find out more.

Fall Presbytery Meeting

The fall Presbytery meeting will be held on October 6-8, tentatively in-person at First Presbyterian Church in Wasilla.

Churches: Please elect your Elder Commissioners for the meeting and send that information to the presbytery office as soon as possible. Thanks!

General Assembly News

We have new co-moderators of our General Assembly, Shavon Starling-Louis and Ruth Santana-Grace. They led the GA in plenary.

The assembly created temporary groups, to be appointed by the Co-Moderators of the 225th GA in consultation with the GA Nominating Committee and the GA Committee on Representation, to take on important tasks and report to the 226th GA (2024):

- Commission to unify OGA and PMA
- Funding model development team to experiment with ways of funding councils above the session
- Task force on issues related to ordination, membership, new worshipping communities
- Implementation team for the Vision 2020 Guiding Statement
- Special committee on the PC(USA) and race
- Special committee to revise the GA Standing Rules
- Special committee to write a new confession

· There is a need for a deep and wide pool of applicants for these important opportunities for service. The application portal will be available by the end of August, so please share the call to service among your members and congregations, and consider applying yourself. More information will be shared in the weeks ahead, but feel free to send questions or requests for additional information to the Manager for GA Nominations, Valerie Izumi.

· The 225th GA was asked to determine the basic format of the 226th GA (2024), and chose the option of having committee meetings online and the post-committee plenaries in person in Salt Lake City.

The presbyteries will be receiving 30-ish amendments to the Book of Order "for their affirmative or negative votes," including a revision of the entire D section, with a number of them relating directly to mid councils.

For other information on action items, please [CLICK HERE](#).

General Assembly Bulletin Inserts

What happened during the 2022 General Assembly? How will you explain three weeks of meetings to your congregation?

Many issues have been discussed and debated at this year's hybrid, three-week General Assembly including climate change, gun violence, the pandemic, race relations and the restructuring of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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You can order just the pre-GA bulletin insert for \$30.

You can order just the post-GA bulletin insert for \$30.

Or, you can order both the pre- and post-GA bulletin inserts for a combined, discounted price of \$50.

For more information or to order, go to <https://pres-outlook.org/2022/05/general-assembly-bulletin-inserts-ga225-in-2022/>

GA 2024

Although it's two years away, the work is already underway for the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). At the recently concluded 225th assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates approved a format that will include online committee meetings and in person plenaries in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Office of the General Assembly has begun working with the Presbytery of Utah to bring the next assembly to reality and presbytery leaders have already produced a video to get the church excited for 2024. (Rick Jones, OGA).

GA Approves Overture

The assembly approved RGJ-09, which calls for apologies and reparations for Alaska Natives due to "the racist closure of Memorial Presbyterian Church, a mixed Tlingit/non-native congregation in Juneau." The congregation was dissolved in 1963, a move that nearly all agree was a direct result of the PC(USA)'s institutional racism. Maxine Richert, an Alaska Native and former member of Memorial Church who served as an overture advocate for the proposal, from Northwest Coast Presbytery, said "three generations still mourn and are outraged by the closure."

Upcoming Workshops

Communication Workshop Series

Are you looking for ways to share God's love through digital ministries?

The Presbytery of the Northwest Coast and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Communications ministry are bringing you an online workshop series designed to equip and educate you on how to use simple but powerful digital communications tools.

Registration is required. The registration link for the first workshop is below.

- **July 27 - *Communication Strategy***
- **August 24 - *Website***
- **September 28 - *Social Media***
- **October 26 - *Copyrights***

All workshops are scheduled for 11am-12:30pm PT.

Presbyteries are often asked if they have resources to help churches with digital communications. Some ask for help creating a church website. Others ask for help understanding the various copyright licenses (CCLI, CVI, etc.) Others ask about good social media policies and strategies.

The Northwest Coast Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Communications have teamed up to offer a series of workshops to address some of these questions. While each topic has one session, the hope is that working groups might be created to continue offering support and resources for some topics....particularly Websites.

Each workshop stands alone, so you are free to attend any or all of them. The first one has already passed, but for information on the remaining three workshops and to register, please visit their website at:

<https://www.northwestcoast.org/events>



Photo from the Utqiagvik PC gospel radio broadcast on 7/17/2022

Prayer Requests



Please pray for the Executive Search Committee as they continue their work.

Mark Your Calendars

October 6-8, 2022

The Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery
Tentative Location: First Presbyterian Church in Wasilla

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