



Presbytery of Yukon

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Prayer Requests



Our Stated Clerk, Sharon Rayt, in the loss of her mother.

Please continue to pray for CP Virgie Kasak, and her family members in their recovery.

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Visit Our Website:
www.PBYukon.org

Alaska Health and Social Services Recognizes Utqiagvik in this Facebook Article

When someone tests positive for COVID-19 or is a close contact of someone who tests positive, it's important for the safety of the community that they are able to isolate or quarantine. However, some people experience barriers to doing so, such as not having 14 day's worth of food. To support people needing to isolate, the [North Slope Borough Health & Social Services](#) Public Health Nurses reached out to develop a partnership with the local Meals on Wheels program and the [Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church](#). These two programs assemble the boxes of food, and then the Public Health Nurse delivers it, to maintain patient confidentiality.

This photo shows Utqiagvik community member Randy Koonaloak, who works at the Presbyterian Church, loading food boxes to be delivered to those in isolation or quarantine.

Thanks so much to Public Health Nurse Andrey Boskhomdzhiev, Randy Koonaloak and Pastor Reid of the church, Ellen Sovalik of the Health Department, and Mike Jeffrey for support coordinating these partnerships to assure food security and COVID safety. This is the regular work of Public Health Nurses and other contact tracers - connecting people to resources and helping meet people's needs to assure safe and healthy individuals and communities.



Randy Koonaloak, Loading Boxes for a Food Bank Delivery

Alternative Worship Options

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ONLINE WORSHIP
OPTIONS AND RESOURCES, PLEASE
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.PBYUKON.ORG/ALT_WORSHIP**

Pass the Peace

Creative Ways to Pass the Peace Without Touching!

A. International Options

1. Asian - Bow
2. Syrian - Touch your heart with your right hand

B. American Sign Language (ASL)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJ0cXDJy10o>

Remembering Rev. Henry Guinotte: June 16, 1930 - July 16, 2020

Henry Guinotte, 90 years old, passed away in Orlando, Florida, July 16, 2020. He was born in Omaha Nebraska, and served churches in Avery, Lyons, Divide Center, Cedar Bluffs, and Neola, Iowa before coming to Alaska. Henry is remembered in this presbytery for his service at the

Palmer United Protestant Church from 1972-1990.

His full obituary can be found online at



https://www.frontiersman.com/obituaries/reverend-henry-guinotte/article_69b51e30-d904-11ea-81bd-d398f23cce3b.html. The following are excerpts from that obituary.

(Rev. Henry Guinotte's) ministry to youth included driving. He would ultimately cover from Arizona to DC and New York to Alaska. He began mission trips traveling to Fairbanks, AK in 1965 and fell in love with Alaska. The Palmer church youth traveled within Alaska on the Anna Jackman mission boat and to Scotland for Park Week for 5 years.

He started a food bank at his Palmer church. When it out grew that location, he continued to volunteer with his friends at the Saint Michael's Catholic Church location through 2010. He served as Chaplain for the Valley Hospital and for Mat-Su Regional hospital for many years before and after retirement. He retired from pastorate church ministry in 1990 but remained in Palmer, which he considered home.

In Palmer, he was a member of the Lions club; a charter member and a Paul Harris fellow of the Palmer Rotary Club; a former member of the city council, and former mayor. He enjoyed being a part of the Saroma, Japan Sister City program. He was an Alaska delegate to the 2004 Republican convention in New York City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother, and his wife, Martha.

The Presbytery's Fall Stated Meeting Goes Virtual



Last week the Presbytery of Yukon Leadership Team decided to hold its Fall Stated Meeting of the presbytery virtually. Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID pandemic the decision was made to ask commissioners to participate to attend the meeting remotely, joining either by online video connection, or by phone. The Leadership Team is still studying which online platforms (Zoom, Facebook Live, Google Meet, etc.) will be best for the meeting.

Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price, Co-moderator of the Presbytery Leadership Team, commented that this provides a great opportunity for a more varied selection of people to represent their churches at a presbytery meeting. So far, the plan is to schedule meetings either during evenings, or on Saturday, so day-time working people can easily attend. Johnson-Price encourages church sessions to think about new faces to send to presbytery.

The presbytery will still meet in the week of October 9, as required by the presbytery's by-laws. However, since virtual meeting venues are so different than in-person meetings, there will be significant changes to the schedule and the agenda. Planning teams are now working on how to put the meeting plan together. Commissioners can expect shorter blocks of time for meetings, and some innovative scheduling. Stay tuned for more announcements as the plans develop.

Mark Your Calendars

Ongoing

Wednesday Night Prayer Service

At 7:30pm

By video: <https://zoom.us/j/7959606340>

By conference call: 907-276-1095

**Sept. 17-19,
2020**

2020 Russia Mission Network Conference - ONLINE

For more information contact Jean Waters at:

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September 22,

Stewardship Kaleidoscope ONLINE

**September 29, &
October 6, 2020**

For more information visit: StewardshipKaleidoscope.org

**October 9-10,
2020**

Our Next Presbytery Meeting

Location: VIRTUAL

Presbytery of Yukon - 616 W. 10th Avenue, Anchorage AK 99577 - 907-276-0914

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