



Presbytery of Yukon

August 25, 2021

Interim Executive Presbyter

Rev. Leisa Carrick has agreed to serve as part time Executive Presbyter, covering the administration portion of the EP job. In February, Rev. Curt Karns announced his retirement effective at the end of August. Rev. Carrick will begin September 1. The Revs. Leisa and Tim Carrick are co-pastors at the United Protestant Presbyterian Church. Leisa Carrick will continue as co-pastor in Palmer, while working part-time for the presbytery. Her duties will be limited to the administrative portion of the EP job, and will not include travel to churches, pastor-to-pastor duties, etc.

Welcome, Leisa, to this new part of ministry in the presbytery.

Presbytery Mission Study Consultant

This month the presbytery Leadership Team voted to engage the Rev. Eliana Maxim as consultant to assist the presbytery in doing a mission study. Among the questions to be explored will be a clarification of the priorities for presbytery mission at this time, and what sort of staffing structure would best serve the presbytery in light of those priorities.

Churches: Time to Elect Commissioners

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon is for October 7-9 at First Presbyterian Church of Wasilla. October 7 will feature a workshop on *Race, Reconciliation and Reparations*. Guest speakers will include PC(USA) co-moderators, the Rev. Gregory Bentley, and Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart. Regular business of the presbytery will be taken up on October 8-9.

Plans are currently continuing for a face-to-face meeting in Wasilla, but the presbytery's Leadership Team is monitoring the changing situation with the ongoing pandemic, and will be making a final assessment on September 7. Either way, now is time for church sessions to be electing commissioners to presbytery. Please forward the information on your elder commissioner to the presbytery office as soon as possible.

Congratulations, Ian & Kris!

The Rev. Ian MacInnes was a member of the Presbytery of Yukon for many years, until leaving to serve in Gaylord, Michigan four years ago. On



August 8, Ian married Kris Kerwin during the regular Sunday worship service at the First Presbyterian Church of Gaylord, where Ian serves as pastor. Congratulations, indeed, Ian and Kris!

Video Series on Changing Church

Some of our sister presbyteries across the denomination have been putting together trainings on the changing church in these difficult times. Church leaders interested in the kinds of thought and innovative experimentation going on across our denomination can find these trainings at the following web sites:

[Cultivating Generosity: A 4 Week Series](#)

[If We Build It They Might Not Come](#)

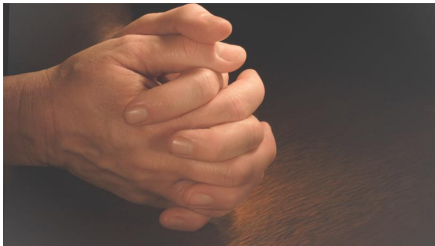
[Sustaining Joy in Congregational Ministry](#)

[Enduring Pastoral Challenges After the Pandemic](#)

[The Changing Church: 7 Traits for Thriving](#)

[Being the Church in the Midst of Crisis](#)

Prayer Requests



Please continue to pray for our communities as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mark Your Calendars

October 7-9, 2021

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

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