

Presbytery of Seattle
October 20, 2015
Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Convene

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Teaching Elder Scott Mann at 5:00 p.m.

Ruling Elders

Aeschbacher, Steve	Bellevue First	Woodruff, Mary Ann	Newport
Bohling, Nancy	Bellevue First	Heino, Keith	North Point
Crim, Rusty	Bellevue First	Smith, Kathy	North Point
Enkema, Linda	Bellevue First	Jensen, Jennifer	Northminster
Fluke, Linda	Bellevue First	Bowler, Sharon	Overlake Park
Garza, Jason	Bellevue First	Devine, Nancy	Overlake Park
Andersen, Carol	Bethany	Peters, Bobb	Overlake Park
Ives, Brian	Bethany	Wilson, Joan	Presbyterian Women
Nicholson, Bette	Calvary	Grauf-Grounds, Claudia	Redmond
Snyder, Brocc	Calvary	Darragh, Gordy	Rose Hill
Gallagher, Ryan	Capitol Hill	Thompson, Kurt	Rose Hill
Forstall, Thomas	Central Kitsap	VanDerAa, Bud	Rose Hill
Myrick, Alex	Foster Tukwila	Cedergreen, Liz	Seattle First
Miller, Craig	Inglewood	Cedergreen, Steve	Seattle First
Sakaguchi, Ann	Japanese	McDowell, Lindsey	Seattle First
Dunn, Jim	John Knox	Burrage, John	Southminster
Lentz, Janice	John Knox	Holt, Pattie	St Andrew
Newman, Leslie	John Knox	Chinen, Colleen	Steel Lake
Zubeck, Jennifer	John Knox	Dent, Steven	Steel Lake
Bolkcom, Neil	Kent First	Elting, John	Steel Lake
Huatum, Kris	Kent First	May, Peggy	Steel Lake
Glass, Steve	Lake Burien	Nupen, Bethany	Summit Avenue
Glass, Melinda	Lake Burien	Bernard, Jim	University
Kellenberger, Cheryl	Lake City	Dahl, Shelley	University
McClure, Sally	Lake City	Hall, Helen	University
McCombs, Allyson	Lake City	Keyes, Nathan	University
Rush, Sue	Madrona Grace	Rich, Ginger	University
Camp, Diana	Marcus Whitman	Huff, Barbara	Vashon
McBurny, Scott	Mercer Island	Spangler, Robert	Vashon
McConaughy, Ben	Mercer Island	Manger, Bruce	Wedgwood
Redman, Margaret	Mercer Island	Martin, Joanna	West Side
Konick, Lisa	Mt. Baker Park	Upton, Nick	West Side
De La Rosa, Tony	Newport	Andrews, Judith	Woodland Park
Graham, Andrew	Newport	Peterson, Todd	Woodland Park
MacNeill, Nancy Eng	Newport	Royer, Noelle	Woodland Park
Medley, Jan	Newport		

Teaching Elders

Acton, Ellen	x	Anderson, Scott	Ashenbrenner, Austin
Anderson, Kim		Armstrong, Heidi	Baab, Lynne

Barckert, Gary	Geibel, Mimi	x Murphy, Lindsay
x Barrett, Becki	Gephart, Jeff	Nakanishi, Satoru
Bayley, Robert	Gilchrist, George	x Nollette, Kevin
Beasley, Alan	x Gingrich, Rich	x North, Brian
x Beil, Susie	x Grounds, Larry	x Notkin, James
Bennett, Marta	Haberlin, John	x Notkin, Renee
Blessing, Lynne	Hackett, Sandy	x Nugent, Anthony
Blomquist, Jera	x Hackett, Dave	Oldenkamp, Ron
x Breckenridge, Karen	x Hallman, Holly	x Onstot, Ken
Breen, Maggie	Hanke, Mary E	Park, Geunbum
Brock, Shannnon	Hayashi, Toshio	Patten, James
Broweleit, Kay	Heer, Jim	Pauw, Jane
Brown, Kelle	Hicks McCray, Natasha	x Pickard, Mike
Bucklin, Alison	Hinman, George	x Pritchett, Chris
Buntaran, Kolinus	Holdridge, Todd	Ranney, Doug
Burton, Bryan	Hostetler, Kelly	x Renshaw, Rosalind
x Butler, Randy	Houston, Daniel	Rice, Ron
x Caudillo, Lynell	x Imes, Staci	Riley, Lee
x Caudillo, Rob	Irving, Gail	x Robeson, Colin
Chambers, Nancy	Jenner, Charles	Rood, Lars
x Champ-Gibson, Arleigh	x Johnson, Bertram	Rurii, Edgar
x Chilivis, Nicole	Kaino, Kerry	Saccoccio, Andrea
x Choy, Fred	Kamau, Andrew	Schlosser-Hall, Adrienne
Christianson, James	x Kang, J. P.	x Schulz, Ellen
x Clarke, Rita-Lou	Kang, Seong Lim	x Schulz, Jeff
Corado, Jose	x Kangele, Lauden	Schwab, Gary
Crook, Luke	x Kearny, James	Schweitzer, Gordon
Cutting, Marsha	x Kelly, Doug	Scoma, Charlie
x Dabasinskas, Tom	Khajehpour, Mansour	x Seese, Lee
Damon, Al	Kim, John	Sewall, Dale
Davis, Fred	Kim, Paul	x Shelton-Jenck, Marty
Deibert, Donald	x Kirkpatrick, Carol	x Siehl, Jonathan
x DeWater, Janet	Kissinger, JJ	x Sigars, Julie Kae
Diehl, David	x Krantz, Nick	Skinner, Gary
Dimmers, Martha	Kumin, James	Smith, Paul
x Dittmar, Jan	Lai, Mei-Hui	x Smith Patman, Jaci
Dorn, Lori	Langford, Mike	x Snow, Timothy
x Drake, Deanna	Leatherberry, Rich	Sonnanburg, Janet
Dudley, Scott	x Lincicome, Jeff	Spohr, Jennie
x Duncan, Annie	Low, Lawrence	Spong, Candace
Duong, Thinh	x Lumsden, Scott	Stidham-North, Gwen
x Early, Doug	Mackay, Paul	Stuart, Janie
Easley, Kendy	Mana'o, Mollie	Sunoo, Deborah
x Easley, Tyler	x Mann, Scott	x Sunoo, Ken
Edwards, Sheri	x Martin Vincent, Nancy	Thomas, Vonna
x Ehlke, Cindy	x Mason, Will	Thompson, Lina
Elgin, Verne	Masters, Tom	Thomson, Joe
Erickson, Richard	x Mathison, Tiare	x Todd, Michelle
x Ferguson, Linda	x Maxim, Eliana	x Triller, Daniel
Fisher, Christy	McArdel, Erin	VanHorn, Danna
Forbess, Dani	Meekhof, David	Viau, Skip
Foreman, John	x Miksovsky, Angela	Wadsworth, Kelly
Fowler, Linda	Moore, Ray	Wanyoike, Geoffrey
Frey-DeCou, Donna	Moriarty, Janine	Wheeler, Laurie
Funk, Shirley	Moss, Brian	x Willett, Aaron
Gallotte, Dave	Motin Starke, Lisa	Ying, Angela

Yonkers, Mike

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Zimmerly, Mark

By virtue of office

Teaching Elder Scott Mann	Moderator
Ruling Elder Ben McConaughy	Vice-Moderator
Teaching Elder Karen Breckenridge	Stated Clerk

Corresponding Members

Teaching Elder Rob Hagan Presbyterian Foundation

Affiliate Members

There were no affiliate members present.

Observers

Bendgen, Michael		Minshew, M. Rene	
Besola, Amelia		Olson, Sharon	Mercer Island
Bliven, Sue	Bellevue First	Pain, Loretta	University
Carlson, Jeny	Mt. Baker Park	Plunhett, Janette	Bethany
Dudycha, Beth	Mercer Island	Ruiz, Robert	Hispanic JK
Hesch, Brenna	University	Saugen, Dave	Tall Timber
Klug, Leah		Ward, Michelle	Newport
Klump, Matthew	Sound View Camp	Weber, Leigh	University
Laing, Esther		Williams, Barb	Bethany
McGonigal, Terry	Whitworth University		

Presbytery Staff

Lee, EJ
Nguyen, Binh

Summary

Ruling Elders	71
Teaching Elder	63
Corresponding Member	1
Affiliate Members	0
Observers	19
Presbytery Staff	2
Total	156

A quorum was present.
First time Commissioners were introduced.
Corresponding members were seated.
The docket was approved as distributed.

Stated Clerk's Report

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Presbytery on July 21, 2015 were approved in the consent agenda.

Election of Commissioners to General Assembly: The presbytery APPROVED setting aside the standing rules in order to elect commissioners based on the new rules of General Assembly. Two ruling elder commissioners and one alternate were selected using the criteria in the standing rules but the reduced number allowed by General Assembly. Two teaching elder commissioners and two alternates were

selected using the following criteria: there were two pools for selecting commissioners – a general pool into which all names were placed and a pool for persons historically underrepresented in Presbytery and General Assembly. The second pool was open but not limited to racial minorities and people with disabilities. Any teaching elder who believed he or she should be included in the second pool and wished to have their name moved to that pool had the opportunity to ask the clerk to be moved, giving the reason for changing pools. Since no one requested to be moved to pool two, both commissioner and alternate names were drawn from pool one.

The presbytery APPROVED the election of the following ruling elder commissioners and alternate:

- Ruling Elder Steve Aeshbacher, Bellevue First
- Ruling Elder Pattie Holt, St. Andrew
- Ruling Elder, Kyle Hurst, Westside, alternate

The presbytery APPROVED the election of the following teaching elder commissioners and alternates:

- Teaching Elder Doug Early, commissioner
- Teaching Elder Chris Pritchett, commissioner
- Teaching Elder J. P. Kang, first alternate
- Teaching Elder Rich Gingrich, second alternate

Olson Ordination – the following members of the presbytery were designated to an Administrative Commission that ordained Teaching Elder Kari Olson at University Presbyterian Church, on July 27, 2015:

- Ruling Elder Bruce Manger, Moderator, Wedgwood
- Teaching Elder Austin Ashenbrenner
- Teaching Elder Eliana Maxim
- Ruling Elder Hillary Hallman, University
- Ruling Elder Pattie Holt, St. Andrew
- Also Participating:
 - Teaching Elder David Rohrer, Northwest Coast

Records Review:

The minutes of the following sessions were reviewed on April 21, 2015:

- Calvary
- Lake City
- Inglewood
- Queen Anne
- Rolling Bay
- Seattle First
- Vashon
- Wedgwood

The minutes of the following sessions were reviewed on October 20, 2015:

- Calvary
- Japanese
- John Knox
- Rose Hill
- Steel Lake
- University
- Woodland Park

Administrative Commission/Rose Hill: The following people have been appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Administrative Commission to dismiss Rose Hill Presbyterian Church which was approved by presbytery at the July 2015 meeting:

Ruling Elder Steve Aeschbacher, Bellevue First
Ruling Elder Neil Bolkcom, Kent First
Teaching Elder Jeff Lincicome

Investigating Committee: The following people have been appointed by the Moderator to serve on an Investigating Committee:

Teaching Elder Dani Forbess,
Ruling Elder Marty Hawkins, Southminster
Ruling Elder Bill Iverson, Newport
Teaching Elder Doug Kelly

Committee for Special Administrative Review/First Seattle: The following people have been appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Committee for Special Administrative Review approved by the Presbytery on July 21, 2015:

Teaching Elder Becki Barrett
Teaching Elder Tyler Easley
Ruling Elder Dave Erland, Sammamish
Ruling Elder Melinda Glass, Lake Burien

The Stated Clerk closed her report with prayer.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chair Teaching Elder Linda Ferguson presented the report.

The following people were nominated and elected to serve the presbytery:

Ruling Elder Ben McConaughy, Mercer Island	Moderator for 2016
Ruling Elder Loretta Pain, University	Vice Moderator for 2016
Teaching Elder Chris Pritchett	Committee on Ministry, class of 2018 (1)
Teaching Elder Doug Early	Nominating Committee, class of 2018 (1)
Ruling Elder Chris Lim, Indonesian	Catalyzing Missional Communities, class of 2018 (1)
Teaching Elder Becki Barrett	Coordinating Council, class of 2018 (2)

Coordinating Council Report

Coordinating Council Moderator Teaching Elder Scott Anderson presented the report.

2016 Meeting Dates: The presbytery APPROVED the council's motion that 2016 Stated Meetings be held on:

January 19, 2016
April 19, 2016
July 12, 2016
October 18, 2016

2016 Per Capita: The presbytery APPROVED the council's motion that 2016 Per Capita be \$40.00. (Seattle Presbytery portion is \$31.38; Synod portion \$1.50; General Assembly is \$7.12)

Sale/New Hope: The presbytery APPROVED the request to authorize the Coordinating Council to enter into an agreement with Pokrov to purchase the entire New Hope property (833 S Thistle St, Seattle, WA, 98108) at a fair market rate acceptable to both parties; terms may include an option that Seattle Presbytery finance the purchase for 10 years at 5% interest on a 30 year amortization.

The presbytery APPROVED University PC's plans to:

- a. Refinance their UBS loan of \$1 million securing it against real estate assets.
- b. Renew their \$1 million line of credit secured against real estate assets.
- c. Establish a construction line of credit of up to \$700,000 secured against pledges or real estate assets.
- d. Sell the house at 1818 NE 50th Street, Seattle, WA 98105.
- e. Sell or encumber an additional house on the north campus of University PC.

Authorized actions reported to the presbytery on the consent agenda:

Manse Fund/Northminster: From Property & Finance subcommittee: Regarding the presbytery prior actions (in the 1970s) related to manse/property actions on behalf of Northminster PC; the presbytery hereby approves that any funds formerly set aside by Northminster PC in a reserve account in compliance with those former actions, now be utilized by Northminster PC for the current manse(s) or church property at the session's discretion.

The presbytery APPROVED the authorized actions as part of the consent agenda.

Executive Presbyter's Report

Teaching Elder Scott Lumsden, Executive Presbyter, reported on:

- the grant program of the presbytery,
- the presbytery's financial health and investments,
- Heath Rada's invitation to join the conversation, and
- requested our prayers for the presbytery and denomination.

Worship

Worship was led by Teaching Elders Nancy Martin Vincent, Scott Lumsden, Scott Mann, and Lindsey Murphy and MIPC Music Director Dan Hammer. Teaching Elder Scott Mann, moderator, preached on 2 Chronicles 1:7-12 and Mark 10:35-45. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. During the service, the presbytery gave thanks for the lives of the ruling elders, teaching elders, and deacons who were reunited with their creator this past year.

Recess & Reconvene

The presbytery recessed for dinner at 6:25 PM and reconvened at 7:17 PM.

Mission

Ruling Elder Ben McConaughy, Vice Moderator, presided.

Associate Executive Presbyter Teaching Elder Eliana Maxim highlighted some of the missions of the presbytery and introduced the following presenters and their respective reports:

Robert Ruiz and Teaching Elder Chris Pritchett, on Misión Hispana at John Knox
Terry McGonigal, on Whitworth University, Office of Church Engagement

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Teaching Elder Scott Mann, Moderator, presided.

Committee Members Ruling Pattie Holt and Teaching Elder J. P. Kang and Committee Co-Chair Marty Shelton-Jenck presented the report.

Weber Ordination Examination – Having received evidence that Certified Candidate Leigh Weber has fulfilled the educational requirements of the Constitution of the Church, and has a call for ministerial services as Associate Pastor at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Seattle, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry presented her for examination. The examination included, but was not limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). The presbytery was guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates. Consistent with (G-3.0304) the presbytery examined the candidate on; Christian faith, views on theology, the Bible, the Sacraments and the government of this church. The presbytery APPROVED a motion that the candidate proceed to ordination and installation to be conducted by an Administrative Commission to be designated by the presbytery's rule.

Candidacy Examinations: The presbytery examined the following inquirers and approved their move from the inquiry phase to the candidacy phase:

Jordan Uomoto, Bethany
Brenna Hesch, University

Authorized actions reported to the presbytery on the consent agenda:

Certified Ready to Receive a Call:

Justin Beatty, University

Enrolled as Inquirer:

Danielle Merseles, Bellevue First

Annual Consultation:

Jeny Carlson, Candidate, Mt. Baker Park

Removed from Roll at Their Request:

Colin Bennett, Bellevue First

Mark Schuldt, University

The presbytery APPROVED the authorized actions as part of the consent agenda.

Committee on Ministry Report

Committee Co-chairs Teaching Elder Larry Grounds and Ruling Elder Colleen Chinen presented the report.

Klug/Member-at-Large The presbytery APPROVED the committee's recommendation that Leah Klug be enrolled as a teaching elder member of presbytery as a member-at-large. Leah has been ordained for over 5 years in the Evangelical Covenant Church and serves as hospital chaplain at Harborview. Leah was examined by COM exam team (Gary Barckert, Shelley Dahl, Loretta Pain, and Tim Snow) and is recommended for membership. Per G-2:0505, by a 2/3 vote the presbytery waived the requirement to take ordination exams.

Authorized actions reported to the presbytery on the consent agenda:

Houston/Vashon: Concur with the affirmative vote of the congregation of Vashon Presbyterian Church on July 26, 2015, "to concur, with regret, in Rev. Dan Houston's request to dissolve the relationship between him and the VPC congregation, with great thanks for his service."

Weber/John Knox: Approve the request of John Knox Presbyterian Church to create a Part Time Temporary Associate Pastor position, and to hire Leigh Weber pending successful examination for ordination on the following terms; Half time (25 hours per week), starting October 1, 2015 for a period of 12 months: \$30,000, Salary (& Housing allowance), \$1,000, Car Allowance (reimbursable) \$1,500, Study Leave / Educational Expenses (reimbursable), \$1,000, Professional Expenses (reimbursable), Medical/Pension Dues – per Board of Pensions.

Minimum Compensation: Set the minimum terms of call for 2016 (50-hour work week) at \$56,200, the Board of Pensions median effective salary (consistent with existing policy).

Mercer Island Grant: Approved a grant to assist Mercer Island Presbyterian Church in hosting a "Delivering the Gospel Workshop", a two-day intensive preaching workshop for ten Seattle Presbytery pastors.

Houston/Member-at-Large: Approved moving Rev. Dan Houston to the member-at-large roll effective September 6, 2015.

The presbytery APPROVED the authorized actions as part of the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:21 PM.

Teaching Elder Karen Breckenridge
Stated Clerk