

Presbytery of the Northwest Coast
Minutes of the 20th Stated Meeting
February 11, 2021

The meeting was held by internet conferencing software (all times are Pacific Daylight Time). The following **Open Space Conversations** were held beginning at 2:00 pm, *Post-Pandemic Digital/Hybrid Planning*, by Corey Schlosser-Hall, *How Recent Political Events Have Undermined the Covenant*, by Dean Strong and *Commissioned Pastors: A Unique Recipe for Educating Pastors*, by Janice Smith

Worship was held at 3:00 p.m. and was led by the Rev. Matt Paul of the First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles who preached a sermon entitled *Going Home to a Place We Have Never Been* on 1 Peter 3:18-22. Rev. Becca Niemeyer and Rev. Paul administered the Sacrament of the Lord Supper. Music was led by Revs. John Mason, Dustin Willets, *Mountain View*, and Elder Steve Kinney, *Ketchikan*.

The **Stated Meeting convened** for discernment, discussion and decisions at 4:05 p.m. with prayer by Stated Clerk Dean Strong in the absence of a moderator. Features of the web conferencing software and the process for voting and other parliamentary procedures were reviewed so that all could fully participate. A quorum was present.¹

Election & Installation. Since there were no nominees for Moderator or Vice Moderator at the last stated meeting the Executive Board elected Rev. Matt Paul as moderator and Rev. Becca Neimeyer as Vice Moderator on Nov. 11, 2020 on behalf of the presbytery. The following resolution was APPROVED, "*Resolved*, That the Board's action be ratified." A service of installation followed.

The agenda was approved as distributed. The minutes of the last stated meeting of October 16, 2020 had been previously approved according to the standing rule and posted on the presbytery website. Guests and first time commissioners were introduced.

Stated Clerk & Treasurer

Dean Strong reported that annual statistical and year end reports were nearly complete and thanked the Clerks of Session for their efforts and service to the church.

Nominating Committee Bylaw Amendment. The bylaws currently require standing commissions and committees to consist of elders only, while the Book of Order allows committees to consist of church members as well as elders. Therefore, the following resolution to amend the bylaws was APPROVED, "*Resolved*, That the following bylaw amendment to allow church members who are not ruling elders to serve on Nominating Committee be adopted [*deleted text stricken; added text underlined*]:

9.000 STANDING COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

9.100 Membership, reporting, quorum.

- a. Commission ~~and Committee~~ members must be teaching elder members of the Presbytery or ruling elders of a particular church; committee members must be teaching elders or members of a particular church. Standing commissions and committees are elected at the year's last stated meeting for three year terms beginning January 1 of the year following election. Members shall be divided into three equal classes, one of which shall be elected annually.

Sitka Property Administrative Commission. The commission reported that it has accepted a purchase offer of \$300,000. The buyers live next door to the property and intend to build affordable housing on the property while maintaining the sanctuary for community use.

Steible Installation. The following administrative commission installed the Rev. Greg Steible as Pastor of Whidbey Presbyterian Church on Dec. 6, 2020, and is dismissed with thanks: Joan Klope, *Whidbey*, Karen Butler, *North Creek*, Kathy Garde, *Westminster*, Revs. Stephanie Hankey, Greg Lund, John Mason.

Financial Reports for the year ending Dec. 31st were posted to the website. Despite the pandemic, which brought many unforeseen challenges and adaptations, the presbytery completed the 2020 fiscal year within .7% of its original budget.

Executive Presbyter's Report

Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall reviewed the life over the past “pandemic” year, recalling John D. Rockefeller’s quote “I always tried to turn every disaster into an opportunity.” He highlighted the recent priorities set by the Board (see below), and introduced the presbytery to SCORMifying (Shareable Content Object Reference Model) that will be used to educate and resource churches and their leaders.

Executive Board

The Board’s minutes were distributed to the presbytery via posting on the presbytery website and a link was provided in the agenda. There were no inquiries or questions raised in relation to actions of the Board since the last stated meeting. The following summary was compiled from the minutes:

- Agreed to monthly payments for Metlakatla’s past due per capita 2016-2019 over 24 months.
- Everett office closure completed; storage space is being leased from Maplewood.
- Committed to becoming a Matt. 25 council; see <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>
- Designated two portions of unrestricted funds:
 - \$425,000 for operations & emergency church loan support.
 - \$1,459,952 for future church projects (is current value dissolved church properties)
- Forgave Lord of Glory \$1,578 for per capita owed by Myong Sung.
- Campbell Farm finished 2020 in the strongest financial position in its history.
- Set priorities for 2021:
 1. Advancing the presbytery’s learning/equipping technology for congregations & their leaders;
 2. Increasing engagement in Vital Congregations;
 3. Increasing representation in presbytery entities & work from under represented groups.

Commission on Ministry

Moderator Karen Butler reported the following resolution before the presbytery, which after discussion, was APPROVED by the required three-fourths majority,

“*Resolved*, That the presbytery establish an installed pastoral relationship for an indefinite period between Calvin Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Emily Mitchell, currently serving there in a temporary relationship, to serve as Associate Pastor, according to the following terms beginning Jan. 1, 2021, and to be installed March 21st by the following administrative Commission: Corey Schlosser-Hall, *Emmanuel*, Judy Runions, *Calvin*, Donna Rowland, *Lake Forest Park*, Revs. Matt Paul and Alan Dorway.”

Compensation		Reimbursable Business Expenses	
Cash Salary	\$ 46,500	Auto/travel	
Housing Allowance	\$ 14,000	Continuing Education	\$ 2,000
Deferred Compensation		Books & Journals	
Bonuses or Gifts		Hospitality	
SECA Supplement	\$ 4,628	Other	\$ 1,000
Other Allowances	\$ 564		
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The congregation elected Rev. Mitchell on Dec. 6, 2020.

Delegated Actions Reported to the Presbytery

Pastoral Relationships

Acme/Bobko. A temporary interim part-time relationship between the Acme session and Rev. Diane Bobko, a member of the Assemblies of God, with an accompanying position contract and description, was approved on Feb. 4th.

Edmonds/Delaney. The pastoral relationship between the Rev. Amy Delaney and Edmonds Presbyterian Church was dissolved as of January 31, 2021 as requested by the Pastor and congregation.

Lake Forest Park/Chaumont. The Rev. Andrea Chaumont, who was examined for ordination on Sept. 3rd, will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor February 28, 2021 at 1pm by the following administrative commission: Revs. Rev. Frank Baresel, Emily Mitchell, Dave Rohrer; Ruling Elders Donna Rowland (Lake Forest Park), Elder Corey Schlosser-Hall (Emmanuel).

Neah Bay/Eastman. The commission of Elder George Eastman to “limited pastoral service” at Neah Bay Presbyterian Church, including authorization to moderate the session, administer the Sacraments, and to officiate at marriages as permitted by Washington State Law, was renewed for three years beginning Feb. 4th, according to the current terms and responsibilities.

Terrace View/Moriarty. A contract between the session and the Rev. Janine Moriarty to serve in a temporary pastoral relationship beginning January 1, 2021, was approved on Dec. 3rd, and Rev. Moriarty was examined and received as a member (see Welcoming).

Continuing Members

Harris/Providence. After examination on Oct. 29th 2020, the Rev. Cynthia Harris, a member in good standing of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery, was received as a member to serve in the validated ministry of Chaplain at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett.

Schlosser-Hall. The commission for limited pastoral service to Executive Presbyter Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall to administer the Lord’s Supper for any congregation or ministry of the Presbytery was renewed for three years, per G-2.1001, until February 3, 2024.

For Information.

Dissolution and Severance Guidelines were approved for publishing after final editing.

Welcoming of New Members

The following members had been previously examined and received by the Commission on Ministry. They were further “examined on their knowledge of the local customs and traditions of their new contexts,” and were heartily welcomed and prayed for by the presbytery as led by the Rev. Doug Bunnell:

Rev. Cynthia Harris, Everett Providence Medical Center;

Rev. Heather James, Temporary Pastor, North Creek;

Rev. Janine Moriarty, Temporary Pastor, Terrace View.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Commission moderator Rev. Neil Trainer greeted the presbytery and encouraged members of the presbytery to identify and encourage those whom they believe may be called to pursue the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Delegated Actions Reported to the Presbytery:

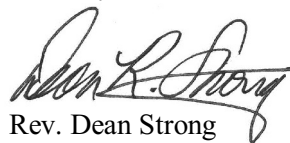
Inquirer Valerie Grissom of Calvin Presbyterian Church, enrolled at Seattle Pacific University, was interviewed, examined, and received as a Candidate on October 22, 2020, and was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Katie Allen Scholarship Fund

Inquirer Amanda Sutherland of Mountain View Presbyterian Church, was interviewed, examined, and received as a Candidate on December 3, 2020, and was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Katie Allen Scholarship Fund for CPE tuition and transportation costs.

New Business, Announcements & Adjournment

There was no new business. There were several announcements concerning the life of the churches. The presbytery adjourned with prayer and a benediction at 5:27 p.m.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast is scheduled for Thursday June 10, 2021, by internet conferencing software.



Rev. Dean Strong
Stated Clerk

These minutes were approved per the Standing Rules March 9, 2021

Attachment:

¹Roll & Attendance.

**Presbytery of the Northwest Coast
Roll & Attendance
February 11, 2021**

Summary of the Roll (Ruling Elder/Teaching Elder Balance per Bylaw 3.600).

Only those members who were present for any part of the business portion of the meeting, which opened at 4:05 p.m and adjourned at 5:37 p.m. PDT, can, by rule, be included in the determination of a quorum and the roll of those present. Minister and Elder commissions who left the meeting before 4:05 p.m and did not return are not listed as present. While this is difficult to determine during an in person meeting, Zoom Web Conference Software provides recorded data that shows precisely when participants were present and it has been used for this report.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
Session Commissioners	39	56	95
Other Continuing Members	11	2	13
Total Ruling Elders	50	58	108
Teaching Elders	48	120	168
Total Present and Absent	98	178	276
Church Representation	24	30	54

Teaching Elders Present (48)

Brandon Bailey, Joseph Bettridge, Ashley Birk, Douglas Bunnell, Gustavo Carvajal, Kimberly Crispeno, Amy Delaney, Alan Dorway, Greg Ellis, Dennis Evans, Cynthia Harris, Paul Heins, Ann Hinz, Daniel Holland, Pamela Hunter, Luke Hyder, Heather James, Daesun Jeong, Daniel Jones, Jinsuk Kim, Jong Il Lee, Ann Lewis, Charles Lewis, Greg Lund, John Mason, Carol McLaughlin, Emily Mitchell, Janine Moriarty, Milad Nakhla, Barbara Neason, Rebecca Niemeyer, Elizabeth Shen O'Connor, Matthew Paul, David Rohrer, Ervin Roorda, Cody Ryu, Esther Sanders, John Schuldt, Woojin Shim, Janice Smith, Mike Souza, Gregory Steible, Dean Strong, Mark Terayama, Seth Thomas, Neil Trainer, Michael Young.

Teaching Elders Absent (120)

Tom Adams, Kyle Anderson, Paul Ashbrook, Robert Bacon, Jr., Hyun-Su Baek, Frank Baresel, William G. Barnes, Paul Beran, Jan Blankenship, Dennis Borgman, Charles Bovee, Alexander Brown, Muriel Brown, David Casson, James Caulkins, David Hoonjin Chai, Andrea Chaumont, James Christensen, Chankil Chung, Charles Clarke, Lawrence Cole, Bruce Cook, Mark Cook, Edwin Coon, Karel Coppock, David Dobler, Denise Easter, David Eekhoff, Grace Ekblad, Robert Ekblad, Larry Emery, Florence Evanoff, Pansie Evers, Duncan Ferguson, Brent Fisher, Richard Gibson, Crista Gregory, Hallack Greider, Heidi Greider, Tracee Hackel, Robin Hagan, Holly Hallman, Stephanie Hankey, Kurt Helmcke, Robert Higgins, Fredrick Hull, Laurel Jackson, Robert Jackson, Philip Yoon Gi Jang, Robert Johnson, Lynn Jones, Barry Keating, Byeung Kyu Kim, Jean Kim, Koon Shik Kim, Kyoung Chun Kim, Yo Sub Kim, Yong In Kim, Richard Klein, Paul Kohler, Dianna Kunce, James Kutz, James Joon Kwon, G. David Lambertson, John Lann, Ki Chun Lee, Young Rae Lee, Wayne Lowry, Robert Maxson, Faith McClellan, Matthew McCoy, Heather Mikelson, David Murphy, Joshua Hyunsoo Nam, Michael Neelley, Kwang Hyun Noh, Kevin Nollette, Richard Nordgren, Peter Notehelfer, John Hee Park, John Jung Il Park, Gerald Poole, Ronald Richardson, Raymond Riese, David Ro, Mary Robinson-Mohr, John Rogers, David Ross, Thomas Ross, Claudia Rowe, Thomas Salmon, Scott Schaefer, Robert Schmitt, Faye Serene, Hanna Peterson Shearer, Robert Shepard, Sooil Shim, Brian Shin, Donald Simpson, Robert Slater, Arden Snyder, David Song, Janet Sonnanburg, William Southwick, Richard Speer, Charles Strawn, Paul Strawn, Serena Sullivan, Karen Summers, Allan Swan, David Templin, Wendy Tingley, Nicholas Valadez, Jane Van Antwerp, Doug Waltar, Henk Wapstra, John Wilson, William Zeiger, John Zimmerman

Continuing Members, Present (11)

Commissioned Pastors. Kerrie Bauer, George Eastman, Chris Hoke, Bob Merriman, Kevin Riley.

Executive Presbyter. Corey Schlosser-Hall.

Executive Board. Linda Berkompas *North Creek*, JB Im, *Community of Seattle*, Steve Kinney, *Ketchikan*, Susan Sprague, *Emmanuel*.

Commission Moderator. Karen Butler, *COM*.

Continuing Members, Absent (2)

Commissioned Pastor. Nettie Covalt.

Executive Board. Darrel Kim, *Community of Seattle*.

Ruling Elder Session Commissioners (32)

<u>Acme</u> Judy Paulson	<u>Cordata</u> Dan Sanford	<u>Kennewick First</u> Samuel Dechter	<u>North Creek</u> Minna Dimmick, Kim Voetberg, Joe Bohnen	Curt Green <u>Terrace View</u> Lynnette Norton
<u>Calvin</u> Barry Baker Linda Lord Judy Runions	<u>Cottage Lake</u> Sandi Long	<u>Ketchikan</u> Vincent Gilmartin Jr	<u>Northern Light</u> <u>United</u> Myra Munson,	<u>Tidelands</u> Amanda Bladek
<u>Cascade View</u> Patricia Bate, Jean McKay	<u>Edmonds</u> Linda Kenworthy Reynolds	<u>Lake Forest Park</u> Reid Schmadeka	<u>Meadow Springs</u> Howard Ham	<u>United PC of Seattle</u> Timothy Kim
<u>Cashmere</u> Linda Colby	<u>Everett First</u> Dottie Villevik, George Lockeman, Steve Hammond	<u>Mountain View</u> Marilyn Finsen	<u>Port Angeles First</u> Pat Hyden Ardith Hansel Iantha Frazer,	<u>Westminster</u> Kathy Garde Ken Hunting
<u>Comm. of Seattle</u> Moon Lee Wesley Pak	<u>Friday Harbor</u> Dan Zaehring, Thomas Starr		<u>Snohomish First</u>	

Sessions Not Represented (30)

Baker Community, Bellingham First, Central WA Korean, Clallam Bay, Craig & Klawock First, Emmanuel, Fruitland, Hydaburg, Korean Zion, Lord of Glory, Maplewood, Metlakatla, Mount Baker, Mount Vernon, Mountain View, Neah Bay, Oak Harbor Korean, Parker Heights, Petersoburg First, Port Townsend First, Quilcene First, Quincy First, Riverside, Saint James, Sunnyside, Tieton First, Waterville Federated, Whidbey, Wilson Creek First, Wrangell First, Yakutat.

Staff

Jenine Taylor, *Presbytery Connector*, Younghee Kim, *Interpreter*.

Registered Visitors

Corey Greaves, *Mending Wings*, Judy Lang, *Tidelands*, Joy Moore, *Friday Harbor*, Bill Palmer, *1st Bellingham*, Barbara Sanford, *Cordata*, Rev. George Gilchrist, *Seattle Presbytery*.

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