

Presbytery Council  
Presbytery of Eastern Oregon  
September 12, 2009  
Conference Call (866) 941-8436 Pass code: 1047005  
**1:30 PM, Pacific Time**

1. Call to Order with prayer by council moderator Kate Bottorff
2. Roll Call
  1. Executive – Rev. Linda Toth
  2. Past Moderator – Rev. Kate Bottorff
  3. Moderator of presbytery – Pastor Todd Bensel
  4. Vice Moderator – Rev. Jean Hurst
  5. Moderator of committee on Ministry Rev. Steve Toth
  6. Representative from PW Elder Marj Hoagland
  7. Minister at large ~~Rev. Susan Barnes~~ **Vacant**
  8. Elder at Large – Richard I. Patt, Sr.
  9. Stated Clerk – Elder Pete Wells
  10. Also invited
    1. Board of Trustees moderator, Rev. Duane Brudevold
    2. Mission Commission Moderator Vicki Horneck
    3. Nominating committee moderator Dorothy Knudson
3. Suggestions for use of conference
  1. State your name when talking – some phone lines are such that it may be difficult to identify speakers by voice
  2. Mute your line (\*6) when not speaking. It reduces the background noise.
    1. Press \*6 to unmute
  3. So not use speaker phone
  4. The moderator will make an effort to assure that all are encouraged to participate
4. Consideration of agenda for this meeting
5. Approve minutes of March meeting
6. Report of executive presbyter
  1. Discuss process for evaluation of the presbytery structure. Draft material to be distributed before the council meeting.
7. Committee and task force appointments outstanding
  1. Presbytery nominating committee
  2. Task forces
    1. Task force for mission priorities
    2. Task force for Mission Statement
    3. Mission funding task force. Criteria for access to ministry redevelopment fund
  3. Committee on Ministry
    1. LaGrande vacant pulpit – Candidates expect to be able to accept a call after the October presbytery meeting. The presbytery is expected to examine for membership in the presbytery, if the way be clear; delegate approval of terms of call to committee on

ministry, appoint an installation commission, and authorize beginning of ministry before ordination.

2. Baker vacant pulpit
  1. Positions held by Rev. Barnes
    1. Minister member of presbytery Council
    2. Synod Perm. Judicial Council (term expires 2011)
    3. Committee on Ministry (term expires 12/09)
  2. Moderator of Baker Session. The presbytery will expect to confirm the appointment of a moderator of session.
  3. COM liaison
4. Trustees
  1. Property and Liability insurance
    1. Recommendation as to Presbytery insurance
      1. The options appear to be Guide One, Presbyery One, and the UCC Insurance Board.
    2. Recommendation to churches
      1. Level of Coverage
      2. provider
      3. Verification of coverage
        1. also verify employer ID number and corporate status
8. Begin the budget process for 2010
  1. Appoint task force to review clerk's suggested per capita budget. Suggest representatives from personnel and trustees.
  2. Mission commission to review and present the mission budget in consultation with general presbyter.
  3. Budgets due to Stated Clerk by October 7 to include in the call to the October 23 meeting
9. Review Clerks proposal for process to review session minutes
  1. Three regional meetings in October – Churches may attend any meeting at their convenience. The list below is a suggestion of convenient associations of churches.
    1. Baker City, including also Halfway, Burns, Mt. Vernon, Dayville, and Monument
    2. LaGrande including also Ukiah, Lostine, Milton-Freewater, and Tutuilla
    3. Hermiston, including also, Pendleton, Stanfield, Umatilla, and Pilot Rock
10. Agenda for October 23-24 presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Lostine
  1. See enclosed draft agenda.
11. Adjourn with prayer until
  1. Council meeting
    1. January 23 and
    2. March 13,
  2. Presbytery meetings
    1. October 23-24, Lostine and
    2. February 20, 2010, [location?].
    3. April 17-18