

**Presbytery of Eastern Oregon  
Winter Stated Meeting  
February 21, 2009  
Tutuilla Presbyterian Church**

This winter stated meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon was called to order at 9:00 AM at the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church, Pendleton, Oregon, February 21, 2009 with welcomes by Pastor Jack Schut and Elder Jesse Jones. Moderator Todd Bensel opened the meeting with prayer.

Church	Minister	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Other Elder
First, Baker City	Susan Barnes		Shannon Moon
Pioneer, Burns	Jean Hurst		
Community, Dayville		Skip Inscore	Cindy Inscore
Pine Valley, Halfway			
Faith, Hermiston	Duane Brudevold		Carole Brudevold
First, LaGrande	Larry Loftus		Meg Valentine
Lostine			Iva Lindsey
Grace, Milton-Freewater	Ginger Johnston		Ted Tvrz
Community, Monument			
Community, Mt. Vernon		Skip Inscore	Richard I. Patt, Sr.
First, Pendleton	Roger Harwerth		
Tutuilla, Pendleton		Jack Schut	Bonnie Burke
Community, Pilot Rock		Todd Bensel	
Grace, Stanfield			
Community, Ukiah			
Community, Umatilla			Carolyn Robinson
Other Minister	Kate Bottorff		
	Roger Fisk		
	Dorothy Knudson		
	Volus McEachern		
	Linda Toth		
	Steve Toth		
Other Elders			Mike Hachquet
			Marj Hoagland
			Vickie Horneck

Church

Minister

Commissioned Lay Pastor

Other Elder

Mary Lou Welby

Pete Wells

Dale Wilkins

Visitors included Talitha Phillips, student intern from San Francisco Theological Seminary serving at Lostine, Mary Lou Welby, Dale Lindsey, and Cindy Inscore.

Rev. Roger Harwerth moved that the **minutes of the October, 2008, meeting** be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Stated Clerk Peter Wells distributed a summary of the January 24 meeting of the presbytery council.

Rev. Harwerth moved that the presbytery receive the treasurer's **financial report of December 31 2008**, attached.

By unanimous consent, Rev. Dorothy Knudson was **elected to the nominating committee**.

By unanimous consent, Elder Vicki Horneck was elected to a 2 year term and Rev. Kate Bottorff was elected to a 6 year term on the **presbytery permanent judicial council**.

By unanimous consent, Elder Richard I. Patt, Sr. was elected as **elder member at large to the presbytery council**.

By unanimous consent, Elder Richard I. Patt, Sr. was elected to be **elder commissioner to the Synod of the Pacific**.

**DRAFT**

Rev. Roger Harwerth, Rev. Jim Glover, Rev. Ginger Johnston, and elder Dale Wilkins, the task force on the New Form of Government, reported to the presbytery with a history of the New Form of Government process, lists of additional resource material, and an introduction to the GA Task Force proposal. The presbytery task force recommends that that the churches study the GA Task Force proposals and background before the April presbytery meeting and that the presbytery study the report at the April meeting.

The Rev. Jean Hurst, Rev. Steve Toth, Pastor Jack Schut, and Elder Mike Hachquet, the task force on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order made the following recommendations to the presbytery.

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| 08-A | Vows of Membership                                     | recommend yes vote |
| 08-B | Ordained Officers                                      | recommend yes vote |
| 08-C | Replacing 'Sympathy' with 'Compassion'                 | recommend yes vote |
| 08-D | General Assembly Council Name Change                   | recommend yes vote |
| 08-E | Non geographic Presbyteries                            | recommend yes vote |
| 08-F | Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators | recommend yes vote |
| 08-G | Synod Membership on Permanent Committees               | recommend yes vote |
| 08-H | Five Ordination Examinations                           | recommend yes vote |
| 08-I | Certified Christian Educators                          | recommend no vote  |
| 08-J | Alternative Forms of Resolution                        | recommend yes vote |
| 08-K | Ecumenical Statement Roman Catholic Church             | recommend yes vote |
| 08-L | Ecumenical Statement Episcopal Church                  | recommend yes vote |
| 08-M | Ecumenical Statement Korean PC in America              | recommend yes vote |
| 08-N | Ecumenical Statement Moravian Church                   | recommend yes vote |

Moderator Bensel recessed the meeting for worship, including celebration of the Lord's Supper and, following a prayer by Rev. Roger Fisk, lunch provided by the women of the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery reconvened after lunch with a prayer by Moderator Bensell.

Rev. Knudson moved to **approve proposed amendments** 08-A, 08-C, 08-D, 08-E, 08-F, 08-G, 08-H, 08-I, 08-J, 08-K, 08-L, 08-M, 08-N. [All except 08-B]. The motions was seconded and approved by a show of hands.

Rev. Bottorff moved to **approve proposed amendment 08-B**. The motion was seconded. Elders Shannon Moon and Richard Patt, Pastor Skip Inscore, and Revs. Dorothy Knudson and Roger Fisk spoke to the motion. The motion to approve was adopted on ballot vote 22 “yes” and 6 “no.”

Rev. Linda Toth led a discussion about the mission of the churches in the presbytery. Treasurer Elder Wells made presentations on the state of mission funding, the Pacific Mission Exchange, and, with Rev. Toth, the mission projects supported by the presbytery:

- Ring Praise music ministry;
- Shared ministry with the Presbyteries of Boise and Kendall,
  - Resource center (will be moving to First Pres. Church, Nampa, ID)
  - Financial support of Wee Kirk conference
  - Boise Presbytery support Level 3 course on evangelism
  - Level 1, introduction
  - Possibility of extending Boise Presbytery's Seminary Without Walls to Eastern Oregon
  - The shared ministry program is looking for a part-time coordinator and supervisor of the resource center.
  - Western National Leadership Training conference
  - Cascades Summer Conference
- College of Idaho campus ministry
- Eastern Oregon University campus ministry
- Ukiah food pantry
- Faith Presbyterian Church, Hermiston

Churches reported on their mission ministry:

- Baker City – Funeral dinners for non-members, Sr Center Meals, Youth – Relay for Life, Crop Walk; Food Bank, Thanksgiving food baskets joint with 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist.
- Burns – Increasing general mission giving to 10%. Peacemaking offering to Oregon Youth Authority custodial facility.
- Dayville – Doors always unlocked welcoming cyclists on way through Dayville.
- Ukiah – Food Bank, 300-400 people per month.
- Mt. Vernon. AA meetings. Up to 2/week. Souper bowl of caring,
- Hermiston – Agape House, Habitat for Humanity, Angel Tree, Gift baskets for new visitors to church, parish nurse. If you don't have an active mission program the young adults won't stay. School age meal backpacks. 100-120 per week.
- LaGrande – Financial aid to 5 organizations, members serve on boards of 4 of these. Emergency aid fund request support on communion Sundays. Friday Backpack program for weekend food for school students. 11 in October, 49 now. Boy Scout troop. AA meetings.

Trained with Red Cross as emergency food site for disaster. Parish Nurse, One Great Hour of Sharing.

- Lostine. Grief Support group for community. Fund raising meals of others, Christmas and thanksgiving baskets. Main supporter of county food bank. Craft and produce cooperative, food and crafts.
- Milton-Freewater. Increased spirit willing to get out and innovate. Book group, McLarin, *Everything Must Change*.
- Pendleton, Salvation Army Lunch, Helping Hand, Net Workers, Four General Assembly Offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace, Joy), Souper Bowl, Transient Aid, Fair trade crafts, Relay for Life Team
- Pilot Rock, food bank, transient aid. AA in church, Bible Study Thursday mornings, Church School for adults and kids each Sunday. Prayers requested for approval of building permit.
- Tutuilla – Participating in OGHS, Last Sunday of the month pot luck lunch. Hosted Pilot Rock Lunch.
- Umatilla – Ring Praise tonight, pre-school with 16 3-year olds and 4 year olds. Crafty Ladies with proceeds for to local projects. DARE, Tonya's house.

Other Business and announcements:

- Youth Triennium July 20-24, 2010 Purdue University. If a youth event is to be held this year the presbytery must arrange for it.
- Grant funding cycle for 2010
  - March 18, 2009, Oakland meeting for Synod of the Pacific Mission Partnership funding for 2010
  - March 10, Presbytery grant funding proposals due to Rev. Linda Toth
- The Lostine Church has applied for a Muzzy Loan from the Synod of the Pacific to assistance with a ramp from the sidewalk to the church basement. Rev. Fisk moved that approval be delegated to the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded. There was a motion to amend the motion to provide for a subsequent referral to the Presbytery Council. The proposed amendment was approved by unanimous consent. The motion to **refer to the Board of Trustees and then to the Presbytery Council was approved.**

Rev. Kate Bottorff gave a summary report from the recent meeting of the Synod of the Pacific. There is disaster response training upcoming in Oakland next week and a Clean Water University West to take clean water to rural villages. The Synod has a check list for review of church physical facilities to evaluate for adequate insurance coverage.

Marj Hoagland announced that the spring meeting of Eastern Oregon Presbyterian Women will be held April 25 at the Tutuilla Presbyterian Church, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by prayer by Moderator Pastor Todd Bensel.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter H. Wells, Stated Clerk