

Presbytery of Eastern Oregon
Fall Stated Meeting
February 20, 2010
Mount Vernon Community Presbytery Church
Mt. Vernon, Oregon

6 The winter, 2010, stated meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon was called to order at 10:00 AM at
7 the Mr. Vernon Presbyterian Community Church, Mt Vernon, Oregon, February 20, 2010, with prayer by
8 Moderator Pastor Todd Bensel.

Church	Minister	Commissioned Lay Pastor	Other Elder
First, Baker City	Al Fry, Interim		Michael Braymen
Pioneer, Burns	Jean Hurst		Irene Schulz
Community, Dayville		Skip Inscore	
Pine Valley, Halfway			
Faith, Hermiston	Duane Brudevold		Carole Brudebold Vicki Horneck Don Horneck
First, LaGrande	Kieth Hudson Laura Hudson		
Lostine			
Grace, Milton-Freewater			
Community, Monument	[vacant]		
Community, Mt. Vernon		Skip Inscore	Joanne Flower Hersh McNeil Carol Patt Mary Lou Welby
First, Pendleton	Roger Harwerth		
Tutuilla, Pendleton		Jack Schut	
Community, Pilot Rock		Todd Bensel	
Hope, Stanfield	[vacant]		
Community, Ukiah		Richard I Patt, Sr.	
Community, Umatilla	[vacant]		
Other Minister	Dorothy Knudson Linda Toth		
Other Elders			Peter Wells

- 9 A quorum of three ministers and elders from three churches was present.
- 10 Rev. Dorothy Knudson **moved to seat corresponding Al Fry** of the Presbytery of Nevada with
11 voice and vote. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 12 Rev. Roger Harworth **moved to approve the minutes of the October, 2009**, meeting of
13 presbytery as distributed. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 14 The presbytery **received the minutes of the January 23 Presbytery Council** meeting. Note
15 that Rev. Laura Hudson will be attending the March 10 mission funding conference.
- 16 Rev. Roger Harworth moved to **receive the December 31 financial report**. The motion was
17 seconded and adopted.
- 18 City clerk Pete Wells spoke about presbytery mission funding, including the shared ministry.
19 This year the presbytery is supporting the resource Center and the shared ministry training
20 program. Shared ministry training program includes a Wee Kirk conference March 18-20.
21 Scholarships are available with application available on the presbytery web site. More
22 information about the shared ministry will be available at the April meeting based on recently
23 developed goals of the shared ministry program. The council will evaluate the shared ministry
24 program at the March 13 Council meeting.
- 25 The shared ministry program is putting together a program concerning care of elders to be held
26 in Boise and Kendall.
- 27 The Ring Praise music program is another function of the shared ministries. The program will
28 be in the Eastern Oregon Presbytery April 15-18.
- 29 The shared ministry program is trying to add electronic resources to the resource center. There is
30 a link to the resource center on the Presbytery website.
- 31 For 2011, \$51,751 is expected to be available for funding partnership grants. In addition, we
32 expect to have available \$9,154 and additional receipt from a Synod of the Pacific because of
33 the level of giving in Eastern Oregon Presbytery churches. Also, we expect a beginning balance
34 of approximately \$37,000. The purpose of these resources is to use them in the service of Jesus
35 Christ, not to squander nor to hoard.
- 36 Rev. Linda Toth reported on the grant process for 2010. For the next 12 months there will be two
37 types of grants available: 2010 short-term or one-time use applications, and for 2011 long-term
38 grants. Applications forms are available on the Presbytery website. Rev. Toth recommends a
39 March 26 due date for applications for the 2011 grant cycle. Pastor Jack Schut **moved to**
40 **maintain a Spring application date**, March 26 this year. Motion was seconded and adopted.
- 41 The presbytery was in recess at 11:05 AM for five minutes then **worship with the celebration**

42 **of the Lord's supper** and, following worship, lunch.

43 The meeting he reconvened with prayer by moderator Pastor Todd Bensel at 1 PM.

44 Rev. Duane Brudevold gave a summary in words and slides of a mission journey to El Salvador.
45 He will lead a program this summer with members and friends of Faith Church.

46 Other mission programs of the churches of the presbytery are:

- 47 • Ukiah: the church has a small and active mission. The church supports a food bank with
48 200 to 250 users per month. The church also supports other mission.

- 49 • Pilot rock: the construction on the replacement building to replace the fired damaged
50 sanctuary is complete. The church also provides a community preschool, with 21
51 students this year; a food covered; and, to start, an after school program for days a week
52 from 3:30 to 6 PM, funded by the community. This brings after school program is a 3 ½
53 month trial the school year

- 54 • Tutuilla:the church has a monthly men's Fellowship breakfast with devotions. The next
55 session will be February 27. This year the church will take men from the area to northern
56 Idaho native churches. They will help restore a Church which has been burned and
57 expect to be there for days. The church incorporates youth from the church and the
58 greater community. The church is working with :Lost and Found Ministries to host drug
59 and alcohol abuse counseling sessions for youth.

- 60 • Pendleton First: the church as a team and is doing fund raising for Relay for Life. The
61 church serves luncheons of the third Wednesday of each month to about 80 to 85 people
62 through the Salvation Army. The church receives four special mission offerings: Joy,
63 Peacemaking, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Pentecost. The church provides assistance
64 to the Helping Hand food pantry on the first Friday of each month. Only fair trade coffee
65 is served the church. The church will celebrate its 125th anniversary the weekend of
66 October 22-24. There will be a special event for members and friends in the Presbytery
67 on Sunday, October 24.

- 68 • Umatilla: the church receives five special offerings each year, including the Theological
69 Education Fund and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The church conducts a community
70 preschool and has a craft group for special church opportunities.

- 71 • Mt. Vernon: in February, 2009, the church started a free dinner for the community which
72 serves as many as 35 to 40 people. Another dinner this year in September helped
73 celebrate the centennial of the church building. The Sunday School raised funds for full
74 pig plus chickens through the Heifer Project. At Christmas for the Sunday school sought
75 to fill two boxes for children and succeeded filling seven.

- 76 • LaGrande:the church supports local agencies with financial contributions. The Friday
77 backpack program provides 123 children with weekend meals. The church supports the
78 special offerings of Christmas Joy and One Great Hour of Sharing. The Friendship
79 Center is used for a variety of programs. The churches ask the question: “Are we a
80 church that supports missionary church that does mission?” The church is moving
81 toward more doing of mission. The church supports Koiniea House. The support from
82 the Methodist Church conference is drying up and Koiniea House is contemplating how
83 it will remain a part of the community.

- 84 • Faith Church, Hermiston:the church moved to be able to provide 10% of its operating
85 budget for validated mission programs. It encourages other churches to do the same. The
86 goal in January was to raise \$1,000for earthquake relief in Haiti. They raised \$2,400 and
87 a nested congregation raised over \$100. The upcoming mission trip to El Salvador will
88 include two adults and two youth and should be infectious to involve the church and
89 other mission opportunities. A church member is president of the local chapter of Habitat
90 for Humanity.

- 91 • Dayville: Presbyterian Women gives to a couple in New Guinea. The biker ministry
92 leaves the church opened to cyclists on the transcontinental is bicycle route as a hostel.
93 The church is also open to other people who don't have access to some of the hostel type
94 facilities. The church welcomes new members to the community, provides thanksgiving
95 food baskets, and has a weekday after school church for non-church youth. The church
96 gives to One Great Hour of Sharing and the mission of the Presbytery. The church also
97 provides gifts to children at Christmas and a Samaritan's purse program.

- 98 • Burns: the church gives to the One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace, and Joy offerings and
99 8 1/2% to general mission. One church member, 11 years old, sold cookies for Haiti
100 relief. The church raises money and supplies for a shelter for battered women which
101 provided 2,994 person nights of service last year. The church supports a food bank with
102 food and financial support. And supports the Aspen Senior Center. There is a ministerial
103 fund at the senior center for transient aid. The church also provides for the kids club,
104 vacation Bible school, and collects used eye glasses and hearing aids. The deacons
105 adopted a Christmas for family last year. Many members contribute funds and talents to
106 local agency.

- 107 • Baker city: the Christmas Joy offering received three times the amount this year as in
108 prior years. The church provides a Thanksgiving meal and has supported Crop Walk for
109 the past 25 or so years. The local share of the Peacemaking Offering is provided to a
110 domestic violence shelter. The church fiels a team for Relay for Life. Food items
111 contributed to food banks are brought forward as part of communion services. The
112 church has a travelers need fund and use raise money for food assistance through a 30
113 hour famine. The church annual budget accommodates for money for mission trips. The
114 church is searching for a youth program director would help support mission.

115 • In addition to the other items mentioned, the Tutuilla church will be hosting a Native
116 American men's retreat in October 2010. This retreat will draw people from throughout
117 the West. Approximately 100 attended the 2009 meeting in Spokane Washington.

118 Rev. Linda Toth urged us to celebrate the fact that we are doing mission. She recommends that if
119 a church as a local project we invite other churches of the presbytery to join us.

120 Clerk Wells described the Pacific mission exchange program www.Pacificmissionexchange.org.
121 Paragraph moderator Pastor Bensel gave a prayer in thanks and support for mission.

122 After a break, the Presbytery convened to consider items of business.

123 On a **motion** from the Presbytery Council **to amend the bylaws to increase the size of the**
124 **nominating committee** from 3 to 5 members. The motion was adopted.

125 The Presbytery received the report the nominating committee. Moderator Bensel opened the
126 floor for nominations. There were none. A **motion to close the nominations and elect the slate**
127 was made, seconded and adopted.

128 In other business, Rev. Knudson described the studies on adverse childhood experiences. There
129 is a high correlation between the number of adverse childhood experiences as a predictor of
130 health and emotional damage through life. We need to pray that relief to Haiti moves in
131 meaningful ways.

132 Rev. Toth described the Presbyterian Hymnal revision under way. Anyone interested should
133 contact her early next week. Also, Southminister Presbyterian Church in Boise is having a
134 meeting for pastors and ministers for facilitator training for healthy congregations.

135 Clerk Wells stated that he has a few mission yearbooks for sale.

136 Pastor Jack Schut stated that the shared ministry program may explore helping churches to these
137 I am in and implement websites. If interested contact Pastor Schut.

138 Following a prayer by Rev. Gene Hearst, moderator Bensel **adjourned the meeting** at 3:15 PM.

139 Respectfully submitted,

140 Peter H. Wells, Stated Clerk

141 Approved by Presbytery, April __, 2010