

1 Presbytery of Eastern Oregon
2 Presbytery Council
3 September 12, 2009
4 Minutes
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6 The presbytery council of the Presbytery of Eastern Oregon met for its fall stated meeting on
7 September 12,2009, by telephone conference.
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9 Council members Rev. Kate Bottorff, Rev. Linda Toth, Pastor Todd Bensel, Rev. Jean Hurst, Rev.,
10 Steve Toth, Elder Marj Hoagland, Pastor Richard Patt, and Clerk Elder Pete Wells, participated. Also
11 participating were Rev. Duane Brudevold, Rev. Roger Harwerth, Elder Vicki Horneck, and Rev.
12 Dorothy Knudson.
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14 Moderator Rev. Kate Bottorff called the meeting order with prayer at 1:30 PM.
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16 The Presbytery Council approved the adoption of the agenda.
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18 The nominating committee had no report.
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20 The mission priority task force is waiting for results from the mission statement task force. The mission
21 statement task force has not met during the summer.
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23 The mission funding task force is proceeding slowly. The task force is working on a redevelopment
24 fund.
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26 Rev. Steve Toth reported for the committee on ministry in its work with the First Presbyterian Church
27 of LaGrande. The church and the committee hope to present candidates for co-pastor position at the
28 October Presbytery meeting. The terms of call have not yet been negotiated. The committee and church
29 expect that the Presbytery will consider approval for Presbytery membership at the October meeting.
30 The Presbytery will then request that the Presbytery of Alaska examine and ordain the candidates for
31 installation in November.
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33 Rev. Steve Toth reported on the status of the First Presbyterian Church of Baker. The departure of
34 Susan Barnes leaves a vacancy on the committee on ministry for the term to and on December 31. The
35 committee recommends that the position be left vacant. Rev. Roger Hart worth has volunteered to the
36 moderator of the Baker City Presbyterian Church session until an interim pastor is found. The church is
37 working toward filling the interim pastor position
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39 Pastor Bensel moved to dismiss the Rev. Susan Barnes to the Presbytery of East Iowa. The motion was
40 seconded and approved by unanimous consent.
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42 The Baker city church requests that elders Mike Braimen, Arlita Jewell, Rick Rembold, Ginger
43 Rembold, Mark Ferns, Betsy Ferns, Jim Kauth, Nancy Ames, Bob McKim, Sharon McKim, Gary
44 Yeomans, Betty Kimell be invited to training on the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's supper
45 by Rev. Roger Hart worth later in September. Rev. Gene Hurst moved that two of the persons who
46 undertake training pursuant to invitation the arthritis to officiate at communion at the Baker city church
47 pending and interim pastor. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous consent.
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49 Rev. Steve Toth, for the committee on ministry, moved that commissioned lay pastor Richard Patt be

50 authorized to fill the pulpit at Mt. Vernon Community Church and Dayville Community Church as
51 needed. The churches have concurred in this recommendation. The motion was approved.

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53 Rev. Duane Brudevold reported for the trustees that the Presbytery had reviewed insurance proposals
54 from GuideOne, PresbyteryOne, and the UCC Insurance Board. The board of trustees was impressed
55 with the evaluation of the coverage. Faith Presbyterian Church in Hermiston finds comparable prices.
56 Elder Wells expects to recommend that the Presbytery consider GuideOne insurance. The council
57 authorized Stated Clerk Wells to purchase insurance considering cost.

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59 Rev. Linda Toth discuss the. The program is trying to find how to resolve \$1.5 million in claims on the
60 books at the close of business in June. We are assured that the Pilot Rock Community Church fire
61 damage claim is covered. Rev. Steve Toth, Pastor Jack Schut , and elder John Zerba are assisting in this
62 matter.

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64 The council appointed, by unanimous consent, Elder Carole Brudevold and Pastor Jack Schut to
65 review the draft administrative and ecclesiastical budget for presentation to presbytery meeting.

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67 Stated Clerk Elder Wells purposed session meeting review by regional meetings in Baker City,
68 LaGrande, and Hermiston the weekends of October 10 and 17. The council approved the proposal

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70 The Presbytery Council reviewed the draft agenda for the October Presbytery meeting. The agenda
71 proposed by the clerk was approved. Pastor Bensel requested that the agenda be posted to the
72 Presbytery website as soon as practical

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74 Pastor Patt moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and adopted. Pastor Patt invited members and
75 friends of the presbytery to celebrate the centennial of the Mount Vernon Community Presbyterian
76 Church the second Sunday of September. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Linda Toth at
77 3:00 PM.

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79 Respectfully submitted

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81 Peter H. Wells

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83 Stated clerk

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