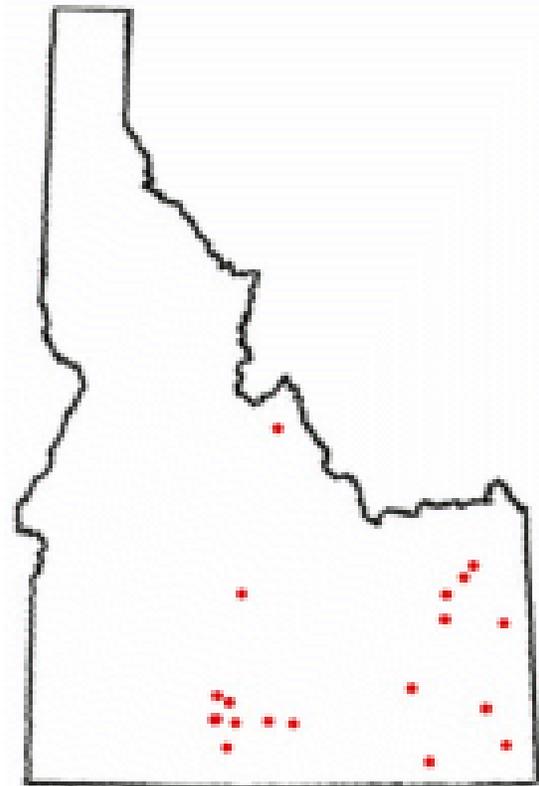


THE KENDALL CONSTELLATION

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***“Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him,
all you shining stars.” (Psalm 148:3)***



***Please forward this to all your friends
in Kendall Presbytery.***

**The Presbytery of Kendall
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Stated Meeting of Saturday, June 1st, 2013
First Presbyterian Church
209 5th Avenue North
Twin Falls, Idaho**



CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER:

1.The Presbytery of Kendall convened a regular, stated meeting at 10:03 AM at First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls, Idaho, on Saturday, June 1st, 2013. Rev. Pamela Mayes, Presbytery Moderator, called the meeting to order and led the opening prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

2.At the suggestion of the Moderator, the

commissioners and guests in attendance briefly introduced themselves.

WELCOME & ARRANGEMENTS:

3.Rev. Phil Price, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls, welcomed the gathered body to the church and explained the location of various conveniences and arrangements for the meeting.

QUORUM:

5.The Stated Clerk, Rev. Ron Lavoie, declared a quorum to be present for the conducting of business as required by the Presbytery's By-Laws: *"... three Teaching Elders from three different congregations who are members of the Presbytery and three Ruling Elder Commissioners from three different congregations."*

ROLL CALL, MILEAGE VOUCHERS:

6.Persons in attendance were asked to sign-in at registration. When compiled, the registration forms provided the roll of attendance included in "Appendix A" of these minutes.

7.Candie Wyckoff, Executive Assistant, explained about the mileage and expense reimbursement

vouchers for commissioners, Teaching Elders, etc.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

8. Persons seated as corresponding members are noted in the attendance record for the meeting in “Appendix A” of these minutes.

ADOPTION OF DOCKET/AGENDA:

9. Rev. Ron Lavoie, Stated Clerk, presented the agenda/docket which had been printed and included in the packet floor papers and suggested minor revisions. The agenda, as represented by the order and content of these minutes, was declared to be approved by the Moderator as amended.

CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Elder Rhett Downing reporting

10. Rhett Downing presented the committee report items as follows:

11. The initial meeting of Church Relations focused on the following objectives: “Foster relations between/among congregations, the Presbytery, and the PC (USA)” and “provide encouragement, guidance, and resources to the member churches in the areas of leadership development, church officer

training, worship, nurture, and stewardship.”

12. Under these objectives we determined to aim for a committee member to visit each congregation quarterly. We will develop guidelines for these visits which will include: conveying the greetings of the presbytery and the committee; worshipping with the congregation; staying for the coffee hour for fellowship with the congregation; meeting with the congregation or some representative group to hear what ministries the congregation engages in, how the presbytery may support their ministries, what they have to offer to support the ministries of other congregations in the presbytery.
13. Such visits by committee members may at times take place in conjunction with the visit of the Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk. In that case the visit may include supporting and participating in a short polity seminar offered by the Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk during a coffee hour with a view toward conveying information about PC(USA) polity which will reassure congregations about changes taking place in the denomination. It will be helpful for congregations to know that the denomination is structured to welcome discussion of new ideas, but that such ideas have to pass

through a rigorous process to be finally incorporated into our polity.

14. Further, while presbyteries are represented in General Assembly by proportional representation, which enhances the influence of the larger, more urban, and often more progressive presbyteries, amendments passed through General Assembly must then be ratified by the presbyteries, and in this process every presbytery has a single vote.

15. The committee will encourage collaborative activities through which congregations can support each other and grow to know each other. These may include, but not be limited to: a church response team, through which congregations can assist each other with facility repairs (this idea is being developed by committee member Rhett Downing, who has training in emergency management);

16. and Vacation Bible Schools (such as the VBS for the congregation in Driggs, proposed by Moderator Pam Mayes and being organized by committee member Cathy Spielman, and the presbytery has received a request for such ministry support in Soda Springs).

17. Finally, the committee will work toward

activating the presbytery prayer chain, and encourage congregations to make use of it as the congregations and individual members have concerns they would like others in the presbytery to pray for. When the prayer chain is activated on behalf of an individual who would benefit by the care and support of the presbytery, congregations and individuals within the congregations will be encouraged, in addition to praying for that individual, to send cards and messages of support.

18. The Committee also has responsibility to administer the Mission Partnership Grant funding process, in consultation with the Board of Trustees. The committee reviewed the Mission Partnership Grant paperwork from 2012. There was a unanimous feeling among committee members that the emphasis on pressuring smaller churches to take on new projects in order to qualify for grants was not the right approach for Kendall Presbytery. The committee decided to drop the document on Guiding Values for Mission Partnership Funding Grants. The grants for 2013 will have two forms: Small Church Mission Support Grants and Mission Project Grants. Applications for Mission Project Grants will be welcomed from congregations

planning new mission initiatives, from ministries within the congregations, and from ministries related to the congregations and the presbytery, for example, Camp Sawtooth.

19. A group from the committee will tweak the application form, developing an application for each kind of grant, and to rewrite the cover letter. The small group will determine a schedule for submission of applications and the committee meeting to review the application, taking into account the schedule for the meeting of the Trustees before the Fall stated meeting.

20. The Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk has brought to the committee's attention a communication from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) to the effect that grants of \$961 from SDOP are available in 2013 to presbyteries with a certified SDOP committee. In the environment of declining funding for Mission Partnership Grants, the committee feels this could be an important additional funding source. SDOP receives approximately 1/3 of the funds contributed by the denominational offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Grants are offered to groups who are

oppressed by poverty and social systems, want to take charge of their own lives, have organized or are organizing to do something about their own conditions, have decided that what they are going to do will produce long term changes for their lives or communities, will control the programs they own and will benefit from them directly. Congregations within the presbytery, or ministries within our congregations, may be engaged in mission with such groups, and may thus be in a position to apply for a grant with such a group or on its behalf.

21.To make this possible, the presbytery will need to form a certified SDOP committee, which could function as a subcommittee of Church Relations. Members of this subcommittee would need to be able to attend triennial workshops for SDOP. Church Relations will pursue this possibility.

22.Among the responsibilities of the Committee shall be the Review of Sessions' minutes, overtures and amendments, ministry grants, Presbytery financial support, etc.

23.As visits by committee members to congregations begin, the committee will encourage congregations to identify a member to serve on the committee.

Prospective members can be encouraged by the prospect of regional meetings, and the possibility of conducting a great deal of its business by conference call. Members should not be limited to pre-determined terms, but should be able to serve for the period that they are able. The relationships they build with the congregations they visit will be invaluable to the work of the committee. On the other hand, it will be important for new members to come on the committee each year, so that the relationships between congregations and the committee remain intact as members transition on and off. The committee will need to have at least 2 co-chairs; it would be better to have 3, with a new one in training each year. Melissa Norton has agreed to be a co-chair. Another should be recruited from the west side of the presbytery.

24. The Presbytery Executive/Stated Clerk plans to hold regional meetings for the purpose of record reviews. The committee intends to supply a member for each meeting to assist in this process.

25. NOMINATIONS: The Church Relations Committee nominates the following teaching and ruling elders for membership on the committee: Ray Carter, ruling elder (Pocatello),

Barbara Corwin, ruling elder (Ketchum), Rhett Downing, ruling elder (Pocatello), Scott Gruwell, ruling elder (Idaho Falls), Melissa Norton, ruling elder (Pocatello), Phil Price, teaching elder (Twin Falls), Cathy Spielman, ruling elder (Idaho Falls).

26.The above nominees were unanimously elected by vote of the Presbytery (after nominations were allowed from the floor.)

27.Further contacts are being made to recruit more members. The committee feels it will be particularly important to recruit members from the smaller congregations of the presbytery, so that their perspectives can be represented in the deliberations of the committee.



STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE & WEE KIRK

28.Rev. Phil Price reported on his attendance at the

Stewardship Kaleidoscope, having received a scholarship from the Presbytery to underwrite his expenses for travel and registration, and thanked the presbytery for their support in this matter.

29. Steve Atkinson and Frances Gray reported on their attendance at the Wee Kirk Conference, having received scholarships from the Presbytery to underwrite their expenses for travel and registration, and thanked the presbytery for their support in this matter.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER /STATED CLERK:

30. Rev. Lavoie, Stated Clerk, reported on his travels for training and Synod attendance and his visiting of the churches of the presbytery, meeting with committees, boards, and commissions of the Presbytery, and CRE training. Rev Lavoie is currently moderating the sessions at Burley and Hazelton and assisting the PNC process at Burley.

VOTING ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:

31. The Stated Clerk guided the Presbytery through the process of voting on the constitutional

amendments, providing the reason and rationale for each amendment and entertaining questions prior to voting on each amendment. **All the proposed amendments were approved by the Presbytery - most with a unanimous vote (see Appendix for summary vote tally sheet certified by the Stated Clerk). Elders Joan McCune and Sue Rush counted the votes.**





WORSHIP:

32.A worship service including Holy Communion was held at 11:00 am. Rev. Karlin Bilcher preached a sermon and Rev. Phil Price administered communion.

LUNCH (12:00 noon)

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

33.**NOMINATIONS:** The following are nominated to serve on the Committee: Bob Henley (TE Ketchum), Kathy Price (RE, CCE, Twin Falls), Blake Walsh (CRE, Buhl), Mazie Porter (CRE, Soda Springs), Laura Baarda (TE, Swan Valley), Karlin Bilcher - adjunct (TE, Teton Valley).

34.The above named were elected by unanimous vote of the Presbytery after time was allowed for

nominations from the floor.

35.MOTION: At his request and with the concurrence of the congregation at a congregational meeting held April 28, 2013, the Committee recommends the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton and the Rev. Kevin Anderson, effective at the close of day April 30th, 2013, so that he may accept a call to serve as pastor of the Living Waters Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Wendell, Idaho beginning June 11, 2013, and in view of his membership in another presbytery as a result of this action, to remove his name from the rolls of the Presbytery.

36.The above motion was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

ELECTIONS: (nominations from the floor were allowed)

37.Bob Henley - to serve on the Synod Task Force for the future of Synods (nominee must be a current or recent Synod delegate).

38.Pam Mayes to complete the term of Linda Gray as a Synod Representative. (nominee must

be female and a teaching elder or a ruling elder).

39.After time was allowed for nominations from the floor, a motion was made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. The motion was approved by vote of Presbytery.

COUNCIL REPORT: Rev. Pamela Mayes, Moderator, reporting

40.Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton, at a congregational meeting held April 21, 2013 voted to request of Kendall Presbytery to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (denomination). Elders Dee Dee Gott, Neil Cross, Alan Lee and two others were present to represent Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton.

41.Council recommends the formation of a dialogue team consisting of the Moderator, the Executive Presbyter, a member of and selected by: the Trustees, the Ministerial Relations Committee, and the Church Relations Committee, to interact with Valley Presbyterian Church and respond to their request for dismissal from the PC(USA).

42.After discussion, the above motion was

approved by vote of the Presbytery.

43. The Council recommends that the “Administrative Manual, including Organizational Structure, By-Laws and Standing Rules” be approved and adopted, as revised during the comment period since the last Presbytery meeting, and presented for a second reading.

44. The above motion was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

45. Council recommend regular inclusion of the Lord’s Supper during worship services at Presbytery meetings, administered by a teaching elder or ruling elder approved to administer sacraments in the Presbytery.

46. The recommendation was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Elder Sue Rush reporting (see full financial report in Appendix)

47. The Trustees recommend that the Presbytery authorize a one-time gift of up to \$5,000 to Camp Sawtooth in response to an April 3, 2013 letter request from the camp directors for matching funds for capital improvements. Boise

and Kendall presbyteries were requested to provide \$5,000 each, which will be used to match donations from individuals and churches. The Trustees will use operating and mission reserves for this expense, if approved by the presbytery.

48. The above motion was approved by vote of Presbytery.

49. The Trustees are proceeding with the move to a unified (operating and mission) budget.

50. Included in the docket package is a report of the status of the unified budget for the period of January through March 2013. Slightly more than one-half of the 2103 per capita allocations have been received from our churches. Mission giving in the first quarter was about ¼ of the annual budget. (See Appendix for full report.)

51. The move of bookkeeping software from Cooper-Norman proprietary software to Quick Books is nearly completed.

52. The Trustees approved expenditures for the G.A. Presbyterian Leadership Formation training program for Ron Lavoie.

53. Office related expenses for James Kennedy have been paid through March 2013, as previously agreed to reimburse him for expenses associated

with continuing tasks.

54.The presbytery files are now consolidated in the Pocatello office. Candie Wyckoff has completed the organization of the 2009-2012 financial files, which will allow the Trustees to catch up on annual financial reviews.

55.The Elwood and Nita Becker Fund was disbursed to the Church in the Tetons, with instructions to use this fund in accordance with the guidance previously approved by the presbytery.

56.The Church in the Tetons has reimbursed the presbytery for more than \$20,000 in 2012 payroll expenses.

57.The Anchorage church has reimbursed Kendall Presbytery's Development Fund for \$4,326,03 in moving expenses for the Rev. Karlin Bilcher.

58.The Innovation Fund was used to reimburse the synod for Kendall Presbytery's share of the Rev. Ron Lavoie's moving expenses (\$3,070.29).

59.The Presbytery has received the "13th month check" from the Synod, in the amount of \$10,000.

BOARD OF MANAGERS REPORT: Neal Cross reporting

60.Elder Neil Cross, Board Chair, reported on behalf

of the Board of Managers. (see quarterly financial report in Appendix)

61.The Board nominates Elder John Lanting of the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church for membership on the Board for a five year term. The Board also nominate Elder Bob Kukachka of the Soda Springs Presbyterian Church to serve as Board chair for a term of one year as a replacement for Neil Cross whose term of service is complete upon election of his replacement.

62.The above named were approved by unanimous vote of the Presbytery.

SYNOD REPORT: Rev. Ron Lavoie, reporting (on behalf of Synod commissioners)

63.The Synod of the Pacific has begun a process of evaluating the value of forming a Korean (Hanmi) language Presbytery.

64.The Synod has disbursed a check to the Presbytery in the amount of \$10,000 in accordance with the Synod's by-laws which require a disbursement of excess funds.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Pamela Mayes

reporting

65.Rev. Pamela Mayes reported on her activities and service to the Presbytery and the working relationships among her colleagues serving on various Boards and Committees and the Presbytery staff. Specifically mentioned were Joan McCune of the PW Presbytery leadership. Also mentioned was the prompt production and disbursement of the minutes of the Presbytery, and the work involved in developing of a much needed administrative manual.

66.Rev. Mayes also made mention of correspondence from San Francisco Theological Seminary expressing thanks for gifts from the Hilda Thompson Trust Fund (see Appendix).

NEXT MEETING

67.The next meeting of the Presbytery was set by vote for October 26, 2013 at the monastery in Jerome, Idaho. (following the Presbytery retreat October 24-5)

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

68.The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Pam Mayes, Moderator at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Lavoie

Stated Clerk



"I bought a new fuel-efficient vehicle a week before Christmas and have logged many miles traveling about Kendall Presbytery and meeting so many faithful servants of the Lord in this place. Kendall Presbytery encompasses an enormous territory, but my travels have been pleasant because of its scenic beauty and the joy I feel in serving the Lord in this place. Thank you for the privilege of serving."

Ron Lavoie EP/SC, Kendall Pby.

