

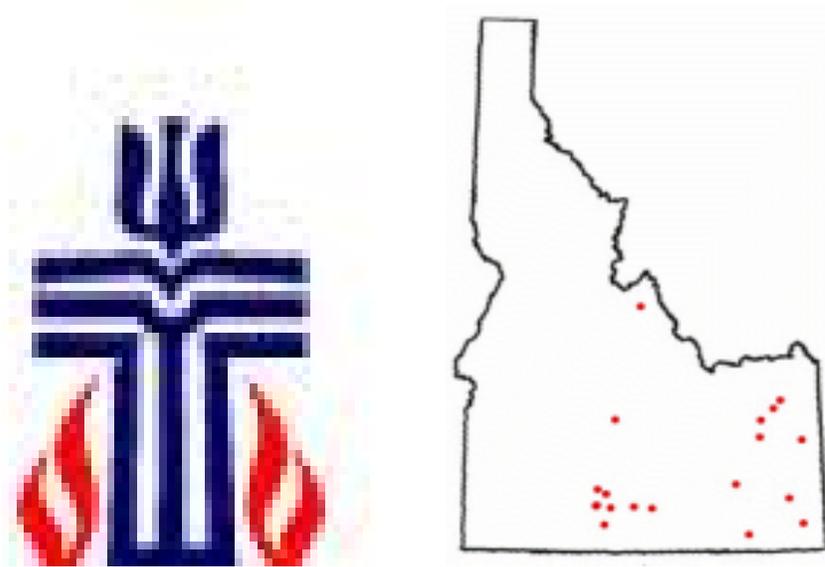
THE KENDALL CONSTELLATION

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“These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.” (Isaiah 66:1-2)



Please forward this to all your friends in Kendall Presbytery.

**Report of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery
Saturday, June 7th, 2014
First United Presbyterian Church
7 South Main - Malad City, Idaho 83252**

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER:

1. The Presbytery of Kendall convened a regular, stated meeting at 10:10 AM at First United Presbyterian Church in Malad City, Idaho, on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Blake Walsh, 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. Candie Wycoff, Presbytery Executive Assistant, 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 Wycoff, 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. (Rachel Yates, Presbyterian Mission Agency Church Support

Associate for Western US)

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. The agenda, as represented by the order and content of these minutes, was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

STATED CLERK/EXECUTIVE REPORT: Rev. Ron Lavoie reporting

10. Rev. Lavoie reported that no PJC cases were in process.
11. Rev. Lavoie announced plans to review Session minutes of the Presbytery at the October meeting of the Presbytery to be held in Jerome.

CHURCH RELATION COMMITTEE: Barbara Corwin reporting (see Appendix ___)

12. Barbara Corwin reported on the committee's efforts to visit the various churches of the Presbytery. All churches except Idaho Fall and Ketchum have been visited.
13. Mission Partnership Grant applications were distributed in the packet and Barbara explained the process and offered help for those who desire assistance in the application process.

14. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Kathy Poulton reporting

14. Kathy Poulton reported on recent meetings of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery and mentioned partnership with mission projects in Kenya.
15. The Fall Gathering will be held in Pocatello on Sep 27th. Mission efforts ongoing in Appalachia will be discussed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ron McCune reporting (see Appendix, ___)

16. The Presbytery's budget progress and process were discussed, referring to the items contained in the packet.
17. Income from the Hilda Thompson Trust and ranch operations have been received in excess of \$82,000.00, which are above expectation and will help to replenish reserve funds.
18. The Synod of the Pacific is expected to release surplus funds in the near future.

19. The board reports the moving of Sue Rush to Seattle and therefore the loss of her services ongoing to the Presbytery.
20. The board reports a building use agreement for continuing use of the Rexburg church by the Christian Community Church.
21. The board approved an application from the Soda Springs Church for a clean water mission project in Ghana.

BOARD OF MANAGERS: Ron Lavoie reporting

22. Rev. Lavoie reported on the contents of a letter received from Bob Kukachka, Board Chair, detailing the positive results of a land dispute with a neighboring landowner at the ranch and on the results of a financial audit of the board's operations for the year 2012. (see Appendix, ___)
23. Blake Walsh reported on a letter of thanks received from Dr. James McDonald, President of San Francisco Theological Seminary. (see Appendix, ___)

REPORT FROM PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY: Rachel Yates reporting

24. Rachel reported on the ongoing efforts to improve communication and interpretation of Presbyterian Missions worldwide to better inform churches and members and make a stronger connection and a stronger program of financial support.
25. A specific report of Ghana and South Sudan were discussed and the challenges associated in the area characterized by poverty and lack of written copies of the Bible, even to church leaders in some cases.

WORSHIP: (11:00 - Order of the Day)

26. A Service of Divine Worship with Holy Communion, including Janne Goldbeck as preacher, Jim Perry, Presbytery Vice-Moderator, as Communion Liturgist, took place at 11:00 AM.
27. The service included a prayer of consecration for Rev. Laura Baarda and Steve Atkinson who will be going to the 220th General Assembly in Detroit, MI as commissioners from Kendall Presbytery.

LUNCH: (12:00 - Order of the Day)

27. A BBQ luncheon was prepared and served by the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Malad City at noon.

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Rev. Laura Baarda & Kathy Price reporting (see Appendix, ___)

28. The committee has discussed upcoming Board of Pensions dues change and proposed a policy (see below).
29. The MRC has continued to organize CRE training program. All CRE in training have a mentor who will work alongside them.
30. Committee members have set a goal to meet with all TE and CRE involved active ministry this summer.
31. The MRC has invited BOP regional representative Mark Frey to October Presbytery retreat & meeting to discuss upcoming dues changes, retirement plan options, and other pertinent information from the Board of Pensions.
32. The committee has checked in on progress and various changes happening with presbytery churches & pastors.
33. The committee has approved adding the “Outline of Calling a New Pastor” with language changes from the Great Rivers Presbytery to the MRC handbook.
34. The committee has approved a request for elders Ed Northern & Jake Hothem for a six month period to share equally the responsibilities of serving communion at PCBW in Ketchum.
- 35. The committee recommends that the Presbytery of Kendall require that churches pay the 1.5% additional Board of Pension dues cost (beginning 2015) for members who choose the “Member & Family,” option, unless medical insurance is provided for the family by some other entity such as the spouse’s employer. In case of financial hardship, congregations may appeal to presbytery for cost sharing.**
- 36. The presbytery approved the above motion by vote.**
37. The committee approved a request from Rev. David Bierschwale that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the

- Presbytery in connection with his hospital chaplaincy work in Texas.
- 38.The recommendation was approved by vote of the Presbytery.
- 39.The committee recognized and congratulated Rev. Steve Knudson on the occasion of his upcoming marriage.

DIALOG TEAM REPORT: Blake Walsh reporting (see Appendix ____)

- 37.Blake Walsh reported on the “Memorandum of Understanding” which the team has negotiated on behalf of the presbytery with the Valley Presbyterian Church of Hazelton.
- 38.R.J. Hansen, Chris Hansen, and Mark Ottman were in attendance to represent the congregation and sign the “Memorandum of Understanding.”
- 39.Rev. Lavoie, Stated Clerk, read the agreement in full (see Appendix).
- 40.After discussion, it was voted to authorize the dialog team to sign the agreement pending receipt of minutes of a congregational meeting in Hazelton indicating congregational agreement to the terms.**

COUNCIL REPORT: (see Appendix ____)

- 39.Blake Walsh, Presbytery Moderator, presented the following items:
- 40.The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Kendall met on Saturday, May 10, 2014.
- 41.Council considered ordinary business and coordinating functions at this meeting.
- 42.The following business/actions were taken: Council moves that the following nominations be approved:**
- 43.Jim Perry, Vice Moderator, to serve on the Hazelton Dialog team to replace Sue Rush.**
- 44.Cathy Spielman to serve as synod commissioner, class of 2016, to replace Sue Rush.**
- 45.Ron McCune, nominated by the Trustees to serve as chair of the Trustees (and as such, President of the Corporation).**
- 46.Virginia Planchon, nominated by the Trustees to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees, replacing Sue Rush.**

47. After opportunity for nominations from the floor was provided, the above-named nominees were elected by vote of the presbytery.

48. The following items also came before the council:

49. Negotiations are continuing with the Hazelton Dialog team

50. The Trustees have approved a building use agreement between the Community Presbyterian Church and/or Presbytery of Kendall and the Rexburg Christian Center.

51. The subject and content of our annual fall retreat in October were discussed. It was decided that Moderator Blake Walsh and Executive Ron Lavoie will participate and cooperate in leading discussions about our Presbytery's values, purpose, vision/mission, and future.

52. The annual distributions from the Hilda Thompson Ranch will be sent. \$82,937.53 will be sent to each of the four recipients of both portfolio and ranch income distributions (Synod of the Pacific, College of Idaho, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and Presbytery of Kendall). In addition, the Soda Springs First Presbyterian Church is a recipient of \$14,100, from the ranch income portion.

53. The terms for the office of Presbytery Moderator were discussed. A proposal for "first reading" of pertinent changes to the Presbytery's Administrative Manual was provided in the presbytery packet (see Appendix ____).

SYNOD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT: Rev. Pamela Mayes reporting

54. Rev. Mayes reported on plans for the Synod to make a financial distribution to its constituent presbyteries in 2014.

55. Green Loans, a new loan program from the Synod, is an exciting opportunity for churches to make energy-related improvements at a very attractive cost structure.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Blake Walsh reporting

56. Blake Walsh, Presbytery Moderator, reported in his committee work in the presbytery and his appreciation for the tone and content of

presbytery work, in general. He related that it has been his pleasure to serve.

CAMP SAWTOOTH: Rev. Laura Baarda reporting

57. Rev. Baarda reported on the need for college-aged camp counselors and on the involvement of several members of presbytery in the summer camping program, entitled "Getting Real - Whom do you say that I am?"

NEXT MEETING

58. The next meeting of the Presbytery was set for 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Ascension Monastery in Jerome, Idaho.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

59. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Kathy Price at 2:00 PM.

In Christ's Service,

Ron Lavoie,

Stated Clerk - Kendall Presbytery