

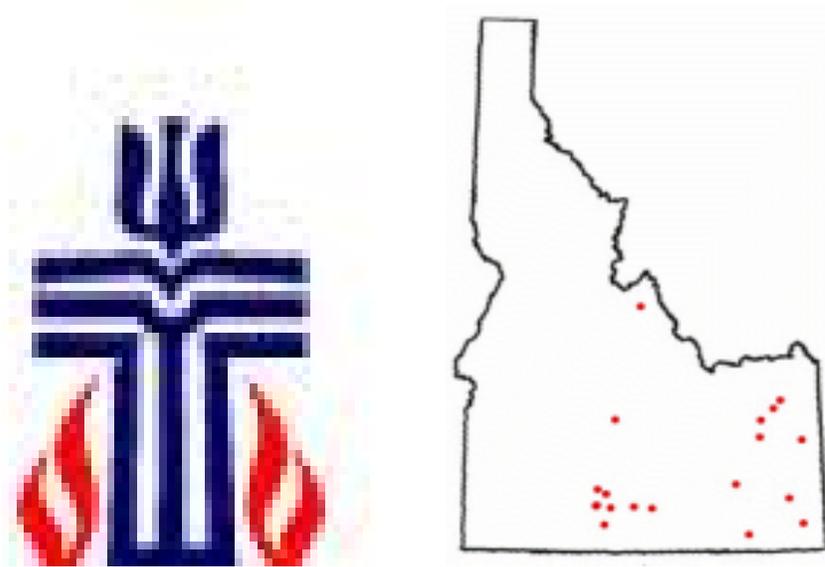
THE KENDALL CONSTELLATION

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*“For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far
as the east is from the west, so far has He removed
our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:11-12)*



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

**Report of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery
The Presbytery of Kendall
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Saturday, October 25th, 2014
Monastery of the Ascension
541 East 100 South
Jerome, Idaho**

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER:

1. The Presbytery of Kendall convened a regular, stated meeting at 10:10 AM at The Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, Idaho, on Saturday, October 25, 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 Wyckoff, 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 Moderator, in consultation with 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. (Rev. Mark Frey, Northwest Regional Representative of the Presbyterian Board of Pensions and a member of Cascades Presbytery)

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 was revised at the meeting and approved as represented by the order and content of these minutes by vote of the Presbytery.

BOARD OF PENSIONS:

10. Mark Frey, PC(USA) Board of Pensions Northwest Regional Representative, provided a report on impending changes to the BOP dues structure and other provisions of the benefits plan. An additional dues of 1.5% will be required to cover dependants beginning January 1, 2015.
11. An experience apportionment of 4.6% was granted in mid-summer 2014.
12. A new president of the Board of Pensions, Frank Spencer, has been elected and is now in service at the Board.
13. The Assistance Program of the Board was discussed, which also supports the Credo program.

CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

14. Melissa Norton reported on the activities of the Church Relations Committee which have included visiting the churches of the Presbytery with the intent of building and strengthening the relationships with and among the churches of the presbytery. (see report, Appendix ____).
15. Mission Partnership Grants for Malad City and Camp Sawtooth have been approved by the Committee for recommendation to the Trustees.
16. The Committee is looking for new members to help carry out its work.

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

17. Rev. Laura Baarda and Kathy Price reported on behalf of the Ministerial Relations Committee and presented items for action as follows (see report also, Appendix _____)
18. The Committee approved Rev. John Wall and Rev. Stephen

Webber to labor within the bounds of Kendall Presbytery.

19.The Committee recommended that the Rev. Laura Baarda be recognized as “installed pastor” of Chapel in the Valley, Swan Valley. Her current status is “designated pastor.” The recommendation was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

20.Rev. Karlin Bilcher was recognized for the 5-year anniversary of his ordination.

21.Commissioned Ruling Elders Blake Walsh, Jim Perry, Tito Rivera, and Rick Spielman were recognized and thanked for their ministries.

22.The Committee reported that the Rev. Dennis Falasco has accepted a call to serve the First Presbyterian Church of San Luis Obispo in California. The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls took action to dissolve the relationship in a congregational meeting held on Sunday, October 28, 2014.

23.It was voted to dissolve the relationship between Rev. Dennis Falasco and Kendall Presbytery and transfer his membership to Santa Barbara Presbytery in California (effective September 28, 2014).

STATED CLERK’S REPORT:

24.Rev. Ron Lavoie, Stated Clerk, reported that there were no cases before the Presbytery’s Permanent Judicial Commission.

25.The Stated Clerk reported that the following Session minutes were approved in a peer review held under the direction of the Stated Clerk and the Church Relations Committee held Friday, October 24th at the Monastery of the Ascension in Jerome, Idaho: FPC Burley, PCBW Ketchum, FPC Idaho Falls, FPC Pocatello, FPC Salmon.

26.The Stated Clerk presented for a second reading and vote changes proposed to the “Administrative Manual with By-Laws” involving the terms and arrangements for the office of Presbytery Moderator.

27.After discussion, it was voted to approve the proposed

changes. (see report, Appendix ____)

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

28.A Service of Worship with Holy Communion, including Blake Walsh as preacher and Ron Lavoie as Communion Liturgist, took place at 11:00 AM.



LUNCH: (12:00 Order of the Day)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

29.Rev. Laura Baarda reported on her experience at General Assembly. Steve Atkinson and Michelle Goff (YAD) also attended (see reports, Appendix ____)

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

30. Ron McCune presented the Trustees report and presented the proposed budget for 2015.
31. The report indicated increased reserves in the Presbytery's funds.
32. The Trustees reported on the completion of the financial review for 2011-12 and plans for an upcoming review of the Presbytery's finances for 2013.
33. Per Capita remains unchanged for 2015.
- 34. After discussion, it was voted to approve the proposed budget, including terms of call for Rev. Lavoie and salary and benefits for Candie Wyckoff. (see Appendix, ___)**
- 35. The Trustees recommendation to approve a \$2,400 Innovation Grant to the FPC Salmon was approved by vote of the Presbytery.**

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

36. Delbert Winterfeld reported on the successful resolution of a boundary dispute at the Hilda Thompson Ranch at a cost of \$10,000 in legal fees.
37. Also reported was a decision to diversify the financial holdings of the Hilda Thompson portfolio with a purchase of land (cost approx. \$800,000.00) as an income producing instrument protected from stock market volatility.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT:

38. Joan McCune reported on national events of the Presbyterian Women.
39. A gift of baked goods was distributed to the Presbytery as a gift of the Presbyterian Women of Pocatello.

COORDINATING COUNCIL: Blake Walsh, Moderator

40. The Council is considering discontinuing the annual Presbytery's Fall Retreat and support the WNLT (Jackson Hole, WY) through participation in the planning and administration and Presbytery

scholarships to encourage attendance from our Presbytery.

41. The following nominations were submitted to the Presbytery for Presbytery vote: Pam Mayes, Board of Trustees; Barbara Corwin, Moderator-Elect 2015 (with subsequent service as Moderator 2016 and Vice-Moderator 2017); Rev. Stephen Knudson for the Ministerial Relations Committee.

42. A “Report on Inclusion and Diversity” was included in the floor papers (see Appendix ____). An opportunity for nominations from the floor was provided, after which the Presbytery voted to approve the above-named nominees.

SYNOD REPORT:

43. Synod delegates Tito Rivera, Cathy Spielman, and Laura Baarda reported on ongoing plans and operations of the Synod of the Pacific at its recent meeting at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, California on October 8-10, 2014.

44. The Synod recommends that its constituent Presbyteries contribute \$1,000 (out of the recent \$20,000 gift to all Presbyteries), to assist the Presbytery of the Cascades in their hosting of the June 2016 General Assembly to be held in Portland, Oregon.

45. After discussion, it was voted to recommend to the Trustees that the Presbytery contribute \$2,000 to the Presbytery of the Cascades.

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR REPORT:

46. Blake Walsh reported on his experience as Presbytery Moderator and expressed thanks for the privilege and opportunity to serve as Moderator. The Presbytery, in turn, expressed its thanks to Blake for his devoted service.

NEXT MEETING

47. The next meeting of the Presbytery was set for Saturday, February 21, 2014 at a place yet to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

48. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Blake Walsh at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Lavoie

Stated Clerk

