

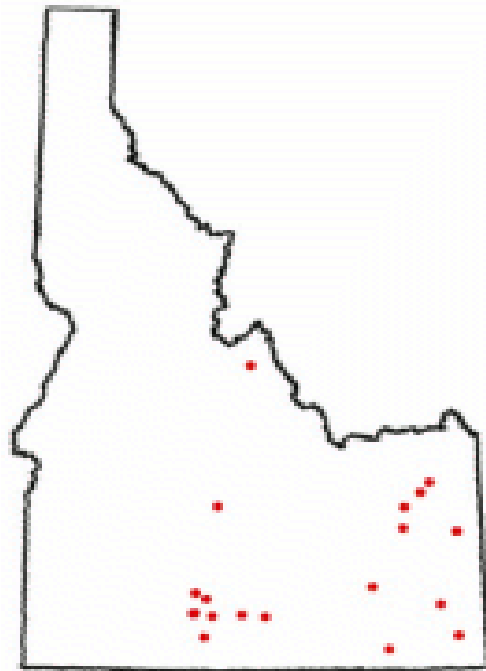
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David also said to Solomon his son, ‘Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.’

(I Chronicles 28:20-21)



Calvin's Corner

“Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But as these are connected together by many ties, it is not easy to determine which of the two precedes and gives birth to the other. For, in the first place, no man can survey himself without forthwith turning his thoughts towards the God in whom he lives and moves; because it is perfectly obvious, that the endowments which we possess cannot possibly be from ourselves; nay, that our very being is nothing else than subsistence in God alone. In the second place, those blessings which unceasingly distil to us from heaven, are like streams conducting us to the fountain. Here, again, the infinitude of good which resides in God becomes more apparent from our poverty. In particular, the miserable ruin into which the revolt of the first man has plunged us, compels us to turn our eyes upwards; not only that while hungry and famishing we may thence ask what we want, but being aroused by fear may learn humility. For as there exists in man something like a world of misery, and ever since we were stripped of the divine attire our naked shame discloses an immense series of disgraceful properties every man, being stung by the consciousness of his own unhappiness, in this way necessarily obtains at least some knowledge of God. Thus, our feeling of ignorance, vanity, want, weakness, in short, depravity and corruption, reminds us, that in the Lord, and none but He, dwell the true light of wisdom, solid virtue, exuberant goodness. We are accordingly urged by our own evil things to consider the good things of God; and, indeed, we cannot aspire to Him in earnest until we have begun to be displeased with ourselves. (Calvin, J.; Institutes, Book 1:1.1)

Letters of Thanks

June 14, 2015

Dear Ron:

I would be remiss if I did not thank you for the opportunity to attend the Spring Preaching Pastor's Conference. Dr. James Forbes was the Keynote speaker and I, and all who attended, were blessed to hear one of the renowned preachers of our time. Zephyr Point was and is always the site for the conferences and it provided the setting in which to relax and enjoy Dr. Forbes. I was somewhat surprised to find out that I was the only member of Kendall to have ever visited the conference, but I hope others will follow.

The fall conference will be keynoted by the Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence who will speak on "Preaching the Verbs." The conference is subsidized for those of us in the Synod of the Pacific which makes it an even bigger plus to attend. Thank you again for the travel grant and your encouragement to attend. I hope others will follow suit.

Sincerely,

Josyph Andrews, Pastor, First Presbyterian of Burley, Idaho

June 11, 2015

Dear Ron,

On behalf of the Presbyterian Foundation, I want to thank you for your wonderful welcome. I can see that you as a Presbytery are united in ministry.

To the churches of Kendall Presbytery: Please call on me as I would be happy to assist you in building a Culture of Generosity in your congregation.

Let's stay in touch! We can work on a Culture of Generosity Seminar sometime in the fall. I will be preaching at Twin Falls sometime this fall and conducting a planned giving seminar as well.

Blessings,

Rob Hagan, Presbyterian Foundation

Report of the Presbytery of Kendall Stated Meeting of Saturday, June 6, 2015

CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

1. The Presbytery of Kendall convened a regular, stated meeting at 10:00 AM at The First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Jim Perry, Moderator, called the meeting to order and Blake Walsh, Presbytery Vice-Moderator, led the opening prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

3. At the suggestion of the Moderator, Jim Perry, the commissioners and guests in attendance briefly introduced themselves (see attendance sheet).

WELCOME & ARRANGEMENTS

4. Rev. Cathy Chisholm, Transitional Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Idaho Falls, welcomed the gathered body to the church and explained the location of various conveniences and arrangements for the meeting.

QUORUM

5. The Moderator, Jim Perry, 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, Presbytery Administrator, 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. Rob Hagan, area representative from The Presbyterian Foundation, was seated as a corresponding member.**

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 approved by vote of the Presbytery as printed with minor revision as represented by the order and content of these minute.**

CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Part 1)

10. Elder Barbara Corwin, co-chair of the committee, reported on behalf of the committee and referred to the written report. (see, Appendix ____)
11. The prayer requests from the Presbytery, which are sent out to the various churches, should be forwarded to the congregation by the church secretary or pastor and perhaps included in the congregation’s bulletins, etc.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT (Part 1)

12.Rev. Ron Lavoie, Stated Clerk, presented a historical perspective on our polity ideals and the practical failures which have given rise to conflict and dysfunction in the Presbyterian Church over the years, especially in regard to controversial issues. The Stated Clerk presented the following three propositions:

- To expect that the controversial issues of the day would not rise in some way within the Church is unrealistic.
- To require that such things not be discussed, or that differences of opinion in their regard not be expressed within an open, democratically-organized Church is unreasonable.
- To advocate for division of the Church because of such discussions or differences of opinion when they do not undermine any provision of the Nicene Creed (the unifying document of the Universal Church) is irresponsible.

CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Part 2)

13.Elder Barbara Corwin, Elder Cathy Spielman, and Rev. Phil Price reported on behalf of the committee and led the presbytery in a discussion and voting procedure in regard to proposed amendments to the constitution of the PC(USA) which came out of the recent General Assembly held in June 1014 in Detroit, Michigan.

14.All items were approved by vote of the presbytery. None were unanimous and none were closely contested, reflecting national results on all items. The voting was accomplished by secret ballot and the results were reported to the Presbytery and will be communicated to the office of the General Assembly. (for results, see Appendix _____)

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

15.Rev. Laura Baarda and Elder Kathy Price reported on behalf of the committee and referred to the written report. (see Appendix _____)

16.Kendall Presbytery's turn to be readers for the Ordination exams has come. The committee has appointed 2 Teaching Elders and 1 Ruling Elder and is still looking for a Ruling Elder and an Alternate.

17.Terms of Call for our Installed Teaching Elders in Kendall Presbytery are reported to be in the following ranges:

- \$36,340 – \$90,000 Total Effective Salary (Salary, Housing Allowance, Utilities, Etc.)
- \$2,984 - \$7800 Total Church Reimbursable Allowance (Mileage, study leave, Professional Expenses, Etc.)
- \$55,716 - \$126,850 Total of Effective Salary + Pension + Allowances

18.The Committee has determined the following classes for its members:

- Class of 2015: Maize Porter, Rev. Laura Baarda
- Class of 2016: Kathy Price, Rev. Karlin Bilcher
- Class of 2017: Blake Walsh, Rev. Steve Knudson

19.The committee reported that it had approved Rev. Lois Lehman, now residing in Salmon and a member of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for supply preaching in Kendall Presbytery. Her contact information is available from the Presbytery office.

20.The Committee presented its recommendation for the following motions:

21.To dismiss Rev. Heidi Smith to Boise Presbytery with our

blessings. **The recommendation was approved by vote of the Presbytery.**

22.To examine and receive the Rev. John Wall into the membership of our presbytery, thereby transferring his membership from the Presbytery of de Cristo.

23.**After a time of examination, it was voted to approve Rev. Wall for membership in our Presbytery.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23.Elder Ron McCune reported on behalf of the board and referred to the written report. (see Appendix _____)

24.The Trustees are in the process of efforts to improve communication and coordination between itself and the Board of Managers.

25.Rev. Pam Mayes, representing the Teton Valley Church Development Commission (TVCDC) reported that the matching program with Church in the Tetons approved by Presbytery in February of 2015 is working well. The TVCDC currently administers the Development Fund for this new church development in the Teton Valley.

26.Rev. Karlin Bilcher, pastor of Church in the Tetons was present to bear witness to the success of the matching program thus far and to thank the presbytery for its partnership and support.

27.The Rexburg Christian Center (RCC) has renewed its building use agreement with Presbytery, allowing them the use of the Community Presbyterian Church building in Rexburg for 2015.

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

30.Rev. Rob Hagan, northwest area representative of the

Presbyterian Foundation presented the work of the foundation and highlighted opportunities for assisting stewardship programs of our congregations, for planning of giving through wills, etc.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

28.A written report of the board was included in the floor papers. (see Appendix _____)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

29.Jean Andrews reported on behalf of the Presbyterian Women of Kendall Presbytery.

LUNCH (12:00 Order of the Day)

WORSHIP

31.A Service of Worship with Holy Communion was held, including Rev. Cathy Chisholm as preacher and CRE Jim Perry, Moderator, assisting with the communion service.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

32.Moderator Jim Perry reported on behalf of the Council, presenting the following slate of nominees coming from the following committees of presbytery for election by the presbytery:

33.**Church Relations Committee Nominees: Darla Thurber, Edna Palmer from Malad, Terri Knox and Nicole Orgill from St. Anthony, Russell Morgan from Burley.**

34.**Trustees Nominee for Treasurer of the Corporation: Elder Chris Talkington from Twin Falls and Rev. John**

Wall for the Teton Valley Church Development Commission.

35. A report on inclusion and diversity was provided in the floor papers. (see Appendix _____) This report demonstrate the status of diversity and inclusion in the current presbytery makeup.
- 36. An opportunity for nominations from the floor was provided after which the presbytery voted to elect the above-named nominees to their respective positions of responsibility and service.**

SYNOD REPORT

37. Synod delegates Cathy Spielman and Laura Baarda reported on the recent meeting of the Synod of the Pacific held May 7-8, 2015 in Reno, Nevada.
38. The opportunity for applying for “Green Loans” (conservation of energy, etc.) through the Synod is available to congregations of our presbytery.
39. The ongoing challenge emerging from the 221st General Assembly which asks the Synod to consider consolidation and re-structuring is being discussed.

CAMP SAWTOOTH

40. Laura Baarda presented a report on the ministry of Camp Sawtooth. Steve and Senita Watkins are the camp directors and the summer camp program is currently underway.
- 41. Rev. Baarda presented a motion from the Camp Sawtooth Board to authorize celebration of the Lord’s Supper during worship services in the 2015 summer camp season at an appropriate time (to be determined by the camp board of directors) when the services of a teaching**

elder from Boise or Kendall Presbytery is available to preside at the table.

42.The motion was approved by vote of the presbytery.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT (Part 2)

42.Rev. Ron Lavoie, Stated Clerk, reported that there were no ongoing judicial cases on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery.

43.The stated clerk shared letters of thanks from San Francisco Theological Seminary and the College of Idaho in regard to financial gifts received from the presbytery through the Hilda Thompson Trust.

44.Also received was an Easter greeting from Rachel Yates, of Presbyterian World Mission. (Rachel had visited our presbytery a year ago, attending the Presbytery meeting held in Malad City and preaching on a Sunday worship the following day in Rigby).

45.The stated clerk presented for a second reading the proposed changes to the presbytery's administrative manual and by-laws affecting the terms and processes involved in electing presbytery moderators. (see Appendix)

46.After a time of discussion, the proposed changes were approved by voted of the Presbytery.

47.Concluding his report, the stated clerk reminded the presbytery of the need for timely follow-through on requests for information, surveys, prayer requests, etc. coming from the presbytery, without which presbytery work becomes ineffective.

RETREAT SURVEY RESULTS

48.Blake Walsh reported on the results of the recent survey in regard to presbytery retreats. The results indicated a desire not to return to the monastery in Jerome and for the desirability of special guest speakers and a more comfortable or convenient location and a weekend schedule to encourage greater participation.

MODERATOR’S REPORT

49.Jim Perry, newly-installed Presbytery Moderator and expressed thanks for the privilege to serve as Moderator and also highlighted the need for timely responses for requests for information and follow-through from the presbytery.

50.Also mentioned were the educational materials available from the presbytery office (“Scriptographic” booklets published by Channing Bete such as About Being Presbyterian, etc.) and also the materials made available from the Presbyterian Foundation through Rev. Rob Hagan who was present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

51.The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM with a prayer by Moderator Jim Perry.

NEXT MEETING

52.The next meeting of the Presbytery is set for Saturday, October 24, 2014 at the First Presbyterian Church in Pocatello, beginning at 10:00 AM .

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Lavoie, Stated Clerk, Kendall Presbytery