

Kendall Constellation

October 2017

PRESBYTERY OF KENDALL September 23 Meeting Notes

At the September meeting, the Presbytery took these actions:

Received Rev. Phil Hagen as a member of Kendall Presbytery. He then served as the preacher for the meeting, sharing the message "For Such A Time as This" from the book of Esther.

Established an Administrative Commission to conduct the Installation of Rev. Hagen as Pastor of First Church, Idaho Falls on October 8 at 4 pm at the church. Members of the commission will be: Rev. Cathy Chisholm, Moderator of the Presbytery; Rev. Laura Baarda, Rev. Pamela Mayes, Elder Jim Rose, Elder Candie Wyckoff.

Approved as part of the installation service of worship the celebration of the Lord's Supper and taking a special offering which will be designated to assist inquirers and candidates under care of Kendall Presbytery.

Elected the slate presented by the Presbytery Nominating Committee of officers, commissioners, and members of committees and boards:

Moderator-elect - Bob Pedersen

Moderator - Rev. Laura Baarda

Vice Moderator - Rev. Cathy Chisholm -

Synod Commissioner - Rev. Laura Baarda

General Assembly Commissioners—Rev. Phil Price, Elder Kris Wagner; YAAD Caitlin Probasco

Board of Trustees Class of '21 - Elder Kim Kvamme;

Board of Managers Class of '21 - Elder Ed Wagner

Ministerial Relations Committee Class of '20 - Rev. Steve Knudson, Elder Kathy Poulton

Camp Sawtooth Board of Directors - Elder Luke Prang; Rev. Laura Baarda

Kendall Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission Class of '23 - Rev. Cathy Chisholm, Elder Val Copyak,
Rev. Steve Knudson

Approved the 2018 Budget as presented by the Trustees with expenses of \$156,674 and projected income of \$150,905 which would require use of reserves (\$5,869).

The Presbytery received reports from:

Rev. Rob Hagan, Northwest Region Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation

Scott Gruwell, Church Relations Committee

Rev. Steve Knudson, Ministerial Relations Committee

Barbara Corwin, Personnel Committee

Karen Narus, Camp Sawtooth

Joan McCune, Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery

Rhett Downing, Minister of Care

Rev. Phil Price, Stated Clerk

Contributed by Moderator Cathy Chisholm

Moderator's Musings:

Divorce... Amputation... Death... Whatever image one uses to describe a presbytery dismissing one of its member congregations, the experience is one of significant loss accompanied by a mix of sadness, anger, betrayal, resignation, and frustration. But with any loss comes an opportunity for new beginnings, new purpose, new identity - in other words, a transition from what used to be to what might be.

Now that a several years' process of debate, disagreement, and difference has come to a conclusion with the vote of Kendall Presbytery to dismiss Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood to another Reformed denomination and to approve the negotiated terms of dismissal, we are challenged to discern what God's new future might be for Kendall Presbytery and for PCUSA mission and ministry in the Wood River Valley. And as we did at our meeting when this action was taken, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of PCBW, that through them God's love and grace will be made known.

The current thinking among many church leaders is to consider all congregations and mid-councils as engaged in Transitional Ministry. In this climate of rapid and significant cultural and social change, transition has become the constant. We may feel all the anxiety of journeying through an unknown and dangerous wilderness, mourning the loss of the "home" we used to know. But we do have the promise that we will be fed and led by God's very presence as we make this journey.

Please keep the Presbytery, its member congregations and ministers, leaders and staff in your prayers, as we seek God's leading, guidance, presence, and inspiration as we look to a new future of witness to the love of God made known in Jesus.

Blessings,
Cathy Cummings Chisholm
Moderator, 2017



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

2017	October	13-14	Fall Polity Conference—St. Louis
		26	Board of Managers 10:00 am
	November	14-17	Mid-Council Financial Networking
		22-23	Office closed - Thanksgiving
		28	Board of Trustees 10:00 am
		30	Council 10:00 am
	December	1	Statistics Program opens for clerks
		22-31	Office closed - Christmas
2018	January	1	Office closed - New Year's Day
		18	Council 10:00 am
		31	APCE - Louisville
	February	1-3	APCE—Louisville
		15	Last day for clerks to enter stats
		17	Stated Meeting - TBD
	May	10	Council 10:00 am
	June	9	Stated Meeting - St. Anthony
	August	23	Council 10:00 am
	September	22-23	Stated Meeting - Camp Sawtooth

INSTALLATION SERVICE

On Sunday afternoon, October 8, 2017, an installation service was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls to install their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Phillip A. Hagen. Phil and his family, wife, Michelle and son, Jack moved here from North Carolina in late September. The service was led by the Moderator of the presbytery, Cathy Chisholm. The Rev. Laura Baarda delivered a an inspiring sermon about "Expectations". The other members of the commission were Rev. Pamela Mayes, Elder Candie Wyckoff, and Elder Jim Rose. The service was followed by a wonderful reception provided by the women of the church. We all want to welcome Phil and his family into our church community, and look forward to working with him in the presbytery.



On Sunday, October 8, 2017, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Burley, voted to concur with the request by Rev. Josyph Andrews to dissolve the pastoral relationship, effective October 31, 2017. His last Sunday will be October 22, which the congregation will observe as Pastor Appreciation Sunday, by having a pot luck following worship. We will miss Josyph and Jean in Kendall Presbytery, but rejoice that he has been called to serve as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Burnet, Texas, close to their family.