

**Presbytery of the Northwest Coast
Minutes of the 27th Stated Meeting
October 26, 2023**

All times Pacific Daylight - Attachments are indicated by endnotes in the text

The meeting was held at St. James Presbyterian Church, Bellingham, WA and online. The following gatherings were held at 4:00 p.m. in person prior to the meeting:

Workshop: KHNLU Overture - Apologies and Reparation

Workshop: Become PCUSA Earth Care Congregations as Expressions of God's Love

Dinner was served at 5:00pm by our hosts St. James Church

Worship

Worship commenced at 6:00 p.m. Worship and music was provided by Rev. Seth Thomas and members of St James Presbyterian Church. Rev. Seth Thomas preached and presided at the Lord's Table. The offering was designated for the Katie Allen Scholarship Fund.

Business Meeting

The meeting of the presbytery convened at 6:35 p.m. with prayer by Co-Moderator Rev. Becca Niemeyer. Rev. Laura Terasaki was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem. A quorum was present; the roll is attached. The agenda was approved as amended. The minutes of the previous meeting had been approved by the presbytery's standing rule and posted on the presbytery website. Guests and first time commissioners were introduced.

Election of the Stated Clerk

The Nominating Committee reported the following resolution, "*Resolved*, That the Rev. Lillian Pak, a member in good standing of Inland Northwest Presbytery, be elected as Stated Clerk for a three year term commencing upon election." The resolution was APPROVED. The body prayed for the ministry of Rev. Pak.

Executive Presbyter Report

Executive Presbyter Rev. Laura Terasaki Introduced Rev. John Park as the New Worshipping Communities Coordinator. He in turn shared a few words of greeting to the body. Director Dionna Bennet (Director of Campbell Farms) was also introduced. Executive Presbyter explained the strengthening of our presbytery's relationship with Campbell Farms.

EP was happy to announce the presbytery staff is now full and anticipates this upcoming year as a transitional one.

EP shared a video of the response from Richard Peterson, President of Central council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska at the service of acknowledgement and apology at Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church in Juneau on Oct. 8, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

2024 Operating Budget¹-The financial reports were distributed with the agenda and were briefly reviewed by Treasurer Matt Appel. Co-moderator Matt Paul reported the following resolution from the Executive Board-"*Resolved*, That 2024 budget and per capita be adopted, including a per capita apportionment of \$55.05 per member, (\$45.00 for presbytery \$0.25 for Synod [probable], and \$9.80 for

General Assembly); acknowledging that the 2024-2027 budgets in the attachment are pro forma forecasts and will be revised as needed each year.” The resolution was APPROVED.

GA Commissioners

The Executive Board recommended the resolution: “*Resolved*, That the Rev. Joshua Nam be elected as the Teaching Elder Commissioner and Elder Sam Dechter, of FPC Kennewick be elected as the Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 226th General Assembly.” The resolution was APPROVED.

Co-moderator Matt Paul asked for nominations of YA Delegates. There were none.

Nominating Committee

Co-Moderator Matt Paul reported the following resolution ITEM 3. “*Resolved*, That those nominated in the report be elected” There were no further nominations The resolution to elect was APPROVED. The resulting 2024 roster of commissions, committees and officers is attached.ⁱⁱ

Executive Board

Co-Moderators Matt Paul and Becca Niemeyer reported the summary of Board actions since the last meeting, compiled from the minutes:

- The Campbell Farm Advisory Board was dissolved to be replaced by a Task Force; Director Dionna Bennet declared a presbytery employee reporting to the EP & accountable to the Board.
- The presbytery seeks and will hire an asset (property) manager.
- The property of the former Everson church is being listed for sale.
- The full text of the Board Minutes can be found here.

Discussion was shared regarding the creation of a Property Oversight Committee.

Examinations

The Examination Team of COM reported the following resolutions:

“*Resolved*, That Rebecca Kiser, Honorably Retired, of New Harmony Presbytery, be received as a member.”

“*Resolved*, That Peter Strong, of Pacific Presbytery, be received as a member to serve in the validated ministry of Chaplain, Everett Providence Hospice.”

Questions were posed by members of the presbytery. A motion to end the examination was approved. After excusing the candidates and discussion, motions regarding each candidate were taken up separately.

The resolution to receive Rebecca Kiser was APPROVED.

The resolution to receive Peter Strong was APPROVED.

Welcome New Members

Revs. Ensminger, Kiser, Strong and Pak were humorously quizzed about trivia by Rev. Matt Paul. All of them passed marvelously with the support and encouragement of the presbytery, who then prayed for them and their ministries.

Commission on Ministry

Rev. Elizabeth Shen O'Connor, Moderator, presented the following resolutions:

Oak Harbor Korean – “*Resolved*, That Elder Jeikyoung Yi, of Oak Harbor Korean PC. be exempt from limitation of terms to serve in the class of 2026 per G-2.0404.” After discussion, the resolution was approved.

Presbytery Minimum Salary Increase – “*Resolved*, That the presbytery minimum compensation requirements for the annual cash salary plus housing allowance be increased as follows: ‘Western Washington & Alaska, Urban & Suburban, AK - ~~\$51,000~~ \$52,000 (Salary + Housing); Eastern Washington, Urban and Suburban - ~~\$45,800~~ \$46,800.’ After discussion, the resolution was approved. 2024 Recommended COLA for those serving in pastoral relationships is 3.2%

For information:

Delegated Actions Reported to the Presbytery

Pastoral Relationships & Transitions, by congregation

Lord of Glory – The church’s *Ministry Discernment Profile* (MDP formerly MIF) was approved in June. Permission was given to the session to call a congregational meeting to elect and PNC. A candidate for pastor has been selected and will be presented for election upon COM approval.

Kunéix Hidi NLUC/Enminger – The Rev. Charles Ensminger of the UMC has been appointed as pastor by the UMC District per the church’s bylaws. He was examined and received Sept. 7th as a “temporary member of the presbytery period during his period of service” per G-2.0506.

Oak Harbor Korean – the congregation has been given permission to fill its pastoral vacancy per G-2.0801; to call a congregational meeting to elect a PNC.

Adams, Thomas – Request and was granted Honorably Retired status as of Dec. 1st 2023.

Cook, Bruce – Request and was granted Honorably Retired status as of Oct. 2nd

Delaney, Amy – Was received by the Presbytery of Cascades May 25th; was dismissed by the Stated Clerk upon notice Oct. 4th.

Emory, Larry – was granted Honorably Retired status as of June 28, 2023.

Higgins, Robert – The action of the session of Cascade View PC to honor the Rev. Robert Higgins with the title of Pastor Emeritus was affirmed.

Krauss/Validated – Laura Krauss was granted permission to serve outside the jurisdiction of this church in the validated ministry of interim pastor at the American Church of Berlin, Germany.

Mikelson, Heather – Heather Mikelson, who has been serving the Church of Scotland the past several years, accepted a call as co-pastor of the Oaksdale Community Presbyterian Church and was dismissed to the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest effect Oct. 11, 2022.

Strong, Dean – Dean Strong was granted Honorable Retired status as of October 26, 2023.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Moderator Rev. Neil Trainer reported the following items:

Annual Consultations & continuation in the preparation process was approved by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry:

- Inquirer Tracey Maycock, of Sunnyside PC, Aug. 24th.
- Candidate William Whitney, of FPC Snohomish, Sept. 28th.
- Candidate Linda Erickson, of Calvin PC, June 22nd.
- Candidate Ba Wool Kim, of Community Church of Seattle, July 27th.

Announcements

- Cascade View Everett celebrates their 60th anniversary of chartering on Nov. 5, 2023.
- Birthdays were celebrated.
- Tall Timber Winter Family Camp.
- Thank you for interpreter work provided by Younghee Kim.
- Campbell Farms will launch a new website and prayerfully consider contributing to the farm.
- Thank you to host church and a marvelous meal.

Adjourn

Co-moderator Matt Paul closed the meeting with prayer at 8:24pm.



Rev. Lillian Pak
Stated Clerk

Attachments:

Roll & Attendance.

2024 Roster of Commissions, Committees & Officers.

2024 Operating Budget.

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