

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 25-26 STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Cascades

A Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of the Cascades was held on June 25-26, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church of Bend, OR. Robert Bulkley, 2009-2010 Moderator of the presbytery, presided. The Stated Clerk reported that a quorum was present, with a total of 126 presbyters in attendance. The meeting began with a service of worship.

- The four Committees on Ministry of the presbytery reported on actions they had taken as commissions of the presbytery since the previous stated meeting. A service was held in recognition of the retirements of The Revs. Ann Bowersox, Ron Carter, Darrell Hall, Carolyn Hampton, and John Huenink.
- The presbytery acted to approve the 2010 terms of call reported to the presbytery.
- The Stated Clerk reported on events since the previous stated meeting: deaths of presbyters, resignations from elected service, and appointments to fill vacancies.
- The presbytery received a report from the Administrative Commission for Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, received the report, and dismissed the AC.
- Presbytery Treasurer Pam Fogg interpreted a written report presented on the presbytery's financial status and condition.
- On the recommendation of its Board of Trustees, the presbytery approved: 1) a request for a Synod Muzzy Fund loan for Beaverton Korean Presbyterian Church; 2) approval for the renewal of an existing mortgage loan of First Presbyterian Church in Portland with The Synod of the Pacific in the amount of \$2,300,000, and 3) allocations to The Trailhead New Church Development in Bend (aka Common Table) from the NCD Site Fund (\$35,000) and from the NCD Program Fund (\$40,000) for equipment purchase and co-signing of a 3-year lease agreement for a restaurant site.
- The presbytery authorized the appointment of an Administrative Commission in accord with the provisions of G-9.0503a(2) for The Trailhead New Church Development in Bend to represent the presbytery's authorities and responsibilities for the NCD and to function with the authorities of a session for the NCD.
- On the recommendation of its Professional Support Committee, the presbytery acted to grant the privilege of the floor to Certified Christian Educators at all its meetings with voice only, and, in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders, voice and vote under the provisions of G-11.0101b, during the term of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery [G-11.0407].
- The presbytery's Relational Support Committee reported on its work and dates of events planned. Carolyn Hampton was presented with a plaque and the thanks of the presbytery for her long ministries as proprietor of Circuit Rider Books.
- On the recommendation of the Mission Support Committee, the presbytery adopted a revised "Child Protection at Camp" policy.
- As a part of the report of the Congregational Support Committee, Jenny Holmes reported on behalf of the Eco-Justice Task Force on "green" churches.
- The Personnel & Administration Committee recommended, and the presbytery approved, the terms of call for The Rev. Catherine R. Quackenbush as Stated Clerk.
- Led by members of the P&A Committee, the presbytery celebrated the retirement of John Huenink from his decade of service as Cascades' Stated Clerk. The celebration

included a “roast” and his election by the presbytery as Stated Clerk Emeritus. A Native American “recordkeeper” blanket and mug were presented as gifts from the presbytery.

- An item of new business proposing support for the Governor of Louisiana’s appeal for a Day of Prayer on June 27th for the oil-spill disaster in the Gulf Coast was introduced and the presbytery voted support.
- The first day of the meeting concluded with a service of worship which included a celebration of The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The second day of the meeting opened with a service of worship.
- The Committee On Preparation For Ministry presented its report, and the presbytery, acting on the recommendation of the committee, 1) elected readers for the 2010-2011 Standard Ordination Examinations; 2) acted to request the transfer of the covenant relationship of Certified Candidate Michelle M. Olson from The Presbytery of San Francisco to The Presbytery of the Cascades; 3) acted to transfer the covenant relationship of Certified Candidate Anitra M. Kitts from The Presbytery of the Cascades to The Presbytery of the Redwoods to be enrolled there as a candidate certified ready to receive a call; and 4) voted by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote to waive the passing of the standardized Biblical Exegesis Exam for Candidate Gregory S. Tatman with approval of an alternative assessment plan.
- Together with The Committee On Ministry-Northwest, the Committee On Preparation For Ministry led the presbytery under the provisions of G-14.0481 in an examination for ordination of Rebecca E. Chancellor, a candidate under the care of Mission Presbytery, on the basis of her having received a call to serve as Associate Pastor of Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Portland. The examination was sustained. She is to be ordained as Minister Of Word And Sacrament by Mission Presbytery and transferred to be a member of The Presbytery of the Cascades.
- Reports from the Mission Support Committee included reports on community mission grants, Cents-Ability grants, and Self-Development of People grants.
- On the recommendation of Presbytery Council (acting as a nominating committee to nominate persons to the Presbytery Nominating Committee), the presbytery elected the following persons to serve on the Presbytery Nominating Committee: Pat Berger (minister, NE Region, Class of 2013); Nancy Smith (laywoman, Central Region, Class of 2013); and Margaret Shearer (laywoman, NW Region, Class of 2013).
- On the recommendation of Presbytery Council, the presbytery set the following dates for its Stated Meetings in 2011, with the Stated Clerk to make arrangements for locations in the regions noted: March 11-12 (South Region), June 24-25 (NW Region), Nov. 11-12 (Central Region).
- A report on the work of the “Special Committee On Budget Priorities And Directions” of Presbytery Council was presented by Special Committee Chair, Dave Crow.
- A report on the work of Westminster Foundation was presented by Campus Minister Jennifer Martin, and she encouraged the continued support of campus ministries.
- A report on the work of the Presbytery’s Committee On Representation was presented by COR Chair Mary Jo Emmett.
- A report on the work of the General Assembly Mission Council was presented by GAMC member Aleida Jernigan, who encouraged visits to the PCUSA website for information about the GAMC, reported on the GA mission budget (reduced by 12.2% plus an additional 2% for 2012), and told of the areas where budgets will be cut or reduced.

- Synod Commissioner Bob Gillespie reported on the 100th meeting of The Synod of the Pacific held in May, including reports of overtures which may have impact on The Synod of the Pacific, on the possibilities of non-geographic presbyteries, and an overview of capital funds used to pay construction loans.
- The presbytery conducted a service of commissioning for Cascades' Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3-10 in Minneapolis, MN.
- The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommended, and the presbytery approved by the requisite 2/3 vote in accord with Bylaws Article XIV, an amendment to Presbytery Bylaws Article XIV is to replace the words "twelve" with the words "nine",
- The Presbytery Nominating Committee presented its nominations for elected office. All in uncontested elections were elected, including nominations from the floor to fill vacancies. The nominees for 2010-11 Moderator of Presbytery, The Revs. Mike Foster and Ric Neese, made statements and presbyters voted by ballot. The Rev. Ric Neese was elected as Moderator; Elder Lynn Royston was elected as NW Region Vice-Moderator; Elder Sandi Schwarm was elected as South Region Vice-Moderator.
- A Service of Installation at the close of the meeting installed the Moderator Neese, Vice-Moderators Royston and Schwarm, and Stated Clerk Quackenbush as officers of the presbytery.
- The meeting adjourned with a service of worship early on Saturday afternoon.

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