

**Presbytery of the Cascades
Special Meeting
February 28, 2023
Minutes**

A Special Meeting of The Presbytery of the Cascades was held February 28, 2023, as a web-based video meeting. Ruling Elder Doug Anderson, 2022-2023 Moderator of the Presbytery, was in the chair and the Reverend Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk, was present recording the proceedings. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Doug Anderson opened the meeting with prayer and a land acknowledgement.

Call to Meeting

Article VI.B. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the elders being of different congregations. A list of the teaching elders and ruling elders calling this meeting follows:

Members of the Presbytery Leadership Commission voting to request a special meeting to consider the sale of the Northminster Presbyterian Church Property and the dissolution of the call of the Presbyter for Vision and Mission are ruling elders Ruling Elders Mike Hubbard (Medford, First), Gail Black (Portland, Rose City), Carol Eckerd (Roseburg, First), Mary Blain (Eugene, Peace), Lisa Snodderly (Portland, First), Eileen Sheelar (Keizer, John Knox), Sharon Hasenjaeger (West Linn, Emmanuel), Marilyn Howe (Portland, First) and Minister Members Vicky Brown, Susan Graham, Jim Wallace, Josh Dunham.

Quorum

Article VI.C. of the Presbytery's Bylaws states that the quorum for a meeting of the presbytery, whether stated or special, shall be no fewer than the number of ruling elders required to represent at least ten percent of the congregations of the presbytery, and an equal number of teaching elders of the presbytery. At the time of the meeting, the presbytery was composed of 91 congregations. Thus the quorum for this meeting was 10 ruling elders representing 10 congregations of the presbytery and an equal number of minister members.

159 presbyters registered attendance at the meeting. Presbyters in attendance were **83** minister members of the presbytery, **57** elder commissioners representing **39** of the congregations of this presbytery, and **19** elders enrolled as commissioners by virtue of presbytery service. A listing of the presbyters registering attendance is attached as **Appendix A**.

Northminster Sale

After debate and amendment the presbytery voted by ballot to adopt the resolution introduced by Board of Trustees Chair Marilyn Howe, on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Authorize the Board of Trustees to sell the Northminster Property at 2823 N. Rosa Parks Way, Portland, Oregon, for \$1,250,000 to St. John the Baptist We Abune Aregawi Tigray Orthodox Tewahdo Church and to authorize the Trustees Property Committee and Chair of the Trustees to negotiate other details in the Sale Agreement. Authorize Marilyn H. Howe, as President of the Corporation, or Paul Belz-Templeman, as Stated Clerk, to sign the deeds and other closing documents.

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Northminster Sale (cont.)

149 ballots were cast with 75 needed to adopt the motion. 148 votes were in the affirmative and 1 in the negative. The resolution was adopted.

Heron Presbyter for Vision & Mission Relationship

After debate, the presbytery voted by ballot to adopt the motion introduced by Presbytery Leadership Commission Chair, Vicky Brown, to:

Concur with the request of The Reverend Brian Heron and the Presbytery Leadership Commission to dissolve the Presbyter for Vision and Mission relationship with the presbytery as follows:

- **March 31, 2023, separation date followed by 6 months of severance (April-September). If full or part time employment is obtained during this six-month period, payments would cease or be prorated per the COM manual.**
- **Upon separation (March 31, 2023), any unused, accrued, prorated (1/4 of the year) Paid Personal Leave (PPL) days (vacation) will be paid (up to 60 hours)**

Six Month Severance- up to this amount	\$59,550
Six Month Board of Pensions Coverage*	\$21,996
Paid Personal Leave- up to this amount	\$3,436

**Includes full pension, medical, dental, disability and death coverage under the Board of Pensions and is paid directly to the Board of Pensions on a monthly basis.*

- **Following the COM policy, Appendix 4F, on separation ethics for POTC elected staff, that specific permission be given to the Rev. Brian Heron to work toward opening “Pilgrim Hostels” in POTC congregations along routes that fall within the bounds of the POTC.**

154 ballots were cast with 78 needed to adopt the motion. 143 votes were in the affirmative and 11 votes were in the negative. The resolution was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Vickie Brown at 8:16 pm.



Paul Belz-Templeman

Approved, March 8, 2023 by Presbytery
Leadership Commission- PBT

Appended

A- Meeting Attendance

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS			
Name	City, Church	Name	City, Church
Anable, Greg	Albany, Albany United PC	Hubbard, Evonne	Medford, First PC
Wellman, Mike	Albany, Albany United PC	Moore, Tam	Medford, First PC
Brown, Gene	Aloha, Reedville PC	Hilkey, Becky	Mill City, Mill City PC
Jannsen, Charles	Aloha, Reedville PC	Duncan, Verne	Milwaukie, Milwaukie PC
Almquist, Brian	Ashland, First PC	Saxowsky, Gail	Monmouth, Christ's Church
Lewis, Paul	Ashland, First PC	Albright, Lory	Newberg, First PC
Duffy, Rebecca	Astoria, First PC	Holloway, Barbara	North Bend, First PC
Ositis, Kim	Aurora, Aurora PC	Smith, David	Pacific City, Nestucca Valley PC
Huddleston, Kathleen	Beaverton, Southminster PC	Woo, Nancy	Portland, Calvary PC
Widen, Judith	Beaverton, Southminster PC	Blomgren, Douglas	Portland, First PC
Craghead, Laurie	Bend, First PC	Bosch, Peter	Portland, First PC
Williver, Gretchen	Bend, First PC	Ziel, Sharon	Portland, First PC
Lacy, Patricia	Corvallis, First PC	Hall, Cathy	Portland, Moreland PC
Plocher, Milt	Corvallis, First PC	Black, Karen	Portland, Multnomah PC
Missar, Charles	Cottage Gove, First PC	Moiso, Lea	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Cooper, Paula	Eagle Creek, Eagle Creek PC	Ocampo, Lou	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Horton, Susan	Estacada, Springwater PC	Grewe, Anna	Portland, Savage Memorial PC
Cookson, Barbara	Eugene, Central PC	Seiler, Cheryl	Portland, Savage Memorial PC
Kelso, Kirsten	Eugene, Central PC	Blumthal, Connie Jo	Portland, St. Andrew's PC
Nichols, Gail	Florence, PC of the Siuslaw	Palumbo, Marilyn	Portland, St. Andrew's PC
Lett, Diedre	Gresham, Covenant PC	Talbert, Michael	Salem, Salem First PC
Stubbs, Mary	Hillsboro, Orenco PC	Foster, Lucy	Salem, Westminter PC
Macfarlane, Christine	Hillsboro, Tualatin Plains PC	Rone, Charmine	Tigard, Rise Church
Cunningham, Sheila	Keizer, John Knox PC	Anderson, Doug	Trout Lake, First PC
Curtis, Bronwyn	Keizer, John Knox PC	Anderson, Janet	Trout Lake, First PC
Emmett, Mary Jo	Keizer, John Knox PC	Adams, Charles	Waldport, Community PC
Buck, Scott	Lincoln City, CBTS	Seaman, Sherri	Waldport, Community PC
Bush, John	McMinnville, First PC	Hachquet, Mike	Woodburn, First PC
Widen, Dave	McMinnville, First PC		

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT			
Name	Name	Name	Name
Ackerman, Jennifer	Dalgarno, Scott	Kent, Brad	Pate, Katie
Allen, Marilyn	Dela-Cruz, Chris	Landes, Rod	Richmond, Murray
Belz-Templeman, Paul	Dickson, Kelly	Leavitt, Liz	Russell, Bill
Berry, Tom	Dornack, David	Lewis, Brandon	Sanderson-Doughty, Sarah
Bethel, Victoria	Dunham, Joshua	Lewis, Helen	Scalera, Clark
Bolt, Greg	Dunn, Joanna	Lewis, Sarah	Schindler, Audrey
Bolt, Heidi	Fowler, Dan	Lindsey, Eric	Shaw, Don
Bostwick, Lorne	Frey, Mark	Marsh, Brian	Sievert, Jeffrey
Bowersox, Ann	Friesen, Carley	Martin, Jennifer	Sponaugle, Laurie
Brinegar, Kathleen	Garvin, Robin	McQuilkin, Tyler	Sponaugle, Leonard
Brown, Dwayne	Goetschius, Carmen	Miller, Joan	Stebe, Bob
Brown, Vicky	Grewe, Chris	Mitchell, Steven	Strader, Rebecca
Bullis, Tracie	Hamilton-Sutherland, Kristen	Mixon-Weller, Paulette	Van Nostran, Bill
Burnett, Del	Hasenjaeger, John	Moiso, Jim	Van Stelle, Sue
Buxton, Zane	Hazen, Rebecca	Mote, David	Wallace, Jim
Campbell, Barbara	Heron, Brian	Murphy, Chris	Webb-Mitchell, Brett
Carleton, Susan	Hovenkamp, Beverly	Myers, Daniel	Webster, Charlie
Cash, Blair	Ireland, Suzan	Neason, Bobbi	Wilson, Mike
Craker, Brian	Jernigan, Aleida	O'Brien, Cynthia	Winslea, Timothy
Crane, Scott	Jewel, David	Olson, Mark	Wood, Greg
Crow, Beverly	Keener, Kathy	Parfrey, Eileen	
By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission	Committee or Commission	
Sweeney, Lori	Board of Trustees	Jackson-Shaw, Linda	New Ministries Team co-chair
Howe, Marilyn	Board of Trustees	Brenner, Connie	Nominating Committee
Irish, Jan	Commission on Ministry, Central	Champoux, Dawn	Nominating Committee
Lamb, Michael	Commission on Ministry, Central	Snodderly, Lisa	Personnel & Administration
Clawson, Rodger	Commission on Ministry, Central	Massey, Susan	Personnel & Administration
Young, Karen	Commission on Ministry, Central	Blain, Mary	Presbytery Treasurer
Birt, Sidney	Commission on Ministry, Northeast	Patterson, Nancy	Vice Moderator Central Region
Hubbard, Mike	Committee on Ministry, South	Black, Gail	Vice Moderator Northeast Region
Hasenjaeger, Sharon	Committee on Representation	Eckerd, Carole	Vice Moderator South Region
Sheelar, Eileen	Communications & Technology Team		
Guests			
Nancy Vincent	Executive, Synod of the Pacific		