## **Presbytery of The Cascades Special Meeting April 24, 2025 MINUTES**

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A Special Meeting of The Presbytery of the Cascades was held April 24, 2025, as a web-based video meeting. The Reverend Chris Murphy, 2024-2025 Moderator of the Presbytery, was in the chair and the Reverend Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk, was present recording the proceedings.

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. The meeting was requested by the ruling elders and ministers on the Presbytery Leadership Commission in order to authorize the sale of the former Cherry Park Presbyterian Church property. A list of those who requested the meeting is found in **Appendix A**.

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 88 congregations. Thus, the quorum for this meeting was 9 ruling elders representing 9 congregations of the presbytery and an equal number of minister members.

80 presbyters registered attendance at the meeting. Presbyters in attendance were 39 ministermembers of the presbytery, 30 ruling elder commissioners from 25 of the congregations of this presbytery, and 11 ruling elders enrolled as commissioners by virtue of presbytery service. A listing of the presbyters registering attendance is attached as **Appendix B.** 

Chris Murphy opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm.

After discussion and amendment, the motion presented by Carole Eckerd to authorize the Board of Trustees to sell the former Cherry Park Presbyterian Church property located at 348 SW Cherry Park Rd. Troutdale, Oregon, 97060 with Marilyn Howe or Thomas Lundy authorized to sign all documents related to the sale was adopted. The vote was taken by ballot with 76 in the affirmative and none in the negative.

The Meeting was closed in prayer by the Reverend Chris Murphy at 7:23 pm.

Paul Belz-Templeman, Stated Clerk

Approved by Presbytery Leadership Commission

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# Background for Special Presbytery Meeting- Online 7 PM, April 24, 2025

#### REGISTER FOR ONLINE MEETING HERE

A special meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades has been called by Moderator Chris Murphy to take up the following item of business:

Sell the former Cherry Park Presbyterian Church property located at 348 SW Cherry Park Rd. Troutdale, Oregon, 97060.

#### Brief History of the property:

Cherry Park Presbyterian Church originated as Troutdale Community Church and became Presbyterian in 1936. The church held portions of the property from the 1950s, acquiring the last portion of the property in 1988.

#### **Recent Developments:**

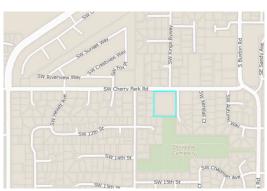
1/16/2023: Presbytery dissolved Cherry Park Presbyterian Church & assumes control and management of the property.

2/8/2023 Presbytery Leadership Commission approves plan to lease the property to "The Chapel" (a Foursquare Church) for 2 years; lease expires June 2025.

2025: The Board of Trustees has received offers on the property and requests the approval of the presbytery in order to select a buyer, negotiate and sell the property.

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#### Site photo and location



\*The Presbytery's bylaws state 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. The request was made by the following members of the PLC who voted in the affirmative to call the meeting:

Ruling elders: Gail Black (Portland, Rose City Park), Carole Eckerd (Roseburg, First), Sharon Hasenjaeger (West Linn, Emmanuel), Marilyn Howe (Portland, First) Eileen Sheelar (Keizer, John Knox), Lisa Snodderly (Portland, First), Dan Vetter (Portland, Westminster).

Teaching Elders: Amy Delaney, Ken Hood, Matt Johnson, Eric Lindsey, Chris Murphy, Jim Wallace.

### Appendix A

April 24, 2025 Presbytery Stated Meeting Attendance

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS			
Name	City, Church	Name	City, Church
Lewis, Paul	Ashland, First PC	Keagle, Helen	Newport, First PC
Miller, Donna	Central Point, First PC	Smith, Dennis	North Bend, First PC
Plocher, Milt	Corvallis, First PC	Taylor, Jill	Portland, Moreland PC
Botsch, Joyce	Fairview, Smith Memorial PC	Rothery, Elizabeth	Portland, Mt. Scott Park PC
Marker, Steven	Fairview, Smith Memorial PC	Hellman, Heather	Portland, Multnomah PC
Stubbs, Mary	Hillsboro, Orenco PC	Belt, Kate	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Macfarlane, Christine	Hillsboro, Tualatin Plains PC	Reinhardt, Linda	Portland, Rose City Park PC
Curtis, Bronwyn	Keizer, John Knox PC	Clawson, Jeanne	Portland, Savage Memorial PC
Emmett, Mary Jo	Keizer, John Knox PC	Marquis, Ruthann	Portland, Valley Community
Buck, Scott	Lincoln City, Chapel by the Sea	Mehlhoff, Pat	Roseburg, First PC
Stradley, Tannor	Malin, Basin Community PC	Fraser, Sharon	St. Helens, Plymouth PC
Johnson, Dan	Medford, First PC	Larson, Laurie	Tigard, Rise Church
Hilkey, Becky	Mill City, Mill City PC	Ortiz, Lyn	Vancouver, First PC
Saxowsky, Denvy	Monmouth, Christ's Church	Adams, Charles	Waldport, Community PC
Clark, Wren	Newport, First PC	Seaman, Sherri	Waldport, Community PC
ATTENDING BY VIRTUE OF SERVICE			
By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission	By Virtue of Service	Committee or Commission
By Virtue of Service Dee, Amy	Committee or Commission Commission on Ministry	By Virtue of Service Clements, Amy	Committee or Commission  Trustees Lisa Snodderly Personnel
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