

Synod of Alaska-Northwest  
 Minutes of the Special Meeting, April 22, 2013

The meeting was opened with prayer at 5:03pm PDT, 4:03pm AKDT, by Moderator Piper Cartland.

Commissioners Present:

Rev. Rhyan Smith	<i>Olympia</i>	Jim Irwin	<i>Central Washington</i>
Ruth Moore	<i>Olympia</i>	CRE Sandra Wagenius	<i>Yukon</i>
Rev. J. Scott Anthony	<i>N. Puget Sound</i>	Rev. Piper Cartland	<i>Yukon</i>
Sarah Beard	<i>N. Puget Sound</i>	Karen Cunningham	<i>Seattle</i>
Rev. Karen Claassen	<i>Inland Northwest</i>	Rev. Dick Erickson	<i>Seattle</i>

Commissioners Absent:     Jamie Fiorino             *Inland Northwest*

Executive Presbyters Present: David Dobler, *Alaska*, Curt Karns, *Yukon*, G. David Lambertson, *Central Washington*.

Executive Presbyters Absent: Corey Schlosser-Hall, *N. Puget Sound*, Scott Lumpsdén, *Seattle*, Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, *Inland Northwest*, Keith Tanis, *Olympia*

This was a called meeting and business was limited to the two items on the distributed agenda.

Item 1 – Governance of Alaska Presbytery. The Synod APPROVED the following resolution:

***Resolved, That, the Synod of Alaska Northwest notes with concern that the Presbytery of Alaska, in dismissing six of its congregations, has lost a significant number of its members and leaders, and of its capacity to support mission.***

***The Synod, properly exercising its responsibility and authority by 'providing encouragement and guidance to its presbyteries and overseeing their work (G-3.0403a)' directs the Presbytery of Alaska, its General Council, committees and staff to continue operating under the Presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations and its approved budget for 2013, and directs that minutes of all meetings shall be promptly transmitted to the Synod. In these matters only, the General Council and the Committee on Ministry shall act as administrative commissions of the synod. Further,***

***The Synod, properly exercising its responsibility and authority in "organizing new presbyteries, dividing, uniting, or otherwise combining presbyteries or portions of presbyteries previously existing (G-3.3.0403c)" and recognizing the established covenant relationship between the Presbyteries of Alaska and North Puget Sound directs the General Council of the Presbytery of Alaska, in consultation with the Presbytery of North Puget Sound, to report and propose to the synod, no later than October 31, 2013, a plan and structure for continuing the mission of the Presbytery of Alaska.***

**Designated to the General Council:**

**RE Adeline Decastro  
 RE Vance Sanders  
 TE Diane Wonnenberg  
 TE Linda Wescott  
 RE Nettie Covaly  
 TE Bob Carter**

**TE Henry Fawcett  
 RE Rick Greene  
 TE George Pasley, ex officio, Stated Clerk  
 TE David Dobler, Moderator  
 TE Joe Bettridge, (expenses of which to be  
 born by the synod)**

Committee on Ministry

TE Bob Carter, Moderator  
RE Joyce Schultz  
TE George Pasley  
RE Jim Bruce  
RE Harriet Schirmer

TE Claudia Rowe  
RE Patti Adkisson  
TE Henry Fawcett  
TE David Dobler, ex officio

*Rationale*

This solution is a result of discussions among EP David Dobler, Stated Clerks George Pasley and Dean Strong, and Moderator Piper Cartland; with input from OGA. It provides for a constitutional flow of power and authority from the Synod, which now has jurisdiction, to the presbytery entities so they can continue to function until a longer term solution is found. If the churches meet as a presbytery, any votes would be advisory to the General Council, which now holds decision making power. The minutes of the General Council and COM will be addendums to the Synod minutes, as the actions of these ACs will be actions of the Synod.

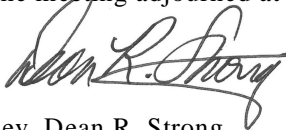
2. 2013 Synod Per Capita Billing – The Synod APPROVED the following resolution:

**Resolved, that the Synod’s 2013 per capita billing to the presbyteries be based on the presbyteries’ reported 2012 membership, less any congregations who were dismissed during the calendar year 2012 who did not or will not, as a result of a dismissal agreement, remit 2013 per capita before the effective date of dismissal.**

*Rationale*

The resolution was drafted by the Stated Clerk at the request of Central Washington Presbytery, and is consistent with past practice.

The meeting adjourned at 5:29pm with a closing prayer by the Rev. Karen Claasen.



Rev. Dean R. Strong  
Stated Clerk