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**Meeting as delegated Synod by
Telephone Conference Call**

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Called Meeting

Telephone Conference Call

May 24, 2011

In accordance with the Synod's Manual of Administrative Operations (Section 5E) Moderator Jim Irwin called a special telephone conference call meeting of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest for Tuesday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the business listed in the following agenda:

1. Whether or not we need to have a face-to-face meeting during the Whitworth Institute of Ministry in July, and to discuss setting regular phone meetings through-out the year that we can put into our calendars. We may not need them all, but they will be on the calendar. Are we still committed to one face-to-face meeting a year?
2. Do we hear of any "calls to table" that are ruminating within our presbyteries? Do our Councils understand the process? Have we each had a good conversation about this with our EP's and Presbytery moderators? Are we all on board?
3. Would it be wise for us to release some funds to provide scholarships to WIM to support elders and minister families?

Opening Prayer

The Moderator, Elder Jim Irwin, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The meeting began with readings from Psalm 146 and Luke 8 and an opening prayer by Moderator Irwin.

Roll Call

The Stated Clerk Richard E. Melin called the roll of Synod Commissioners, Synod Staff and Synod Corresponding Members.

COMMISSIONERS

Presbytery	Class	Name	Present	Absent
Alaska				
	11	Linda Wescott (M)	x	
	13	Paul Wescott (E)		x
Central Washington				
	12	Jim Irwin (E)	x	
	13	Bill Zeiger (M)		x

Inland NW

11	Kathy Sandusky (E)		x
12	Gary Foster (M)	x	

North Puget Sound

12	Erik Chavis (M)		x
13	Sarah Beard (E)	x	

Olympia

11	Amy Ware (M)		x
13	Ruth Moore (E)	x	

Seattle

11	Karen Cunningham (E)		x
12	Richard Erickson (M)	x	

Yukon

11	Leisa Carrick (M)	x	
12	Lois Hildenbrand (E)	x	

Ex-Officio Members

	Present	Absent
Joyce Emery (M) Presbyter to Synod	x	
Richard E. Melin (M) Synod Stated Clerk	x	

Synod Staff

Sarah Peniston (E), Synod Director of Communications	x	
Martha Jean Hubbard, Synod Treasurer		x
Erik Ivaska, Administrative Assistant	x	
Brandon Jelinek, Director of Technical Ministry		x

Seating of Corresponding Members

The Synod enrolled the following as corresponding members and granted them the privileges of the floor:

- David Dobler (M)
 Pastor to the Presbytery of Alaska
- G. David Lambertson (M)
 Central Washington Presbytery Executive
- Lynn Longfield (M)
 Olympia Presbytery General Presbyter

Curtis Karns (M)

Yukon Presbytery Executive Presbyter

Declaration of Quorum

The Stated Clerk Richard E. Melin declared that in accordance with Book of Order G-12.0202 and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest's requirement for four elders and four ministers representing at least three presbyteries to constitute a quorum a quorum was not present.

Those present met as a Committee of the Whole discussing the format of the July Synod meeting and calls to table which would include discussion of the role of Synods and specifically our synod as we move into the future.

By 10:48 a.m. enough commissioners joined the meeting to constitute a quorum and the Stated Clerk declared a quorum.

A motion was made and seconded to not have a face to face Stated Meeting in Spokane July 12-13.

The Stated Clerk advised the Synod Commissioners of the process for voting during conference call meetings. When a motion is before the commissioners the Moderator will ask if there is any objection to the motion. If there are no objections the Moderator will declare the motion passed. If there is objection the commissioners will discuss/debate the motion and vote by voice. If it is unclear whether a majority has voted in favor or against the motion the vote will be taken by calling the roll.

The Synod **VOTED** not to hold a face to face Stated Meeting in July.

Following discussion on the need and possibility of providing scholarships to the Whitworth Institute of Ministry the Synod **VOTED** to release up to \$12,000 to provide scholarships for Minister and Elders.

There was a brief discussion about setting up specific dates for telephone conference calls throughout the year. The Moderator said that a list would be compiled and presented to commissioners for their comment and approval.

Closing Prayer

The Synod **VOTED** to adjourn. The meeting closed at 11:15 a.m. with prayer by the Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard E. Melin,
Stated Clerk

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