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Via Conference Telephone Call
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Call to Order

The Moderator, Teaching Elder Leisa Carrick, called this Stated Meeting of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest to order at 4:03p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

Attendance Roll

Acting Stated Clerk Muriel C. Brown called the roll which was established as follows:

COMMISSIONERS Presbytery Class Name **Present Absent** Alaska Paul Wescott (RE) 13 X 14 Ron Horn (TE) X **Central Washington** Jim Irwin (RE) 12 X 13 Bill Zeiger (TE) X **Inland NW** 12 Gary Bowker (TE) X Kathy Sandusky (RE) 14 X **North Puget Sound** 12 Eric Chavis (TE) X 13 Sarah Beard (RE) X **Olympia** Ruth Moore (RE) 13 X 14 Patrick Wrisley (TE) X Seattle 12 Richard Erickson (TE) X 14 Karen Cunningham (RE) X

Yukon

11 Tom Letts (TE) x 12 Robert Graham (RE) x

Ex-Officio Members	Present	Absent
Leisa Carrick (TE)	X	
Moderator		
Joyce Emery (TE)	X	
Presbyter to Synod		
Muriel C. Brown (TE)	X	
Acting Synod Stated Clerk		
Synod Staff		
Sarah Peniston (RE), Synod Director of Communications		X
Martha Hubbard, Synod Treasurer		X
Brandon Jelinek, Synod Director of Technical Ministry		X
Eunjoo Lee, Synod Project Assistant		X

Seating of Corresponding Members

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

	Present	Absent
Dettie Villegvilt (DE)	**	
Dottie Villesvik (RE)	X	
Moderator Presbyterian Women in the Synod		
G. David Lambertson (TE)	X	
Central Washington Presbytery Executive Presbyter		
Sheryl Kinder-Pyle (TE)		X
Inland Northwest Executive Presbyter		
Corey Schlosser-Hall (RE)		X
North Puget Sound Presbytery Executive		
Lynn Longfield (TE)		X
Olympia Presbytery General Presbyter		
Scott Lumsden (TE)		X
Seattle Presbytery Executive Presbyter		
Curtis Karns (TE)		X
Yukon Presbytery Executive Presbyter		
David Dobler (TE)		X
Pastor to the Presbytery of Alaska		
Rob McClure (TE), Seattle Presbytery,		X
Mission Development Certificate Loan Program		

Dean Mielke		X
MDC Executive Director		
Jim Irwin (RE)	X	
Immediate Past Moderator of the Synod		
Steve Aeschbacker (RE)		X
Synod Representative to the General Assembly Council		
Clarence Antioquia (RE)		X
Synod Representative to the General Assembly Council		
Alan Villesvik (RE)	X	
Synod Nominating Committee Moderator		

Declaration of Quorum

Acting Stated Clerk Muriel C. Brown declared a quorum present in accordance with Book of Order G-3.0405 and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest's requirement for four ruling elders and four teaching elders representing at least three presbyteries to constitute a quorum.

Opening Prayer and Devotions

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer, reading a paraphrase of Colossians 3:12-15 and a selection from <u>Daily Prayers for Busy People</u> by William O'Malley.

Docket

The Synod **VOTED** to amend the proposed docket which was distributed with the call of the meeting by adding a report from the Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod at the beginning of the New Business items. The Synod **VOTED** to approve the amended docket as follows:

Docket

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 Synod Mid Council Meeting 4:00 p.m. Phone

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call Establishment of Quorum
- 3. Opening Prayer & Devotions
- 4. Adoption of Docket

Old Business

5. Finance Committee – Action Sheet
 6. Grants Task Force
 Sarah Beard
 Eric Chavis

7. Personnel Committee

Jim Irwin

Synod Stated Clerk Position Description Synod Stated Clerk Proposed Salary Package

8. Nominating Committee

Alan Villesvik

Slate of Nominees for Stated Clerk Search Proposed Timeline and Budget for Search Committee

9. Comprehensive Ministry List

Expectations/Timeline/Role of Commissioners

10. Two Synod Buildings to be appraised

New Business

- 11. Presbyterian Women in the Synod
- 12. Interim Ministry Consortium Annual Meeting, February 4-8, 2013
- 13. Whitworth University Task Force to consider relationship with PCUSA
- 14. PresbyTech
- 15. Presbyterian Community
- 16. Follow through after meetings
- 17. Motion to close the meeting
- 18. Closing Prayer

Old Business

Ruling Elder Sarah Beard, Moderator of the Synod Finance Committee, called attention to the various financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2012, available for the commissioners' information and review.

In response to the request of the Mid-Council at the April 10, 2012, meeting about how much money might be available for the remainder of the year for any requests for funding that may arise from the presbyteries, the Finance Committee has identified \$59,103.59 in account number 2400-50 (Emergency Grants). Since the General Assembly no longer requires the Synod to have such an account, these monies, which originated from non-restricted funds, could be made available for the remainder of the year.

The Synod **VOTED** to transfer the funds in account number 2400-50 (Emergency Grants) to Unrestricted Reserve account 2400-40 and then retire account 2400-50.

Ruling Elder Beard reported that the Finance Committee is documenting the investments held by and for the Synod with the Presbyterian Foundation and the Mission Development Certificate Program. They will also be reviewing the Investment Policy. And they are beginning to work on the 2013 Budget with perhaps three options: non-reduced function, reduced function, and transitional budgets.

Teaching Elder Eric Chavis reported that the Grants Task Force is anticipating the May 15 deadline for receipt of applications for grants. The brochure has been updated to show the availability of grants in the area of peacemaking.

Ruling Elder Jim Irwin, Moderator, presented the report of the Personnel Committee regarding the Stated Clerk position description and compensation package. The Synod **VOTED** to adopt the position description for the Stated Clerk. **APPENDIX A** The Synod **VOTED** to designate the Stated Clerk position as a ½ time position with a compensation package of \$26,599.

Ruling Elder Alan Villesvik, Moderator of the Synod Nominating Committee, presented a slate of nominees to serve on the Stated Clerk Nominating/Search Committee. The Synod **VOTED** to name the following persons to this search committee:

Alan Villesvik (RE—North Puget Sound)

Patrick Thompson (TE—Central Washington)

Crystal Badgley (RE—Alaska)

Sharon Rayt (RE—Yukon)

Robert Bayley (TE—Seattle)

Don Keller (TE—Olympia)

Jim Irwin (RE—Central Washington) representing Personnel Committee An additional person will be sought from the Presbytery of Inland Northwest.

The Synod **VOTED** to approve a budget of \$7900 for the Stated Clerk Search Committee with funds to come from unrestricted reserves. The hoped-for timeline is to have a person to elect as Synod Stated Clerk at the September 11, 2012, Mid-Council meeting.

Teaching Elder Joyce Emery, Presbyter to Synod, indicated that the Comprehensive Overview of Synod Ministries and Partnerships (**APPENDIX B**) has been fine-tuned and is now ready to be sent out to presbytery stated clerks for review by their presbytery councils with feedback and responses expected by September 30, 2012. Synod Commissioners are expected to help interpret the document and be a part of the discussion in their own presbytery council's conversations.

The Synod **VOTED** to accept the \$2500 bid of Lamb Hanson Lamb Appraisal Associates, Inc. to prepare a summary appraisal report on the Synod office building located at 1544 S. Snoqualmie Street in Seattle. Teaching Elder Joyce Emery, Presbyter to Synod, indicated that two possibilities for appraisers in the Pullman/Moscow have been found for preparing an appraisal report for the Synod-owned campus ministry building in Pullman known as Interfaith House.

New Business

Ruling Elder Dottie Villesvik, Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod, expressed her thanks to the Synod for giving PW a corner on the synod website. And she asked commissioners to encourage women in their congregations and presbyteries to be a part of Presbyterian Women and to attend the Churchwide Gathering this summer in Orlando, Florida.

The Synod **VOTED** to endorse the Interim Ministry Consortium Annual Meeting to be held at the Palisades February 4-8, 2013, as an event of the Synod so that the Synod can issue a Certificate of Insurance. There is no cost involved.

The Synod **VOTED** to request that the Whitworth University Board of Trustees include/add a representative from the Synod to their newly-appointed Task Force which will be exploring over the next several months the implications for Whitworth's mission of the changing landscape of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the broader changes occurring across other denominations and across the breadth of Christ's church. It was reported that Teaching Elder Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, Executive Presbyter for the Inland Northwest Presbytery, had already spoken with Whitworth President Beck Taylor about being on the task force. There was consensus among commissioners that she would be a good representative of the Synod.

Commissioners were encouraged to check out the new PresbyTech.org website to see how this ministry is progressing. A status report will be brought to Synod commissioners this summer.

Commissioners were given a very brief introduction to Presbyterian Community, a new giving tool developed by the Presbyterian Foundation to assist congregations, presbyteries and other ministries associated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It offers a place to connect and communicate with members and offers resources for cultivating a culture of giving in the congregation.

In light of decreasing Synod staff, Moderator Leisa Carrick raised the possible need for developing a new strategy for being certain that items from a given Mid-Council meeting are followed through on, such as who will write which letters of response, etc. so that things don't fall through the cracks.

The Commissioners agreed not to have a Mid-Council meeting in June. The Docket Team was asked to suggest a meeting date after the General Assembly ends on July 7, but giving enough time for digesting the actions of the G.A. before the meeting. The Docket Team was also asked to recommend whether this summer meeting should be a face-to-face meeting rather than a telephone conference call.

The Synod **VOTED** to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time and Teaching Elder Joyce Emery offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel C. Brown Acting Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A STATED CLERK POSITION DESCRIPTION

Synod of Alaska Stated Clerk Position

The Synod of Alaska-Northwest is seeking applicants for the ¼ time position of Stated Clerk.

The search is limited to persons residing within the states of Alaska, Idaho, and Washington and is open until July 1, 2012. The committee will evaluate applicants during August and recommend a candidate to the Synod Stated Meeting scheduled for September 11, 2012.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION OF STATED CLERK IN THE SYNOD OF

ALASKA NORTHWEST

Detailed information including position description will be available through the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection (CLC) and can be reached with the link: https://clc.pcusa.org/aspx/OpportunitySearch.aspx If necessary, copy and paste the link into the browser window. Once there, click on "search opportunities in a particular church/organization" and enter pin 80300.

A copy of the Position Description is also available by email from the address below. *Applicants should provide the following:*

•	Address Bhone email	Personal Information Name,
	Address, Phone, email	
•		Ecclesiastical Status
•		Presbytery / Church membership
•		Up to four references with
	Name, Relation to you, Phone, Address	5
•		Formal / Continuing Education
•		Work Experience (List Employer,
	Position, Dates)	
•	□ to a Stated Clerk position	Experience and training specific
•		Experiences related to:

•	0	Governing Body Ministry
•	0	Administrative Leadership
•	0	Communications (written, oral)
•	0	Information Technology
•	0	Organization / Administration
•	0	Parliamentary Expertise
	0	PCUSA Polity / Constitutional
		Knowledge

Email applications to the Search Committee Moderator:

Alan Villesvik
advillesvik@hotmail.com
425-330-5157

APPENDIX B

COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF SYNOD MINISTRIES AND COVENANT PARTNERSHIPS

Memo to: Synod Commissioners, Corresponding Members, Presbytery Councils, etc.

From: The Synod Mid Council

Date: Spring 2012

Re: Comprehensive Overview of Synod Ministries and Partnerships, 2012

Currently, presbyteries in the Synod of Alaska Northwest are voting on a reduced function proposal. If passed, the Synod will perform administrative overview, PJC oversight as required and budget preparation lead by 7 ruling elders and 7 teaching elders who will also be active members of the seven presbytery councils and by an elected Stated Clerk. Existing Synod ministries and partnerships will be referred to presbyteries in the hopes that a presbytery or a group of presbyteries will be taking on one or more of the ministries or covenant relationships. If no presbytery steps up, the ministry or partnership will cease. In the event "reduced function" does not pass, we still need to review the ministries of the Synod in order to move faithfully into the future. To assist in this process we are providing a list of existing ministry/partnerships together with a brief description of the ministry/partnership where needed, the names and email of contact persons, and the amount/source of funds allocated to them this past year, if any. We are asking Presbytery Councils to officially respond to this list of existing ministries/partnerships by September 30, 2012. Please make your response to the Stated Clerk of the Synod: stated.clerk@synodnw.org. Presbytery councils are asked to choose which ministries or partnerships they wish to support. Since the reduced function proposal includes an option to join with other presbyteries in support, presbyteries are asked to communicate among themselves to identify which ministries and partnerships are of mutual interest. The Synod staff is eager to answer any questions you might have as we proceed. Until the vote on the reduced function is complete this fall, we would ask that outside ministries not be contacted.

This document is intended to be opened at a computer when the user is connected to the internet. All of the links are live and will provide the reader the chance to learn more about each of the covenants and ministries named.

An Example:

1. Covenants.

Is your Presbytery called to pursue a covenant with any or all of these entities? We assume that each Presbytery will decide. Where there is no interest the Synod leaders will move to end the covenant in a formal and dignified process. Presbytery councils are asked to identify who (Council, task force, individuals, etc.) will be responsible for coordinating the work on their behalf.

Ministry/Partnership	Brief Description and Contacts	\$/Source	Notes
Covenant Partners Whitworth University	See Synod Website for copies of covenants Whitworth began in Sumner in the 1800's. The	No Budget	
Williworth Offiversity	Synod has been the keeper of the denominational link with the PCUSA with a Covenant. We promise to advertise events, send students, create a climate of support. Whitworth makes promises as well. President Beck Taylor btaylor@whitworth.edu Chaplain Terry McGonigal tmcgonigal@whitworth.edu View Covenant	Commitment Webster Scholarship (two \$15,000 MDC's – interest goes for scholarship for Natives) Whitworth Institute of Ministry scholarships (\$10,000 from unrestricted funds in 2011 and 2012)	
School of Theology and Ministry Seattle University	This Jesuit University seeks to foster an ecumenical spirit. Strong efforts are made to provide a denominational coordinator (The Rev. Dennie Carcelli) and create a denominational overlay to support Presbyterian students on their road to ordination. We have a Presbyterian (USA) Outreach Team led by Joan Merritt. Dean Mark Makuly markulym@seattleu.edu Assistant Dean Michael Trice tricem@seattleu.edu Elder Joan Merritt joanmerritt@comcast.net	\$10,000 (Budget 2012)	
Presbyterian	Began in Spokane. Once a subsidiary of the	No financial	
Retirement Communities	Synod, now a completely independent Corporation. The Synod Covenant has been a	commitments. The Presbyterian	

Northwest	way to keep the Corporation connected to their Presbyterian roots and Christian core values. Three properties in Seattle. The Seattle Presbytery and Synod offices were once housed at Exeter House. Has been an active partner to support aging ministries and a culture of retirement in the Presbyterian tradition. Rev. Kay Broweleit mkbroweleit@gmail.com serves on the board at the request of Joyce Emery. President and CEO Tameryn Campbell 206-515-2010, ext. 108	Foundation has a strong link with this ministry.	
Mission Development Certificate Program	Started by the Synod in the 1950's. A strong partner providing financial services and consultation for building feasibility, vehicles for investments and loans. Became an independent 501(c)3 in 2008. Board nominations endorsed by the Synod Mid Council. President Rev. Rob McClure wordsower@comcast.net Program Executive Director Dean Mielke dmielke@synodmdc.org Visit website: www.synodmdc.org	Since 2010 MDC pays the Synod \$10,000 rent (2012 Budget income). Shares the office space. \$1,117,103.69 held with MDC. A mix of restricted and unrestricted funds. Approximately \$550,000 unrestricted.	
Cooperating Ministries in Higher	The coordinating board for ecumenical ministries in Higher Education in Washington State since	\$80,000 (Budget 2012)	

Education	the 1970's. Supports the ministries on five campuses (Evergreen, Western, Eastern, WSU, and UW – which closed in June of 2011) and the boards and chaplains. Divides up the funds from the Synod according to a formula and annual review of ministry. Moderator Rev. Paul Rodkey prodkey@centurytel.net View Covenant A long standing ecumenical partner, now a new	\$5,000 (Budget 2012)	
Association of Churches/Faith Advocacy Network	organization with the Lutheran Public Policy Offices in Washington State. Seeks to serve across the State. Advocating congregations a program to network congregations seeking to connect with issues in their communities. FAN took on the Synod's emphasis on ministries with Veterans and developed an educational strategy and partners. Our Rep: Rev. Ron Pfieffer wheresron16@gmail.com View Covenant	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Leadership			
Self-Development of People Committee	A representative committee that receives, reviews and coaches groups to pursue self-developing projects. Where the owners make the decisions and profit from their decisions. We have to get certified every three years. Moderator the Rev. Lawrence Low Lawrence.Low@hotmail.com	\$53-57,000 pass through of grants per year from GA,OGHS funds	

	Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/RelatedEnt-titles/SDOP.aspx		
Peacemaking Committee	A network of peacemakers within our presbyteries. Support, prayer and review of grants and awards. Helen Hamilton Award Moderator Rev. Melody Young pastormelody@gmail.com Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/RelatedEnt ities/Peacemaking.aspx	\$14,000 a year from Peacemaking Offering. Restricted funds.	
Transitional Ministry Education	One of eleven education sites in the Interim Ministry Consortium. 15- 20 participants each year. Moving from Palisades in Federal Way to Whitworth University in 2012. Faculty Team Leader: The Rev. Elaine Swigart ejswigart@comcast.net Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/	\$7,000 spent by Synod Budget in 2011 over and above registrations	
	TransitionalMinistryEducation.aspx		
PJC Training for Presbyteries and Synod PJC	General Assembly staff come and spend a day training and updating our members so that they are prepared.	\$3,000 (Budget 2012) Presbytery PJC members have to pay their own way.	
	Visit webpage: http://synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/Committees/PJ C.aspx		

COM/CPM Training	Residual line item from the 1970's when the Synod oversaw all COM and ministerial relations work. Now a grant for a joint retreat of Sea/Oly/NPS. Visit webpage: www.seattlepresbytery.org/main/2012/15/candid ates-and-inquirers-retreat.html	\$1,000 (Budget 2012)
Native American Consulting Committee	Network of Native leaders from each of our presbyteries. Meet face-to-face once a year. (Costs \$3-4,000 to meet.) Support each other through-out the year. Gave out \$6,000 worth of grants to support Native work. Moderator Elder Corbett Wheeler Corbettwheeler1942@yahoo.com Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/RelatedEntities/NACC.aspx	\$10,250 (Budget 2012)
Synod Owned Property		
Interfaith/Koinonia House – WSU campus	The Synod owns this property and is responsible for property maintenance, insurance, leases and taxes. The Synod leadership works closely with the Interfaith Board and bills them for insurance and taxes. A Verizon lease for a cell tower provides a monthly pass through amount. http://interfaith-house.com/	\$1,600 monthly pass through for Verizon lease. Three years ago Synod replaced the boiler for \$30,000

	http://interfaith-house.com/about/history/		
Office building	The Synod office building was purchased and placed on Seattle Presbytery ground 12 years ago.	\$17,424 (2012 Budget) for land lease	
	http://www.synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/Committees/TheSynodBuilding.aspx		
Communication			
Loaves and Fishes newsletter. The last printed edition will go out in the Spring of 2012. An online edition could continue.	This has been a key method of communication over the years with our constituency. This newsletter costs us \$8,000 per issue. Our current mailing list has 15,000 active users. We have 550 on our email list for a digital copy. It takes the Synod staff two weeks to produce Loaves and Fishes.		
	Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/ Publications/LoavesandFishes.aspx		
SNAPS	Weekly e-news – 550 self-subscribers and growing. Visit webpage: http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/Publications/SynodSnaps.aspx		
Presbyterian Technology Ministries.	A full set of services and discounts for local congregations and presbyteries. Hosting and creation of websites, data bases, discounts for licensed products. The ministry is preparing to launch as a 501 ©3	\$45,000 from the Heiserman grant to be used over three years. \$3,000 (Budget 2012) 2012 Dedicated staff:	

Ministry Board of Pensions	Corporation in 2013. Currently we service over 55 partners. www.presbytech.org Regional gathering sponsored by the Regional	Dir of Technology ½ Director of Communication ½ Project Assistant (\$147,526 2012 Budget) No Cost
regional gathering	Representative.	
Committee on Representation	Administrative oversight. Review annually the COR reports of each presbytery.	\$750 (Budget 2012)
MissionInsite	A contract for demographic information across the Synod. Make a request for a report through the Synod website. http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/MissionInsite.aspx	\$3,250 (Budget 2012)
Ministry Partners		
Restricted GA Grants	Annual application process that is vetted at the Synod level. One application per fund from within the Synod.	\$1600 – 5,000 per year pass through
Regional Disaster Response	WAVOAD and Idaho and Alaska VOAD WIDRO – Pierce County, WA Keep Presbyterians on the ecumenical boards and connected to efforts on the ground as we constantly prepare for disaster.	\$200 per year for dues (Budget 2012)
Administrative Review	Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training Watching to make sure that Presbyteries are providing training. If not, sponsor at Synod level and train presbyteries to lead, a cyclical and	No cost in 2012

	ongoing process.	
Presbyterian Hunger Fund	Read National grants for relevance, connections and approval. Rev. Dick Gibson rkgibson@juno.com http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/grants/	Amount of GA grants vary.
Mission Program Grants	Partner with General Assembly and Presbyteries to provide grants for new churches, redevelopment and multicultural ministries http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/grants/	\$20,000 (Budget 2012) NPS \$16,500 (Budget 2012) Seattle
Theological Education Fund	Advocates in each of our seven presbyteries. Synod coordinator: The Rev. Chuck Jenner charlesrjenner@hotmail.com	\$5,000 (Budget 2012)
Task Forces		
Higher Education Task Force	A group that worked for two years to develop a higher education strategy to address the decreases in National Mission Partnership Funding. http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/HigherEducation.aspx	\$3,000 (Budget 2012)
Grants Task Force	Designated endowments for ministry across the Synod. Currently the Synod Mid Council appoints members. http://www.synodnw.org/VirtualOffice/GrantsTaskForce.aspx http://www.synodnw.org/ResourcesforChurches/GrantsandScholarships.aspx	Restricted funds and interest from endowments.

Rural Remote	Heiserman grant. Strategy to support rural and remote leaders in cooperation with the Synod of Rocky Mountains.	\$15,000 dedicated to this effort from Heiserman.	
Odds and Ends			
Montreat Board of Directors, North Carolina	We appoint a person to serve on their Board for a three-year term. This is a part of their by-laws. http://www.montreat.org/	none	
Presbyterian Network to End Homelessness	Functions independently. Spun off by the Synod to the passionate within presbyteries. http://seattle.synodnw.org/Committees/EnableDialogueWitnessandMission/NetworktoEndHomelessness.aspx http://www.npspresbyterians.com/Connect/CommitteesandTaskForces/NetworktoEndHomelessness	none	