

**STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SEATTLE
HELD AT JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SEATTLE, WA
January 19, 2010**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Seattle was called to order with prayer at 5:05 pm by the Rev. Karen Breckenridge, Moderator. The gavel was given to the Vice Moderator, Elder Kay Stelter.

The roll was taken as follows, the Moderator declaring a quorum present. *indicates honorably retired
indicates inactive

MINISTERS PRESENT:

Anderson, B.	Delany, A.	Keuss, J.	Pauw, J.
Anderson, K.	Dickerson, C.	Kirkpatrick, C	Pickard, M.
Anderson, S.	Early, D.	Lindstrom, B.	Ranney, D.
Baker, B.	Elgin, V.*	Low, L.	Rice, R.*
Barrett, R.	Finley, K.	Lumsden, S.	Riley, L.
Baumgartner, D.	Gallotte, D.*	Mabanglo, E.	Rohrer, D.
Bayley, R.	Grounds, L.	Mabanglo, J.	Schacht, B.
Beasley, A.	Hackett, D.	Mann, S.	Schultz, E.
Breckenridge, K.	Hallgren, D.	Mason, W.	Sewall, D.
Burton, B.	Hansen, K.	Masters, T.	Shelton-Jenck, M.
Carcellie, D.*	Hinman, G.	Moore, R.	Skinner, G.*
Caudillo, L.	Houston, D	Moriarty, J.	Smith, P.
Caudillo, R.	Hughes, D.	Nelson, J.	Sonnaburg, J.
Chambers, N.	Jenner, C.*	Nordman, W.	Spohr, J.
Champ-Gibson, A.	Kahl, E.	Notkin, JB	Swartz, C.
Damon, A.*	Kang, S.	Oliva, D.	Thomas, V.
Davis, F.	Kearny, J.	Park, G.B	Viau, S.
		Patten, J.	Wilson, T.

MINISTERS ABSENT

Ableidinger, J.	Easley, T.	Kwon, J.	Salmon, T.
Adams-Thompson, L.	Edwards, S.	Lai, M.	Schlosser-Hall, A.
Alford, G.*	Emery, D.	Langford, M.	Schulz, J.
Baab, L.	Erickson, D.*	Leatherberry, R.	Schwab, G.*
Barckert, G.	Foreman, J.	Lee, J.	Schweitzer, G.*
Barrett, P.	Fox, L.	Leon, R.*	Seese, L.
Benjamin, B*	Fuson, C.	Lincicome, J.	Shaw, J.*
Benjamin, J*	Gatchel, R.*	Littlejohn, H.*	Shim, K.*
Bennett, M.	Gean, C.*	Livingston, K.#	Shinn, D.
Berkley, J.	Geibel, M.	MacDonald, H.*	Shultis, P.*
Blackwell, H.*	Gephart, J.	Manson, J.*	Simpson, J.*
Blessing, L.	Gilmour, G.*	Marshall, M.*	Smith, R.*
Bobgan, G.#	Gray, R.*	McClure, R.*	Snelling, M.
Broweleit, K.	Greider, H.	McFeron, D.#	Snow, T.
Bullock, J.	Griggs, C.	McHattie, R.	Song, D.
Buntaran, K.	Griggs, E.	Meekhof, D.*	Starkey, L.*
Burleigh, D.	Hallman, H.	Mesler, F.	Stockdale, B.*
Butler, R.	Hanke, M.*	Middleton, R.*	Stone, C.#
Calhoun, H.	Harris, L.	Millikan, G.	Strong, P.
Callender, J.#	Herr, J.*	Momii, U.*	Sundberg, R.
Carleton, W.*	Hilton, J.	Mulligan, J.	Sunoo, D.
Chen, K.*	Holdridge, T.	Murphy, B.*	Sunoo, K.
Choy, F.	Holert, L.*	Nash, G.*	Tan, B.#
Christ, F.*	Horner, F.*	Nicholson, R.*	Taylor, G.*
Christianson, J.*	Hudson, R.	Nishioka, R.*	Thompson, R.*
Chung, K.*	Hwang, D.	Notkin, R.	Towne, J.
Chung, P.*	Jenkins, J.	Nugent, T.*	Tripp, T.
Clarke, R.*	Jones, K.*	Owen, M.	Tweitmann, C.
Collins McGee, A.*	Kaino, K.	Palmer, E*.	Unruh, M.*
Copeland, D.*	Kang, JP	Park, D.	Van Horn, D.
Cramer, G.*	Kellegrew, M.#	Parke, G.	Van Lierop, J.*
Davids, R.	Kim, B.	Pendergrass, W.*	Vaughn, R.*
Dearborn, T.	Kim, Jean*	Platt, L.	Wellman, J.
DeCou, D.*	Kim, John	Pontius, L.*	West, M.*
DelCarmen, C.	Kim, Joshua	Reese, R.	Wheeler, L.
DeWater, J.	Kim, P.	Renshaw, R.	Wilson, D.
Diehl, D.	Kirtland, C.	Rogers, M.	Wood, F.*
Dimmers, M.	Knight, M.*	Roti, L.*	Ying, A.
Domke, L.	Koenig, M.	Rowe, C.	Youn, G.
Dudley, S.	Kothe, C.*	Ruetschle, S.	Zacharda, W.*
Duntley, M.*	Krantz, N.	Rutan, B.*	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

Philip Lotspeicl, Grace Presbytery
Ron Oldenkamp, Sacramento Presbytery
Kevin Nollette, North Puget Sound Presbytery

Craig Williams, Los Ranchos Presbytery
Joel Mitchell, San Fernando Presbytery
Taku Kusakabe, San Fernando Presbytery

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CHURCHES REPRESENTED BY ELDERS

<u>AUBURN</u>	<u>MAPLE VALLEY</u>	<u>KOREAN GLORY</u>
WABASH	MAPLE VALLEY	Kim, J.
Roberts, P.	Ableidinger, S.	<u>LAKE BURIEN</u>
Skaanland, T.	Kennedy, S.	<u>LAKE CITY</u>
Undecipherable	O'Brien, P.	Kellenberger, I.
<u>BELLEVUE</u>	<u>MERCER ISLAND</u>	Spanne, A.
Whitford, B.	MERCER ISLAND	<u>MADRONA</u>
Turnball, J.	Miksovsky, A.	Toussaint, K.
Enkema, L.	<u>PORT ORCHARD</u>	<u>MAGNOLIA</u>
Brenner, P.	ADVENTURE OF FAITH	<u>MT. BAKER PARK</u>
Skidmore, S.	Pugh, L.	<u>MT. VIEW</u>
Morris, T.	White, MA	<u>NORTHMINSTER</u>
Hall, M.	<u>POULSBO</u>	Purcell, M.
<u>KOREAN PILGRIM</u>	NORTH POINT	Jensen, J.
<u>NEWPORT</u>	Stimac, J.	<u>QUEEN ANNE</u>
Skinner, J.	Smith, K.	<u>RAINIER BEACH</u>
Farnham, A.	<u>REDMOND</u>	<u>SEATTLE COMMUNITY</u>
<u>OVERLAKE PARK</u>	REDMOND	<u>SOUTHMINSTER</u>
Townsend, D.	Rich, C.	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>
<u>BOTHELL</u>	Rich, E.	Dahl, S.
<u>INGLEWOOD</u>	Cunningham, K.	Anderson, H.
Otti, E.	<u>RENTON</u>	Rich, G.
<u>BREMERTON</u>	FIRST	Deibert, D.
CENTRAL KITSAP	Lewis, N.	Ebbers, M.
Forstall, T.	Lewis, J.	Ruud, D.
Murphy, B.	<u>ST ANDREW</u>	McAtee, E.
<u>KOREAN BREMERTON</u>	Peck, J.	Terpstra, D.
<u>SUMMIT AVENUE</u>	Marion, A.	<u>WALLINGFORD</u>
Hall, C.	<u>ROLLING BAY</u>	Coupe, S.
Peterson, S.	ROLLING BAY	<u>WEDGWOOD</u>
<u>DES MOINES</u>	Nordmark, D.	<u>WEST SIDE</u>
<u>MARCUS WHITMAN</u>	Shappell, D.	Sagmoen, T.
<u>ENUMCLAW</u>	<u>SAMMAMISH</u>	Carlson, J.
CALVARY	SAMMAMISH	Fouk, J.
Stetson, D.	<u>SEATTLE</u>	<u>WOODLAND PARK</u>
Raeder, J.	BETHANY	Lee, R.
<u>FEDERAL WAY</u>	Derr, J.	Lueckert, K.
<u>PYUNG AN</u>	BETHEL	<u>SHORELINE</u>
<u>STEEL LAKE</u>	Krueger, Joan	TRINITY
Chinen, C.	Krueger, John	Ellis, I.
Dent, S.	<u>CAPITOL HILL</u>	Ellis, J.
<u>KENT</u>	Karschnly, B.	Officer, S.
FIRST	FIRST	<u>TUKWILA</u>
Ludwig, H.	Ostrom, C.	DUWAMISH
Lee, D.	Lung, J.	FOSTER-TUKWILA
<u>KIRKLAND</u>	INDONESIAN	Brockman, T.
ROSE HILL	JAPANESE	Linscott, D.
Hackwith, B.	<u>JOHN KNOX</u>	<u>VASHON ISLAND</u>
Norman, C.	Ballast, J.	VASHON
Maclin, J.	Eilers, M.	Skeffington, B.
	<u>KOREAN COMMUNITY</u>	Skeffington, J.

**OFFICERS/ STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS/ COUNCIL ELDERS/ GA&SYNOD
COMMISSIONERS/ COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WITH VOTE:**

K. Stelter, Moderator	B. Ranta, Recording Clerk	P. Godoy, CLP
M. Brenner, COM	T. Ta, CLP	P. Canta, CLP
A. Peck, Council	J. Corado, CLP	

VISITORS

Thompson, D.	Khajehpour, M.	Snyder, L.
Anderson, N.	Willett, A.	Landes, A.
Godoy, H.	Peritore, J.	Lueckert, D.
Kusakabe, M.	Lopez, J.	Royston, M.

Docket

It was voted to approve the docket as presented.

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REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Minutes Approved

It was voted to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2009, Stated Meeting with a minor typographical correction on pg 17, Election of Officers, to correct the year 2009 to 2010.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was presented for vote at the end of the meeting.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by the Rev. Robert Bayley, Pastor of John Knox PC. Rev. James Kearny preached the sermon, the 2010 Moderator and Vice Moderator were installed, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Meeting Reconvened after Dinner

STATE OF THE PRESBYTERY – Executive Presbyter, Rev. Scott Lumsden

Rather than offer his own perspective of where Seattle Presbytery might be at this point in time, Rev. Lumsden led a guided dialogue in which presbyters were encouraged to listen for what God is saying and doing in our midst. Two questions were posed and folks gathered in small groups to discuss them and to pray for each other:

1. What is God up to in your life or the life of your congregation?
2. What is a hope or a challenge for you individually or for your congregation in the coming year?

To encourage the conversations, a delightful video prepared by Communications Coordinator Aaron Willett was shown.

It is hard to be the church these days. Everything is changing so fast in church and in culture. Rev. Lumsden offered two tools that may be of help to clergy and congregations:

1. A book by the Rev. Anthony Robinson, "Transforming Congregational Culture" The Committee on Ministry and the Council have been reading and discussing this book and a copy of it will be sent to each Session to encourage a presbytery wide conversation about being the church in these times.
2. The beta version of a new website is now available at www.seattlepresbytery.org. It has been designed to encourage missional conversations and to strengthen connections among us. Click on Share to send thoughts, ideas, and prayers as this website continues to develop.

Royston Candidate

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Having been an Inquirer for sufficient length of time, having fulfilled the requirements stated in the Book of Order G-14.0303g, upon satisfactory examination by the Presbytery, and upon affirmative answers to the questions in the Advisory Handbook, it was voted to enroll Matt Royston, Bethany PC, as a Candidate.

The Moderator asked the constitutional questions, which were answered affirmatively, and the Rev. Dan Baumgartner offered a brief charge and prayer.

Inquirers Enrolled

It was voted to enroll the following person/s as Inquirers in order to explore their sense of call and the personal implications of becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament:
Leah Koshiyama, Bethany PC

Continued Under Care

It was voted to continue the following persons under care, each having completed their annual consultation:

Nancy Anderson, University PC	Nicole Chilivis, University PC
Joe Thompson, University PC	Chris James, University PC
Lindsay Beals James, University PC	Annett Moser-Wellman, Rolling Bay
PC Mark Zimmerly, Capitol Hill PC	

Lentz Removed

It was voted to remove Inquirer Janice Lentz, John Knox PC, from the Roll of Inquirers, at her own request.

Smith Certified

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported its action (G-14.0310) to certify that Candidate Jaci Smith, University PC, has completed her final assessment, has met the requirements of G-14.0310b,c,and d, and is ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

John Knox/
Oldenkamp

It was voted to approve the approve the call of the congregation of John Knox PC to the Rev. Ronald Oldenkamp, Presbytery of Sacramento, for services as Designated Associate Pastor on the following terms for a two year appointment effective February 1, 2010:

Salary	\$30,000	Travel Expenses	\$1,200
Housing	\$30,000	Study Allowance	\$ 900
BOP Dental	\$ 675	Prof Expenses	\$1,200
BOP Life	\$ 540		
Ttl Effective Comp	\$61,215	Moving Expenses	\$5,000
BOP Dues	\$19,282.73	4 wks vacation / 2 wks study leave, cum to 3 yrs	

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AAEEO Report

27 dossiers received – 22 male / 5 female / 4 racial ethnic
9 dossiers considered – 7 male / 2 female / 1 racial ethnic
4 candidates interviewed – 4 male

- Oldenkamp Recvd It was voted to receive and enroll the Rev. Ronald Oldenkamp as a member in the Presbytery of Seattle upon receipt of his papers from the Presbytery of Sacramento.
- Wallingford/
Korean Glory It was voted to approve a one year lease agreement between Wallingford PC and Korean Glory PC, effective December, 2009, to share worship space (G-8.0502) at Wallingford PC.
- Bellevue First/Nelson It was voted to approve a Parish Associate relationship between the Rev. Jon Nelson and Bellevue First PC for one year. Rev. Nelson will work 15 hrs per week as “Mental Health Chaplain” meeting with the ill and their families, offering education, training and support for small groups, staff, and deacons, and crisis care and counseling. No remuneration beyond occasional honoraria.
- Queen Anne/Mesler It was voted to concur with the request of the Rev. Florence Mesler and the congregation of Queen Anne PC to dissolve their Associate Pastor relationship effective November 22, 2009.
- Mesler at large It was voted to name the Rev. Florence Mesler member-at-large.
- DelCarmen It was voted to extend the permission, first granted in 2009, for Rev. Cirilo DelCarmen (HR) to labor outside the bounds of Seattle Presbytery, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Nevada in his continuing pastoral services to the Thai-Laotian Church nesting at Westminster PC in Las Vegas, and a Filipino-American Fellowship nesting at Green Valley PC in Henderson, Nevada, contingent upon confirmation from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Nevada that he continues to have permission to labor within their bounds.
- Maple Valley/
Ableidinger It was voted to extend the Parish Associate relationship between the Rev. Jerry Ableidinger and Maple Valley PC for another year.
- UPC The Committee on Ministry reported its action to grant permission to the Session of University PC to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to fill a pastoral vacancy.
- Annual Report of Session Records Read (G-11.0103x)
The Committee on Ministry report of Session Records read in 2009 is attached at the end of these Minutes.

REPORT FROM THE NEW HOPE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

- AC Dismissed The Rev. Thomas Masters commented on the Commission’s Final Report, and a video of remembrance was shown. Following the video, it was voted to dismiss the New Hope Administrative Commission with appreciation and gratitude for their work.

Final Report:

New Hope United Presbyterian Church was constituted by means of a worship service on December 31, 1972. The text for worship that day was Ephesians 2:11-22 wherein it is stated that through Christ Jesus we are citizens and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus the cornerstone. In him we are joined together into a dwelling place for God. As the brick and mortar structure known as New Hope United Presbyterian Church it closed it is good to be reminded that the true New Hope Church, those spiritually bound together in Christ Jesus, have moved into the world bearing witness to all that they have learned.

The beginning occurred in 1906 when the Reverend Owen Jones, with four pupils known as the Johnson boys, organized a branch Sunday school of Seattle First Presbyterian Church at Dudley’s Hall located on the corner of South Kenyon Street and 8th Avenue South. South Park Presbyterian Church was organized May 17, 1909. Land was purchased and the initial church building was erected in 1910 and dedicated January 29, 1911.

The congregation came back under care of Seattle First Presbyterian Church in 1912 and became known as the South Park Branch of Seattle First Presbyterian Church. May 18, 1947 the church was reorganized as an independent congregation known as the South Park Presbyterian Church. The current church building located at 833 South Thistle Street, Seattle, Washington was erected in 1922. That building has been lovingly and carefully added to, remodeled and maintained over the years. The structure of 4,968 square feet of gross building area remains a fully functional facility with a newer roof, new carpets, kitchen, and fellowship hall.

December 31, 1972, New Hope United Presbyterian Church was constituted through the merger of South Park Presbyterian Church and Georgetown Presbyterian Church. The Georgetown Presbyterian Church was originally organized on October 19, 1902 with its first building dedicated in 1903. With the closing of New Hope Presbyterian Church the Seattle Presbytery is celebrating the gifts of two congregations which have been part of this body for over a hundred years.

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A final worship service was held at New Hope Presbyterian Church on September 27, 2009. Following the service a celebration dinner was held. Members of the Seattle Presbytery and of the Administrative Commission and approximately sixty current and former congregants attended and participated in the service and dinner.

The Sunday before Christmas many of the New Hope family gathered for a breakfast. Almost all have found new church homes with some attending at Foster-Tukwila, Mt View, John Knox, Lake Burien, the Japanese Presbyterian Church and West Side. They have taken their gifts and talents into our congregations to bless us all.

Administrative Commission for New Hope Presbyterian Church:

On July 9, 2009 the Session of New Hope Presbyterian Church voted to close the church. The Administrative Commission (AC) formed to accomplish that task was called together and oriented to its tasks on September 2, 2009. The AC was formally commissioned on September 24, 2009. The members are:

Elder Kay Stelter, Capital Hill
Elder Helen Nash, Newport
Elder Jo Ann Peck, Saint Andrew
Rev. Lynell Caudillo
Rev. Alan Beasley
Rev. S.E. "Skip" Viau
Rev. Tom Masters, convener

Upon commissioning the AC assumed the duties of the Session of New Hope PC with the mandate to close the congregation. The assigned tasks were:

- Plan closing celebration of the ministry of new Hope Presbyterian Church, in consultation with the Session and inform the congregation of options for ongoing pastoral care.
- Conclude the financial obligation of the congregation and close the congregation, but not the corporation.
- Change the address of the Corporation to 1625 S. Columbian Way, Seattle, WA 98108.
- Provide for transfer or deletion of members (G-10.0302b.2).
- Provide for transfer of church records to the stated Clerk of the presbytery (G-10.0302b.2).
- Dispose of any property and funds that will not be needed in the plan for alternate use.
- Recommend to council a stewardship plan for the property.
- Inventory of property and assets.

In furtherance of the assigned tasks the AC met as a body on September 2, 10, & 24, October 15 and November 17. On September 10, the committee divided itself into two member working groups. Each group was assigned a portion of the overall tasks that were to be accomplished. Each of the two member working groups met several additional times to accomplish their particular tasks reporting their progress to the entire AC when we gathered as a body.

Rev. Skip Viau and Rev. Alan Beasley assumed the task of pastoral care. Each congregant was contacted in person, by telephone and with a follow up letter offering pastoral care and assistance in helping them find a new church home. Each was provided with information regarding obtaining letters of transfer when they should so desire. As mentioned above, most of the New Hope PC congregation has made connection with new church families. Their membership and records have been transferred to the Seattle Presbytery office.

Rev. Lynell Caudillo and Elder Helen Nash assumed the task of taking an inventory and sorting out the property that is to be retained, disbursed to other congregations or disposed of. A complete inventory of personal property was compiled and has been turned into the Seattle Presbytery office together with this report. It was requested by the remnant of the New Hope PC if they could retain a pew Bible as a remembrance of their church home. The AC approved the request and Bibles were provided to any who wished one. The Presbytery Council requested that the contents, in major part, be retained with the thought that the building may be transferred and or used in the future as a fully equipped church. Unusable items were disposed of. A few items were disbursed to other congregations for their immediate use within the body of Christ.

Elder Kay Stelter and Elder Jo Ann Peck assumed the task of concluding the financial obligations of the congregation, transferring the church records to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the transfer of the remaining bank account to the Seattle Presbytery. The task was greatly assisted by the well organized New Hope congregation. Utilities and maintenance upkeep expenses were paid through the end of 2009. Tax statements for 2009 were sent out to all contributing members. All church records were gathered together, sorted down and transferred to the Presbytery offices/Stated Clerk. The bank accounts were closed and a residual sum of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One and Forty-One Hundredth Dollars (\$11,961.41) was transferred to the Presbytery for future maintenance of the facility.

Rev. Tom Masters contacted the Secretary of State and the address of the New Hope United Presbyterian Church of Seattle Washington has been changed to the Presbytery offices. Upon

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the approval of the AC an appraisal of the property was arranged through McKee & Schalka, Inc. at an expense of \$2,000.00. The appraisal was thorough. It provided a wealth of demographic information that will be of great assistance to the Presbytery Council in deciding the ultimate disposition of the church property. The appraisal set the best and highest use for the facility as continuing in the capacity of a church or community center. The appraised value was set at \$550,000. If the property is put on the market, it was posited that a period of 12 to 18 months would be required to obtain a sale. Analysis of past expenses was performed and a projected budget was put together by the AC and at the Presbytery office.

The projected annual upkeep expense for an empty facility has been set at \$14,680.00. The budget includes some expense for maintaining a minimal temperature in the building to prevent the buildup of moisture and or mold and to help maintain the musical instruments and other personal property.

The only known item requiring repair is one of the two furnaces at an estimated expense of approximately \$8,000. The projected expense of a furnace repair is not in the above annual budget (although a projected general repair and capital improvement of approximately \$3,400 is included). The furnace does not require immediate repair and may be deferred until a ultimate disposition of the property is determined.

The Administrative Commission for New Hope Presbyterian Church has completed the assigned tasks.

Celebration Notes:

In review of the New Hope PC records, it became apparent to the AC that the New Hope congregation had been very faithful to its call. They had faithfully maintained regular services and teaching opportunities. Their youth and adult education programs were nurtured. Many individuals came to know Christ and form lasting friendships within the care of the congregation. They took pride in their place of worship and maintained the building and facility in excellent condition.

Their consistent outreach into the community and the world was also remarkable. From early on they faithfully support assistance to those in need and mission into the greater world community. In preparation for closing, the congregation put an exclamation point on its response to Christ's command to reach out into the world to teach and obey.

New Hope PC paid a sum of \$1,051.11 bringing current their per capita commitment to the Seattle Presbytery. New Hope also made a final distribution to the many missionary and community groups it had faithfully supported over many years.

Eleanor Payne Mission (hearing aid rent)	\$ 2,500.00
Union Gospel Mission	4,000.00
New Tribes Mission	16,000.00
Missionary Terry Fitzgerald	4,000.00
Mission to the World – Pritzloff	4,000.00
WEC International – Penkes	4,000.00
OMC International – M. Murphy	4,000.00
RBC Ministries	50.00
Compassion International – Child Survival Program	1,000.00
Hope Universal – Stewarts	1,000.00
Christian Chaplaincy	300.00
Total Mission Giving	\$40,850.00

So many blessings shared by so few. May we all be so faithful.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Tom Masters

REPORT FROM THE WHITE RIVER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

AC Dismissed

The Rev. Vonna Thomas commented on the Commission's Final Report. Following her report, it was voted to dismiss the White River Administrative Commission with appreciation and gratitude for their work.

The WRPC Session Request

After months of discernment, the WRPC Session, on July 28, 2009, adopted a motion to request that "the Seattle Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to assist and advise, but not replace the Session in the process of closing the church."

On September 14, 2009, the Session adopted the motion to "regretfully recommend to Seattle Presbytery to dissolve the congregation of WRPC."

The Presbytery Action

On September 15, 2009, in response to the request of the WRPC Session, the Seattle Presbytery voted to appoint an Administrative Commission for White River PC to include 7 persons, any 4 of whom would constitute a quorum:

Elder Tom Johnston, University PC

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Rev. Vonna Thomas
Elder Andrew Peck, St. Andrew PC
Rev. Heidi Calhoun
Elder to be named by the Moderator (Don Lueckert, Woodland Park PC was named)
Rev. to be named by the Moderator (Rev. Dr. Bryan Burton was later named)
Additional Elder or Clergy to be named by the Moderator (Sally Ellis, Rose Hill PC was named)

Presbytery authorized the Administrative Commission to come along side the White River Session to assist in and plan for the closing of the congregation. This plan included the following duties:

- Plan closing celebration of the ministry White River Presbyterian Church, in consultation with the Session and the Pastor, and inform the congregation of options for ongoing pastoral care.
- Change the address of the Corporation to 1625 S. Columbian Way, Seattle, WA 98108.
- Provide for transfer or deletion of members (G-10.0302b.2).
- Provide for transfer of church records to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery (G-10.0302b.2).
- Conclude the financial obligations of the congregation, including those to the pastor, and close the congregation, but not the corporation.
- Prepare an inventory of White River's debts and assets, including costs associated with the building and its ministries.
- Recommend to the Presbytery Council a stewardship plan for the property and its ministries.
- If in the course of these actions, the Administrative Commission comes to believe that the better course is to help the church remain a congregation, rather than close, it will report that to Presbytery.

Actions of the Commission

Task #1 – The closing service celebrating the life, ministry and mission of WRPC was held Sunday afternoon, November 22, 2009. Pastoral care was offered through a number of ways. The congregation was informed of two Services for Healing and Wholeness opportunities. At those services eight pastors from the surrounding area were on hand to meet and pray with folks from the congregation. The AC worked with the Committee on Ministry and Samaritan Center of Puget Sound to provide counseling services for the WRPC Session and congregation. Four group sessions were conducted by Bev Schrumm. Two were held for the Session on December 14, 2009 and January 11, 2010 and two for congregational members on December 14, 2009 and January 11, 2010. In addition, the pastors on the AC offered their time to meet with people who would like pastoral care.

Task #2 – The address of the corporation was changed.

Task #3 – The membership records were transferred to the Presbytery office and a letter was sent to the congregation informing them of the process for transferring membership.

Task #4 – Church records were transferred to the Presbytery office.

Task #5 – The financial obligations to the staff were concluded and the bank accounts closed. The ongoing responsibility and costs of managing the property has been transferred to the Presbytery. The AC and especially Mansour Khajehpour have been involved in working with the ministries that are ongoing in the building, such as ACAP (the preschool), SpiritFest (a feeding program for the homeless), Change Point (a prayer ministry) and the Iglesia El Buen Pastor fellowship. We wish to acknowledge and thank Mansour for his great help.

Task #6 – At the time of closing, it was unknown what would become of the property. In conjunction with recommendations from the WRPC Session, a number of miscellaneous items from the church were sold or given away. We were not able to honor all the recommendations and requests from various churches and individuals, but we attempted to support other Presbytery churches.

We were in contact with the archivist at Whitworth University and items of historical importance were boxed up and moved to the Presbytery Office. They are being sent to Whitworth University. Remaining items on the property will be used by the various ministries using the building and can transfer to any new owner.

The operating costs of the building are estimated to be \$10,000 a month. This includes the cost such as maintenance and repairs, utilities, and a part-time property manager.

Task #7 – On January 14, 2010, the AC amended a previous motion in regards to a stewardship plan adopted November 9, 2009 to read as follows:

AC Property Recommendation “This AC recommends that the property of White River Presbyterian Church be sold as soon as reasonable for a market price or in a way to further the ministry and mission of the Seattle Presbytery.”

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Task #8 – We spent hours with the WRPC Session and congregational members, listening to the thoughts, concerns, hopes, anger, disappointment, love for the church and mission of WRPC. We also met with the Session and listened to a group present a plan for renewal. The Session and the AC did not believe that the plan addressed the depth of their congregational issues nor needs and was based on too many assumptions. In assessing the viability of the plan for the continuation of the congregation, there were a number of issues that led us to our decision. Those issues were stated in a report to Presbytery at the November 17, 2009 meeting. As a result, we brought forth two motions to Presbytery which passed.

Whereas the AC concurs with the decision to dissolve WRPC, and whereas the congregation of WRPC has held its last congregational worship service on November 15, 2009, we move that: The Presbytery dissolve the congregation of White River Presbyterian Church That the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between Arleigh Champ-Gibson as of November 16, 2009, make him a member-at-large with the Seattle Presbytery, and provide him with a three and one half months severance, as resources permit.

A Final Report with attachments is being compiled and provided to the Presbytery Office. Having completed the assignment in our charter, we respectfully request that this Administrative Commission be dismissed, effective January 19, 2010.

In Christ's Service,

Commission Members:

Bryan Burton	Heidi Calhoun
Sally Ellis	Tom Johnston
Don Lueckert	Andy Peck
Vonna Thomas, Chair	

Moderatorial Prayer

Following the Reports of the Administrative Commissions for New Hope and for White River, the Moderator offered prayer for the members of these congregations as they seek new church homes, for their faithful witness over the decades of worship and mission, and for the members of the administrative commissions who walked beside them these past months.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There being no other nominations from the floor, it was voted to elect persons to the committees and ministry teams as indicated.

Committee on Ministry

Don Lueckert-E, Woodland Park	Class of 2012 (1)
Randy Roberts-E, Steel Lake	Class of 2012 (2)
Barbara Jirsa-E, Mercer Island	Class of 2012 (2)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Dianne Thompson-E, Rolling Bay	Class of 2012 (1)
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Spiritual Formation Ministry Team

Susan Mochizuki, Japanese PC	Co-Coordinator 2010
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Elder Commissioners

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE 218th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

It was voted to elect the following elders to serve as Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3 through July 10, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN:

Elder Sharon A. Peterson, Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church
Elder Janet Skinner, Newport Presbyterian Church
Elder Neil Bolkcom, Kent First Presbyterian Church
Elder Barbara S. Murphy, Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, as an Alternate
Elder Irv Kellenberger, Lake City Presbyterian Church, as an Alternate

Clergy Commissioners

It was voted to elect the following clergy and their alternates, each having been selected by the drawing of lots at the November 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery, according to Article IX of the Standing Rules, to serve as Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3 through July 10, 2010 in Minneapolis, MN:

The Rev. Jane Plantinga Pauw, Pastor, Rainier Beach Presbyterian Church
and her alternate, The Rev. Ed Kahl, Pastor, Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Chris Griggs, Associate Pastor, Sammamish Presbyterian Church
and his alternate, The Rev. Tobin Wilson, Pastor, Lake Burien Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Thomas Masters, Member-at-Large
and his alternate, The Rev. Barbara Schacht, Interim Pastor, Lake City Presbyterian Church

The Moderator offered prayer for the commissioners and their preparation for this service to the church.

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REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL

Council Moderator, Rev. Karen Breckenridge, drew presbytery's attention to the Minutes of recent Council meetings.

North Point It was voted to authorize North Point Presbyterian Church to increase its total indebtedness for the construction of their church facility from \$1,500,000 to \$2,200,000 through the sale of debentures to be used in the funding package. The church has previously been authorized to borrow up to \$1,500,000 in construction loan/s. A local bank has agreed to a \$1.2 million construction loan with interest payable monthly during construction. Permanent financing upon completion of construction is as reported in the Presbytery's September 15, 2009 Minutes. NOTE: Debentures are a type of bond, backed by the credit of the issuer. The North Point Debentures will be sold in denominations of \$10,000 with maturity dates (promised repayment date) from 42 months (3.5 years) to 162 months (13.5 years). Interest is 4% per year, simple interest paid annually or upon maturity. North Point reserves the right to repay the debentures early in order to lower borrowing costs. The debentures will be subordinate to the bank indebtedness.

Overlake Park It was voted to approve authorize a lease agreement for worship space between the Session of Overlake Park PC and Bellevue Seventh Day Adventist Spanish Church for a one term effective January 2010 (G-8.0502). The rental fee to be \$2,500 per month.

Nominating Committee There being no other nominations from the floor, it was voted to elect the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee as indicated:
Elder Tina Candoo, Bellevue First PC Class of 2012
Elder Peter Jones, St. Andrew PC Class of 2012

CONTINUATION OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

IC to be Appointed The Stated Clerk reported that he has received a complaint against a person under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery and asked the Moderator to appoint an Investigating Committee as soon as persons are identified for that service.

Riley Installation It was voted to elect the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Lee Riley as Pastor of Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, Silverdale, WA on February 21, 2010, at 5:00pm at Central Kitsap PC:
Elder Kay Stelter, Moderator
Elder Madeleine Brenner, University
Elder Rick Becker, Central Kitsap
Rev. Dave Rohrer
Rev. Hallack Greider
Rev. Mike Pickard

PJC Roster The PJC Roster for 2010 was reported (D-4.0500c) as follows:

	Clergy	Laity
<u>Class of 2014</u>	Renee Notkin	
	Douglas Early	
<u>Class of 2012</u>	Rita Lou Clarke	Elder Richard Merritt, Newport
<u>Class of 2010</u>	Nicholas Krantz	Elder Loretta Pain, University
	Jane Plantinga Pauw	Elder Eileen Otti, Inglewood
<u>Class of 2008</u>	Sheri Edwards Dalton	Elder Craig Bray, Wedgwood
	Fred Choy	
<u>Class of 2006</u>	Donna Frey DeCou	Elder Clark Puntigam, University
<u>Class of 2004</u>	J. Murray Marshall	Elder Henry "Ned" Turner, Bellevue First
		Elder Betty Nicholson, Woodland Park

Plan to Address Clergy / Elder Imbalance It was voted to approve the plan to address the Elder/Clergy Imbalance in the Presbytery in 2010. As of December 31, 2009, there were 184 resident minister members of the Presbytery of Seattle. According to the Book of Order, G-11.0101, each church is represented by an elder commissioned elected by the session. Churches with membership over 500 are represented by 2 elders; over 1001, by 3; over 1501, by 4; and over 2001, by 5. From 3,001 members an additional elder is added for each 1,000 additional active members or major fraction thereof.

CHURCHES		Members 12/31/2008	Commissioners per (G-11.0101)	EXTRA	ADJUST	TOTAL
AUBURN	Wabash	345	1	1	1	3
BELLEVUE	First	2901	5	1	1	7
	Korean Pilgrim	98	1	1	1	3
	Newport	420	1	1	1	3
	Overlake Park	230	1	1	1	3
BOTHELL	Inglewood	206	1	1	1	3
BREMERTON	Central Kitsap	337	1	1	1	3
	Bremerton Korean	67	1	1		2

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	Summit Avenue	163	1	1	1	3
DES MOINES	Marcus Whitman	75	1	1		2
ENUMCLAW	Calvary	342	1	1	1	3
FEDERAL WAY	Steel Lake	190	1	1	1	3
	Pyung An	285	1	1	1	3
KENT	Kent First	78	1	1		2
KIRKLAND	Rose Hill	364	1	1	1	3
MAPLE VALLEY	Maple Valley	643	2	1	1	4
MERCER ISLAND	Mercer Island	923	2	1	1	4
PORT ORCHARD	Adventure of Faith	532	2	1	1	4
POULSBO	North Point	127	1	1		2
REDMOND	Redmond	217	1	1	1	3
RENTON	First	54	1	1		2
	St. Andrew	110	1	1		2
ROLLING BAY	Rolling Bay	497	1	1	1	4
SAMMAMISH	Sammamish	763	2	1	1	4
SEATTLE	Bethany	566	2	1	1	4
	Bethel	73	1	1		2
	Capitol Hill	128	1	1		2
	Duwamish	11	1			1
	First	159	1	1	1	3
	Indonesian	83	1	1		2
	Japanese	195	1	1	1	3
	John Knox	488	1	1	1	3
	Korean Community	1899	4	1	1	6
	Korean Glory	31	1	1		2
	Lake Burien	266	1	1	1	3
	Lake City	181	1	1	1	3
	Madrona	53	1	1		2
	Magnolia	136	1	1		2
	Mt. Baker Park	119	1	1		2
	Mt. View	49	1	1		2
	Northminster	219	1	1	1	3
	Queen Anne	55	1	1		2
	Rainier Beach	115	1	1		2
	Seattle Community	137	1	1		2
	Southminster	191	1	1	1	3
	Trinity	152	1	1	1	3
	University	4401	7	1	1	9
	Wallingford	61	1	1		2
	Wedgwood	159	1	1	1	3
	West Side	586	2	1	1	4
	Woodland Park	104	1	1		2
TUKWILA	Foster	125	1	1	1	3
VASHON	Vashon	75	1	1		2
ELDERS w/ VOTE	Council, CLP, Synod, GA Commissioners		25			27
TOTALS		20,874 members	97 elders	52extra	35 adjust	184 Total

* "Extra" includes 1 elder for each church w/ more than 30 members.

** "Adjust Balance" adds 1 elder delegate to churches w/membership of 135 and over.

A WORD ABOUT NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Rev. Philip Lotspeicl, Grace Presbytery and Rev. Craig Williams from Los Ranchos Presbytery, shared a few words about their work with the General Assembly Council in lifting up emerging ministries for new church development and redevelopment. Rev. Lotspeicl said, "we are good at making members, but we need to get better at making disciples." And so his work is focused on the task of churches planting churches. Rev. Williams is working from a west coast office to support "west coast ways". Rev. Williams offered prayer that workers will be lifted up to go into the fields to reap the harvest for mission and ministry in our area.

CONSENT AGENDA - It was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. Items have been inserted under the appropriate committees in the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a charge and benediction by the Vice Moderator at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Barbara Ranta, Recording Clerk

Attested by:
Dennis Hughes, Clerk

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