

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA  
REGULAR STATED MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2011  
VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GOLDEN VALLEY,  
MINNESOTA**

*“We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a changing world.”*

The Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area met in regular stated meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 Lilac Drive, North, Golden Valley, Minnesota, 55422. The meeting was in the sanctuary.

Prior to the meeting, at 8:00 a.m., one Pre-Presbytery event was held:

***The Proposed Amendments to the Constitution 10-A through 10-O***

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Keely, and Elder James Payne were presenters, sponsored by Bills and Overtures Committee.

An orientation for new pastors and elders was presented by Stated Clerk Elder Nancy Gritman.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. with prayer, by the Moderator, Elder Vincent Gin, followed by a hymn, “*Now is The Time to Worship*” led by Wellsprings, the Valley Church Praise Band. The roll was formed from the registration forms in the narthex; there being three ministers and three ruling elders representing three churches, present, a quorum was declared.

**PRESBYTERY ROLL**

**MINISTERS**

	John W. Ackerman (HR)
	Larry Alderink (HR)
	Brenda K. Alexander
	Todd R. Allen
	Roger R. Anderson (HR)
X	Stephanie Anthony
X	Bebe L. Baldwin (HR)
	James S. Barge (HR)
	Erwin C. Barron
	Frederick J. Beebe (HR)
	Joan B. Beebe (HR)
	Louise L. Bender
	Lindsay Louise Biddle
	Robert R. Boehlke (HR)
	John N. Bratt (HR)
	Robert Brightman (HR)
X	Bruce Brooks
	David R. Bruneau (HR)
X	Richard D. Buller
	John W. Butt (HR)
	John R. Buzza (HR)
	Kenneth B. Byerly (HR)
X	April M. Davis Campbell
X	Paul E. Capetz
	Christopher C. Carlson
	Edna Mae Carlson (HR)

X	Julia A. Carlson
X	Myra A. Carroll-Pezzella
	J. Scott Cartwright
	William R. Chadwick
	Robert L. Chalmers (HR)
X	Dwight Chamberlain (HR)
	Carl A. Christensen (HR)
	Julia O. Christensen
X	Walter Chuquimia
	Brent B. Coffin
X	David D Colby
X	Katherine Estes Collins
	James Cook (HR)
	Calvin L. Cooper (HR)
	Neil Craigan
	Donald E. Crannell (HR)
	Karin Craven
	John F. Crosby
X	Anita M. Cummings (HR)
X	Robert T. Cuthill (HR)
	Jean Daugherty (HR)
	Richard A. Davis
X	William Davnie
	William E. Day, Jr.
	Deborah S. DeMeester
	Robert W. Dickson (HR)

	Calvin W. Didier (HR)
	Kristen C. DiNardo
	Mary Carolyn Dorfman (HR)
	Richard G. Douse (HR)
X	Denise Dunbar-Perkins
X	Gary L. Elg
	James G. Ellison (HR)
X	Leah D. Elrod
	Bruce D. Ervin
	Thomas Ewald
X	Roger D. Ezell (HR)
	C. Ray Fenton (HR)
	Rebecca Fletcher
	Lucy A. Forster-Smith
	Thomas W. Forster-Smith
	Herbert Frey
X	Meghan K. Gage-Finn
	Alika P. Galloway
	Jon W. Galloway
	Ralph E. Galloway
X	Julie GebbenGreen
X	Philip GebbenGreen
X	Don Genereux
X	John W. Goertz
	Jonathan B. Good
	Peggy B. Good
	Kimberly A. Goodman
	Conrad B. Goodwin (HR)
X	Daniel Graham (HR)
	Sandra S. Gray (HR)
	Jean E. Greenwood
X	O. Carl Grosse
	Sheila C. Gustafson (HR)
X	Robert W. Hamilton
X	Donald A. Hanna
X	Gary L. Hanson
	F. Nile Harper (HR)
	Robert F. Hart (HR)
X	Elizabeth Hart-Andersen
X	Timothy D. Hart-Andersen
	LeRoy Haynes (HR)
	Richard H. Headen (HR)
	Marion E. Hedberg (HR)
	Joshua D. Heikkila
	Timothy W. Held
	Elizabeth D. Heller (HR)
	Leta J. Herrington
	Wayne A. Herstad (HR)
	Larry L. Hickle (HR)
	Gary Hickok (HR)
	Bruce K. Hillyer
X	William Hoffman
X	T. Ewen Holmes
	Kristine M. Holmgren (HR)
	David H. Hopper (HR)
	Robert K. Hudnut (HR)
	Dayton D. Hultgren (HR)
X	Suzan K. Ireland
	R. Alan James (HR)

	Vaughn R. Jefferson, Jr.
	Bernard E. Johnson (HR)
	Daniel W. Johnson (HR)
X	Matthew Johnson
	Paul M. Johnson
	Timothy M. Johnson
X	Michael Ngeru Kamau
X	Barbara Anne Keely
X	Karen Kennerly (HR)
X	Deborah E. Kielsmeier
X	Jin S. Kim
	Joo Kim
	Judith A. Kim (HR)
	Stanley S. Kim
	Douglas W. King (HR)
	Kenneth L. Kleidon (HR)
	C. Richard Knowles (HR)
	Stephen B. Knudson
	Robert A. Koenig (HR)
X	Amy E. Kosari
X	Newell D. Krogmann (HR)
	Theresa Latini
	Grace Lee
	Joann Lee
	John Lee
	Jong Hyeong Lee
	Mark Lee
	Mary J. Leisman (HR)
	David P. Lenz
	Harry J. Lichy, Jr. (HR)
	David M. Liddle (HR)
	JoonHyuk Lim
	Andrew M. Lindahl
	John T. Lindquist
X	Deborah D. Lind-Schmitz
X	Ethel Kay Livingston (HR)
X	William A. Livingston (HR)
	Eun-hyey Park Lok
	Robert G. Long (HR)
	Linda Loving (HR)
	Robert E. Lucas (HR)
	Richard A. Lundy (HR)
X	Charles (Rick) MacArthur
	John M. MacFarlane (HR)
	Kathleen D. Macosko
	David M. Maghakian
	Harry H. Maghakian (HR)
	Max R. Maguire (HR)
	Robert C. Malcolm (HR)
	Julie A. Mall
	Elisabeth Jane Marlow
X	L. Edwin Martin (HR)
X	Paul E. Martin
X	Stanley Martin
X	Susan J. Marvin
X	Richard P. Massaro (HR)
	Margaret M. McCray
	Harry Kenneth McCullen
X	Joan I. McKenzie

	Mary B. McMillan (HR)
	Mary McNamara
	Linda M. Mell (HR)
	Katherine S. Michael
X	Donald S. Milloy (HR)
X	W. Douglas Mitchell
	Beverly Modlin
X	Paul H. Moore
	Stephen M. Muhia
X	David Mwhia
	Kook Jin Nam (HR)
	Charles H. Nelson (HR)
	Julie E. Neraas
	Dwight D. Netzer
X	Margaret G. Newswanger
	Richard Newswanger
	Michael E. Olmsted
	Anneleise Opitz (HR)
	Eugene H. Orr
X	Kayton R. Palmer (HR)
	Ji Yong Park
	Sung Chul Park (HR)
	Thomas J. Parlette
X	Clint Patterson
	Donald D. Patterson
	JoAnn E. Phenow
	Richard P. Phenow
	Glenn E. Polzine (HR)
X	Douglas R. Potter (HR)
X	Gwin Pratt
X	Elizabeth J. Raitt (HR)
X	Cynthia L. Ray
	Judith S. Ray (HR)
	Carol L. Reed
	Kenneth J. Ribe
	Steven Rice
X	Tammy J. Rider
	Roger J. Ring
	Judith C. Ritchie
	Gregory H. Ritter
X	Gale W. Robb
X	Teresa Roberts
	Theresa M. Roos
	Kara Root
	Jay P. Rowland
X	H. Lyle Rozeboom (HR)
X	Chaz Ruark
X	Janet Ruark
	Jay C. Rusthoven (HR)
	James F. Sanders
	Paula Sanders
	Jack B. Schaffer (HR)
	Lyndon L. Schendel (HR)
	Jamie Lynn Schultz
	Dean J. Seal
	John B. Severson (HR)
	Carol Shaffer
X	James D. Shannon (HR)
	Janet B. Shannon

	David S. Shields (HR)
X	John H. Sinclair (HR)
X	Gene R. Sipprell
	Matthew Skinner
	Kathryn C. Smith
	M. Joy Smith
	Neal R. Solomonson
	Angella Pak Son
X	Scott O. Stapleton
	David J. Stark
	Melvin J. Steinbron (HR)
	Darlene A. Stensby (HR)
	Gordon C. Stewart (HR)
	H. David Stewart
	Merle E. Strohbehn (HR)
X	Annika Lister Stroope
	Charles A. Talcott
X	Helen Jo Taliaferro
	H. Allan Talley (HR)
X	Jack M. Terry (HR)
X	Margaret J. Thomas (HR)
	Byron T. Thompson (HR)
	L. Douglas Throckmorton (HR)
	Gary Titusdahl
	George K. Tjaden (HR)
	Townsend-Anderson, Richard
	Paul C. Truran (HR)
	Paul B.K. Tshihamba
	Umo Udo
	David Van Dyke
X	Heidi H. Vardeman
X	John P. Ward
	H. G. Wardlaw, Jr.
X	Lisa A. P. Watson
X	Thomas K. Watson
	Richard D. Weis
	John F. Westfall (HR)
	Susan E. Whiteman
	David L. Williamson (HR)
	Robert E. Willis (HR)
	Ronald D. Wilson
	Zachary O. Wilson
	Aron W. Wilterding (HR)
	Peter T. Wyckoff (HR)
	William C. Yeager (HR)
	Byung Chun Yoo (HR)
	James York
	J. William Young
	Medhat Yowkem
	<b>COMM. LAY PASTORS</b>
	Lowell Busman
	Simon Tot Dhol
X	Mauro Souza

## ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Albert Lea, First (4)  
Apple Valley, Spirit of Life (2)  
Austin, Westminster (4)  
Baldwin, First (2)  
Belle Plaine, First (2)  
Bloomington, Oak Grove (4)  
Brooklyn Center, Korean (3)  
Buffalo, Buffalo (2)  
Burnsville, Church /Apostles (2)  
Chaska, Shepherd of the Hill (2)  
Claremont, First (2)  
Columbia Hgts, Church of All Nations (2)  
Coon Rapids, Church/Master (2)  
Eden Prairie, Eden Prairie (2)  
Edina, Christ (13)  
Ellsworth, First (2)  
Farmington, First (2)  
Golden Valley, Valley Com (3)  
Hager City, Laurel (2)  
Hastings, First (2)  
Hayfield, First (2)  
Howard Lake, First (2)  
Hudson, First (2)  
Kasson, First (2)  
LeRoy, First (2)  
LeSueur, LeSueur (2)  
Long Lake, Calvin (2)  
Maple Plain, First (2)

### Minneapolis:

Aldrich Avenue (2)  
Andrew-Riverside (2)  
Bryn Mawr (2)  
Grace-Trinity (2)  
Knox (2)  
Kwanzaa Community (3)  
Lake Nokomis (2)  
Stadium Village (2)  
Westminster (9)

Minnetonka, Faith (4)  
North St. Paul, North (2)  
Oronoco, Oronoco (2)  
Owatonna, Associated (2)  
Pine City, First (2)  
Plainview, Community (2)  
Plymouth, Plymouth (2)  
Red Wing, First (2)  
Richfield, Hope (5)

Rochester, Community (2)  
Rochester, First (4)  
Rockford, United (2)  
Roseville, North Como (2)  
St. Croix Falls, First (2)  
St. Louis Park, Peace (2)

### St. Paul:

Arlington Hills (2)  
Central (2)  
Cherokee Park United (2)  
Dayton Avenue (2)  
Edgcumbe (3)

Margaret Blue  
Phil Park

Frank Uvodich, Jennifer Myers

Michael Quady, Ron Gritman  
Jevne Kloeber, Estella Banham

Sheila Coy  
Nancy Allen  
Florian Gutzmer, Louise Woodberry  
Tom Lennon, Pam von Gohren

David Herum

Dan Marshall, Rick Konecki

Dennis Brown

Phyllis Smith, Douglas Hall  
Maggie Wooley, Tom Atichison  
Carol Prenzlow

Katha Chamberlain  
Walter Baker, Susan Baker  
Carol Anderson, Pat Hasse

Jane Mayer, David Cummer

Bill Fischer, Sue Goodspeed  
Margaret Taylor, Lowell Busman  
Peter Soulen, Marillyn Soulen, Sandra Berthene, Karen Gasche,  
Kitty Martin, Eric Adams, Cindy Vekas, Tom Soulen  
Carol Shanholtzer, Sue Studenski, Jim Elliott, Smith McClure

Jerry Ganfield, John Bergen

Judy Maul, Sally Ackerman

Bette Buelow, Joyce Camp, Robert Bratnober, Jim Lindvall,  
Kathy Van Schooten

Harry Long

Manley Olson, Ann Olson

Connie Oppelt  
Nancy Gilger  
Michael Bates  
Lois Rhoades  
Cindy Hanson

Knox (2)  
Macalester Plymouth (4)  
Randolph Heights (2)  
The House of Hope (6)  
Warrendale (2)  
Shakopee, First (2)  
Shoreview, Church/Way (3)  
South St. Paul, First (4)  
Stillwater, First (4)  
Wayzata, St. Luke (4)  
White Bear Lake, First (2)  
Woodbury, Trinity (2)

Steve Tyykila  
Nancy Colby

Ward Sessing, Chase Davies  
Mary Ann Cheyne, Thomas Brazill, Ruth Krueger  
Jean Emmons, Vicki Hof, Rebecca Erickson  
Nancy Anderson, Karen Larson  
Rita Gehrenbeck

### **ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY**

Brian Alton, House of Hope, St. Paul, MN  
Gordon Doshier, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN  
Vincent Gin, First, Hudson, WI  
Nancy Grittmann, Stated Clerk, Buffalo Presbyterian, Buffalo, MN  
John Ivers, Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN  
Pat Milloy, Westminster, Minneapolis, MN  
Janet Youel, First, White Bear Lake, MN

### **ELDER OBSERVERS**

Robert Cross, Valley, Golden Valley, MN  
James Payne, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN  
Barbara Van Loenen, First, Hudson, WI

### **CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS**

Jermaine Ross, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN  
John Nelson, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN  
Katie Whipple, Church of the Master, Coon Rapids, MN

### **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Claude Jones, Dubuque University, Des Moines Presbytery  
Andy Kennaly, Clearwater Forest, Northern Waters Presbytery

### **VISITORS/OBSERVERS**

Risa Anderson, Presbytery Staff  
Ron Antos, Buffalo, Buffalo, MN  
Maggie Chandler, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN  
Terry Kubista, Peace, St. Louis Park, MN  
Cheryl Martin, Visitor  
Janet Martin, Peace, St. Louis Park, MN  
Martha Rockenstein, First, Hudson, WI  
Dennis Sanders, Presbytery Staff  
Judy Whipple, Church of the Master, Coon Rapids, MN

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the Docket as presented.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2011.

Elders and Ministers attending Presbytery for the first time were introduced and welcomed. The following corresponding members were seated:

The Rev. Claude Jones, Des Moines Presbytery

The Rev. Andy Kennaly, Northern Waters Presbytery

The Presbytery was welcomed to Valley Church by The Rev. Richard Buller, Pastor. Rev. Buller noted that this is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Valley Church.

The Call to Confession was led by Rev. Buller and Wellsprings, followed by the Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace of Christ.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

#### **Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark**

Chaz spoke about items he has discussed on his blog; the letter from the new group called the Fellowship, and the Permanent Judicial Commission trial that occurred on February 28. Also, he spoke of celebrations at Valley Church, First Church, Rochester, Kwanzaa Church, and Bryn Mawr Church. He warned that the Presbytery office was to be remodeled soon.

#### **Moderator, Vince Gin**

Vince acknowledged congregations that completed 2010 per capita and mission pledges, congregations that have completed 2011 per capita and mission pledges, and congregations that grew in membership in 2010.

#### **Vice Moderator, Cindy Ray**

Cindy spoke about the Presbytery Strategic Plan, emphasizing the words, "Changing World". Cindy also shared a short video of facts demonstrating how fast and by how much our world is changing.

#### **Stated Clerk, Nancy Gritman**

Nancy began her report with the announcement that at the May meeting of the Presbytery, the Moderator of the General Assembly, Elder Cindy Bolbach, would be our guest preacher, and that Cindy would also lead a pre-presbytery on the issues facing the denomination.

Nancy reported on the renunciation of jurisdiction by The Rev. Clarence Maeng.

Nancy then read the Decision and Orders from the conclusion of the trial February 28, 2011, The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area v. The Rev. Erwin Barron. The document is included as Appendix A to these minutes.



**FAMILIA DE FE FUND – #37**

Deficit (\$ 10,809) (\$ 2,071)

**CATASTROPHIC FUND – #40 (Presbytery's Reserve)**

\$550,751 \$ 497,997

**Council Chair, Jin Kim**

Jin spoke of the work of the Council, the strength of the Presbytery, and the potential for change. Jin invited Chaz and Nancy to speak to the request from the Warrendale Presbyterian Church. Chaz shared a brief history of the work of the Warrendale Session with COM and the BOT, and the congregation, which has lead them to this decision. Nancy explained the process that would be followed: an administrative commission would be elected to walk with the Warrendale Session and read the list of responsibilities and named those persons who have agreed to serve so far:

Elder Tom Radio, Board of Trustees; Rev. Amy Kosari, Committee on Ministry; Rev. David Stewart; Rev. Phil GebbenGreen.

Presbytery **VOTED TO CONCUR WITH THE REQUEST** of Warrendale Presbyterian Church to dissolve the congregation.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the responsibilities document.

Presbytery **VOTED TO EMPOWER** Council to elect three elders yet to be named to complete the Commission.

The Responsibilities document appears in these Minutes as Appendix B.

**REPORT OF BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE: Barbara Anne Keely**

Papers were read in support of and opposed to the proposed new Form of Government.

The committee met on Saturday, February 11, 2011 at Christ Presbyterian Church

The committee's business was to discuss and vote on General Assembly Part 1: new Form of Government. The vote was 5 (yes) to 1 (no) to recommend to the Presbytery to approve the new Form of Government.

Reasons to support nFOG include:

- The value of separating the Foundations from the Form of Government, making the chapters of theological foundations more evident.
- It is easier to navigate than the current Form of Government
- It is an opportunity to get people engaged with both the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order
- It is asking people on councils\* to work together in developing the manuals of operations
- It requires councils\* to address the responsibilities of how we conduct our business and work together
- It is important for Presbytery to be more intentional in its connections with sessions.

- Today, some rural presbyteries are not able to fulfill all of the manual procedures in our current *Book of Order*. The proposed nFog maintains the standards of our current *Book of Order*, but allows councils\* flexibility in forming procedures to meet those standards.

Concerns if nFOG is approved include:

- There is potential for difficulty in councils working together, e.g., presbytery to presbytery (ordination requirements/transferring of teaching elders\*)
- Councils may find that much time and energy will be required to identify and define processes for a Manual of Operations, especially in the beginning.

*\*Note: new language in nFOG*

- “Minister of Word and Sacrament” will be “Teaching Elder”
- “Governing Bodies” becomes “Councils”

### **Synopsis of Part 3 Amendments**

#### 10O – Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission on Amending D-13.0404

Approved by GA219 by consensus

This amendment adds language addressing the ability of a prosecuting committee to appeal a verdict of not guilty. The rationale for consideration is to protect the integrity of the original super-majority vote by a trial court.

Please pay particular attention to the editor’s notes in regards to the impact of the approval of 10N and/or approval of 10O.

#### 10N – appeal of Not Guilty Verdict

Approved by GA219 by consensus

This amendment changes who may initiate the first level of an appeal in a disciplinary action to permit only the person found guilty to initiate an appeal. It also redefines the grounds for appeal.

#### 10M – Time Limit

Approved by GA219 by consensus

This amendment revises the language to increase the number of years in which charges may be filed. The rationale is to allow more time for the governing body to gain notice that an offense has been alleged.

#### 10L – Reviewing the work of the Investigating Committee

Approved by GA219 by consensus

An additional phrase is added to this section and the remaining phrases of D-10.0202 renumbered. The purpose is to clarify the role of the investigating committee in preventing repetitive allegations against one person for the purpose of harassment.

#### 10K – Preliminary Questions

Approved by GA219 by consensus

This amendment provides for the dismissal of a case if there is no challenge to the findings of the Moderator or the Clerk without further action by the PJC.

10J – Stay of enforcement

Approved by GA219 by consensus

This amendment revised language that had an unintended consequence of placing too much responsibility and authority with the Stated Clerk. The change in wording clarifies procedures for obtaining a stay of enforcement.

10I - Adding Prayer to Ordination and Installation Services

Approved by Ga219 by consensus

Adding language to W-4.4004h, "Will you **pray for and** seek to serve..."

Also added language to W-4.4004a(2), "Do we agree to **pray for them**, to encourage..."

10H - Nominations process

Approved by GA219 by consensus

Modifies the requirements for committees to include the following language, "ministers and elders (both women and men) in numbers nearly as equal as possible

10G - Synod function

Approved by GA219 on a voice vote

Allows process for adjacent synods to share some administrative functions with approval of 2/3 majority of its presbyteries. Also allows synods to reduce some functions with 2/3 majority vote of its presbyteries (cannot limit functions of judicial review and presbytery administrative overview)

10F - Certified Christian educators

Approved by GA219 on a vote of 570 affirmative, 67 negative and 10 abstentions.

Adds language that clarified that Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders have voice and vote at presbytery meetings. Otherwise Certified Christian educators have voice but not vote

10E - Presbytery rolls and registers

Approved by GA219 by consensus

Adds requirement that in addition to the rolls including Certified Christian Educators and Associate Christian Educators that it also include commissioned lay pastors

10D - Nominating committees

Approved by GA219 by consensus.

Modifies the requirements for representation with the following language, "...with membership of ministers and elders, women and men in numbers as nearly equal as possible..."

10C - Sexual misconduct policy

Approved by GA219 by consensus

Requires all governing bodies to adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy.

10B - Removing the Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session

Approved by GA219 by consensus

Adds the following language, "A stated clerk may be removed from office prior to completion of his or her term of service through the use of the process outlined in G-9.0705."

10A - Gifts and Requirements (Ordination)

Approved by GA219 on a vote of 373 affirmative, 323 negative and 4 abstentions.

Provision on ordination standards removes the "requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness" language and includes the language, "...submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life..."

Following a brief discussion, according to the process which had been approved by Council, the Presbytery **VOTED BY BALLOT** in favor of approval of the nFOG. Tellers, appointed by the Moderator prior to the meeting, included Rev. Betty Raitt, Rev. Walter Chuquimia, Rev. Cindy Ray; Elders Karen Gasche, Westminster, Minneapolis, and Michael Quady, Buffalo. The vote was:

Yes – 118

No – 35.

The Stated Clerk will report the result to the Office of the General Assembly.

**Note: The results were reported to the OGA on March 14, 2011.**

Barbara Anne Keely then presented the proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Part III, Amendments 10-A through 10-O, noting that though some of the amendments had already been passed by a majority of the presbyteries, the Presbytery should still study them and discuss them, because they will become part of the Constitution in July 1011. The Presbyters separated into small groups to discuss the amendments. Council members were assigned to moderate the small groups and members of the Bills and Overtures Committee were present with each group to write down questions in preparation for an open forum for discussion of these proposed amendments on April 2, 2011, at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

**MEAL BLESSING**

Rev. Richard Buller gave lunch service directions and offered the meal blessing, prior to dismissal to Small Groups.

Presbytery **RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 12:00 NOON.**

Presbytery **RECONVENED AT 12:45 P.M.**

Valley musicians performed orchestral music during a time of remembrance for elders, deacons, and pastors who have passed into eternal life during the past year.

**NECROLOGY REPORT**

		<b>Ministers:</b>	<b>Ordination Date</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
		Stanley Johnson	06-10-1953	01-14-10
		Patricia Berg	10-30-1988	03-30-10
		George Knieriemen	06-10-1953	09-25-10
		Richard Kroeger	09-10-1953	11-09-10

<b>Church</b>	<b>Elder/Deacon</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ordination Date</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
<b>Albert Lea, First</b>	Deacon	Mary Austin	01-10-93	05-15-10
	Deacon	Mildred Christianson	01-10-93	07-04-10
	Deacon	Mary Elizabeth Kuyper	01-27-97	08-14-10
	Deacon	LuVae Anderson	01-16-05	12-31-10
<b>Apple Valley, Spirit of Life</b>	Deacon	Neal L. McCluskey	Unknown	04-24-10
<b>Austin, Westminster</b>	Elder	Daniel Christiansen	02-1959	01-02-10
	Deacon	Nora Hamilton	02-1978	02-08-10
	Elder	Florence Terry	02-1980	03-03-10
	Elder	Kevin Sass	02-1975	03-13-10
	Deacon	D. Jeanne Winslow	02-1980	09-29-10
	Deacon	June Colling	02-1977	10-07-10
<b>Baldwin, First</b>	None			
<b>Belle Plain, First</b>	Elder	Russell Harsh	02-20-77	02-09-10
<b>Bloomington, Oak Grove</b>	No Report			
<b>Buffalo, Buffalo</b>	Elder	Gordon H. Burkland	01-11-59	01-17-10
	Elder	Irene M. Painschab	?	01-24-10
	Deacon	Audrey Moon	02-06-77	12-11-10
<b>Brooklyn Center, KPCM</b>	Elder	Se Inn Park	01-14-79	08-22-10
<b>Burnsville, Church/Apostles</b>	Elder	Callen Fuchs	05-22-05	02-14-10
<b>Chaska, Shepherd of Hill</b>	None			
<b>Claremont, First</b>	No Report			
<b>Columbia Heights, CAN</b>	None			
<b>Coon Rapids, Church/Master</b>	No Report			
<b>Eden Prairie, Eden Prairie</b>	Deacon	Irene Nesbitt	02-24-74	10-25-10
<b>Edina, CPC</b>	Elder	Frederick "Fritz" Conrad	01-08-95	11-29-10
	Deacon	Nels Nelson	03-29-98	01-21-10
	Deacon	Terry Marsh	03-29-98	09-07-10
<b>Ellsworth, First</b>	None			
<b>Farmington, First</b>	No Report			
<b>Golden Valley, Valley</b>	Elder/Deacon	Louise Paulfranz	1981 & 1958	03-22-10
	Elder	Don Franzen	1993	10-01-10
<b>Hager City, Laurel</b>	None			
<b>Hastings, First</b>	Elder	Ken Schultz	02-22-87	10-05-10
<b>Hayfield, First</b>	No Report			
<b>Howard Lake, First</b>	Deacon	Lillian Munson	02-08-76	05-17-10
	Elder/Deacon	Sydney C. Stenberg	02-08-81	11-22-10
<b>Hudson, First</b>	Elder	Dale Kramer	1959	05-17-10
<b>Kasson, First</b>	Elder	Robert Burdick	01-24-65	12-19-10
<b>Le Roy, First</b>	Elder	Merrill Chesebrough	01-26-86	11-16-10
<b>Le Sueur, Le Sueur</b>	Elder	Ben Way	1973	05-16-10
	Elder	Margaret Welch	1987	11-06-10
<b>Long Lake, Calvin</b>	No Report			
<b>Maple Plain, First</b>	Elder/Deacon	Doug McCulley	1950	03-30-10
	Elder/Deacon	Merna McCulley	1963	05-30-10
<b>Minnetonka, Faith</b>	Elder/Deacon	David Carlson	01-13-91 & 1962	10-19-10
	Deacon	Yvonne Gustavson	03-07-04	03-19-10

	Elder/Deacon	Randy Hansen	12-26-76 & 11-25-73	10-10
	Elder/Deacon	Neal Sorenson	1962 & 1953	04-29-10
<b>Mpls, Aldrich</b>	None			
<b>Mpls, Andrew-Riverside</b>	Deacon/Elder	John Trulen	04-06-86 & 01-00-76	10-21-10
<b>Mpls, Bryn Mawr</b>	None			
<b>Mpls, Grace-Trinity</b>	Deacon	Grace Blaisdell Martin	02-27-93	01-01-10
	Deacon	Florence Groves	02-07-93	01-09-10
	Deacon	Evelyn M. Vernes	02-15-98	03-18-10
	Deacon/Elder	Ralph A. Jondahl	05-03-64	04-23-10
	Elder	Sidney Peake Page	12-21-75	05-30-10
<b>Mpls, Knox</b>	Elder	Richard Kremer	01-19-76	07-26-10
	Elder	Margaret Bell	02-07-82	07-14-10
<b>Mpls, Kwanzaa</b>	No Report			
<b>Mpls, Lake Nokomis</b>	Deacon	JoAnne Hansen	01-23-1983	10-01-10
	Elder	Don Bodin	01-22-1978	04-16-10
<b>Mpls, Stadium Village</b>	None			
<b>Mpls, Westminster</b>	Deacon/Elder	Lyle M. Eakins	01-28-62 & 01-26-75	06-29-10
	Deacon/Elder	John S. Holten	10-11-59 & 01-30-66	10-06-10
	Deacon	Russell N. Nordstrom	01-30-77	12-01-10
	Deacon	Dorothy A. Skerik	01-31-88	02-15-10
<b>N. St. Paul, North</b>	Elder	Ginny Bauman	11-11-77	04-21-10
	Deacon	Bob Ochterling	06-13-99	10-12-10
	Elder	Ken Owens	03-12-72	11-03-10
<b>Oronoco, Oronoco</b>	No Report			
<b>Owatonna, Associated</b>	Elder	Jean Kaplan	?	02-23-10
<b>Pine City, First</b>	No Report			
<b>Plainview, Community</b>	Elder	Robert Johnson	1967	04-07-10
	Elder	Avis Harrington	01-15-78	07-02-10
<b>Plymouth, Plymouth</b>	None			
<b>Red Wing, Red Wing</b>	Elder	George Kraft	01-03-93	07-11-10
	Deacon	Eleanor Anderson	01-05-03	12-13-10
<b>Richfield, Hope</b>	Elder	Audrey Wahlund	1976	02-07-10
	Deacon	Barbara Lundeen	1984	02-09-10
	Deacon	Lynn Mahon	1968	05-11-10
	Deacon	Marjorie Nordberg	1965	09-06-10
	Deacon	Davie Pierson	2004	09-15-10
	Deacon	George Tucker	1960	02-23-10
<b>Rochester, Community</b>	None			
<b>Rochester, First</b>	Elder/Deacon	Irene Ella Nelson	02-07-88 & 1956	09-10-10
	Elder	Evelyn M. Brownlow	Unknown	02-06-10
	Elder	John Allen Dyer	1959	04-06-10
	Elder	Horace Osborne Hallman	02-08-87	09-06-10
	Elder	Darcy Lynn Jacobson	Unknown	10-21-10
	Elder	Joachim Ludwig Opitz	01-27-91	08-28-10
	Deacon	Robert Brandon Milan	01-13-08	04-06-10
	Deacon	Janet Ruth Robinson	Unknown	03-05-10
<b>Rockford, United</b>	None			
<b>Roseville, North Como</b>	Elder/Deacon	James Kernkamp		01-11-10

	Deacon	Carole Sjoberg		12-05-10
<b>S. St. Paul, First</b>	Elder	Jerome Frederick Olson	07-07-91	05-12-10
	Elder/Deacon	Shirley Lindberg	12-07-75 & 01-22-67	05-26-10
	Elder/Deacon	James Froelke	11-01-76 & 01-23-66	10-14-10
	Deacon	Betty Bohmert	07-17-94	10-21-10
	Deacon	Donald Stahl	12-05-82	02-23-10
<b>Shakopee, First</b>	Elder	Elfie Engen	1971	04-11-10
<b>Shoreview, Church/Way</b>	Elder/Deacon	Ed Abdello	01-28-90 & 01-29-86	10-06-10
	Elder/Deacon	Jerry Webster	01-01-55 & 03-06-94	06-21-10
<b>St. Croix Falls, First</b>	None			
<b>St. Louis Park, Peace</b>	None			
<b>St. Paul, Arlington Hills</b>	Deacon	Janet Gonsowski	03-26-95	02-11-10
	Deacon/Elder	Mary Helen Miller	06-08-86 & 06-26-83	12-01-10
<b>St. Paul, Central</b>	Elder/Deacon	Gary Bundy	1963 & 1983	09-25-10
<b>St. Paul, Cherokee</b>	Elder	Brian Stienstra	01-04-09	04-01-10
<b>St. Paul, Dayton Ave.</b>	Deacon/Elder	Blair Egley	1982/1994	11-29-10
<b>St. Paul, Edgumbe</b>	Elder	Eunice MacLeod	1972	09-09-10
<b>St. Paul, House of Hope</b>	Deacon	Kenneth G. Boehmer	11-25-79	10-20-10
	Deacon	Andrew Bohn	12-12-99	01-02-10
	Elder	Angus Mairs	11-24-74	03-05-10
	Elder	George Mairs	01-10-71	05-28-10
	Elder	Richard Piper	02-14-65	07-01-10
	Deacon	Jan Wickstrom	01-12-86	06-12-10
	Deacon/Elder	Nancy Brasel	01-01-89 & 01-03-93	11-25-10
	Deacon	Buretta Foss	12-02-73	11-28-10
<b>St. Paul, Knox</b>	No Report			
<b>St. Paul, Mac-Plymouth</b>	No Report			
<b>St. Paul, Randolph Heights</b>	Deacon	Richard Mathison	1990	01-04-10
	Elder/Deacon	Helen Mathison	1987/1995	05-28-10
	Elder	Louis Belinski	1983	11-15-10
<b>St. Paul, Warrendale</b>	None			
<b>Stillwater, First</b>	Elder	Martin Ziebell	03-16-86	05-05-10
<b>Wayzata, St. Luke</b>	Elder	Duane Bell	01-03-65	06-17-10
	Elder/Deacon	George Klein	01-16-69	04-11-10
	Elder/Deacon	John Malone	01-31-82	10-12-10
	Elder/Deacon	Margaret Prosser	02-02-75	05-20-10
<b>White Bear lake, First</b>	Elder/Deacon	Gordon Bierley	1960	01-10-10
	Elder	Gerald Oestrech	1965	06-22-10
	Elder	Skip Gibson	?	05-27-10
<b>Woodbury, Trinity</b>	None			

The hymn, “*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*”, followed by a reading from Mark 5:21-43, preceded the sermon, “Change and Hope in a Fragile World: The Clash of Periphery and the Center”, delivered by Dr. Charles Amjad-Ali, Luther Seminary. The hymn, “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” was sung.

The Rev. Claude Jones, Dubuque Seminary, was introduced, and invited to bring greetings to the Presbytery.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Vice Moderator Cindy Ray moderated the next portion of the meeting.

### **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM: Paul Moore**

Paul Moore, pastor of Chain of Lakes New Church Development, gave an update on the ministry of the NCD. A property task force has been formed to find suitable property to recommend to the Presbytery as the home location of COL. The probable cost will be in the range of \$500,000.00.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: John Ward**

#### ***CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1-9)***

1. **Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationships with the Reverend Louise Bender, the Reverend Jay Rusthoven, and the Reverend Richard Weis**
  - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, Church, St. Paul, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Louise Bender and Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
  - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, Church, St. Paul, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Jay Rusthoven and Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
  - c. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian, Church, St. Paul, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Richard Weis and Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
2. **Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationship with the Reverend Grace Lee**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Knox Presbyterian, Church, St. Paul, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Grace Lee and Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012.
3. **Faith Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, MN: Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship with the Reverend Christopher Carlson, Approval of Severance Package**
  - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, based upon the mutual request of the Reverend Christopher Carlson and Faith Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, MN, by the vote of the congregation at a special meeting on January 9 2011, the full-time pastoral relationship

between the Reverend Christopher Carlson and Faith Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, MN, be dissolved as of January 16, 2011, with the following separation package:

Payments for salary plus housing, Board of Pension dues, and accrued vacation will continue until April 19, 2011 (3 months from the separation date) or when new employment begins.

AND

that the Reverend Christopher Carlson be transferred to the member-at-large roll of Presbytery.

- b. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Christopher Carlson has been approved for the 2011 Pulpit Supply List.

4. **First Presbyterian Church, Claremont, MN: Change in Terms of Call for the Reverend Robert W. Hamilton**

- a. To **recommend** to Presbytery, by action of the congregation on January 30, 2011, that the following changes in terms of call for the Reverend Robert W. Hamilton as 3/4-time pastor instead of full-time pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Claremont, Minnesota become effective February 1, 2011.

Terms of Call

Salary	\$17,286
Utilities	\$ 3,800
Contribution to 403-B	\$ 1,200
Rental Value of Manse	\$ 9,550
Continuing Ed. Allowance	\$900 per year, cumulative over 3 years to \$2700
Continuing Ed Leave	2 weeks per year, cumulative over 3 years to 6 weeks
Mileage	IRS rate vouchered to \$1800
Pension & Medical	Full
One month of vacation	

AND

- b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that it direct the stated clerk to communicate the above action to the Board of Pensions.

5. **Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN: Renewal of Contract with Interim Pastor, the Rev. Jong Lee**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, the Reverend Jong Lee be reappointed to a one-year term as full-time interim pastor, from March 1, 2011, to February 28, 2012, with no change in terms of contract.

6. **United Presbyterian Church, Rockford, MN: Renewal of Stated Supply, Rev. Richard Newswanger**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of United Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, the Reverend Richard Newswanger be reappointed to a one-year term as half-time stated supply pastor, from January 1, 2011, to December 31,

2011, with the following change in terms:  
                     Salary                    \$28,440

7. **Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Renewal of Stated Supply, Rev. Harry Maghakian**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, the Reverend Harry Maghakian be reappointed to a one-year term as part-time stated supply pastor, from March 1, 2011, to February 28, 2012, with no change in terms.

8. **First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin, WI: Renewal of Interim Pastor, Rev. Janet Ruark**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin, MN, the Reverend Janet Ruark be reappointed to a one-year term as 3/4-time interim pastor, from March 1, 2011, to February 28, 2012, with no change in terms.

9. **Celebration of Ordination Anniversaries:**

To **recommend** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry voted to approve the recognition of the following ordination anniversaries at the March 12, 2011 Presbytery meeting:

Ordination Anniversaries in 2011

<b><u>67 Years</u></b> Rev. George Tjaden	<b><u>65 Years</u></b> Rev. Lyndon Schendel
<b><u>64 Years</u></b> Rev. John Sinclair	<b><u>61 Years</u></b> Rev. Robert Chalmers
<b><u>60 Years</u></b> Rev. Robert Dickson	<b><u>55 Years</u></b> Rev. James Barge Rev. Robert Long Rev. Robert Lucas Rev. Paul Truran
<b><u>50 Years</u></b> Rev. David H. Hopper Rev. Robert E. Willis	<b><u>45 Years</u></b> Rev. Neal Solomonson Rev. Jack M. Terry
<b><u>40 Years</u></b> Rev. James Ellison Rev. Jong Hyeong Lee Rev. Margaret Thomas	<b><u>35 Years</u></b> Rev. Bruce Brooks Rev. Brent Coffin Rev. William Davnie Rev. Janet Shannon Rev. Bill Young

<p><b><u>30 Years</u></b>          Rev. Bebe Baldwin          Rev. Kenneth Byerly          Rev. Anita Cummings          Rev. Daniel Johnson          Rev. Margaret McCray          Rev. Donald Patterson          Rev. Charles Talcott          Rev. Heidi Vardeman</p>	<p><b><u>25 Years</u></b>          Rev. Karen Kennerly          Rev. David Lenz          Rev. Andrew Lindahl          Rev. Carol Reed          Rev. John Ward</p>
<p><b><u>20 Years</u></b>          Rev. Lindsey Louise Biddle          Rev. Paul E. Capetz          Rev. Ji Yong Park</p>	<p><b><u>15 Years</u></b>          Rev. J. Scott Cartwright          Rev. Alike Galloway          Rev. Bruce Hillyer          Rev. William Hoffmann          Rev. Suzan Ireland          Rev. Stephen Knudson          Rev. Kathryn Smith          Rev. Byron Thompson          Rev. Thomas Watson          Rev. Susan Whiteman</p>
<p><b><u>10 Years</u></b>          Rev. Joonhyuk Lim          Rev. Annika Lister Stroope          Rev. Zachary Owen Wilson</p>	<p><b><u>05 Years</u></b>          Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins          Rev. Joo Kim          Rev. Grace Lee          Rev. Eun-hyey Park Lok          Rev. Beverly Modlin          Rev. Kook Jin Nam          Rev. Kara Root          Rev. Paula Sanders          Rev. Umo Udo</p>

***REGULAR AGENDA (Items-None)***

***REPORTS (Items 10-11)***

**10. The Associate Pastor Relationship Between the Reverend Teresa Roberts and Wayzata Community Church Dissolved and the Reverend Teresa Roberts Transferred to Member-at large Roll**

To report to Presbytery that based upon the request of Wayzata Community Church, a United Church of Christ Congregation, and with the concurrence of the Reverend Teresa Roberts, the full-time associate pastoral relationship between the Reverend Roberts and Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata, MN, has been dissolved as of June 30, 2010,

AND

that the Reverend Teresa Roberts has been transferred to the member-at-large roll of the presbytery.

**11. Vacant Positions Report**

The Committee on Ministry **reports** to Presbytery that the following positions are vacant and receiving dossiers for installed positions:

Minneapolis, MN, **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, (Assoc. Pastor for Pastoral Care)  
Plainview, MN, **Community Presbyterian Church**, (Pastor)

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the Consent Agenda. There were no regular agenda items to be dealt with. Ministers celebrating ordination dates were honored.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Betty Raitt**

Presbytery **VOTED TO ELECT** the following committee members:

**BILLS AND OVERTURES**

5/11-1 James Payne, Elder, Plymouth, Plymouth

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

5/12-2 Donald Patterson, Minister, Member-At-Large

A list of the officers and committee positions to be nominated at the May meeting was distributed.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Denise Dunbar-Perkins**

***REPORTS TO THE PRESBYTERY***

**Final Assessment: Lisa Johnson**

The committee conducted the final assessment for Lisa Johnson of The Presbyterian Church of LeSueur, LeSueur, MN who has completed all of the requirements of candidacy, and **VOTED** to certify Lisa Johnson ready for examination for ordination, pending a call (G-14.0450 and G-14.0481).

**Remove from Rolls: Mary Caplinger**

The requirements of G-14.0463 having been met, the committee **VOTED** to remove the name of Mary Caplinger, Candidate, Hope Presbyterian Church, Richfield, MN from the Roll of Candidates, at her own written request.

***RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY***

**Enroll as a Candidate: Kathleen Whipple**

**Kathleen Whipple**, who is on the roll of Inquirers of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, having satisfactorily demonstrated adequate promise for ministry by presenting the statements specified in the Presbytery's policy (G-14.0405), met with the session of Presbyterian Church of the Master, Coon Rapids, MN, and with the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, is presented to the Presbytery to be examined "with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry," and to be received as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. (See Attachment A)

The committee **recommends** that **Kathleen Whipple** be enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament and that the moderator ask her the questions specified in the Presbytery's policy.

**Enroll as a Candidate: Karen Larson**

**Karen Larson**, who is on the roll of Inquirers of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, having satisfactorily demonstrated adequate promise for ministry by presenting the statements specified in the Presbytery's policy (G-14.0405), met with the session of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Wayzata, MN, and with the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, is presented to the Presbytery to be examined "with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry," and to be received as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. (See Attachment B)

The committee **recommends** that **Karen Larson** be enrolled as a candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament and that the moderator ask her the questions specified in the Presbytery's policy

**ATTACHMENT A**  
Kathleen Whipple

**Statement of Motivation**

Growing up, I remember singing the hymn, "I love to tell the story." This song tells a love story, not with a person, but the love of God that fills a person so full, they have to share the story of God's redemption to all they meet. This love to share the story comes from the authors love relationship with God, that then spills out into a love to all neighbors, the faithful and not. Their purpose in life is to tell this story of "Jesus and His love."

That song articulates my life. As long as I remember, I have shared the story of God to all who wanted to hear, and unfortunately to some who didn't. As a child, I remember sitting on the monkey bars telling God's story to my best friend who was struggling with her home life. I remember sharing this story with teammates in sports, and even my roommate in college. I thought this passion about God's story meant I was to be a missionary, so off I flew to Poland to share the story to the teens in a government housing area. There, amongst the amazing youth, and unbelievable experiences, God pressed on me... that there was more to this story and many ways to share it. Others would share it in Poland, but God pulled me back to America to study and grow in new ways to share God's story.

In Seminary, I started to understand that sharing God's story is more than just telling the Gospel. That is a part of it, but God's story of redemption is experienced in corporate worship, coming together to grow in community, loving God, loving each other, and loving the world. God's story of redemption is how God is calling people back into relationship with the Trinity. A pastor's role is to tell the story by bringing people together to experience God, through building a loving community, by growing together in relationship with God and each other, worshiping together, and by illuminating the Word of God into a transforming message that is relevant to the culture. God's story is told when we reconcile with each other within the church, within our community and within the world.

This is the story I love to share. This is the passion that God has awakened in me. God has been nudging me towards this throughout my life, and now I am finally hearing this call. Right now, I am drawn towards chaplain ministry or rural pastoral ministry. I have found that I am passionate about working with people in the margins of society, creating space where people can see and experience that they are loved and valued by a community, and by God. I am not certain how God will have me share the Story. What I do know is how much I love to tell the story.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Karen R. Larson**

**Statement of Motivation**

I was raised with a deeply embedded sense of geographic place, among the farms of southern Minnesota. I grew up firmly grounded in family, community and church as my center of meaning and most reliable source of connection. I felt all of it as love.

As I entered adolescence and started to pay attention to the doctrines of my church, my earlier, intuitively loving sense of God gave way to something judgmental and demanding. I was afraid of sin and hell, and tried to resist these possibilities by reading my Bible, praying, and being good in every way. Later, I turned to a false god of social status and achievement. When I got married, my goal became the perfect home and marriage. My children became further opportunities to excel. The financial rewards of my career became indispensable. I sought security in the consumer culture and avoided risk. I didn't trust God or myself.

Yet, all along, I knew to look for a place of belonging. I found it in wonderful Presbyterian churches in Omaha, the Milwaukee area and eventually in Minnetonka, and was nourished in all these places by religious community. For me, at that time, God was simply a reason for gathering, and I knew my family and I needed the gathering. Then, at my current church home, St. Luke Presbyterian, the transforming power of Christ began to act on me and God became very real. This spiritually alive, politically active, highly engaged community challenged my thinking and actions, sparked my spiritual seeking, modeled healthy relationships, spoke openly of failures and emotion, and named God in ways that sang to my heart. People talked of a feminine God, incarnate in the everyday world, calling the world to economic and racial justice, and opposed to violence and reckless consumption of resources. I felt as if the Holy Spirit had worked its way into me and made me come alive. Six years after we joined St. Luke, we learned that my dad's cancer had metastasized. I had always loved and admired my dad. When I was a child, and it was my turn to help him milk cows, we talked history, literature, music, politics and family. So, every Friday for the last eight months of his life, I sat with him to write down his story. I saw how his life had been marked all along by curiosity, humor, a sense of justice, and love for people. I was called to look more closely at my own life, and wonder how it might better serve goodness.

I entered seminary the next year, feeling restless and sure of nothing but a call to study. There I began to journey into my self and my relationship with God. The Spirit moved me in many ways at UTS: through scripture, a variety of faithful voices, and especially the Mayan people I met on a seminary trip to Chiapas, Mexico. It was in worship class that I first felt a call to leadership in ministry. Experiences leading worship in class, in chapel and at church built up my trust—in myself, in the community and in the process. The loving response of the St. Luke community was exhilarating.

I now believe my vocation is to belong to God and to God's people, to love and serve those I meet, and to lead a portion of the community. This latter point—leadership—is the part that has become increasingly clear to me over the last few years of study, prayer and reflective practice. I believe I have been given gifts of faith, compassion, knowledge and prophecy, and encouraged to put these gifts into the service of Christ as a leader in the church.

I am confident of my call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, because it is when I am doing this work that I feel most fully alive. I feel alive when I enter the Word to research, write and deliver a sermon for a particular community at a particular time. I feel alive when a patient in the hospital opens up her story to me and in the process sees it more clearly herself. I feel alive when teaching children about the love of God and learn anew through their eyes. I feel alive when, in the presence of those at the fringes of our society, Christ opens my heart. I acknowledge the opportunity to pursue the ministry of Word and Sacrament as a great blessing and responsibility. Having received grace upon grace, I respond in gratitude.

Presbytery **VOTED TO ENROLL** Kathleen Whipple and Karen Larson as candidates. Moderator Vince Gin asked the constitutional questions.

**MISSION AND WITNESS COMMITTEE: Teresa Roberts**

PTCA Disability Policy Suggestions for Implementation:

Recommendation	Suggestion for Implementation
1. Continue to hold stated meetings and other Presbytery-wide events in settings that are accessible for worship, business, fellowship, and dining (Provide information on building accessibility in the call to the meeting).	1. Churches will make accessibility information available in a timely manner to the Stated Clerk before the meeting is scheduled.
2. Provide signers when requested in a timely manner.	2. Request for signing will be submitted to the Presbytery Office two weeks before the scheduled meeting.
3. Provide printed materials in alternative formats (large print or digital) as requested.	3. Requests for alternative formats will be submitted two weeks before the event.
4. Encourage speakers to read aloud projected materials that have not previously been made available.	4. The Moderator will lead this effort to make new information available to all who are present.
5. Require that all loan requests for funding new construction or remodeling of church property include provision for accessibility.	5. The requestor will submit provisions for accessibility to the Trustees. Ward Sessing is a Presbytery resource person.
6. Encourage speakers and leaders to use person-first language when referring to persons with disabilities. For example, use “a woman who is blind,” rather than “a blind woman.” Use inclusive language. For example, use a statement like “Please rise in body or in spirit” rather than “Please rise”.	6. The Council will model the person first language. (The Disability Concerns Task Force is a resource).
7. Encourage the nominating committee and COR to seek out persons with disabilities for leadership positions in Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.	7. The Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk will include this as part of their committee resourcing.
8. Encourage inclusion of people with disabilities in worship leadership.	8. The Moderator and worship planners will seek out participants with the help of pastors.

Bebe Baldwin and members of the Disabilities Task Force presented the new proposed Policy for the Presbytery, with the word *require* in statement number 5 changed to *urge*. Presbytery **VOTED TO AMEND**, by a counted vote of 33-32, the proposed policy by changing *urge* back to *require*.

Presbytery **VOTED TO AMEND** the proposed policy by striking out the word *signers* and inserting *sign language interpreters*, and striking out *signing* and inserting *sign language interpreting*. Presbytery **VOTED TO ADOPT** the PTCA Disability Policy as amended.

**SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE: Karen Kennerly**

Karen appealed on behalf of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering, as it is a major source of funds for the Self Development program.

**Final Report of the Stated Clerk, Nancy Grittman**

The Presbytery attendance was reported as follows:

Category	Present	Not Present	Total
Ministers	81	197	278
Commissioned Lay Pastors	1	2	3
Elder Commissioners Elected by Sessions	76	110	186
Elder Members of Presbytery	7	0	10
Elder Observers	3	--	--
Candidates and Inquirers	3	30	33
Corresponding Members	2	--	--
Visitors	9	--	--
Total	182	--	--
Churches	40	29	69

Child Care Reimbursement \$ 0  
 Mileage Expense: \$ 16.80  
 Unsold Meals Expense: \$ 49.00  
 \$ 65.80

Presbytery **VOTED TO ADJOURN** at 3:35 p.m. Vince Gin offered the closing prayer and benediction.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be at 4:00 p.m., May 10, 2011, at Peace Presbyterian Church, 7624 South Cedar Lake Road, Saint Louis Park, Minnesota.

Nancy E. Grittman  
 Stated Clerk

Approved

APPENDIX A

**THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA**

Investigating Committee, )  
PTCA

Complainant )

v. )

Erwin C. Barron, )

Respondent )

**ORDERS**

Disciplinary Case

This case was referred to the Permanent Judicial Commission by the Investigating Committee that was duly appointed by the Presbytery on October 29, 2009, in response to a complaint received about the actions of The Rev. Dr. Erwin C. Barron. The report of the Investigating Committee was submitted to the Permanent Judicial Commission on June 7, 2010.

*a. History*

The Permanent Judicial Commission finds that it has jurisdiction, that the Complainant has standing to file the case, that the case was properly and timely filed, and that the Complainant states a claim upon which relief can be granted (D-6.0305).

According to the brief submitted by the Rev. Barron's attorney, the following constitute the essential, agreed-upon facts:

On September 27, 2008, Rev. Barron married his partner, Roland Abellano in San Francisco, California. Rev. Barron's marriage was performed in accordance with, and authorized by, California law. California law specifically authorizes and empowers a "minister . . . of any religious denomination" to solemnize civil marriages for the State of California (Cal. Fam. Code §400(a)), and, consistent with California law, Rev. Barron's marriage was solemnized by a PCUSA minister at the Old First Church in San Francisco.

*b. Findings of the Investigating Committee*

The Investigating Committee found that there was probable cause that Erwin C. Barron had violated the book of order and, therefore, charged the Rev. Barron with the following offense:

On September 27, 2008, you, ERWIN C. BARRON, did marry another man which is contrary to the Constitution of the PC(USA).

**c. Recommendations of the Investigating Committee**

The Investigating Committee recommended the following:

Temporary exclusion from office until either the civil marriage of two persons of the same sex is recognized by the PC(USA) or the civil marriage between Rev. Barron and Mr. Abellano is dissolved.

**d. Orders**

At its meeting on February 28, 2011, the Permanent Judicial Commission failed to approve the following motion:

On September 27, 2008 Erwin C. Barron did marry another man which is contrary to the Constitution of the PC(USA).

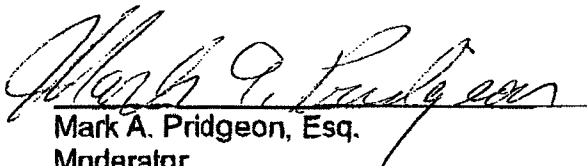
The PJC voted on the charges as submitted:  
In favor of convicting Rev. Barron of the charges – 3  
In favor of acquitting Rev. Barron of the charges – 3


Therefore Rev. Barron is acquitted.

The PPJC used as its primary authorities in deciding this issue G.6.0106b and W.4900 from the Book of Order and previous decisions by the PJC of the General Assembly (Benton, Spahr, and Southard). However, there was not agreement among the members of the PJC about the appropriate interpretations and applications of those authorities.

It is the opinion of all the PJC members that the guidance of the Book of Order on the issue of same-sex civil marriage is unclear. We believe that the church is in need of more definitive direction on this topic.

The PJC instructs the stated clerk to report on the proceedings of the trial at the next regular stated meeting, and to spread the entire Orders and Decision upon the minutes of that meeting.

  
Mark A. Pridgeon, Esq.  
Moderator  
Permanent Judicial Commission  
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

  
The Rev. Margaret Newswanger  
Clerk  
Permanent Judicial Commission  
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

## APPENDIX B

### **PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

The Administrative Commission elected to shepherd the Session and Congregation of the Warrendale Presbyterian Church, as they proceed toward closing their ministry at 1040 Como Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, shall be empowered by the Presbytery to:

- Make all decisions concerning the sale of the property at 1040 Como Avenue
- Make sure that deed(s) are properly transferred and registered with the County Registrar of Deeds, and proof of such transfer to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery
- Oversee distribution of all financial assets resulting from sale to proper recipients as approved by Presbytery
- Oversee the disposition of all the contents of the building belonging to the Warrendale Congregation, including all furnishings, art objects, literature and/or technology equipment
- Gather all membership records, financial records, other data pertaining to the congregation
- Ensure the transfer of the Minutes of Sessions and Congregational Meetings to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery
- Oversee the transfer of membership of the current members of the congregation to a church of their choice, or to the Presbytery
- Close up all financial accounts, auditing the records, and transfer them to the Presbytery office
- Oversee the dissolution of the Corporation; ensure the proper recording of same with the State of Minnesota
- Check for any outstanding legal or financial obligations which may be pending
- Oversee cancelling of any insurance policies after ascertaining that the property of completely and finally transferred to purchaser
- Arrange and plan for a service of celebration of the life of the Warrendale Presbyterian Church
- Any additional items that may come to the attention of the Administrative Commission during the process of closure
- Prepare final report to present to Presbytery at the May 10, 2011, meeting