

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
REGULAR STATED MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2011
PRESBYTERIAN HOMES, BOUTWELLS LANDING, OAK PARK HEIGHTS, MN**

Our Vision: “We fearlessly follow the Holy Spirit into a Changing World.”

Our Guidelines:

- *Worship God in Christ, and recognize each other’s humanity*
- *Consistently acknowledge, confess, lament and celebrate*
- *Nurture relationships and risk trust*

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area met in regular stated meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Town Hall meeting room of Presbyterian Homes, Boutwells Landing 5600 Norwich Parkway, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota, 55082. The meeting was preceded, at 3:00 p.m., by a session for orientation for Ruling and Teaching Elders attending for the first time, presented by Stated Clerk, Nancy Gritman. Registration and fellowship began at 3:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., The Rev. Cindy Ray, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer. The Rev. Larry Forsberg led the unison reading of scripture, John 21:15-19, followed by singing the Taize hymn, “Raise A Song of Gladness”.

The roll was formed by the stated clerk from the registration forms; a quorum was declared, there being three teaching elders, and three ruling elders from three different churches present.

PRESBYTERY ROLL

TEACHING ELDERS

	John W. Ackerman (HR)
	Larry Alderink (HR)
	Brenda K. Alexander
	Todd R. Allen
	Roger R. Anderson (HR)
X	Stephanie Anthony
	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)
	James B. Brasel (HR)
	John N. Bratt (HR)
	Robert Brightman (HR)
X	Bruce Brooks
	David R. Bruneau (HR)
	Richard D. Buller
	John W. Butt (HR)
	John R. Buzza (HR)
	Kenneth B. Byerly (HR)
X	April M. Davis Campbell
	Paul E. Capetz
	Edna Mae Carlson (HR)
X	Julia A. Carlson

	J. Scott Cartwright
X	William R. Chadwick
	Dwight Chamberlain (HR)
	Carl A. Christensen (HR)
	Julia O. Christensen
	Walter Chuquimia
	Brent B. Coffin
X	David D Colby
X	Katherine Estes Collins
	James Cook (HR)
X	Calvin L. Cooper (HR)
	Neil Craigan
	Donald E. Crannell (HR)
	Karin Craven
	John F. Crosby
	Anita M. Cummings (HR)
X	John H. G. Curtiss
	Robert T. Cuthill (HR)
	Jean Daugherty (HR)
	Richard A. Davis
	William Davnie
	William Day
	Deborah S. DeMeester
	Robert W. Dickson (HR)
	Calvin W. Didier (HR)
	Kristen C. DiNardo
	Mary Carolyn Dorfman (HR)

	Richard G. Douse (HR)
	Denise Dunbar-Perkins
X	Gary L. Elg
X	James G. Ellison (HR)
	Leah D. Elrod
	Bruce D. Ervin
	Thomas Ewald
	Roger D. Ezell (HR)
	C. Ray Fenton (HR)
	Rebecca Fletcher
	Lucy A. Forster-Smith
X	Thomas W. Forster-Smith
	Herbert Frey
	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)
X	Sandra S. Gray (HR)
	Jean E. Greenwood
	O. Carl Grosse
X	Sheila C. Gustafson (HR)
X	Robert W. Hamilton
X	Donald A. Hanna
X	Gary L. Hanson
	F. Nile Harper (HR)
	Robert F. Hart (HR)
	Elizabeth Hart-Andersen
	Timothy D. Hart-Andersen
	LeRoy Haynes (HR)
	Richard H. Headen (HR)
	Marion E. Hedberg (HR)
X	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	T. Ewen Holmes
	Kristine M. Holmgren (HR)
	David H. Hopper (HR)
	Robert K. Hudnut (HR)
X	Dayton D. Hultgren (HR)
X	Suzan K. Ireland
	R. Alan James (HR)
	Vaughn R. Jefferson, Jr.
	Bernard E. Johnson (HR)
	Daniel W. Johnson (HR)
	Matthew Johnson

	Paul M. Johnson
	Timothy M. Johnson
	Michael Ngeru Kamau
	Barbara Anne Keely
X	Karen Kennerly (HR)
	Deborah E. Kielsmeier
	Jin S. Kim
	Joo Kim
	Judith A. Kim (HR)
	Stanley S. Kim
	Douglas W. King (HR)
	Kim Smith King
	Kenneth L. Kleidon (HR)
	C. Richard Knowles (HR)
	Stephen B. Knudson
	Robert A. Koenig (HR)
	Amy E. Kosari
X	Newell D. Krogmann (HR)
	Theresa Latini
	Grace Lee
X	Joann Lee
	John Lee
	Jong Hyeong Lee
X	Mark Lee
X	Mary J. Leisman (HR)
	David P. Lenz
	Harry J. Lichy, Jr. (HR)
	David M. Liddle (HR)
	JoonHyuk Lim
X	Andrew M. Lindahl
	John T. Lindquist
	Deborah D. Lind-Schmitz
	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)
X	Kathleen D. Macosko
X	David M. Maghakian
X	Harry H. Maghakian (HR)
	Max R. Maguire (HR)
	Robert C. Malcolm (HR)
	Julie A. Mall
	Elisabeth Jane Marlow
X	L. Edwin Martin (HR)
	Paul E. Martin
	Stanley Martin
	Susan J. Marvin
X	Richard P. Massaro (HR)
	Margaret M. McCray
X	Harry Kenneth McCullen
X	Joan I. McKenzie
	Mary B. McMillan (HR)
X	Mary McNamara
	Linda M. Mell (HR)

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

	John H. Sinclair (HR)
	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. Strohbahn (HR)
	Annika Lister Stroope
	Charles A. Talcott
	Helen Jo Taliaferro
	H. Allan Talley (HR)
	Jack M. Terry (HR)
X	Margaret J. Thomas (HR)
	Byron T. Thompson (HR)
	L. Douglas Throckmorton (HR)
	George K. Tjaden (HR)
	Townsend-Anderson, Richard
	Paul C. Truran (HR)
	Paul B.K. Tshihamba
	Umo Udo
X	David Van Dyke
	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
X	Zachary O. Wilson
	Aron W. Wilterding (HR)
	Peter T. Wyckoff (HR)
	William C. Yeager (HR)
	Byung Chun Yoo (HR)
	James York
X	J. William Young
	Medhat Yoakiem
	COMM. LAY PASTORS
	Lowell Busman
	Simon Tot Dhol
	Mauro Souza

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RULING ELDERS

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)
Knox (2)

Margaret Blue
Steve Hull, Phil Park

Priscilla Pearson, Rod Myers
Han Lee, Josh Lee, Chung Kim
Pat Antos, Ron Grittman
Estella Banham, Kathryn Breitbarth

Louise Woodberry
Tom Lennon

Marian Michael, Janet Triplett

Karen Altpeter, Ann Lewis

Phyllis Smith, Doug Hall
Tom Aitchison, Maggie Wooley
Bill Kase

Pat Hasse, Carol Anderson

Suzanne Snyder

Jane Mayer

Norm Petrik, Sue Goodspeed

Kitty Martin

Ruth Jones

Jerry Ganfield

Walter Christison, John Zabel
Judy Maul, Doyle Ruble

Bette Buelow, Kathy Van Schooten, Lois Swanson, Sharon Lawger

Elizabeth Remfert

Jan Hubbell, Ann Bursch

Robert Volk, Cathy Murphy

Barbara Lutter
Janet Engeswick, Nancy Gilger

Lois Rhoades
Brian Manwarren, Sheila Mayer

Macalester Plymouth (4)
Randolph Heights (2)
The House of Hope (6)
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)

Nancy Colby

Ward Sessing
Mary Ann Cheyne, Lois Glewwe, Ruth Krueger
Jeffrey Foels, Jean Emmons
Karen Larson
Janet Youel
Barb Freeman, Tim Sinks

ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Gordon Doscher, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN
Karen Gasche, Westminster, Minneapolis, MN
Vincent Gin, First, Hudson, WI
Nancy Grittmann, Stated Clerk, Buffalo Presbyterian, Buffalo, MN
John Ivers, Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN
Walter Rockenstein, Westminster, Minneapolis, MN
Margaret Taylor, Stadium Village, MN

ELDER OBSERVERS

Judy Behler, First, Stillwater, MN
Gerry Dahlquist, North, North St. Paul, MN
June Dahlquist, North, North St. Paul, MN
Michael Hawley, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN
Sandra Hawley, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN
Lynne Kubista, St. Luke, Wayzata, MN
Wayne Leisman, North, North St. Paul, MN
Marjory Maier, Peace, St. Louis Park, MN
Sehyun Nam, KPCM, Brooklyn Center, MN
James Payne, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN
Susan Payne, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN
Barb Van Loenen, First, Hudson, MN

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS

Barbara England, Peace, St. Louis Park, MN
Faith Kelly, First, Red Wing, MN
Melanie Kim, Plymouth, Plymouth, MN

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Raymond C. Kruger, Prospect Hill, IA
Megan Remtema, Whitewater Valley, Indianapolis, IN
Sung Joo Park, Atlantic Korean American Presbytery

VISITORS/OBSERVERS

Risa Anderson, Presbytery Staff
Mary Ann Archer, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Burr Behler, First, Stillwater, MN
Jae Cho, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN

Kae Ellison, First, Pine City, MN
Bill Finh, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Jennifer Huehns, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Mary Japs, North, North St. Paul, MN
K. C. Kye, CAN, Columbia Heights, MN
Betty Long, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Gary Long, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Shelley Lyksett, First, Hudson, WI
Dave Nybert, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Val Owens, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN
Martha Rockenstein, POINT
Dennis Sanders, Presbytery Staff
Joanne Shingledecker, Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes, MN

Ruling and Teaching Elders, attending for the first time, were introduced. The following corresponding members were seated:

Raymond Kruger, Prospect Hill Presbytery
Sung Joo Park, Atlantic Korean American Presbytery
Megan Smith Remtema, Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Jean Greener, Presbyterian Homes and Services Director of Church and Community Relations, and elder at Hope Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Presbyters.

The docket was approved as amended. The minutes of the Regular Stated Meeting of September 13, 2011, were approved as posted.

The first Proclamation was presented by Elder Marian Michael, Presbytery Council.

The unison prayer of confession and the Assurance of Pardon were followed by the Passing of The Peace of Christ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVOCATES FOR INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY: Sandra Gray, Co-chair

Sandra gave an oral report from the Advocates for Integrity in Ministry committee.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL: Vince Gin, Council Chair

Elder Vince Gin, Council Chair, presented the report. Council **RECOMMENDS TO PRESBYTERY** the following Bylaws revision, to conform with the Book of Order Form of Government. The proposed revision had a first reading in September .

ARTICLE V, MEETINGS, paragraph 2

Special meetings may be called ~~in accordance with the Book of Order, Form of Government G—11.0201~~ *by the moderator, at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches. Should the moderator be unable to act, the stated clerk shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both moderator and*

stated clerk are unable to act, any three teaching elders and three ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting. The synod may direct the presbytery to convene a special meeting for the transaction of designated business. Notice of a special meeting shall be sent not less than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting, and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE.**

Council **RECOMMENDS TO PRESBYTERY TO ELECT** The Rev. David Maghakian and The Rev. Stephen Knudson to three-year terms on the Nominating Committee. Presbytery **VOTED TO ELECT.**

BUDGET TASK FORCE: Barbara Van Loenen

Barbara presented the proposal to increase per capita for the Presbytery from \$19.06 to \$20.00. The total per capita assessment for 2012 will then be \$31.63 per active member, when including the Synod of Lakes and Prairies portion of \$5.00, and General Assembly portion of \$6.63.

The Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the increased per capita assessment, Presbytery portion.

The Task Force recommended total budget for 2012 is \$1,146,976.00.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE THE 2012 BUDGET OF \$1,146,976.**

The Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the mission apportionment between the three Councils (GA, SLAP, PTCA) as follows:

General Assembly	17%
Synod of Lakes and Prairies	17%
Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area	66%.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM: Walter Rockenstein, John Ivers

The Board of Trustees and Church Development Team placed the following motions before the Presbytery regarding the Property Purchase for Chain of Lakes New Church Development, Blaine, Minnesota. Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE ALL MOTIONS**; the votes, taken by voice vote, was approved without any opposing votes.

1. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area (PTCA) approves the purchase of the western, approximate 8.9 acre portion of Outlot A, The Lakes of Radisson Fortieth Addition, Anoka County, Minnesota (the "Property"), from Meridian Land Holdings, LLC, for a purchase price of \$550,000.
2. The Presbytery establishes a budget of \$625,000 for the Property's purchase to be funded by committing from Presbytery funds:

- a. All proceeds from the Warrendale church property sale previously committed to New Church Development (approximately \$117,000);
 - b. All proceeds from the Waverly church property sale previously committed to New Church Development (approximately \$109,000);
 - c. \$130,000 from the Presbytery Capital Fund;
 - d. The proceeds from a loan to be requested from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies for the maximum amount allowed for purchase of a new church development site (approximately \$247,500); and
 - e. The proceeds of a loan to be requested from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to cover the balance of the Property's acquisition costs (approximately \$21,500).
3. The Presbytery appoints a Property Purchase Task Force to oversee the purchase process. The task force will consist of eight members: from the Chain of Lakes Church Development Task Force (Kevin Amundsen, Mary Ann Archer, Ken McCullum, John Ivers); from the Board of Trustees (Barbara Fan Loenen, Walter Rockenstein); from the Church Development Team (Newell Krogmann, James Payne). Presbytery authorizes the Task Force to negotiate a purchase agreement with Meridian Land Holdings, LLC, to undertake all actions necessary to fulfill the Purchase Agreement's terms, to determine whether any contingencies in the Purchase Agreement have been met, to withdraw from the purchase if the contingencies are not met, to close the purchase transaction if they are met, to obtain and expend all funds committed by the Presbytery to this transaction, and to take any other actions necessary to complete the purchase transaction.
 4. The Presbytery elects the above-named persons (see no. 3) to the Property Task Force.
 5. The Presbytery authorizes the Executive Presbyter, the stated Clerk, and the Treasurer to undertake those actions, sign those documents (including the Purchase Agreement, loan documents, and closing documents), and expend funds as directed by the Property Purchase Task Force to withdraw from or close the purchase transaction.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Betty Raitt

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

5/14=3 **John Curtiss**, teaching elder, Plainview, Community

5/14=3 **Jamie Schultz**, teaching elder, Minneapolis, Bryn Mawr

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE COMMITTEE

Chair 12/12 **Karen Kennerly**

12/14=6 **Karen Kennerly**, teaching elder, HR

12/14=3

12/14=3

CLEARWATER FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

12/14=3 **Bill Chadwick**, teaching elder, Bloomington, Oak Grove

Presbytery **VOTED TO ELECT** the above committee members and director.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Bill Livingston, Co-chair

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 - 10)

1. **Request to be Designated Honorably Retired: Reverend Mary E. McNamara**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Mary E. McNamara to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of December 31, 2011.
2. **Request to be Designated Honorably Retired: Reverend Janet B. Shannon**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that the request of the Reverend Janet B. Shannon to be designated "Honorably Retired" be granted as of December 31, 2011.

Retirees Rev. Mary McNamara and Rev. Janet Shannon were honored.

3. **Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationships with the Reverend JoAnn Phenow and the Reverend Peggy Good**
 - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Christ Presbyterian, Church, Edina, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend JoAnn Phenow and Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN, be continued for another year, with remuneration effective from October 23, 2011, to October 22, 2012.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Christ Presbyterian, Church, Edina, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Peggy Good and Christ Presbyterian Church, Edina, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from October 23, 2011, to October 22, 2012.
4. **Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN: Renewal of Parish Associate Relationships with the Reverend James Cook, the Reverend William Davnie, the Reverend Kathryn Smith and the Reverend Aron Wilterding**
 - a. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Valley Community Presbyterian, Church, Golden Valley, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend James Cook and Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from November 1, 2011, to October 31, 2012.
 - b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Valley Community Presbyterian, Church, Golden Valley, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend William Davnie and Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from November 1, 2011, to October 31, 2012.
 - c. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Valley Community Presbyterian, Church, Golden Valley, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Kathryn Smith and Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from November 1, 2011, to October 31, 2012.

- d. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, at the invitation of the session of Valley Community Presbyterian, Church, Golden Valley, MN, the parish associate relationship between the Reverend Aron Wilterding and Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN, be continued for another year, without remuneration effective from November 1, 2011, to October 31, 2012.
5. **Stadium Village Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Reappointment of Half-time Stated Supply, Reverend Kathleen Macosko**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the session of Stadium Village Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN, the Reverend Kathleen Macosko be reappointed to a one-year term as half-time stated supply pastor, from September 1, 2011, to August 31, 2012, with no changes in the terms of contract.
6. **Appointment of Moderator for Vacant Church: First Presbyterian Church, Howard Lake, MN**
To **recommend** that the Presbytery concur with the appointment of the Reverend Margaret Newswanger as moderator of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Howard Lake, MN, effective September 20, 2011.
7. **First Presbyterian Church, Howard Lake, MN: Session Requests that Ruling Elders Reta Blanchette and Betty Workman be Granted Permission to take Communion to Shut-ins**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that Ruling Elders Betty Workman and Reta Blanchette be granted permission to take Communion to shut-ins during October and November 2011 while they are searching for a temporary pastor.
8. **Grace-Trinity Community Church, Minneapolis, MN and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN: Propose Joint New Ministry in Uptown**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that the proposal from Grace-Trinity Community Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church, both in Minneapolis, MN, to explore a new ministry together in the Uptown area be approved.
9. **Termination of Parish Associate upon Dissolution of Pastorate: Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN**
To **recommend** to Presbytery that the parish associate relationship currently existing between the Reverend Anita Cummings and Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, be dissolved effective October 31, 2011, because of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Todd Allen and Presbyterian Church of the Way.
10. **Appointment of Moderator for Vacant Church: Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN**
To **recommend** that the Presbytery concur with the appointment of the Reverend Dan Graham as moderator of the session of Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, effective November 1, 2011.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the consent agenda after the removal item 8, which was changed to a report.

REGULAR AGENDA (Items 11 - 13)

11. Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN: Terms of Call for Pastor: Reverend Sung-Joo Park

(See Appendix 1, page 9)

- a. To **recommend** to the Presbytery that it concur with the judgment of the Pastor Nominating Committee of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, that the Reverend Sung-Joo Park is suitable for the position of pastor.
- b. To **recommend** to Presbytery that it concur with the Committee on Ministry's examination (G-2.0503) of the Reverend Sung-Joo Park "on his Christian faith and views in theology, the sacraments, and the government of this church."
- c. To **report** to Presbytery that the position was widely advertised:
18 PIF forms were received, 18 from racial persons;
70 persons were heard to preach on DVDs;
2 persons were interviewed;
and that 2 persons were offered the position; 1 accepted.
- d. To **report** to Presbytery that the Pastor Nominating Committee of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, has implemented its search process in conformance with the provisions of Equal Employment Opportunity for teaching elders and has considered candidates without regard to, gender, age, disability, or marital status.
- e. To **recommend** to Presbytery that, with the concurrence of the congregation action on August 14, 2011, the call of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, to the Reverend Sung Joo Park as full-time pastor be approved effective November 9, 2011, according to the following terms:

Salary & Housing	\$65,000 (includes housing/utility allowance of \$20,000)
Medical/Dental Suppl.	Yes, vouchered up to \$2,000
Soc. Sec. Offset	Yes
Automobile Allowance	IRS rate, vouchered up to \$ 4,000
Cont. Ed. Allowance	\$1,200 per year, cumulative over three years to \$3,600
Other Prof. Expenses	\$2,500, vouchered
Cont. Ed. Leave	Two weeks per year, cumulative over 3 years to 6 weeks
Vacation	One month
Pension	Full
Moving Expense	Yes, vouchered up to \$ 10,000
Sabbatical	Yes
	Length of leave 3 months;
	Years of service required: 6 years;

Session approval of dates and plan required

AND

that, upon receipt of his credentials, the Reverend Sung-Joo Park be enrolled as an active member of presbytery,

AND

that the Reverend Sung-Joo Park be appointed moderator of the session of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, effective November 9, 2011.

- f. To **note** that the background check has been successfully completed.
- g. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Jong Lee will complete his service as moderator of the session of Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN, effective November 8, 2011.

AND

To **thank** the moderator for his service to the presbytery.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the membership of The Rev. Sung-Joo Park of Atlantic Korean American Presbytery, to serve Korean Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn Center as pastor, and to approve the Terms of Call as presented.

12. Transfer of Ecclesiastical Membership: Reverend Raymond B. Kruger from Presbytery of Prospect Hill

(See Appendix 2, page 11)

Subject to the successful completion of the background check:

1. To recommend to Presbytery that it concur with the Committee on Ministry's examination (G-3.0306) of the Reverend Raymond B. Kruger on his "Christian faith and views in theology, the sacraments, and the government of this church."
2. To recommend to Presbytery that it request the Presbytery of Prospect Hill to dismiss the Reverend Raymond B. Kruger to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area,
AND
that, upon receipt of his credentials, the Reverend Raymond B. Kruger be enrolled as an honorably retired member of the presbytery.
3. To report to Presbytery that upon completion of the Boundaries Training, Level 1, the Reverend Raymond B. Kruger be approved for the 2011 Pulpit Supply List.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the membership of The Rev. Raymond B. Kruger, Honorably Retired, from Prospect Hill Presbytery.

13. Transfer of Ecclesiastical Membership and Validation of Ministry: Reverend Megan Smith Remtema

(See Appendix 3, page 13)

Subject to the successful completion of the background check:

- a. To recommend to Presbytery that it concur with the Committee on Ministry's examination (G-3.0306) of the Reverend Megan Smith Remtema on her "Christian faith and views in theology, the sacraments, and the government of this church."
- b. To recommend to Presbytery that, under the provisions of G-2.0503a, it validate as a ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church the position of Chaplain at Bethesda Hospital of the HealthEast Healthcare System, St' Paul, MN, for the Reverend Megan Smith Remtema. Such service does comply, without exception, with the criteria enumerated in G-2.0503a for active membership in presbytery. It should be noted that the Form of Government requires that "such permission shall be subject to review and renewal annually."
- c. To recommend to Presbytery that, upon concurrence with "b" above, it request the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to dismiss the Reverend Megan Smith Remtema to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area,

AND

that, upon receipt of her credentials, the Reverend Megan Smith Remtema be enrolled as an active member of presbytery.
4. To recommend to Presbytery that, under the provision of W-2.3011 and W-2.4012b, the Reverend Megan Smith Remtema be authorized to administer the Sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper in her position as Chaplain at Bethesda Hospital of the HealthEast Healthcare System, St. Paul, MN.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the membership of The Rev. Megan Remtema, from Whitewater Valley Presbytery, to serve the validated position of Chaplain at Bethesda Hospital of the HealthEast Healthcare System, St. Paul, MN.

REPORTS (Items 14-20)

14. First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN: Renewal of Terms of Contract for Interim Pastor: Zachary O. Wilson

To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred with the action of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN, to continue the full-time interim pastor relationship between the Reverend Zachary O. Wilson and First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN, for the period August 1, 2011, to July 31, 2012, according to the following terms of contract:

Cash Salary	\$ 45,000
Housing/Utility Allow.	\$ 25,000
Medical/Dental Suppl.	\$1,217

Social Security Offset	Yes
Cont. Ed. Allowance	\$1,500 per year
Cont. Ed. Leave	Two weeks per year
Vacation	One month annually, plus one additional Sunday off per quarter
Auto Allowance IRS rate	up to \$2,000, vouchered
Professional Expenses	up to \$2,000, vouchered
Pension	Full

15. Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN: Terms of Contract for Interim Pastor: Rev. Teresa Roberts

- a. Subject to the successful completion of a background check.
- b. To **report** to Presbytery that the Committee on Ministry has concurred in the invitation of the session of Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, to the Reverend Teresa Roberts to serve as full-time interim pastor effective October 15, 2011 to October 14, 2012, according to the following terms of contract:

Salary/Housing Allowance	\$53,000
Vacation	One week per quarter for the first year for a total of four weeks per year
Cont. Ed. Allowance	\$1,200 per year, cumulative over 3 years
Cont. Ed. Leave	Two weeks per year, cumulative over 3 years
Professional Expenses	Up to \$ 200, Vouchered
Auto Allowance, IRS rate	Up to \$ 1,000, Vouchered
Pension	Full
Moving Expenses	To be decided

- c. To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Teresa Roberts has been appointed moderator of the session of Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, effective October 15, 2011,

AND

To **report** to Presbytery that the Reverend Robert Hamilton will complete his service as moderator of the session of Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN, effective October 14, 2011.

AND

to thank the Reverend Robert Hamilton for his service to the presbytery.

16. Administrative Commission for Installation: Reverend Stephen Robertson

To **report** to Presbytery that the following arrangements were approved for the installation of the Reverend Stephen Roberson as full-time associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Date: Oct. 23, 2011

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN

AND

that the following persons were appointed as members of the Administrative Commission:

Teaching Elders
John Sinclair, Honorably Retired,
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
Margaret Thomas, Honorably Retired,
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
Tim Hart-Anderson, Pastor
Westminster, Minneapolis, MN

Ruling Elders
Janice Dickinson, The House of Hope
Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN
Carol Frisch & Ken Huskins, Co-
moderators of Search committee,
Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Minneapolis, MN

AND

that the moderator of the Presbytery, the Reverend Cindy Ray, presided and propounded the Constitutional questions.

Note: to acknowledge that COM made an exception to the usual rule of allowing only one elder from a church to be on the administrative commission, because Carol Frisch and Ken Huskins were co-moderators of the search committee.

17. Administrative Commission for Installation: Reverend John H. G. Curtiss

To **report** to Presbytery that the following arrangements were approved for the installation of the Reverend John H. G. Curtiss as full-time pastor of Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, Minnesota.

Date: November 6, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Place: Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN

AND

that the following persons were appointed as members of the Administrative Commission:

Teaching Elders
Robert Hamilton, Pastor, First
Presbyterian Church, Claremont, MN
Jay Rowland, Assoc. Pastor, First
Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN

Ruling Elders
Sue Goodspeed, Lake Nokomis
Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis,
MN
Elizabeth Remfert, First Presbyterian
Church, Rochester, MN
Belinda Strain, Community Presbyterian
Church, Plainview, MN

AND

that the moderator-elect of the Presbytery, the Elder Barbara Lutter, presided and propounded the Constitutional questions,

18. Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN: Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship with the Reverend Todd Allen and Transfer to the Member-at-Large Roll

To **report** to Presbytery that, based upon the request of the Reverend Todd Allen and with the concurrence of the congregation of Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, at

its meeting on October 9, 2011, the full-time pastoral relationship between the Reverend Todd Allen and Presbyterian Church of the Way, Shoreview, MN, has been dissolved effective October 31, 2011,

AND

that the Reverend Todd Allen has been moved to the member-at-large roll of the presbytery.

19. Session Visitations Completed

To report to presbytery that session visitations have been held with

- First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine, MN, on June 29, 2011
- First Presbyterian Church, Hudson, WI, on July 19, 2011
- Valley Community Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN, on August 22, 2011
- Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN, on September 9, 2011
- First Presbyterian Church, Pine City, MN, on September 18, 2011
- First Presbyterian Church, South St. Paul, MN on September 22, 2011

20. Vacant Positions Report

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

Apple Valley, MN, **Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**, (Designated Pastor, 2/3 time)

Baldwin, WI, **First Presbyterian Church**, (Designated Pastor, 3/4 time)

Coon Rapids, MN, **Presbyterian Church of the Master**, (Pastor, Full-time)

Le Sueur, MN, **The Presbyterian Church of Le Sueur**, (Pastor, Half-time)

Minneapolis, MN, **Knox Presbyterian Church**, (Pastor, Full-time)

Appendix 1

Replies to Questions for Membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Reverend Sung-Joo Park

1. Please tell us briefly about yourself, including the date of your ordination and the name of the ordaining presbytery.

I am a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament. I was ordained June 5, 1994 through the Presbytery of New York City. I received my M. Div. from Princeton theological Seminary in 1992. I started as an NCD pastor and later became the head of staff at Hanbit Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA from 1996 till 2002. I joined US Air Force as an active duty chaplain and served for 5 years from 2002 to 2006. While serving as a chaplain, I received a call from the current church I am serving today as a solo pastor. I am also currently pursuing Doctor of Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA.

2. How have your understandings grown since ordination with respect to your theology and practice of ministry?

Over the years, as I am engaged in ministry, the more I discovered the depth of challenges and the difficulties of the ministry that has enabled me to grow in ways I couldn't have imagined. I am grateful for experiences of my past ministry and growth and looking forward to greater challenges in the future. Listening to the voice of God through the Scripture (exegetical process), making the Word of God applicable to our context (hermeneutic process), and delivering the Word of God in easy & simple human language to people various background has not been an easy task for me. Yet, over the years I have come to greater conviction that the Word of God, the gospel has the power to change people's lives. My theology and ministry is therefore Christ and Bible centered. Through the course of my ministry, I realized the importance of God's love through Christ and Biblical message of Good News as vital transforming power for all those who are spiritually hungry and are seeking meaning in their lives.

3. Tell us something about your spiritual journey—how you've grown in your relationship with Christ and your life in the Spirit—and how that relates to your call.

I had a conversion experience as a college student in Korea. It was during the process of reading the Bible every day. One day, all of a sudden, I had an extraordinary experience which I could not have imagined. While I was reading the Scripture, suddenly I felt that my eyes were opening in depth. At that moment, I was able to somehow believe that God created the world, that God loved me, that I was a sinner, and that through Jesus' death on the cross God saved me. It's very difficult to explain this experience since I was very secular at the time, yet, ever since I had that experience, my life changed – faith, values, pattern of life, etc. I became a faithful Christian who immersed in the life of faith community and committed by life in and through the community to serve and follow Jesus Christ. During this time of early faith development, I was engaged with the various opportunities for ministry. It was also then that people around me started to suggest that I consider being called to be a minister, so I started to seriously pray to discern what God wants me to do. One day, while I was doing personal devotion, I felt led by God to do the ministry through Scripture and ultimately leading me the way to the become minister of the Word and Sacrament.

4. Please respond to the question below that most nearly fits your reason for seeking membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. (Respond to just one of the following: a., b., c. or d.)

a. How do you view your theological, spiritual and leadership compatibility with the congregation to which you are, or anticipate, being called to serve?

I received number of calls from churches with large congregation in their sizes (500-1,000 in membership). Yet, I was either not ready to return to Korean-American ministry from chaplaincy in the USAF, or didn't want to leave my current congregation just because of the size. However meaningful my current call in the church I serve, I realized that what I can contribute using my gifts to the Korean-American community was limited. I prayed to God and asked to give me an opportunity to move on to the next stage through which I can be more effectively used in God's hand as an instrument. Also, I prayed that if God doesn't give me such an opportunity, I'd obey to God's will and stay where I'm doing in my ministry and just be faithful to God's call. I believe this call is an answer to my prayer and God is giving me an opportunity to broaden the realm of my ministry.

5. What, in your view, are some of the theological challenges facing the church/presbytery today, and how would you respond to those challenges?

In my view, PCUSA is going through a critical transition – changing its constitution and ordination standards, etc. While the church was consuming on non-essential issues for the church (at least from my viewpoint), PCUSA was decreasing in its membership. What I believe is that the church must turn to the original and the utmost important call by Jesus Christ, the Great Commission to reach out the unreached, and share the good news of God's love that was revealed in Jesus Christ.

6. How would you like to serve/be served by the presbytery?

I was actively involved in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as a member of COM, Exam Commission, NCD Commission, Presbytery Capital Fund-Raising Team, etc. Also, currently, I'm serving as a vice moderator in AKAP. I'd like to serve the Presbytery if opportunities are given to me.

7. Can you continue to affirm the Constitutional Questions asked of you at ordination (W-4.4003 a. – I (3).)?

Yes.

Appendix 2

Replies to Questions for Membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Reverend Raymond B. Kruger

1. Please tell us briefly about yourself, including the date of your ordination and the name of the ordaining presbytery.

Presbytery of Membership: Prospect Hill Presbytery

I am Raymond B. Kruger, better known and identified as Ray Kruger. I was born and reared in central Iowa, am a graduate of Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. While in seminary I was a Student Supply for four years at two churches in Northeast Iowa.

After graduation from Seminary I accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Parker, South Dakota and was ordained and installed there by the Sioux Falls Presbytery in June of 1960. We served there until 1965.

My other terms of service have been:

First Presbyterian Church, Sibley, IA 1965 – 1976

First Presbyterian Church, Shakopee, MN 1976 – 1990

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cherokee, IA 1990 – 2001

(formal retirement)

In January 2011 we moved to Shakopee in preparation for my wife's kidney transplant, which occurred in the latter part of March.

2. How have your understandings grown since ordination with respect to your theology and practice of ministry?

In the years since ordination I have realized many wonderful things. Two that have given me great peace: a) That I have been called to be faithful to my redemption in Christ and to the great Call to Ministry. It is up to God to give the "increase". b) That I can't fix everything. I need to refer, which I wisely learned and did in years that I served. As a result I became more pastoral, patient and outreaching to people, whatever the circumstance or situation.

3. Tell us something about your spiritual journey – how you have grown in your relationship with Christ and your life in the Spirit – and how it relates to your call.

You'll note I partially touched on that in the above. My relationship with Christ and the Holy Spirit has over the years become more surrendering and less manipulative. This has come through various spiritual disciplines, one of being tried by fire: numerous family health issues, as well as facing some very tough ministry moments along the way. It reminded me that I am called by God to be God's person wherever, whenever. As Paul put it in 1 Corinthians 9 – "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.... To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel,.... (vs. 9, 22, 23 RSV)

4. Please respond to the question below that most nearly fits your reason for seeking membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

c. In your retirement, do you feel God is calling you to continued service and ministry and, if, how?

Though retired I wish to be available in whatever service or ministry God may have for me. To the questions of feeling "called to further service", I can only answer that currently I feel called while I am capable. I currently feel somewhat hamstrung in that I have no outlets in areas I appreciate most; i.e. pulpit supply, moderator of churches without pastor, some crisis calling, possibly some light interim work, as well as serving on a committee that deals greatly with churches, pastors, or situations in their needs or in their joys. I especially appreciated the several terms I served on C.O.M. (or Ministerial Relations as in previous years).

5. What, in your view, are some of the theological challenges facing the church/presbytery today, and how would you respond to those challenges?

In my view among several issues I see as challenging:

- a). The disharmony and unrest in the life of our denomination. I would first respond in continuing sincere and searching prayer for God's Spirit of discernment, harmony and peace to intervene, and to strongly deal with the issues in a strong spirit of directional love; even though I might strongly disagree with someone's persuasion
- b). A serious and more definitive mentoring of those who are called to serve in the ministry of the church.

6. *How would you like to serve/be served by the presbytery?*

I have expressed this partially in Number 4 above. I would continue to see a need for being served in ways that would bring colleagues together, especially the retired and spouses, for informative/fellowship opportunities. An example was the recent Board of Pensions Seminar held recently at Presbyterian Homes in the Stillwater area.

7. *Can you continue to affirm the Constitutional Questions asked of you at ordination (W-4.4003 a. – i)?*

I affirm the Vows of Ministry I took at my ordination in 1960.

Appendix 3

Replies to Questions for Membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

The Reverend Megan Smith Remtema

1. *Please tell us briefly about yourself, including the date of your ordination and the name of the ordaining presbytery.*

Presbytery of Membership: Whitewater Valley

Born in Rochester, MN and baptized in the Presbyterian Church in 1985; it is safe to say I have always been Presbyterian. The church is where I learned to read and play music and gave me my first sense of 'home' outside of my nuclear family. After divorcing in 1991, both my parents remarried. My mother remarried the pastor of the church in which I grew up, my dad remarried a woman he met in a support group for recently divorced parents. From both their new marriages I gained 5 new step-siblings, ranging in age from 25 – 5. I have one biological sister who is three and a half years older than me.

In 1997 I moved to Indianapolis, IN with my mom, step-dad and sister. My step-dad took a challenging interim position at Northminster Presbyterian Church shortly after two members of the congregation murdered their pastor and his wife. Soon after our move, my mother enrolled in law school. It was a time of great transition but Northminster was also the place I first felt my call to ministry. I clearly remember sitting in worship at a Montreat Youth Retreat and wondering if someday I would be a leader in the church – of course at 16 it probably wasn't phrased exactly that way, but I realize now that God was calling me to ministry.

After High School I made the decision to return to Minnesota and attend St. Olaf College. Though I had some inkling I would attend seminary, I went into college with my eyes wide open – or so I thought. I had intentions of majoring in Political Science and French – international diplomacy sounded intriguing! After my first day in my first-year religion course on the Suffering God however, I walked directly to the registrar's office, declared a religion major, and never looked back. As college drew to a close, I considered volunteer programs, YAV, Lutheran Volunteer Corps, and seminary. In the end I chose to go directly to McCormick Seminary in Chicago. Seminary was a challenging and ultimately transformative time for me personally, spiritually and vocationally. I was personally challenged by the diversity at McCormick. Being in community with people of different cultures, generations and denominational backgrounds was difficult. Seminary is where I finally really learned about racism in this country. In August of 2008, immediately before beginning my second year of seminary, my step-dad died from multiple myeloma. My second year of seminary was overshadowed by grief – though I worked quite diligently to deny it. I was completely spiritually lost. My first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in the summer of 2009 was my first window into recognizing my grief and how it was shaping my ministry. I discovered a love for pastoral care and found that I fit in well in the hospital setting. I even enjoyed the group process!

As Seminary came to a close I knew I was not yet ready to take a call in a church – solo pastorate work in a small town did not appeal to me, and associate positions in even moderately sized cities were few and far between for a first ordained call. After being rejected by 4th Presbyterian Church in Chicago for a Lily Residency position, I turned back to Clinical Pastoral Education. I have no doubt that God was at work in this decision-making. A spot was still available in St. Paul – a city I could live in! I could openly live my life as a Twins fan! – and the interview process was wonderful. My CPE Residency challenged me to come to terms with my grief over the loss of my step-dad and enabled me to see both my gifts and growing edges in pastoral ministry. In March of 2011 the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley affirmed my call to pastoral ministry and ordained me to specialized ministry. At the end of my Residency I was asked

to return on a part-time, interim basis to Bethesda Hospital to assist in staff transition. I am currently engaged in patient care and will soon add a few development projects as the Spiritual Care Department creates a new vision for their future.

2. How have your understandings grown since ordination with respect to your theology and practice of ministry?

The most significant thing I have learned since my ordination is that my ministry is not my own. This is not to say that I do not take responsibility for my practice of ministry – I daily seek to hone my skills of pastoral care, preaching, teaching and administrating. I highly value continuing education and consider myself a life long learner. However, a large part of taking responsibility for my ministry is seeking to listen to where God is calling me to go. This occurs on a daily basis in pastoral visits and on a larger level as I consider how and where my ministry will be lived. Ultimately I see that my call is to serve God. My theology of the practice of ministry can be summed up as seeking first to listen, then to act.

3. Tell us something about your spiritual journey—how you've grown in your relationship with Christ and your life in the Spirit—and how that relates to your call.

My relationship with Christ and my life in the Spirit have grown and changed significantly in the past year. In my call as a hospital chaplain I am asked to be emotionally available to patients, families and staff. In my spiritual life I come to understand this as seeking to understand and accept, without judgment or expectation, where those I serve are emotionally, spiritually and physically. I draw my compassion for those with whom I work from Christ's compassion exhibited in the crucifixion. My relationship with Christ is grounded in the fact that in the moment of the crucifixion Christ understood all the pain, suffering and despair in my own life and also in the lives of others. I experience this as the unconditional, freely given love of God and I seek to be a conduit of that love to those whom I serve.

The spirit guides my life and work. Hospital chaplaincy is quite unpredictable – more than once I have been pondering a theological or emotional theme in my personal life only to see it clearly reflected in a patient visit. The spirit often gifts me with words or silence in pastoral visits. I am constantly challenged to proclaim the love of God in the hospital setting. It is important for me to remain grounded in my personal relationship with the Spirit and to listen to what Spirit is speaking to my life everyday.

4. Please respond to the question below that most nearly fits your reason for seeking membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. (Respond to just one of the following: a., b., c. or d.)

b. What do you see as the theological rationale for the validated ministry to which you are, or anticipate, being called to serve?

During my CPE residency I was tasked with writing a mission statement for my work as a healer in the hospital setting: My mission as a healer is to accept people for who they are without judgment or expectation, to work to understand their whole person, so that they might experience the unconditional love of God. I see this mission statement as my daily expression of the theology of grace. Christ calls us to visit the ill and be present with the suffering. I do this on a daily basis in my work as a hospital chaplain. As I journey with the patients and families I seek to show the unconditional grace of God. I remain humble in my work by being continually reminded that it is not anything I do that will cause others' to experience grace – ultimately that work is up to God. My work is to be one of many conduits of that grace. I see this ministry as exemplifying pastor, and interpreter of the mysteries of grace as defined in G – 2.0501. Communion is served both in the corporate setting and with individual patients and families. I seek to bring the church universal to those who are isolated and alone.

5. What, in your view, are some of the theological challenges facing the church/presbytery today, and how would you respond to those challenges?

I see two interrelated theological challenges facing the church/presbytery today. First, I believe that we as a church have to wrestle with what it would mean theologically to create non-geographic presbyteries. Can the body of Christ be separate yet equal? What does it mean to maintain unity among disagreement and difference? Why are we a 'connectional' church in the first place and how does that distinguish our denomination from others in this seemingly 'post-denominational' society.

Second, I believe the church needs to think theologically about what it means for us to live our faith publically. The role of the institutional church in society has changed significantly in the past 50 years – our 20th century mission in this country was to build schools and hospitals. What are our missions for the 21st century and beyond? How shall we interact with our brothers and sisters of other faith traditions and cultures? Do we see God and the church outside of our structural institution and what does it mean for us to interact with the communities in which we live?

Clearly I do not have the answers to these questions. Some of them are not even concretely answerable – discerning mission is a journey and not a destination. However, I hope to respond to these challenges by continuing to listen to God through our tradition and through the community in which I live and I intend not to ignore these challenges but to engage in them through discussion, through prayer and through relationship.

6. How would you like to serve/be served by the presbytery?

I would like to serve the presbytery through discussion, debate and devotion! I believe I would like to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and eventually on the Committee on Ministry. I would be happy to explore how I might fit into other committees and what opportunities for service are available. I believe I have developing gifts and skills in vision, crisis ministry and mediation. As a relative new comer to the Twin Cities, I am also interested in local mission and justice programs and am curious to discover what this presbytery is doing in its community. I would be happy to serve the presbytery in any of these capacities.

I hope to be served by the presbytery through relationship. I would love to be a part of a new pastors group – or really any peer group in which both my ministry and the ministries of others are supported. I hope to be encouraged to participate in continuing education – both as a learner and a teacher.

7. Can you continue to affirm the Constitutional Questions asked of you at ordination (W-4.4003 a. – i.)?

I can!

Ruling Elder Jean Greener offered the meal blessing, after giving the instructions for dinner.

Presbytery **RECESSED** for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Presbytery **RECONVENED** at 6:45 p.m.

Interlude music was provided by the Hannah Sacred Ensemble of Boutwells Landing.

The hymn “*The Servant Song*” was sung.

A proclamation was presented by Teaching Elder Don Genereux, followed by the Affirmation of Faith, special music, prayers of the people and the Lord’s Prayer.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Lisa Watson

REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY

Annual Consultations:

The committee held annual consultation with the following inquirers and candidates, who have filed their annual reports with the presbytery as required by the presbytery’s manual. The committee **VOTED** to continue them on the rolls:

NAME	STATUS	CHURCH NAME, CITY & STATE
Barbara England	Inquirer	Peace, St. Louis Park, MN
Dan Franklin	Inquirer	Westminster, Minneapolis, MN
Sara Hein	Candidate	Hope, Richfield, MN
Sarah Hooker	Candidate	Westminster, Minneapolis, MN
Simone Tyler	Inquirer	Kwanzaa, Minneapolis, MN
Steve Tyykila	Candidate	Knox, St. Paul, MN
Jermaine Ross	Inquirer	Church of all Nations, Columbia Heights, MN

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY

Enroll as a Candidate: Barbara England

Barbara England, 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, met with the session of Peace Presbyterian Church, St. Louis Park, 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 **Barbara England** be enrolled as a candidate for Teaching Elder and that the moderator ask her the questions specified in the Presbytery's policy.

Enroll as Candidate: Melanie Kim

Melanie Kim, 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, met with the session of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, 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 **Melanie Kim** be enrolled as a candidate for Teaching Elder and that the moderator ask her the questions specified in the Presbytery's policy.

Presbytery **VOTED TO ENROLL** Barbara England and Melanie Kim as Candidates.

ATTACHMENT A

Statement of Motivation

Barbara England

God is calling me to do many things in ministry and God's plan for me continually unfolds as I continue my faith journey. In preparing to attend seminary I was often asked to explain what type of ministry I planned to pursue and what gifts I would bring to that ministry. My response was, "I believe that my calling is to minister to victims of trauma, to help stop globalization and to seek justice for all of God's people. The gifts I bring to this ministry are compassion, intelligence and a firm belief that all of the experiences in my life have been leading up to this point." What I envisioned was breaking down political walls of oppression and ministering to people affected by natural or human-made disasters.

Since my call is to mission work I have determined that I will probably need to be a tent-maker. Before coming to seminary I did not think highly of the Apostle Paul but, after studying his life and work, I am happy to find myself following his example. There are not very many mission/social justice positions that pay enough money to support someone and I have grown accustomed to a certain life-style. My job as Interim Program Manager, for the Program in Christian Spirituality at SFTS, allows me to work with people who are discerning a call to be spiritual directors, plan retreats for preachers, to work on charity projects, volunteer for various non-profit organizations and preach at local churches.

I believe it is my call to reach individuals that do not belong to a regular church. On several occasions I have spoken with people that do not consider themselves to be a Christian because they do not attend church. In working with them I

have found that they are some of the best Christians I have ever met and that they just haven't found a church that matches their style.

I personally believe that the best way to share the gospel, and spread the good news of Jesus Christ, is by living and demonstrating the attributes Christ endowed. I believe that by setting a good example others will want to hear about the Jesus we want to share with them. Working side-by-side with people in soup lines, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and sharing our personal life stories with others is the best way to witness God's love, the scriptures and specifically the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I would not consider myself an evangelist but I am not afraid to discuss issues of social justice, globalization, war or torture with anyone who is willing to listen. By combining these topics with the teachings of Christ I believe I can, and do, witness about the good news of Jesus Christ. I also believe that God wants us to address the issues that are hurting creation. The gospel has not changed in 2000 years but the way in which Christians witness the good news of Jesus Christ must change in order to fit the context of the 21st century.

I believe that God, or the Holy Spirit calls everyone, each and every day. We are all blessed with different talents that help us to respond to this call. It is up to each individual if they choose to answer or not. It is my belief that, before we are born, God determines our calling and waits for us to answer. If we ignore our calling for too long I believe the Holy Spirit will step in and gently nudge us in the right direction. This is my belief as I have witnessed it in my own life and calling.

ATTACHMENT B

Statement of Motivation Melanie Kim

Having grown up in the church as the daughter of a pastor, I was actively involved in the life of the church. I served as an officer for our Youth group and also used my gifts for singing in the praise and worship team. I was greatly influenced and shaped by the older college leaders who led bible study, led retreats and shared in fellowship. However, when I went to college, I wanted to distance myself from the identity that I felt at the time was placed upon me. For a few years, I fell away from being authentically engaged in the life of the church. I was doing my own thing and making some poor decisions. I never stopped praying or believing. However, in this season of being lost and trying to find my own stubborn way, I carried a lot of guilt and feelings of unworthiness to come before God.

God had allowed me to come to the end of myself when the relationship I was in was over. Although the relationship was short lived, it was a dark time. It was in this place that God was asking me to let go of this area of my life and relinquish control over to Him. In that act of surrender, I knew that I was done doing it my way. I was God's- all of me. It was during this time that I became very serious about living out my faith. I made going to church a priority and being active again was the next step. I had the opportunity to participate in my first mission trip during this season. I studied God's word voraciously with new eyes and a more mature spirit. I grew in my knowledge of theology and scripture through studying and worship.

Eventually, I ended up at a Young Adults Ministry where I felt that God was asking me to continue to be a part of this community. I believe that I was being instructed to stay, to love, to serve and to lead them. The Lord promised me I would be given everything I needed to love them and sure enough, my love for this group deepened. Within a few months, the Young Adults Pastor asked me to serve on their leadership council where we prayed, discerned and cast a vision for the ministry. We did mission work in the Dominican Republic and I helped lead community outreach efforts. It was within this faith community that I felt God's call to seminary and vocational ministry. I served that community for over two years and it was in that time that I was affirmed for my gifts for pastoral care and teaching. Interestingly, it wasn't until I finally heard it from my father, who had remained rather quiet throughout the whole journey of discernment, that I realized that God was indeed calling me into ministry and not the counseling route that I was pursuing.

God had quite literally stripped me of everything that I had come to rely on as far as work and a career in the secular environment and left me begging for a sign. I literally prayed this prayer on my knees “Lord, I will do anything! I will go anywhere if you just tell me what you desire of my life.” I was finally ready to hear God’s call. I knew that God had placed me with this young adult ministry to be used and to develop gifts for ministry. I desired to be further trained and I wanted to study so I started looking at seminaries. Concurrently, my membership at Plymouth Presbyterian Church afforded me the opportunity to participate in leading a few of the Adult Education classes and gave me a more intergenerational experience in worship and ministry. I was so grateful for the ways that Pastor Ewen supported me in my sense of call to both seminary and for ministry as a whole. He encouraged discussion and plugged me into opportunities to serve in the church. The support of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church has been steadfast. Although I remain a member from a distance due to my studies, I have been able to write the congregation bi-annually and share the things that are happening in seminary and ministry. Most recently when I was home, I was able to preach and help lead worship. It was a full circle moment. Two summers of doing pulpit supply in both in 2010 and 2011, a year-long internship at First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, PA, as well as the number of opportunities to serve in worship at seminary all prepared me to blossom before the congregation that was supporting me and endorsing me. I know that from all of these contexts, I continue to be encouraged and affirmed in my gifts for ministry. Furthermore, the call that I feel that has been placed on my life in service to the church as minister of Word and Sacrament is truly an honor and an irrevocable joy.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Executive Presbyter, Chaz Ruark

Presbytery staff is not yet moved into the new office space. Chaz updated Presbytery on our strategic plan, reminding us that we have had a positive experience in dealing with some controversial issues, and that committees are working to implement our values. But knowledge of the strategic plan is not reaching the level of the people in the pews, and Chaz encouraged commissioners to take the news back to our congregation about what the Presbytery is trying to do. Chaz also reported on the task force working on a gracious separation policy. Chaz also reminded us that the Presbytery staff prays for congregations and leaders in our Presbytery each day, and updated us on some prayer concerns for Presbytery members.

Moderator, Cindy Ray

Cindy named the churches which have completed their per capita amount, and those which have completed their general mission pledge for 2011. She reported on the ordination of Kerri Allen and the installation of Stephen Robertson, and the joy of those services. Cindy spoke about the time of transition that we are in, and encouraged us to take our time as we work our way through the new ways of doing things. She advised that we read the materials before Presbytery meetings. If we have questions or uncertainties about what we read, to contact the people who have prepared the reports, so that actions can be perfected before the meeting if need be.

Vice Moderator, Barbara Lutter

Barbara shared her experience of participating in the installation of John Curtis at Plainview. She reported on the upcoming visit of the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon to Arlington Hills Church.

Stated Clerk, Nancy Gritman

In October the meetings of the clerks of sessions to review minutes were completed. There are nine churches which still need to have their minutes reviewed.

Administrative Commissions to be dismissed with thanks:

On October 8th, 2011, at Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, the following commission met on behalf of the Presbytery to ordain Kerri Allen, candidate, to the ordered ministry of Teaching Elder. Members of the commission were Teaching Elders The Rev. H. David Stewart, The Rev. Linda Loving; Ruling Elders Karen Finney, Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Janet Engeswick, Central Presbyterian Church, Vince Thomas, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Moderator, The Rev. Cindy Ray, served as chairperson, and asked the questions of ordination.

On October 23rd, 2011, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, the following commission met on behalf of the Presbytery to install The Rev. Stephen Robertson as associate pastor at Westminster. Members of the commission were Teaching Elders The Rev. John Sinclair, The Rev. Margaret Thomas, The Rev. Tim Hart-Anderson; Ruling Elders Janice Dickerson, The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, Carol Frisch, Westminster Presbyterian, Ken Huskins, Westminster Presbyterian. Moderator, The Rev. Cindy Ray served as chairperson, asking the questions of installation.

On November 6th, 2011, at Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, the following commission met on behalf of the Presbytery to install the Rev. John H. G. Curtiss as pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview. Members of the commission were Teaching Elders The Rev. Robert Hamilton and Rev. Jay Rowland; Ruling Elders Sue Goodspeed, Lake Nokomis, Elizabeth Remfert, First Presbyterian, Rochester, and Belinda Strain, Community, Plainview. Vice Moderator Barbara Lutter served as chairperson, asking the questions of installation.

Presbytery **VOTED TO DISMISS** the commissions with thanks.

Treasurer, Ed Martin

As we approach the close of this budget year our financial posture continues to be fragile. With October financial data available, the per-capita has come up this past month. However we are still \$20k behind where we were a year ago: \$509.6k has been contributed against a budget of \$730.8k. As this is my last report to the Presbytery this year I want to encourage churches and their treasurers to do their best to fulfill the apportionment for their congregations. Pastors and Presbytery commissioners: please take this need back to your Sessions. **Remember that what churches do not contribute, the Presbytery has to submit to Synod and General Assembly.** Likewise this is the source for the Presbytery's work.

The good news is that General Mission receipts have significantly increased this past month to \$189.8k, or 84% of budget, slightly ahead of where we were a year ago. Historically we expect to see this category come up toward the end of the year, and thus are thankful that this is occurring. As this is the large part of what funds the mission work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly I encourage churches to do their best to fulfill their pledges.

Congregations should have received by now the pledge form for next year, 2012, for their General Mission pledges. Please submit those forms as soon as possible so we can know the resources available for Christ's work through our church.

At the end of October expenses are below budget but only because some of the committees are not spending their budgeted amounts. However with the short-fall of per-capita we are in a deficit

position of \$15.7k, having started with a \$6.4 deficit budget.

Please continue to pray for our church at all governing body levels. As we close out this year my hope is that we will all seek to serve our Lord faithfully, with our praise and song, as well as with the resources God has place in our hands as God’s stewards. “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is therein.”

The Disabilities Concern Task Force included in the packets, their policy as well as sample wording to use when talking about someone with a disability.

Ruling Elder Ruth Jones spoke about the Presbyterian Women Remember Niger Project, which seeks to improve quality educational resources to Niger.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Cindy Ray.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be January 14, 2012, at Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, 9:00 a.m.

The Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area appreciates the assistance of the volunteer residents of Boutwells Landing. Participants include The Rev. Larry Forsberg, Chaplain; Elder Jean Wilson Greener, Presbyterian Homes Director of Church and Community Relations, Hope Presbyterian Church; Ruth Jones, Accompanist; Hannah Sacred Ensemble and the many greeters and ticket sale volunteers..

The Presbytery attendance was reported as follows:

Category	Present	Not Present	Total
Teaching Elders	67	210	277
Commissioned Ruling Elders	0	3	3
Elder Ruling Commissioners Elected by Sessions	62	122	184
Elder Members of Presbytery	7	4	11
Elder Observers	12	--	--
Candidates and Inquirers	3	31	33
Corresponding Members	3	--	--
Visitors	18	--	--
Total	172	--	--
Churches	48	20	68

Child Care Reimbursement	\$	0
Mileage Expense:	\$	61.00
Unsold Meals Expense:	\$	<u> </u>
	\$	61.00