

## PRESBYTERY OF YUKON WINTER STATED MEETING

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Alaska

February 27 – 28, 2015

*... those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

### FRIDAY, February 27, 2015

#### OPENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery opened with worship at 9:00 am in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church sanctuary, with Executive Presbyter Rev. Curt Karns delivering the message.

#### CONVENE

In the absence of moderator RE Merle Apassingok, moderator elect Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green convened the Winter Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon with prayer at 9:33 am.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Guests, first time ruling elder commissioners and teaching elders were introduced. Presbytery **VOTED** to grant voice to Rev. Curt Matz, corresponding members and non-member guests presenting reports or called upon to provide expertise.

#### ROLL

##### **Teaching elder members present:**

Leisa Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i>	Tim Carrick – <i>co-pastor, United Protestant Church</i>
Piper Cartland – <i>pastor, Eagle River PC</i>	David Woo Jeong – <i>stated supply, Fairbanks Korean PC</i>
Ellen Johnson Price – <i>member-at-large</i>	Britt Johnston – <i>temporary supply, Anchor PC</i>
Luke Jones – <i>pastor, Jewel Lake Parish</i>	Curt Karns – <i>executive presbyter</i>
Dan Ketchum – <i>honorably retired</i>	Dean Knapp – <i>honorably retired</i>
Susan Knight – <i>temporary supply, Immanuel PC</i>	Ian MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</i>
Kim MacInnes-Green – <i>member-at-large</i>	Curtis Matz – <i>pastor, New Hope Church</i>
Israel Nelson – <i>honorably retired</i>	Matt Schultz – <i>pastor, First Anchorage PC</i>
Henry Woodall – <i>pastor, First Wasilla PC</i>	

##### **Commissioned ruling elders (CRE) present:**

Paul Bodfish – <i>Atqasuk Chapel</i>	CRE Richard Mauer – <i>Delta PC</i>
Marjorie Poggas – <i>Jewel Lake Parish</i>	

##### **Churches represented by ruling elder (RE) commissioner:**

Anchor – <i>Clyde Kaneshiro (Fri. only)</i>	Atqasuk Chapel – <i>Elizabeth Hollingsworth</i>
Delta PC – <i>Ann Geise</i>	Eagle River PC – <i>Anne Smith</i>
Fairbanks Korean – <i>Jinhee Dickerson</i>	First Anchorage PC – <i>Jim Powell</i>
First Wasilla PC – <i>Kathy Christensen</i>	Immanuel PC – <i>Sandra Haldane</i>
Jewel Lake Parish – <i>Lounette Crum</i>	Kaktovik PC – <i>Carolyn Kulukhon</i>
New Hope Church – <i>Ron Illingworth</i>	Trinity PC – <i>Frank Sears</i>
United Protestant Church – <i>John Deal</i>	University Community PC – <i>Sarah Lanstra</i>
Utqiagvik PC – <i>Marie Neakok</i>	

**Other voting members present:**

Deacon Jo Ann Bantz – *Leadership Team*  
RE Arlayne Knox – *Leadership Team*  
RE Shirley Novak – *Leadership Team*  
RE Molly Pederson – *Leadership Team*  
RE Mark Wartes – *Leadership Team*

RE Jan Burger – *Leadership Team*  
RE Danna Larson – *Certified Christian Educator*  
RE Ida Olemaun – *moderator, Nominating Committee*  
RE Sharon Rayt – *Stated Clerk*

**Teaching elder members excused:**

Isaac Akootchook – *honorably retired*  
Richard Carpenter – *honorably retired*  
Philip Gilbert – *honorably retired*  
Henry Guinotte – *honorably retired*  
Thomas C. Letts – *member-at-large*  
Ted McGovern – *chaplain, U.S. Army Reserves*  
James Nageak – *honorably retired*  
Dianne O’Connell – *honorably retired*  
Ken Smith – *honorably retired*

Patrick Bracken- *chaplain, Ft. Wainwright*  
Sandra Faison– *member-at-large*  
Alice Green – *honorably retired*  
Tammy Letts – *member-at-large*  
Peter Loughman – *inactive*  
Duke Morrow – *honorably retired*  
William Ng – *honorably retired*  
Youl Rhee –*honorably retired*  
Mary Ann Warden – *honorably retired*

**Churches not represented by a ruling elder commissioner:**

Anchor PC  
First Korean Anchorage  
Kuukpik PC  
Savoonga PC

Chapel in the Mountains  
Gambell PC  
Olgonik PC

**Other voting members excused**

RE Merle Apassingok – *Presbytery moderator*  
RE Beulah Nowpakahok – *Leadership Team*

CRE Virginia Kasak – *Kuukpik PC*  
CRE Leah Hathaway – *Jewel Lake Parish*

**Enrollment of corresponding members:**

Rev. Mark Frey – *regional representative, Board of Pensions (Presbytery of Cascades)*  
Rev. Mark Klohe – *interim pastor, Trinity PC (Presbytery of Inland Northwest)*  
Rev. Alonzo Johnson – *present via Skype for Peacemaking Affirmation Presentation (Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky)*  
Rev. Irvin Porter – *Native American Ministries, PCUSA (Presbytery of Olympia)*

**Guests/Presbytery office staff:**

David Booher – *Acting President, Bingle Camp Board*  
RE Bob Christensen  
RE Miranda Rexford-Brown

Barbara Brown – *Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care*  
Mary Kron – *Presbytery treasurer*  
RE Doreen Simmonds - *Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care*

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present in accordance with the requirement in G-3.0304, that ruling elders representing at least three churches and three teaching elders constitute a quorum.

**WELCOME**

Host pastor Rev. Susan Knight extended a welcome to Presbytery.

**ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket as amended by the Leadership Team.

**PRESENTATION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The stated clerk presented the consent agenda. Adoption of the consent agenda is scheduled for Saturday morning.

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

**Mileage Committee:** RE Miranda Rexford-Brown

**Resolution Committee:** Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green

**Language Caucus Facilitators:** Inupiaq – RE Molly Pederson, Korean – Rev. David Jeong

## ORIENTATION

CRE Richard Maurer led an orientation session on parliamentary procedure

## BOARD OF PENSIONS

Rev. Mark Frey provided an update on the Board of Pensions:

- The pension plan remains fully funded.
- Any church employee is eligible to participate in the retirement savings plan. A new Roth IRA is now available.
- The Board is looking for feedback on the medical program for non-installed positions.

## RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**Atqasuk Chapel** – RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Regular worship attendance has been low (5-8), but weather may have been an influencing factor. Many are elderly, and sometimes there isn't a service. Even though attendance at last fall's revival was low, it was uplifting. Despite the frigid weather, two families from Wainwright attended. There is only one Sunday school teacher now, but they hope that will soon change. With the village having to ration diesel this winter; it has been hard for families to heat their homes, but the situation is improving.

**Delta Presbyterian Church** – RE Ann Geise. The exercise group meets several times a week. Two deaths this winter was hard on the small congregation. Several young people are now attending worship. Lenten services have begun; a meal is followed by a short service. Next month's annual spaghetti dinner is an outreach to the community. The handbell choir has been practicing for the Easter service and for a music event at the Baptist church.

**Savoonga Presbyterian Church** – moderator Rev. Leisa Carrick

Inclement weather has prevented travel from St. Lawrence Island. The relationships at presbytery are very important to the elders. New elders and deacons were recently elected, but are having to learn how to be elders without the guidance of a pastor. In light of poor hunts, the now-functioning food bank is very important to the village. The church hosted the Aywaan Parish meeting. House-to-house visits became a sort of spontaneous revival after the parish meeting. A work team from Palmer and Wasilla did a lot of needed repairs and maintenance.

**Gambell Presbyterian Church** - moderator Rev. Leisa Carrick

The church has similar challenges. Construction has started on the church's new building.

**First Presbyterian Church, Anchorage** – RE Jim Powell

Church membership is rebuilding after losing members these past five years. Since the hiring of Rev. Matt Schultz nearly two years ago, there has been less turmoil. Worship attendance is growing, and some of the youth who attended when Matt was youth pastor, have now returned with their families. Christian educator Danna Larson works with the youth. The church's active music program serves as an outreach, in that many choir and bell choir participants, who are not members of the church, are drawn in by the music. There is also a children's choir. The church serves as a welcoming place for street people. The *Jesus Closet* provides donated clothing for those in need, and the church participates in the emergency, cold weather shelter program. As the first Protestant church in Anchorage, the congregation will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.

*Rev. Israel Nelson led in the prayer for these churches.*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER - Rev. Curt Karns

The exec highlighted the written report.

- This is a time of great change throughout the denomination as well as presbytery. A faith and leadership video which addressed technical and adaptive challenges, was shown.
- Shifts are creating strains for presbytery leadership in at least three areas:
  - With fewer pastors in presbytery today than at any time in recent history, God is reshaping the church to be non-clergy centered. We need to understand how the roles of teaching elders and ruling elders are changing, and how we can be faithful in addressing the challenges these changes represent.
  - While the demands on presbytery staff and a few volunteer leaders has increased, the presbytery has sought to reduce administrative staff pay and time. The exec is to take eight more weeks off annually than normal, under full time. Churches trying to develop new ways of doing things and negotiating the conflict that comes with such changes, requires more time from the stated clerk.
  - Remaining clergy are stretched across all committee assignments. There are not enough clergy to cover current rules requiring clergy involvement from the four regions. Non-clergy leadership is working hard, making it difficult to find enough energetic leaders to work at the presbytery level.”

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mary Kron

The 2014 year-end Financial Statement and Budget were distributed (Appendix A). With a few exceptions, presbytery stayed on budget last year, spending 82.2% of the budget. Per capita receipts was down, while expected mission support increased. 2015 per capita increases to \$45.92.

GA .....	\$7.07
Synod .....	\$2.50
Presbytery .....	\$36.35

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT – Rev. Henry Woodall

Rev. Woodall sang the theme verse from Isaiah a cappella, prior to reviewing presbytery’s vision strategy and launching into a report on the proposed, annual church visitations. Teams of at least two, will be recruited, trained, and sent to visit and connect with every pastor, session, and congregation in the presbytery. The purpose of the visits is to deepen relationships, encourage connectionalism, and exchange knowledge and resources while sharing in worship, mission, and fellowship. The goal is to have this program in place soon. Questions to create discussion and sharing include:

- How are things going? Tell us about this last year?
- How are you addressing the leadership needs of your church? How is leadership recruited, trained, and supported? How can presbytery help?
- How are you addressing the ministry of stewardship in your church? Are there annual events or methods of teaching which are used? How can presbytery help?
- What are the important ministries of this congregation? What areas of ministry do you see growing and changing in the next few months or years? Do you see ministries that may need to be celebrated and then be let go in the next few months or years?
- Are there specific needs you have right now which you think other churches in our presbytery or the presbytery itself can help?

MOMENT OF PRAYER – Rev. Curt Karns.

The exec led in a prayer for leaders needing a touch of healing - Rev. Duke Morrow, George Agnasagga and wife Lydia, CRE Virginia Kasak, and Rex Okakok; for Immanuel’s church family grieving over the death of their organist, and for Maggie Irrigoo grieving the death of her brother.

LUNCH RECESS

Rev. Dan Ketchum led in a prayer before presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:30 am.

## RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 12:50 pm with a hymn. Presbytery **VOTED** to amend the docket by moving the “Embracing the Transformation” discussion to the last item of business of the day.

## ORDER OF THE DAY: Peacemaking Affirmations

Rev. Alonzo Johnson provided background information via *Skype*. The affirmations were derived from work by 65 presbytery and congregational study groups and two consultations with higher education faculty, chaplains and students. As part of the process of peace discernment begun by the General Assembly in 2010, the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly approved five affirmations for discussion, debate and advisory voting in the presbyteries. The proposed affirmations are not statements of policy but propositions for serious debate. Presbyteries were instructed to approve their own affirmations or amend the five affirmations presented. Language caucuses were offered but were declined. Following group discussion, each group presented its suggestions in plenary session.

- ***Affirmation 1. We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge hatred and conflict, and whose call gives our church a mission to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power.***
  - We are fine with the affirmation as it is written, but feel it would be good to add as an addendum, a listing of available resources that the Presbyterian Church (USA) already has available and strategies for dealing with conflict.
  - It would be great to have curriculum that would include these strategies for Sunday Schools.
- ***Affirmation 2. We confess our complicity in the world’s violence even as we pray for the Spirit’s courage to “unmask idolatries,” to speak truth about war and oppression, and to stand with those who suffer, and to respond to acts and threats of violence with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.***
  - “Confess our complicity in the world’s violence.” What does it mean to be complicit?—stand by and watch, don’t speak up, go with the flow, don’t lash out?
  - Strike first half of line. Feels better with “we pray” as opening; people know shortcomings. The first sentence results in very poor public relations for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Imagine a newspaper headline “Presbyterian Church (USA) confesses complicity in the world’s violence.”
  - Define complicity.
  - “world”—global vs personal area—context
  - “*courage to unmask idolatries*”—what are they, God, money, food, reason, family, race/culture, fear, nation?
  - “*with domestic violence*”—ties to alcohol, drugs, racism
  - How to deal with issues secularly vs. spiritually. [Korean culture conflicts with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Rules of Discipline.]
- ***Affirmation 3. We reclaim the power and authority of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, who proclaims God’s reign, who inspires the prophetic church, forgiving, healing, and undoing violence, and who overcomes evil through the cross and resurrection.***
  - Include a glossary. A word like violence can be defined in many ways. A phrase like: “Undoing Violence” is very difficult to understand. So much violence is impossible to undo—murder being an obvious one. The violence cannot be undone; similar with much other violence.
  - To “reclaim” the power and authority of Jesus Christ is to imply that no one has “claimed” the power and authority of Jesus Christ, at least recently. Perhaps many have felt the church has lost it, but many have never stopped claiming the power and authority of Jesus Christ.
- ***Affirmation 4. We seek to understand the nonviolent revolutions and armed struggles of our time by drawing on the traditions of Christian pacifisms, just war, just peacemaking and active nonviolence, and by cultivating moral imagination through prayer, study, and engagement with friends and enemies. Even as we actively engage in a peace discernment process, we affirm our responsibility of continuing***

*the long tradition of support by the Presbyterian Church (USA) for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.*

- First sentence is OK, but the second sentence doesn't go far enough. Change word "engage" to "participate".
  - Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the motion that "General Assembly develop a preamble to the five affirmations which states that 'even as we engage in a peace discernment process, we affirm our responsibility of continuing the long tradition of support by the Presbyterian Church (USA) of our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.' Reference to the same wording elsewhere in the affirmation would then be removed."
- ***Affirmation 5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves earnestly to seek and promote loving, nonviolent responses to conflict in our daily lives, in our communities, and in our world, and to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to practice boldly the things that make for peace.***
    - The phrase "practices of empire" is confusing; a definition of 'empire' is needed.
    - Suggest adding the definition of "peacemaking," maybe in a preamble.
    - Suggest affirmation 5 be: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves earnestly to seek and promote loving, non-violent responses to conflict within ourselves, in our personal relationships, in our communities, and in our world, and to risk calling our nation back from hard power and peace "enforcement" over peacemaking, and toward the highest ideals of our Christian heritage, and to practice boldly the things that make for peace.

Presbytery **VOTED TO APPROVE** the motion that the notes and suggestions of the various work groups and the presbytery be collated into a single document and submitted to the [General Assembly] Peace Discernment Process Steering Committee as feedback on the "Five Affirmations" considered today.

#### JOINT PARISH

Inclement weather prevented most parish members from being able to attend Thursday's daytime meeting, but enough people from the arctic north were able to be present for an abbreviated evening meeting.

- Members took action to rename the committee as the Parish Committee of the Yukon Presbytery, which will strive to meet three times during the year.
- The Parish plans to restart the Arctic Academy, a program involving in-depth Bible study started by Rev. Willa Roghair. It is still unknown who will lead the study.
- The proposed Commissioned Ruling Elder in-training concept was well received.

#### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church** – RE Marie Neakok. It has been difficult without a pastor since Rev. Duke Morrow left for health reasons. RE Molly Pederson was thanked for serving as church moderator. With the exception of a custodian, church staff is new. A committee has begun the search for an interim pastor. Rev. Karns flew to Barrow to preside over baptisms. The church choir will participate in next week's Musicale in Anchorage. Radio station KBRW still broadcasts the singspiration. The Kivgiq celebration was well attended, and a day-long singspiration drew people from all over the North Slope. Crews are preparing for the upcoming whaling season; a prayer service for whalers and families will be held before the season begins. Bible translators are still working on the Old Testament and the Inupiaq songbook.

**Olgonik Presbyterian Church** – no report

**First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla** – RE Kathy Christensen. 'Upward, Inward, Outward' defines the church's ministries. Worship services have been strengthened, and children stay for the worship service one Sunday a month. The church has an evangelistic presence in the valley through their participation in the Mat-Su Homeless Connect project, maintaining garden plots, and hosting barbeques and concerts to which the community is invited. First Wasilla is as Family Promise ministry host church. There are Bible studies and an active Logos program for

the youth. Although some folks have left, new families are attending. The church is looking at a possible mission trip to Gambell this summer.

**University Community Presbyterian Church** – RE Sarah Lanstra. The Pastor Nominating Committee continues its search for a pastor. The session is struggling to define their community; the church is near the university and a low income housing project. The congregation's community Thanksgiving breakfast was a success, but session is looking to add a spiritual component next time. A similar breakfast is planned for Easter. Building improvements have lowered heating costs; there is now water in both sections of the building, and the fire alarm problem has finally been resolved. It has been difficult to find new elders and deacons.

*Rev. Britt Johnston led in a prayer for these churches.*

### RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 3:20 pm for a short break and reconvened at 3:40 pm.

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – CRE Marjorie Poggas

#### **Examination of Rev. Matz:**

- The committee recommended that Presbytery enroll Rev. Curt Matz as a temporary member of the Presbytery of Yukon, while serving as pastor of New Hope Church. Rev. Matz is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a Formula of Agreement partner. Terms of call were approved at the October, 2014 stated meeting. Rev. Matz introduced himself and read his statement of faith (Attachment B) before the floor was open for the examination. Presbytery **VOTED** to arrest the examination. Discussion ensued after which Presbytery **VOTED** to accept Rev. Curt Matz as a temporary member of the Presbytery of Yukon.
- At the request of Rev. Duke Morrow, Presbytery **VOTED** to grant honorably retired status to Rev. Morrow, as of February 1, 2015.

Prayers were led for Rev. Matz, Rev. Morrow, and Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church.

Other items pertinent to the Committee on Ministry appear on the consent agenda.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 1) – Ruling Elder Ida Olemaun

RE Olemaun introduced committee members and presented the committee's report. Nominations and elections are docketed for Saturday.

### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**Kuukpik Presbyterian Church** – No report

**Jewel Lake Parish** - RE Lounette Crum. A busy church on the corner, Jewel Lake Parish provides space for several groups, including AA, quilters, and another worshipping community. Several younger members died this past year. The congregation pulled together to raise funds for the young woman with cancer. RE Crum is appreciative of the presbytery and Jewel Lake Parish who support their families in death and births.

**Fairbanks Korean Presbyterian Church** - RE Jinhee Dickerson. Elder Dickerson began her report with the reading of Psalm 42:8. The church suffered through hard times this past year, but congregants thank God for his presence. RE Dickerson was grateful to presbytery for their continued prayers. A Sunday school program is functioning. There is spiritual worship every day, and people are learning how to live in God's plan and stand firm in Christ. The Bible study is using Pilgrim's Progress.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church** - RE Frank Sears. RE Sears expressed gratitude for presbytery's faithfulness in praying for the church in the midst of their struggles. It has been almost a year since the church became wounded and broken, with the pastor leaving, the congregation split, and half the staff and session gone. God has remained faithful. Hemorrhaging of members has stopped due to the arrival of skillful interim pastor Rev. Mark Klohe.

Mark has led the congregation back into relationships built on trust, and the congregation is moving forward one step at a time, reconciling the past, and looking into the future. The church has again become a congregation of worship and prayer. A full complement of elders has been elected. Filled up and poured out, Trinity’s mission outreach includes Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage Rescue Mission, Habitat for Humanity, national missions and Alongside Ministries.

*Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green led in the prayer for the churches.*

EMBRACING THE TRANSFORMATION: Recognizing the New Shape of Presbytery of Yukon churches  
– Rev. Henry Woodall

Presbytery viewed a short video on *1001 Worshipping Communities* prior to Rev. Woodall’s introduction of the topic for discussion. The assembly was split into groups who were encouraged to discuss the following questions:

- How is God reshaping the church these days?
- What are the challenges?
- What are the opportunities?
- Given the ever changing context we see, how are we responding?
- What do we see God doing in our communities?
- What are some new ways in which we might respond?
- How can we shift from an inward-focused, membership-maintenance model of church to a more outward, creative, and disciple making model of church?

Each group ended discussion with prayer, before dismissing for the evening meal.

DINNER RECESS

Presbytery recessed for dinner at 5:45 pm.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Presbytery gathered for worship at 7:00 pm. Matthew 28:16-20 was the scripture reading. Ruling elders Ida Olemaun and Carolyn Kulukhon served as liturgists. Rev. Irvin Porter delivered the message. Rev. Susan Knight and CRE Bodfish presided over the Lord’s Supper, with Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green, Rev. Irvin Porter, and RE Ida Olemaun assisting. Immanuel designated the Gambell church building project as the offering’s recipient.

In the remembrance of the saints, the stated clerk read the list of leaders who went home to be with the Lord since January 2014.

	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Church</u>
RE Flossie Itta .....	November 28, 2014 .....	Atqasuk Chapel
RE A. Lavonne Koon .....	January 21, 2015.....	Delta PC
RE Mary Ann Tipton.....	January 8, 2014.....	Eagle River PC
RE Dale Wanner.....	December 5, 2014.....	Eagle River PC
RE Jean Jackson .....	August 28, 2014.....	First Anchorage PC
RE Ken Richardson.....	July 14, 2014 .....	First Anchorage PC
RE Mary Jane Landstrom.....	January 21, 2014.....	Immanuel PC
RE Nancy Brace .....	February 25, 2015.....	Immanuel PC
RE Sarah Strawn .....	December 28, 2014.....	Jewel Lake Parish
RE Nancy McCarty .....	September 3, 2014.....	New Hope Church
RE Jack Crumbley.....	March 18, 2014.....	Trinity PC
RE Louise Weeks .....	March 23, 2014.....	Trinity PC
Rev. Sig Kristiansen.....	January 27, 2015	

**SATURDAY, February 28, 2015**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

Presbytery gathered for worship at 9:00 am, with Rev. Tim Carrick leading worship.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green reconvened the meeting with prayer at 9:30 am.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The clerk instructed presbyters to make a correction to Rev. Piper's terms of call by striking the social security offset. Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the consent agenda, as amended:

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Recommendations for Action from the Stated Clerk**

1. Approve the minutes of the October 10-11, 2014 stated presbytery meeting, as distributed.
2. Approve the minutes of the February 19, 2015 special presbytery meeting, as distributed.
3. Receive the resignation of George Agnasagga as Commissioned Ruling Elder, with regret. George is unable to continue due for health reasons.
4. Receive with regret, the resignation of RE Donna Davidson from the Leadership Team. Meeting dates did not fit in with Donna's schedule.
5. Receive with regret, the resignation of RE Herbert Turner from the Mission in Action Committee.

**Recommendations for Action from the Committee on Ministry:**

1. At the request of the Jewel Lake Parish council, to renew the commission of CRE Marjorie Poggas, for another 3 years. CRE Poggas will continue to work to: preach the gospel, lead worship, and serve Communion as requested; maintain contact with partner church and report to council and congregation; assist in visitation/contact with visitors, new members, shut-ins, institutionalized members and friends of the church, providing pastoral care and Communion when appropriate; assist in identifying/acknowledging gifts and calls to mission; and facilitate adult Christian education opportunities.
2. Approve changes to 2015 terms of call for installed pastors (Appendix C).
3. Regarding teaching elder status
  - Renew Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green's status as 'member-at-large' (per G-2.0503b) for another year.
  - Renew Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green's status as 'member-at-large' (per G-2.0503b) for another year.
  - Renew Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price's status as 'member-at-large' (per G-2.0503b) for another year.

**MATTERS OF INFORMATION:**

1. D-5.0206b requires the stated clerk to provide annually a roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) whose terms have expired within the past six years. Whenever the PJC reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the PJC to constitute a quorum.

2015	Jim Gill	Beulah Nowpakahok
2014	Rev. Dean Knapp	Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green

2. Ruling Elder/Teaching Elder Parity report

<b>Active Teaching Elders</b> (within bounds of Presbytery)	<b>Ruling Elders (RE)</b>
Validated Ministry .....11	Elder Commissioners.....21
Members-at-large .....3	Commissioned Ruling Elders .....7
Honorably retired .....5	RE Officers, Committee moderators .....8 and Geographic reps.
<b>Total active teaching elders .....19</b>	<b>Total Ruling Elders .....36</b>

### Other Teaching Elders on Roll

Inactive (within bounds) .....4  
Out-of-state ..... 11

### 3. Insurance Coverage

Program: Insurance Board Policy Period: 1/1/2015 to 1/1/2016

Named Insured: Presbytery of Yukon, Chapel in the Mountains, Kuukpik PC, Atqasuk Chapel, Delta PC  
Savoonga PC, Gambell PC, Kaktovik PC

Summary of Coverage (see Memorandum of Insurance for specific category breakdown and coverage amount)

Property – Blanket Limit (Deductible - \$1,000)	Included
Crime (Deductible - \$1,000)	Included
General Liability	Included
Umbrella	Included
Abusive Acts and Pastoral Liability	Included
Directors and Officers Liability	Included
Hired and non-owned Automobile Liability	Included

### 4. Correspondence Received

- Linda Valentine - Presbyterian Mission Agency: The executive director addressed three issues that have received attention, noting the steps taken to respond. These issues pertained to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Presbyterian Centers for New Church Innovation - 1001 New Worshiping Communities movement, and Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2013.

### 5. Session Records' review

- New Hope Church: Reviewed 10/12/14 for the period 6/17/13 – 8/18/14  
Very good written minutes. Minutes were approved with exceptions as noted:
  - Annual statistical report was not approved by session nor included in the minutes.
  - Annual budget was not included in the minutes
  - Minutes did not always indicate if there was a quorum
  - Session and congregational meeting minutes were missing
  - Not all minutes were signed
  - Church register was not available for review.
- Delta Presbyterian Church: Reviewed 10/12/2014 for the period 7/21/13 – 8/17/14  
Very good written minutes. Minutes were approved one exception as noted:
  - Church register was not available for review.

### 6. Actions of the Leadership Team

- January 23-25, 2015 Leadership Team Retreat
  - Designated Isaiah 40:31 as the theme verse of the 2015 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting:  
“... *those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*”
  - Proposed that elder commissioners address the follow statement in their reports: ‘In light of the theme verse, tell how the Lord has lifted you up in your life and in the life of the church.’

### 7. Report of the Committee on Ministry

- November 25, 2014 teleconference
  - RE Molly Pederson has been appointed to serve as acting moderator of the Utqiagvik PC session, with Rev. Curt Karns providing oversight.
  - COM approved the request of University Community PC Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to seek a ¾ pastor. The PNC was seeking a half-time pastor.

- January 20, 2015 Electronic Voting
  - Having reviewed University Community PC's financial plan, 2015 budget and 2016 proposed budget, COM approved the PNC's request to seek a full-time pastor. This is a change from approval granted in November to authorize a ¾ time pastor.
  
- February 6, 2015 teleconference
  - With work needing to be done while Rev. Duke Morrow is away on medical leave, the Utqiagvik PC session will be seeking an interim. COM approved with comment, the Ministry Information Form approved by the session.
  - Trinity Presbyterian Church, with the concurrence of the Committee on Ministry, voted to renew the contract of interim Rev. Mark Klohe for the period February 1, 2015 – July 31, 2015 with an option to extend monthly, up to six additional months. The interim position is full time (approximately 47 hours/week).
    - Cash Salary..... \$4,400...monthly
    - Housing Allowance ..... \$1,100...monthly
    - Auto Allowance ..... \$500...monthly
    - Pension/medical coverage .....full coverage
    - Vacation Leave..... 2 weeks...during 6 month contract
    - Continuing education leave .....n/a
    - Workers' Compensation Insurance .....As required
  
- February 25-26, 2015 regular meeting
  - In response to presbytery's action on February 19, 2015, COM approved a recommendation to designate a monthly allowance of \$1,666.67 for Fairbanks Korean pastor Rev. David Jeong, for a period of six months, at which time the stated supply contract comes up for review. The housing allowance will be taken out of the proceeds received from the sale of the manse. Additional information appears in the minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> minutes.
  - Appoint Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green moderator of the Olgonik session.
  - Review Commissioned Ruling Elder/mentor relationships
    - CRE Beulah Nowpakahok, mentor Rev. Leisa Carrick
    - CRE Eunice Ahsuak, mentor Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price
    - CRE Marjorie Poggas, mentor Rev. Piper Cartland
    - CRE Leah Hathaway, mentor Rev. Luke Jones
    - CRE Virginia Kasak, mentor Rev. Ellen Johnson-Price
    - CRE Richard Mauer, mentor Rev. Curt Karns
    - CRE Paul Bodfish, mentor Rex Okakok (recent appointment)

**RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES**

**Immanuel Presbyterian Church** – RE Sandy Haldane. God continues to lift up the congregation. The church is excited about the Anchorage interfaith celebration the last Sunday of the month. Children are involved in mission to the hungry, by participating in the Souper Bowl and collecting money in ‘centsibility’ banks on each meal table. 50% of the proceeds are directed to the PCUSA hunger program and 50% to the local foodbank. The church is involved in supporting teachers and families at the nearby Nunaka Valley Elementary School. A team from Palo Alto helped with Vacation Bible School and made some repairs to the church. The church challenges presbytery to reach out to the churches, by providing elder/deacon training. Two strong members died within the past year. A raised bed, community garden on the property is named in memory of RE Mary Jane Landstrom. This week the congregation is grieving over the death of church organist Nancy Brace, who also worked closely with the children. The session is talking with the local community about how the church's extra land might be used, possibly for low-income housing.

**Kaktovik Presbyterian Church** - RE Carolyn Kulukhon. Carolyn is one of three new elders on session. Attendance at worship is low. The church and manse are plagued with heating problems. Session would like to start Sunday school, maybe after the heating problems are solved.

**United Protestant Church** – RE John Deal. The congregation is a strong, healthy, compassionate and engaged congregation, with a strong foundation in music. There is an active choir and bell choir, and several members are involved in the valley orchestra and band. Facility use by the community-at-large is quite heavy. The church has an ecumenical background - 13 denominations gathered to form United Protestant. Outreach includes the Kairos prison ministry, family promise charities, and Turn-A-Leaf Ministry. The congregation is seeking ways to continue building bridges with the Gambell and Savoonga communities which are very dear to their heart. Joseph Brock succeeds Jan Burger who retired as the church secretary. The congregation sees a bright future.

**Anchor Presbyterian Church** – temporary supply pastor, Rev. Britt Johnston. RE Maggie Irrigoo was unable to report, due to the death of her brother this week. The small membership church of about 15 has been working out their role since the church began. Homeless individuals who trickle into the worship service, are invited to a potluck every Sunday. The interaction between the congregation and the homeless is meaningful. The pastor is involved in jail and alcohol ministry and counsels those involved in street violence. The church is one of a few places in town one can get native foods on most Sundays. The congregation is trying to maintain their Alaska Native identity and encourages villagers visiting Anchorage, to attend worship and the potluck. Doing better financially, the congregation is now able to support some missions: providing a clothing box for St. Lawrence Island men with few warm clothes and giving money for the new Gambell church building and windmill, which will generate power for the church.

*RE Arlayne Knox led in the prayer for the churches.*

**MISSION IN ACTION COMMITTEE** – Deacon Jo Ann Bantz

Jo Ann showed slides from last year's PCUSA peacemaking program trip to Israel/Palestine. Two other individuals took the opportunity to make the trip. Although the trip had a tourist component, it provided a chance for participants to meet with individuals working on peacemaking.

**CAFÉ CONVERSATION:** Seeking the fire – passionate leadership for presbytery.

The regional distribution of committees' members is not spread evenly: there are only two churches in the west and only two part-time pastors in the interior. Having four distinct regions may not be the best model to use any more. Presbyters divided into groups for the café conversations. Discussion was centered around the following questions:

1. How do we make sure our committees and leadership teams are hearing from both urban and rural people when making decisions?
2. How do we find leaders with the ability and the passion for presbytery leadership?
3. What important points should be passed on to the leadership team for designing a new way for finding presbytery leaders?

Information will be collected, with a possible recommendation in October.

Presbytery gathered for the singing of '*Halle, Halle, Halle*'

**GAMBELL NEW BUILDING UPDATE** – Ruling elders Dennis Berry and Danna Larson

Elder Berry reported last fall that the structural insulated panels, windows, doors, and the roof were put in place. Work this summer will involve the utilities and finishing the inside of the building. Presbyters heard from Gambell moderator CRE Beulah Nowpakahok and RE Merle Apassingok telephonically.

Beulah addressing presbytery: "When I heard the new materials were to be shipped, I prayed for good weather. When I went to work that morning, I saw a barge unloading – it was the new church materials! I thanked God right then for the weather, and I prayed for good weather for construction. I asked God why it was being built in the new housing development instead of in the center of town. I heard Him say He is doing a new thing, and it will be a revival. This week there is a revival and many are receiving Christ. Gambell has been appointed as a gateway to the nations. Our new church is going to be used by God."

Merle sent greetings from Gambell: "I am very grateful to those who have helped in the efforts. We acknowledge the present of God and the Holy Spirit in this. Thanks to many in the Presbytery and to those who were

instrumental in launching this project many years ago. It's been a humbling experience to know that many have gone out of their way to help."

Volunteer recruiter Danna Larson expressed concern that few groups from the lower 48 had signed up to build. However, elder Larson realized that 'if presbytery builds the church, we'll build the presbytery.' Presbytery of Yukon church groups and individuals were encouraged to participate. Presbyters were encouraged to donate miles.

### LUNCH RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 12:00 pm with RE John Deal leading in a prayer for the Gambell church and for lunch.

### RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation with the hymn '*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine.*'

### ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Corporation president Rev. Dean Knapp opened the meeting with prayer at 1:05 pm. A quorum was present.

- Members **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2014 Annual Corporation meeting, as distributed.
- The 2014 financial report was distributed.
- The nominating committee presented its nominee for the Board of Trustees. The floor was open for nominations. There being none, Presbytery **VOTED** to close nominations and elect Rev. Israel Nelson to the class of 2016. In accordance with Corporation bylaws, Sharon Rayt, if re-elected as stated clerk (class of 2018), remains a member of the board. The trustee position from the west (class 2018) remained vacant.
- Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program bankruptcy settlement monies received in the amount of \$56,785.58, has been distributed to the following entities: the Delta Presbyterian/Faith Lutheran congregation, the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, and the presbytery.
- Church property issues
  - Immanuel Presbyterian Church - The September 2014 loan payment was applied twice, but the error was not discovered until after loan payoff papers were sent to the church. Corporation members **VOTED** to forgive \$520.99, the remaining amount left on the loan.
  - Kaktovik Presbyterian Church – The manse, vacant since Rev. Mary Ann Warden moved out, has been rented.
  - Gambell Presbyterian Church – No action was taken on the recommendation that the additional \$20,000 received from Mary Jane Landstrom's estate be used for the new church building.
  - Fairbanks Korean – the sale of the condo manse has been completed. The purchase of a new, larger manse has just been negotiated. Details are not yet available.
- The party which purchased the Nome Presbyterian Church building has been making regular payments to presbytery. Payments are being applied to the old loans taken out by the now dissolved, Nome Presbyterian Church.

The corporation meeting **ADJOURNED** at 1:25 pm with Rev. Dean Knapp leading in prayer.

### RECONVENE PRESBYTERY MEETING

The prayer closing the corporation meeting served as the reconvening prayer.

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES – Rev. Irvin Porter

The associate for the PCUSA's Native American Congregational Support office, opened his report with the singing of the Native American hymn '*On the Other Side*' in his native Nez Perce.

- Native Americans are one of the PCUSA's four historic racial ethnic peoples.
- The office concentrates on congregational visitations. The Navajo reservation and Alaskan congregations are the focus of this year's visitations.
- There is a huge need for training Native Americans. Dubuque Theological Seminary has a large endowment to train native leaders, but few are taking advantage of the funds. The seminary's online

program is geared to individuals in remote villages. Cook Native American Ministries no longer offers training but provides training grants.

- There is a push to reach out to young adults. The office is looking for a Native American Alaska to serve on the Native American Young Adult Council.

Rev. Curt Karns prayed for Rev. Porter and Native American ministries.

### RULING ELDER TESTIMONIES

**New Hope Church** – RE Ron Illingworth shared joys and concerns. The congregation is joyful now that permanent pastor, Rev. Curt Matz is in place. Rev. Matz's wife, the Lutheran equivalent of a Commissioned Ruling Elder helps out. The church is a P.L.U.M.E. congregation – Presbyterian/United Methodist, served by a Lutheran pastor and an Episcopal pastor who preaches when needed. There have been several births this winter, and some new families with young children are attending. The church's pre-school is one of the primary missions of the church and is responsible for gradually bringing families into the church. Congregants and members of the community provided immediate needs after Ron's home was destroyed by a house fire last year. Several long term members are plagued by health issues or have moved out-of-state.

**Chapel in the Mtns** – RE Mark Wartes, moderator of session. Two active elders have small children, which makes it difficult to travel to presbytery meetings. 25 were baptized over the three day Thanksgiving weekend. There has been a request for a similar event at Easter. Two services are offered on Sunday; a conventional service in the morning. 10-12 young families attend the Sunday evening service which is led by the young adults. The church has asked that presbytery keep their families in their prayer.

**First Korean Presbyterian Church, Anchorage** – Rev. Tim Carrick, moderator of session. Rev. Johan Shin's religious worker's visa was denied because of an error on the application; Rev. Shin is in Anchorage briefly on a tourist visa. The visa application process will have to begin anew. Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green has served as preacher for the English service.

**Eagle River Presbyterian Church** – RE Anne Smith. Due to the number of military families, the congregation is always in transition. The church is growing and searching for a part time youth pastor. Two long time members died within the last year. A Heart Menders group has been formed for individuals needing comfort and healing. The church houses an active food pantry – serving close to 1,000 more people this year over last year. A community garden will be developed this summer. Several outside groups utilize the church. The church has been lifted up by the members' faithfulness.

*CRE Rich Mauer led in a prayer for the churches.*

### MISSION IN ACTION COMMITTEE

**Bingle Camp** – David Booher, acting president of the Bingle Camp Board, reported for the Board.

- Matt Miner, who provided three years of excellent leadership and development as Executive Director, has moved out-of-state. A search committee has reviewed 12 applications and will interview a promising candidate next week. The board hopes to have a director hired soon.
- The past two years were good years for the camp, a place for “adventure, fellowship, spiritual growth in Christ, and vital development for young people.” Attendance the last three summers has averaged 150-160, with many of the children not associated with churches. There is an effort to connect those children with worshipping communities.
- Knox Retreat Center is a resources for churches and organizations of all types.
- The Bingle Camp Board is pursuing the goal of adding more members and would appreciate any assistance from the Presbytery. No PCUSA church members currently serve on the board

- The camp is in a solid place with their finances. A three year plan for upgrading the facilities include refurbishing the cabins, repairing the main lodge, and adding Americans with Disability Act improvements. The “iceberg” element on the waterfront is expected to be replaced this spring.

**Yukon Presbyterians for Earthcare** (oral and written report)

- Barbara Brown: Each church within the presbytery was encouraged to make earth care a priority and to identify a contact person.
- Doreen Simmonds showed a video and expressed concerns about continued drilling in the arctic, especially as it affects the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. The G’wichin people are concerned about drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and coastal Iñupiat are concerned about drilling offshore. It is getting more dangerous to hunt – snowmachiners on the river are going through thin ice; it is not always safe to travel over the tundra; the ice road is melting sooner; ice is shrinking so much that the distance from landed whales is dangerous.
- In late January, a group of individuals (not all Presbyterian) with a heart for earth care, began meeting as an emerging worshipping community. The group gathers about once a month to sing, pray, and review a writing or engage in another earth care activity. They cannot yet predict how the community will develop, but it will be shaped by those who choose to come and offer their insights about earth care and be willing to continue exploring what God may be saying to us in this time of major climate change.
- In 2014, Yukon Presbyterians for Earth Care organized a conference on climate change, with over 40 participants from across the country. Participants looked at the issue of earth care, particularly climate change, with leadership from the University of Alaska scientists, Native American leaders and Alaskan faith leaders. Since then, Alaskan leaders from six denominations have committed to expanding that work as an ecumenical effort of the Alaska Christian churches.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Proposed amendments approved by the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote:

- 14-1 *Confession of Belhar* and 14-F *Marriage – On Amending W-4.9000* were approved at the October 2014 stated meeting.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the remaining amendments under an omnibus motion:
  - 14-A. *Renunciation of Jurisdiction – On Amending G-2.0509*
  - 14-B. Special Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process and Standard Ordination Exams
    - 14-B.1. *Final Assessment – On Amending G-2.0607*
    - 14-B.2. *Accommodations – On Amending G-2.0610*
  - 14-C. *Child Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106*
  - 14-D. *Minimum Composition of a Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0301*
  - 14-E. *Interreligious Stance – On Amending G-5.0102*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part II)**

Committee member Rev. Tim Carrick presented the slate of nominations on behalf of moderator RE Ida Olemaun. The floor was opened for nominations. Presbytery **VOTED** to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot, as follows: Terms for Synod commissioners terminate at the end of the class calendar year.

**Legend:** AV – Anchorage/Valley; AR – Arctic North; I – Interior; W – West.

Number after a name indicates term on the committee.

Moderator ..... (AV) ..... Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green ..... 16  
 Moderator-elect..... (I)..... CRE Richard Mauer ..... 16

Stated Clerk .....	(AV) .....	RE Sharon Rayt .....	18
Treasurer .....	(AV) .....	Mary Kron .....	18
Leadership Team .....	Member (AV) .....	Rev. Piper Cartland.....	18
Leadership Team Area Rep .....	Area Rep (AR) .....	RE Elizabeth Hollingsworth (1) ...	18
Committee on Ministry .....	Member (I) .....	Rev. Curtis Matz (1) .....	16
Committee on Ministry .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Timothy Carrick (2) .....	18
Committee on Ministry .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green (2) .....	18
Interpretation & Stewardship.....	Moderator (AV).....	RE Bob Christensen (1).....	18
Mission in Action Committee.....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Matthew Schultz (1).....	18
Mission in Action Committee.....	Member (AR) .....	RE Marie Neakok (1).....	18
Mission in Action Committee.....	Member (I) .....	RE John Lewis (2) .....	18
Committee on Preparation for Ministry .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Ellen Johnson Price (2) .....	18
Committee on Preparation for Ministry .....	Moderator (AV).....	RE Jan Burger (1) .....	17
Committee on Representation.....	Moderator (AV).....	Rev. Britt Johnston (2).....	17
Committee on Representation.....	Member (W).....	RE Mike Apatiki (1) .....	18
Committee on Representation.....	Member (AR) .....	RE Debby Edwardson (1).....	18
Self-Development of People.....	Member (AR) .....	RE Doreen Simmons (1).....	18
Commissioner to Synod.....	Ruling Elder (I) .....	RE Ron Illingworth (1).....	15
Permanent Judicial Commission.....	Member (I) .....	CRE Richard Mauer (I) .....	16

Nominating Committee vacancies: The floor was open for nominations. Presbytery **VOTED** to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot:

Nominating Committee .....	Member (AR) .....	Rev. Mary Ann Warden (2) .....	18
Nominating Committee .....	Member (AV).....	Rev. Susan Knight (2).....	18

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM) – RE Jan Burger**

- The committee is working on a proposal to design a CRE in-training program. The who and how this training will happen, are still under discussion.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve a committee motion that presbytery authorize RE Mark Ahsoak, RE Roy Nageak, and RE Miranda Brown to officiate at services of the Lord’s Supper as scheduled by the session of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church, as allowed by the Book of Order and Utqiagvik policies, after receiving training supervised by CPM.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mileage:** no report

**Resolutions:** Rev. Israel Nelson prepared and presented the report, in lieu of Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green who was ill. *On Friday, 27 February, 2015, [the] Presbytery of Yukon of the Presbyterian Church (USA) assembled at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, AK. Graciously welcomed by Elder Gale Smoke with wit and insult, we gathered to feast upon donuts and coffee. Our Moderator Elect, Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green, opened our meeting skillfully guiding us in our opening business. She led us in the absence of our Moderator Merle Apassingok, due to global freezing on St. Lawrence Island. CRE Richard Mauer led us in a timely and colorful review of Roberts Rules of Order hoping to vastly improve our business. Our Moderator is deeply grateful to be appropriately addressed, and our processes are much more clear because we no longer “So Move.” Highlights of our meeting included:*

*We learned our treasury is in good order.*

*We studied ways to make peacemaking affirmative and celebrated when Rev. Alonzo Johnson received a blown kiss from the Holy Trinity.*

*We celebrated Holy Communion with the miracle of changing grape juice into apple juice.*

*WE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO FINISHING THE GAMBELL CHURCH BUILDING!!*

*We learned a great deal about Native American ministries from Rev. Irvin Porter of Kamiah, ID, a Nez Perce Native American.*

*About "Seeking the Fire" Passionate leadership for Presbytery: Is this legal? We ARE Presbyterians after all!!*

*We note the proposed windmill for the Gambell Church and pray it is not placed in front of the pulpit.*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [the] Presbytery of Yukon expresses to God*

- Joy for the Creation;*
- Knows everything is Holy, from the Heart of God;*
- Commits ourselves to becoming Green Congregations as soon as possible;*
- Gives hearty thanksgiving that none of our several languages is Welsh;*
- Thanks Immanuel Presbyterian Church for its wonderful hospitality;*
- Surprise that Rev. Israel Nelson did not sleep through the whole thing*

*ADOPTED THIS 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY in the Year of Our Lord 2015.*

INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR

In the absence of current moderator RE Merle Apassingok, former moderators gathered and laid hands on Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green for the installation. Rev. Tim Carrick led in a prayer.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Immanuel church members were recognized and thanked for their hospitality.
- Presbyterian Women (PW): Highlights of the RE Shirley Novak's written report. The Yukon PW Coordinating Team will be meeting on March 7 to determine where and when to hold our 2015 Spring Gathering. The PW Church wide Meeting will be held in Minneapolis MN June 16-17, 2015. These gatherings are always very Spirit filled and the fellowship with women from all over the world is amazing.

Once we have returned from Minneapolis, we will be busy making plans for the 2016 PW Synod of Alaska/Northwest Spring gathering to be held in at First Presbyterian Church, Wasilla in June, 2016.

Please pray for us as we plan the spring gathering and the Synod gathering, that we will be able to show the love and work of God in all that we do. This will be my last report as Moderator of YPW, Barbara Brown from Palmer will be installed as moderator at the spring gathering. It has been a privilege to serve on the Leadership Team for Yukon Presbytery these last seven years. I am amazed daily at how I have grown in my faith because of this service.

ADJOURN

Moderator Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm with a closing prayer.

Shalom [Hebrew]

Tutqiun [Iñupiaq]

Nekegmelhek [Saint Lawrence Island Yupik]

평화 (Pyeonghwa) [Korean]

Peace [English]

Sharon Rayt  
Stated Clerk