



Presbytery of Yukon

December 21, 2020

In Memory of Rev. Alice Green



On July 21, 1917 a baby was born—a premature baby with club feet who slept in a dresser drawer, developed pneumonia and whooping cough and was not expected to survive. Yet, Alice Stevenson Green lived a long life, one that remained productive until only recently when her activities were hampered by impaired eyesight and poor hearing. When asked for the secret of her longevity, Alice replied: “don’t do what’s expected of you, don’t eat vegetables, and drinking water is overrated.”

Alice moved into the Pioneer Home in 2007, and that’s where she died on December 7, 2020, at the age of 103, “reading” books on tape, attending physical therapy, and missing an ice cream social only if she fell asleep. She was frustrated by the limitations of age but celebrated the fact she voted Hillary for President, watched the Cubs win the World Series, and voted for “the guy from Delaware instead of the nincompoop”. Her memories about life and people she loved were sharp and accurate to the end. Not a complainer nor judgmental, Alice gave much and asked little. She knew God had a plan for her and that was enough! (Indeed, John 3:16 was sung in Siberian Yupik at every birthday party by her “sister” Angela Larson.)

While still a child, Aunt Frances, a nurse, moved in with the family to care for Alice and her older brother, eventually marrying Alice’s father and having five more children. Ignited by her aunt’s Sitka stories, Alice dreamed of going to Alaska and in 1945 she was assigned to Savoonga as a commissioned church worker, the only position available for a single woman. She remained there until her position was not funded (1954). She immersed herself in village life, the Siberian Yupik culture, and supervised construction of the church. When Alice

was ordained as the first female pastor in Alaska (1972), she was called again to serve in Savoonga until she was forced to retire (1982).

Alice was inducted into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame in 2018 for her "achievements, social rights activism, religious and educational leadership, and long dedication to Alaska and the Presbyterian Church". Extensive details of Alice's contributions can be viewed at www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org/alumnae/class-of-2018/

Norma Hoyt and Alice, BFFs since the steamship trip to Alaska from Seattle in 1945, traveled around the world visiting hospitals and missions, and drove across the US searching for rare books on Alaska. Their final adventure together just before Norma died (1988) took them to Antarctica.

In Savoonga (1977) Alice met BIA teacher Carol Combs. When Carol gave birth to her first child in 1983, hospital staff told Alice only family could visit, thus she forever became Grandma Alice to Sarah, and also to Cho Hee who joined the family in 1987. She was a constant presence in their lives until she died.

There is an article in the December Pioneer Home newsletter, *The Mukluk*. It has Alice's biography on three pages with photographs. The story's theme was "the true meaning of Christmas." Alice personified that daily.

Alice and her friend Carol Combs want to thank: the Pioneer Home staff for their excellent care and kindness, although if Alice had her druthers, ice cream would be served at every meal; the people who transported Alice when she stopped driving, humoring her directions for getting from here to there; her Bible study and walking partners who were always eager for Alice's input; her friends who provided kind, loving memories over her lifetime but, especially, the people of Savoonga who welcomed Alice into their community and proclaimed her 100th birthday "Alice Green Day".

A celebration of Alice's life will be held when the pandemic safely allows; her ashes will be buried on Hoyt Island when the weather cooperates.

Alice was not fond of flowers. A remembrance in her name can be made to the Savoonga Presbyterian Church fund administered through the Presbytery of Yukon, 616 W. 10th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501 or visit pbyukon.org/donations.

Alice approved this message. Of course she did!



Financial Secretary Needed

The presbytery is in need of a new financial secretary. This is a part-time job, with flexible hours, ranging from 30-50 hours/month. A CPA license or an accounting degree is not required, but knowledge of Quickbooks would be helpful.

Please advertise this job opening across your churches. We would love to hire from our membership, though that is not essential for the job. The sooner we can find a new financial secretary, the better the chances that they will have time to receive training in the job. Resumes and inquiries should be sent to exec@pbyukon.org.

Financial Secretary Responsibilities:

1. Responsible for day-to-day financial matters, such as:
 - a. Pay bills and reimburse expenses
 - b. Payroll
 - c. Deposits
 - d. Send out receipts for gifts
 - e. Bill receivables
 2. Provide monthly financial reports to the Leadership Team
 3. Provide quarterly reports of church giving
 4. Maintain Hillcrest loan records
 5. Serve as resource person to the Stewardship Committee
 6. Attend Leadership Team meetings and stated meetings of the presbytery
 7. Make available all records to assist the auditor in reviewing financial records
 8. And other duties as assigned, including some administrative office work
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Presbytery Technology Grants

At the October meeting Presbytery approved the proposed 2021 budget, which included an increase in the technology line item for technology grants to churches. "2020 has taught us the importance of technology for the future of ministry, well beyond the end of this pandemic. The presbytery is expanding its support for churches seeking a right-fit for technology and their ministry. It is our understanding that churches must employ technology, if they wish to serve people in the 21st century."

Below are the details on applying for congregational 2021 technology grants with the Presbytery. Guidelines for churches applying for these grants:

1. Grant requests greater than \$4,500 require the approval of presbytery; grant requests for less than \$4,500 will be reviewed and approved by the Leadership Team, if the way be clear.
2. All grant requests shall require the approval of session before being forwarded to the presbytery.

3. Grant requests shall be directed to the stated clerk:
sharon@pbyukon.org

4. Total maximum amount of money Presbytery will fund for the New Technology line item is \$20,000 of which only \$18,000 will be available for grants. (\$2,000 can be used by the Presbytery administration such as zoom costs, etc.)

5. If additional grant requests come in, other grant funding sources may be available, as appropriate

The first batch of grant requests will be considered by the Presbytery's Leadership Team at its January meeting. Therefore sessions seeking funds early in the year need to submit requests **no later than January 5th** which will give the Leadership Team sufficient time to consider the request. For grant requests approved for \$4,500 or less, funds will not be available for distribution until January 15th. Allow extra time for requests greater than \$4,500 which will require presbytery approval.

Mark Your Calendars

December 25, 2020



Christmas

The presbytery office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

January 1, 2021



New Year's Day

The presbytery office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day.

February 2021

Winter Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

Location To Be Determined

Presbytery of Yukon
616 W. 10th Avenue
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