

October 10,2011 COM REPORT Presbytery of Alaska

Greetings and the Peace of Jesus Christ to all of our Sisters and Brothers around this great Presbytery!

Our Fall report is lighter than usual - a reflection of the good works and good workings of our many Churches. What a joyful time as we welcome in at this meeting 6 new first time attendee-Pastors; **NLUC Pastor Phil Campbell, Kake Pastor Joey Chang, Craig Pastor Claudia Rowe, Sitka Pastor Diane Wonnenberg, and incoming Associate Pastor Matt Royston for CBTL.**

Actions of the COM the past six months:

- Approved Terms of Call for Pastor Joey Chang, Kake
- Appointed a Commission for the purpose of Installation of Kake Stated Supply Pastor Joey Chang
- Approved Terms of Call for Pastor Diane Wonnenberg, Sitka
- Appointed a Commission for the purpose of Installation of Sitka Pastor Diane Wonnenberg
- Interview & Approved Pastor Matt Royston as
- Candidate for Chapel By The Lake, Associate Pastor
- Approved formation of a PNC for Hoonah Presbyterian Church
- Served as CPM under the Coordination of Elder Kathy Ruddy
- Approved Pastor Ryan Mandeville to Labor Outside of Bounds
- Approved Pastor Janice Stamper to Labor Outside of Bounds

Respectfully Submitted, Elder Gail O'Dell, Moderator

COM Members Include: Rev Bob Carter, Rev Dr Doug Dye, Rev George Pasley, Elder John Jackson, Elder Joyce Schultz, Elder Kathy Ruddy, Rev Ryan Mandeville & Elder Gail O'Dell, Moderator. The Pastor to the Presbytery, Rev Dr David Dobler serves as Ex Officio member of COM.



Kake Steeple

Ministers, traditionally called “teaching elders,” and elders, traditionally called “ruling elders” are both “presbyters.” Identifying ministers by their teaching role emphasizes the primacy of the Word and the centrality of the “teaching church.” The designation *ruling* elder is easily misunderstood, however. The historic understanding of the “ruling” exercised by elders has less to do with managerial governance than with *ruling out* or *measuring* the work of ministry, the fidelity of communal and personal lives, and the progress of the gospel in the church.

Excerpt from COM Advisory Handbook



**Ruling Elders; Pam Penrose, Hydaburg
Adeline DeCastro, Craig**

What are the responsibilities of the COM?

The Committee on Ministry is “to serve as pastor and counselor to ministers; to facilitate relations between congregations, ministers, and the presbytery; and to settle difficulties on behalf of presbytery.”
Book of Order

