

FALL STATED MEETING OF THE ALASKA PRESBYTERY
First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg October 15-17, 2010
Roll Call

Church	Minister	Elder(s)
Angoon	<i>Vacant</i>	Joe W. George
Auke Bay Chapel By the Lake	The Rev. Douglas Dye	Laura Achee Gail Thibodeau
Craig & Klawock	<i>Excused</i>	Sue Erickson
Haines	The Rev. Ron Horn	Albert B. Badgley
Hoonah	<i>Vacant</i>	Kathie Deitering
Hydaburg	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Absent excused</i>
Kake	<i>Vacant</i>	Roselyn J. Fay
Ketchikan	The Rev. George Pasley	Susan Fisher
Metlakatla	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Absent excused</i>
Northern Light Juneau	<i>Pastor Excused</i>	Laura Doogan
Petersburg	The Rev. Bob Carter	Peter Schultz
Sitka	<i>Served by a Corresponding Member</i>	David B. Didrickson
Skagway	The Rev. Ryan Mandeville	John M. Jackson
Wrangell	<i>Vacant</i>	M. Jeanette (Nettie) Covalt
Yakutat	The Rev. Linda Wescott	Inga M. Hanlon

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

Present:

The Rev. Dr. David Dobler, Pastor to the Presbytery
The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett, HR
The Rev. Tracee D. Hackel, Member-at-Large
The Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, HR

Absent: (All Excused)

The Rev. Dr. Paul Beran, HR
The Rev. Dr. Charles Bovee, HR
The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, HR
The Rev. Janice Stamper, Member-at-Large

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WITH VOTE

Crystal Badgley, Haines

PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS WITH VOTE

Christina S. Maddox, Juneau, Treasurer
Barbara Searls, Juneau, Moderator Elect
Guy Warren, Auke Bay, Stated Clerk
Teddy Williams, Wrangell, Recording Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH VOTE

Elder Isabella G. Brady, Sitka, NACC Coordinator
Elder Sheryl Dennis, Skagway, Finance Representative
Elder Gail O'Dell, Juneau, COM Moderator

Total Ministers on the roll attending: 10
Total Elder Commissioners attending: 14
Other Voting Elders Present 8
Total Voting Members Present 32

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT

The Rev. Jan Blankenship, Presbytery of Northern New York
The Rev. Eric Chavis, North Puget Sound Presbytery,
Presbyterian Foundation
The Rev. Cecil Corbett, HR, Inland Northwest Presbytery
The Rev. Joyce M. Emery, Olympia Presbytery, Presbyter to Synod
The Rev. Dan Fullerton, Hudson River Presbytery,
Sitka Interim Pastor

OTHER GUESTS, INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS

Hunter Badgley, Haines, Mission Presenter
Dale R. Bucich, Auke Bay, Ministerial Inquirer
Sara Chambers, Auke Bay LEC Attendee
Duna Fullerton, Sitka, Wife of Minister
Harriet Schirmer, Wrangell,
Coordinator, Leadership Equipping Center
Peg Warren, Auke Bay, Mission Presenter & Stated Clerk Spouse

Friday, October 15, 2010

Call to Order The Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, called the 2010 Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska to order on October 15, 2010 at 4:30 pm.

Opening Worship Elder Sara Chambers led worship along with the members of the worship team, which was made up of those participating in the Presbytery's Leadership Training Event. The service included the Chapel by the Lake's Elder Report. *Details of this report are given at the end of these minutes.* The service concluded with a prayer for the meeting.

Roll Call The Stated Clerk, Elder Guy Warren, conducted the roll call of those attending the meeting. The full listing of the roll is given above. With a sufficient number of elders and ministers present, the Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

- Docket** Presbytery VOTED to approve the docket as distributed with the addition of time for a report from the Presbyterian Foundation and a report from the Leadership Equipping Center.
- Privilege of the Floor** Presbytery VOTED to grant the privilege of the floor to corresponding members and guests, including the Rev. Dr. Cecil Corbett.
- Approval of the Spring 2010 minutes** Presbytery VOTED to approve the minutes of the Spring, 2010 meeting with the following corrections:
 The elder from Haines was Doris Ward.
 The Rev. Dan Fullerton is the Sitka interim pastor.
 The elder from Petersburg was Brian Poust.
One additional change was approved later in the meeting as part of the Leaves and Absences Report.
- Review of Action Items** Action items to be considered at the meeting were reviewed.
- Welcome from Petersburg** The Rev. Bob Carter presented messages from our hosts on the meals, housing and transportation to be provided.
- Moderator's Message** The Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, noted that he has enjoyed his work as Moderator. He noted that the challenge for the Presbytery of Alaska is that we are, in terms of membership, the second smallest Presbytery and thus we have few leadership resources available to us. He observed that the standard design for a presbytery assumes thirty five churches and not the fifteen churches that are in the Alaska Presbytery. He noted that we are trying to do an enormous task in running this Presbytery. We also have our significant issues with our high travel costs, particularly since support from the outside is dwindling.
- Rev. Zimmerman noted that the Presbytery is currently in the process of transferring all church property to the churches. This process includes performing title searches, which can be quite complex. He also noted that how we deal with insuring our churches will be changing.
- Hoonah Elder Report** Elder Kathy Deitering presented the Hoonah Elder's Report. *Details of this report are given at the end of these minutes.*

**Pastor to the
Presbytery**

The Pastor to the Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler, spoke about issues impacting the Church at the national, regional and local levels. He noted that many things we are used to are changing in the church.

At a recent national meeting of Presbytery Executives it was stated that one third of the denomination's churches and presbytery executives are in transition. Rev. Dobler noted that many presbyteries are going through what we went through a number of years ago, thus our presbytery is ahead of some of the other Presbyteries.

Rev. Dobler reported on changes involving the Presbyterian Board of Pensions, including the establishment of an optional dental plan, and changes which may be seen as a result of the implementation of the adopted National Health Care Bill.

Rev. Dobler reported that *The Field Guide to Presbyterian Congregations* is a little booklet available on line and has a lot of information for our churches.

Rev. Dobler noted that the Synod is currently re-imagining themselves. They are working on education for small churches and are still providing grants for churches.

The Presbytery is moving towards becoming self-supporting and self-propagating. The Presbytery needs to do a lot of leadership training in order for our churches to reach our goals. The Presbytery needs to be self-governing and learn how we are going to spend our time together and work together as a Presbytery.

One change that is coming is that each church will receive a bill for church insurance and, while there may be some help from the Presbytery, payment of the bill will become a local church responsibility.

In 1st Timothy Chapter 3, Paul talks about bishops; within the Presbyterian Church Presbyters do the work of the bishop. We need to learn to manage: money, human resources, our households, and also ourselves.

**Pastor to the
Presbytery
Continued** Rev. Dobler noted that relationships around the Presbytery are important and we need to know we are doing this in the name of Jesus. The Gospel is desperately needed in our country, in Southeast Alaska, and in our lives.

Change has also reached the Presbytery Office as our office manager, Cyndi Gleason, is leaving. The Presbytery needs to figure out what kind of an office and administrative presence we need. We need to be thinking about our future.

**Presbyterian
Foundation** The Rev. Eric Chavez, regional representative for the Presbyterian Foundation, reported for the Foundation.

He noted that the Presbytery of Alaska has an account with them. He offered to help those at the meeting understand what is going on in the financial world.

New trustees were elected at this year's General Assembly. Two of the Foundation's Trustees, Steven Bass and Robert Crist, are from the Synod of Alaska Northwest. The Foundation hired a new president, The Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor, who is also an attorney.

Rev. Chavez reported that investments in the New Covenant Fund are still socially responsible. They are still doing well with outstanding yield on the income side.

The Foundation has managed the global financial crisis quite well. They have distributed back to the churches a large sum of money. They are currently creating a new policy and mission statement.

Dinner Presbytery recessed for dinner with prayer for the meeting and the meal led by the Moderator at 6:00 PM. Following the meal, Presbytery reconvened at 7:15 PM with prayer for the remainder of the meeting for today.

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General Assembly Commissioners The Presbytery's Minister Commissioner to the 2010 General Assembly, The Rev. Ron Horn, reported on the Assembly.

Rev. Horn reported that the Assembly discussed the mission partnership funds. He noted that he told them the Presbytery of Alaska would be better off if the funds were cut now so we can deal with the loss of funds now rather than have the same problem in a few years and deal with it then when it would be more difficult. They voted unanimously to end the Mission Partnership Funding.

Rev. Horn noted the partnerships that are made by attending these meetings are good because we are a part of the connectional church. He said after attending the GA meetings he now has a lot of respect for those people and the work they do and how deeply they care for the church and how hard they work making difficult choices and decisions for our denomination.

He was disappointed in seeing fragmentation in the denomination's mission and ministry. He saw huge differences emerging in those who were seeking funding of special missions or ministries. Although there were commissioners advocating for their ministry to the detriment of others, the vast majority of commissioners were trying to listen to others and to the Spirit and working to make good choices for our denomination.

Greetings from the Snellings Moderator Zimmerman reported that Ron and Pat Snelling sent their greetings to the Presbytery. The Snellings were missionaries in Petersburg sixty years ago. They helped create the Presbyterian church in Petersburg which was mainly for the Native population. When they left there were 35 members of the church.

Stated Clerk's Report The Presbytery Stated Clerk, Elder Guy Warren, reported on his activities since the Spring meeting.

He reviewed the Presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations and proposed changes designed to bring the document into agreement with the new Presbytery By Laws and our usual practices.

**Stated Clerk's
Report
Continued**

He worked with the Nominations Committee and Synod revising the number of Commissioners. He distributed materials explaining GA action items.

He has been organizing and pruning all files he was given when he became Stated Clerk.

Presbytery and General Council minutes from 1982 - 1992 were sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society for microfilming and archival storage. The Presbytery office has a copy of the microfilm.

Those elders attending their first Presbytery meeting were introduced. Warren urged all of the members to seek God's guidance for discernment, not victory for their own cause.

The Synod has reviewed the Presbytery's 2009 minutes. *The results of that review are given below.*

Churches will once again need to complete the Annual statistical reports and questionnaires. The churches were urged to complete this process as soon as possible. Last year all our churches completed the forms, which Warren once again thanked the churches for.

Warren noted that the oral Elder reports will be carefully timed because we have a lot of business to do at this meeting. As we discuss and debate issues at this gathering, he urged that we seek to be faithful together.

**Stated Clerk
Thank You**

Warren noted that this would be his last meeting as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. He has been the Presbytery's Stated Clerk for eighteen years. He noted that his first Presbytery meeting as Stated Clerk (Fall 1992) was held in Petersburg as was this, his last meeting as Stated Clerk. He thanked the many people who helped him during his time of service, people in the presbytery office, our treasurers and moderators, those who led and served on various committees and those who served as General Presbyters, Transition Administrators, and Pastor to the Presbytery. He also thanked the various Session Clerks, Session Moderators and the staffs of both the Office of the General Assembly and the Synod of Alaska-Northwest.

Stated Clerk Warren thanked his wife, Peg, the "Unstated
Thank Yous Clerkette", who put up with a portion of their house
Continued being taken over by the "Clerk", her willingness to
proofread almost everything he wrote, and being
there when he needed additional support.

He concluded by wishing the Presbytery the best as
it continues to move forward in telling of God's
love for us in Southeast Alaska.

Synod Review The following report was given for the Synod's
of 2009 review of the 2009 Minutes of the Presbytery of
Presbytery of Alaska.
Alaska Minutes

Exceptions: These are items that are required
and are not found by the reader.

None.

Delinquencies: These are incomplete recordings
of actions.

No reference to the Synod review of the
2008 presbytery minutes.

The annual statistical information
submission to General Assembly should be
included in the minutes.

No Necrology Report.

Remarks: These are items worthy of special
mention.

The reports from congregations works well
to provide the entire presbytery with
Church status information.

These were good minutes.

Presbytery of Alaska Stated Clerk comments on
review.

The 2008 Synod review was not included in the
2009 minutes and should have been. It was
subsequently reported in the Spring 2010
minutes. The Necrology report reported as
missing is found on page 7 of the Spring 2009
minutes.

Temporary Committees The Moderator announced the following temporary committee appointments.

Temporary Clerks:

The Rev. Tracee Hackel

David Didrickson

Resolutions Committee:

The Rev. George Pasley

Crystal Badgley

Leaves and Absences Committee:

The Rev. Ryan Mandeville

Sue Erickson

Travel Committee:

The Rev. Linda Wescott

Al Badgley

Budget Presentation Elder Sheryl Dennis, coordinator of the Finance Subcommittee, presented the proposed 2011 Budget. The processes to be used in amending and approving the budget were also presented. Final consideration of the proposed budget was taken up the next day.

General Assembly Preview Prior to the meeting the moderator had appointed a task force to prepare recommendations on the proposed amendments to the *Book of Order* submitted to the presbyteries for their consideration by the 2010 General Assembly. The Task force consisted of the Rev. Dr. Ron Horn (coordinator), Elder Carol Martin, and the Rev. George Pasley.

Rev. Horn reported that the task force was recommending that the Presbytery conduct debate on changes 10-1, 10-2 and 10-A before lunch on Saturday. The votes would be held at the end of the meeting to provide a time for individual discernment. No specific recommendation on how to vote on these items was given by the Task Force. The task force recommended that the remaining changes be approved via an omnibus motion.

Presbytery VOTED to approve the recommendation, setting the procedure for the consideration of items 10-1, 10-2 and 10-A and thereby VOTING TO CONCUR with the following Amendments to the *Book of Order*.

10-B Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session—On Amending G-9.0203b

10-C Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy—On Amending G-9.0404e

**General
Assembly
Preview
Continued**

- 10-D Nominating Committees—On Amending G-9.0801a
- 10-E Presbytery Rolls and Registers—On Amending G-11.0407
- 10-F Certified Christian Educators—On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730
- 10-G Synod Function—On Amending G-12.0100
- 10-H Nominations Process—On Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a, and G-13.0202b
- 10-I Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services—On Amending W-4.4003, W-4.4004 and W-4.4006
- 10-J Stay of Enforcement—On Amending D-6.0103
- 10-K Preliminary Questions—On Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302, and D-13.0302
- 10-L Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee—On Amending D-10.0202
- 10-M Time Limit—On Amending D-10.0401
- 10-N Appeal of "Not Guilty" Verdict—On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106
- 10-O Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission—On Amending D-13.0404

Elders Reports Elder Reports were given for the churches in Angoon, Haines, Hydaburg. *Details on these reports are given at the end of these minutes.*

Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett presented the Rev. Dr. Cecil Corbett to the Presbytery. Rev. Fawcett noted that Rev. Corbett has been very active in Native American Ministries and that he is pleased to have him as part of the meeting this weekend.

Rev. Dr. Cecil Corbett The Rev. Dr. Cecil Corbett said he was pleased to be a part of Presbytery. He visited the villages back in the 1970s with the MV Anna Jackman. He said if you want the definition of hospitality you need to go to Alaska. He spoke about the Native American policy statement which was reaffirmed by the General Assembly this year.

Rev. Corbett noted that many years ago there were not too many Native Americans in leadership roles within the Church. There was one Alaska Native American seminarian at Dubuque and he was from Anchorage. This raises the question of ministry. In 1975 Dubuque graduated twenty-five Native Americans.

**Rev. Dr. Cecil
Corbett
Continued**

All of this raised the question of the denomination's Native American Policy. The Policy was adopted and dealt with lay and clergy development in the Native American Community. Rev. Corbett noted that the Commissioned Lay Pastor program was begun from this Policy.

Native Americans had ten concerns which were reported to the General Assembly. They made an annual report to the program agency to which they were committed. Rev. Corbett is hoping to see again an emphasis on Lay Leader training and clergy training. They asked for an energy audit of the Native American churches. Rev. Corbett noted he is pleased that the Presbytery has looked at this Policy document again and he hopes it will result in more training and understanding.

**Hunter Badgley
Report on the
Haines mission
trip to
Kanbundo Kenya**

Hunter Badgley, a youth from the Haines Church, was presented to the Presbytery. Badgley had been part of a mission team from Haines which went to Kangundo, Kenya.

The group included both youth and adults. The youth received money from friends, family, and fund raisers. Badgley noted that one thing he would have done differently was to ask more adults for help, but that is something you learn as you get older.

In Africa they went on a safari, toured a wood carving place, and the markets which made this trip unique. They were there for a month and built relationships, learned about their culture, and taught about our culture. They brought a lot back to Haines.

They learned that the people in Kenya had prayer groups every day. They would meet at someone's house to sing and pray. They would go out and pray for people around town, any person that might need prayer.

Many nights this group would have dinner with the Elders and in different homes. They would then have a miniature church service. They can see how God is using them in their community. The mission team built a lot of relationships with the kids there and is keeping in touch with some of them, especially on Facebook and by email.

**Hunter Badgley
Report on the
Haines mission
trip to
Kanbundo Kenya
Continued**

The team preached eleven times while they were there. There are many small churches scattered around where they were.

Badgley feels he is being called to the ministry. He gave a special thank you to the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman who believed in him from the start and helped make it really their trip and changed the lives of many people. Especially with his connections in Africa. He has a blog about his trip to Kenya.

Rev. Zimmerman noted that this was a group of young people that took the adults along with them. He observed that what would happen if we released the young people like Hunter? Amazing things!

Evening Recess

The Moderator recessed the meeting at 8:55 PM for the evening with prayer by The Rev. Linda Wescott.

Saturday, October 16, 2010

**Morning
Worship**

Morning worship was lead by Sheryl Dennis and the worship team from Skagway. The service was concluded with prayer for the meeting.

**Personnel
Subcommittee**

The Rev. Linda Wescott presented the report of the Personnel Subcommittee. They had met with the Rev. Dr. David Dobler regarding his terms of call. They were proposing that he moved from a part-time to a full time position. He will be able to work with the churches during this time of transition. Those participating in the discussion with Rev. Dobler included the Rev. Dr. Ron Horn and Elders Gail O'Dell and Fred Baxter.

Presbytery VOTED to ratify the terms of call for the Dr David Dobler as Pastor to the Presbytery for eighteen months beginning September 1, 2010. *The full call terms are given as an appendix to these minutes.*

**Finance
Subcommittee**

Finance Subcommittee Coordinator, Elder Sheryl Dennis, presented the subcommittee's report. The Presbytery's 2009 financial review has been completed. Dennis noted that several years ago the Presbytery's financial review was pretty dismal. The recently received review is far better and shows that we are on the right track for achieving proper adherence to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Finance Subcommittee Continued Dennis reported that the subcommittee is not aware of any material modifications that need to be made to be in conformity with GAAP. *The financial reports presented at the meeting are included as an appendix to these minutes.*

Property Subcommittee The Rev. Dr. Ron Horn reported for the Property Subcommittee. Their coordinator, Elder Fred Baxter, was unable to attend the meeting. The subcommittee is reviewing the documentation for the properties of every church within the Presbytery. This includes doing title searches and when complete the Presbytery will begin issuing deeds to each church in the Presbytery.

Within the next month or so, they will be able to begin the process of transfer. The churches will hold title and responsibility. Per the *Book of Order*, while the churches will hold the title, they do so in trust for the Presbyterian Church USA, and will need permission from the Presbytery to encumber or transfer ownership of the property in any way.

Elder Reports The elders from the Hoonah, Auke Bay (Chapel by the Lake), Juneau (Northern Light United Church), Kake, and Skagway gave their Elder reports. *Details on these reports are given at the end of these minutes.*

Break Presbytery recessed with prayer and reconvened after the break.

Committee On Ministry COM Coordinator, Elder Gail O'Dell, reported for the Committee on Ministry. O'Dell noted that the committee is there to help the churches and that the churches should get hold of them with any problems they might have. The current members of the committee are: The Rev. Bob Carter; The Rev. George Pasley; Elder John Jackson; The Rev. Ryan Mandeville, The Rev. Tracee Hackel, and the Rev. Dr. David Dobler.

O'Dell reported that the Hoonah Administrative Commission stated they have completed their business and are requesting to be dissolved. The Presbytery VOTED to dissolve and dismiss the Hoonah Administrative Commission with great thanks and joy for their good work.

COM O'Dell reported that the Session of the Wrangell Church has requested that the Presbytery commission Elder Nettie Covalt as a Commissioned Lay Pastor and to permit her to perform all of the functions permitted for Commissioned Lay Pastors in the *Book of Order*. Elder Covalt was brought forward before the Presbytery and was questioned as required by the *Book of Order*. The Presbytery VOTED to commission Nettie Covalt as a Commissioned Lay Pastor and to grant her the authority to perform those functions permitted by the *Book of Order*.

O'Dell offered the thanks of the Committee to Elder Harriet Schirmer who is moderating the Wrangell Session at this time.

COM In a written report it was noted that the COM had taken the following actions since the last meeting of Presbytery:

Approve the Rev. Claudia Rowe, incoming Craig/Klawock Pastor, for Membership in the Presbytery of Alaska. They also approved the Rev. Dr. Phil Campbell, incoming NLUC Pastor, for Membership in the Presbytery of Alaska.

Approved Interim Contract for the Rev. Dan Fullerton in Sitka for the First Presbyterian Church to commence August 2010.

Approved Elder Kathy Ruddy to serve as future Moderator of CPM to replace the exiting Moderator The Rev. Tracee Hackel in December 2010.

Approved the Rev. Ryan Mandeville as PNC Liaison for CBTL on behalf of COM.

Approved Elder Harriet Schirmer as Moderator of the Wrangell Session.

Approved the Rev. Dr. Chuck Bovee to act as Session Moderator for June and July in Sitka for First Presbyterian Church, until the return of the Rev. Dan Fullerton.

Approved the Rev. George Pasley serving outside the bounds of the Presbytery as needed in Prince Rupert, B.C.

Approved the Rev. Wanda Neely, a visiting Presbyterian Pastor, to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Alaska for the single purpose of conducting a wedding ceremony in Sitka.

COM
Other actions
Continued

Conducted exit interviews of the Rev. Janice Stamper and the Rev. Tracee Hackel. Conducted an interview of a candidate for the position of Interim Associate Pastor at Chapel by the Lake.

Performed routine background checks for Pastors and other personnel within the Presbytery.

Additional Information Items

Take, Sitka, Chapel by the Lake and Metlakatla all have Church Information Forms posted.

In Wrangell, the Rev. Janice Stamper has been released from her contract due to financial challenges of the church. Rev. Stamper is relocating to Kentucky to support her family at this time.

Committee for
Preparation of
Ministry

The Rev. Tracee Hackel reported for the Committee on Preparation of Ministry (CPM). Hackel reported that they have been busy this year. There will be three new Inquirers under the care of the Presbytery of Alaska entering seminary from our Presbytery this Fall; Carol Martin, Paul Spangler and Kendra Dye. Spangler and Dye are going to Pennsylvania for seminary. Martin is studying at Dubuque.

Inquirer Dale Bucich has been studying at Dubuque for the last five years and has passed all but one of the ordination exams. He has done internships at different churches. Bucich was brought before the Presbytery seeking to be enrolled as a candidate to the Ministry. He presented a written Statement of Faith and was examined by the Presbytery. Following the examination, the Presbytery VOTED to enroll Dale Bucich as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of the Presbytery of Alaska.

Rev. Hackel asked that the Presbytery keep all of its candidates and inquirers in prayers.

Theological
Education Fund

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Bovee had been unable to attend the meeting, but a letter asking for support for the PCUSA's Theological Education Fund was made available to the Presbytery.

Leadership Elder Harriet Schirmer reported for the Presbytery's
Equipping Leadership Equipping Center. Those serving the
Center center include the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, Elder
Nettie Covalt, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler, Elder
Adeline DeCastro, and the Rev. Dr. Chuck Bovee.

Elder Schirmer reported that Elder Sheryl Dennis of Skagway had completed all the requirements of the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Training Program and was presented with her certificate.

This year the Center put out a workbook for church treasurers, held an evangelism workshop and a worship class. Coming up, they are working to present a two to three day face to face workshop in February about Christian Education for children and adults. In the next year, they will hold workshops on pastoral care and in January-February 2012 they are planning a trip to Palestine for pastors, lay pastors, and elders.

Schirmer introduced Sara Chambers of the Chapel by the Lake who is the newest Lay Pastor student.

Rainbow The 2011 schedule for Rainbow Glacier camp was
Glacier Camp presented to the Presbytery. The schedule includes a family camp July 3-9 and a day camp for the younger kids.

Isabella Elder Isabella Brady spoke to the Presbytery about
Brady the history of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS). She noted that these organizations have served the native peoples of Alaska for many generations.

Brady has served the ANS and been involved with the Presbytery for over 60 years. Brady's father had been the father of ANB. The ANB met to organize in Juneau. They were an important part of the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act. They helped organize the Sitka Training school. The Tlinget and Haida Central Council was formed. Brady noted that the ANB was founded on the rock of Jesus Christ.

Brady said that some way of getting closure for the closing of Sheldon Jackson College was important. Brady believes that the school had more impact on Alaska than any other school.

General Assembly Bills & Overtures Discusson Per the procedure approved the previous day, the Presbytery debated General Assembly actions 10-1, 10-2 and 10-A. Per the procedure, voting on the measures was held until later in the afternoon.

Recess for Lunch Presbytery recessed at 11:55 AM with prayer for the meeting and the meal led by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman.

Workshop 1-3 Following lunch, Presbytery participants attended a Worship Workshop conducted by the Leadership Equipping Center. The Workshop ran until 3:00 PM at which time the Presbytery took a brief break.

Elders Reports Presbytery reconvened at 3:15 PM and heard the Elders report from the Metlakatla, Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, and Yakutat churches. *Details on these reports are given at the end of these minutes.*

Synod Reports The Rev. Joyce Emery, presbyter to the Synod of Alaska-Northwest spoke to the Presbytery. Emery brought greetings from the synod and from Olympia Presbytery. She noted that we have been telling stories of the body of Christ that have been broken and restored by the body of Christ. It is our job as believers to uphold one another.

She said it is fun to be part of the Synod and the Presbytery at this time. She noted that Elder Adeline deCastro had spoke at the Synod Council. The Synod Assembly structure is changing. The Presbytery will have two commissioners to Synod who will meet twice a year and at least once by teleconference.

She noted that the synod has amazing covenant partners. Taylor Beck is being inaugurated as the new President of Whitworth university. Elder Guy Warren has just been elected to serve on the board of the Mission Development Certificate Program. Rev. Emery noted there is a grant available to work with the Louisiana Synod of Living Waters in meeting technology needs. Rev. Emery reported on the current staff of the synod, noting an employee who will be retiring. Over 35 applicants have been received from this position.

Emery discussed the work she has been doing in helping with Elder training in the Seattle area.

Synod Commissioners There was no report from the Presbytery's Synod Commissioners.

Representation Committee The Rev. Bob Carter reported on behalf of the Representation Committee that with our list of proposed nominees we are in compliance with the representation guidelines.

Nominations Report Nominations Committee Coordinator, Elder Crystal Badgley, presented the Nominating Committee slate of nominations as follows with names and the year on which the individual's term of office will end:

Synod Commissioners:

The Rev. Linda Wescott, 2011

Elder Paul Wescott, 2013

Presbytery Officers:

Moderator-Elect, the Rev. Ron Horn

Recording Clerk, Elder Teddy Williams

Treasurer, Elder Christina Maddox

General Council:

Elder Mary Ann Kondro, 2013

Committee on Ministry:

The Rev. Bob Carter, 2013

Elder Joyce Schultz, 2013

The Rev. Doug Dye, 2013

Committee on Representation:

Elder Joey George, 2013

Elder Isabella Brady, 2013

Committee Coordinators (one year terms)

Committee on Ministry: Elder Gail O'Dell

Representation: The Rev Bob Carter

Preparation for Ministry: Elder Kathy Ruddy

Following a period for additional nominations from the floor, the Presbytery VOTED to elect the slate as presented.

The General Council placed the following names into nomination for the Nominations Committee:

The Rev. Bob Carter (term ends 12/31/2011)

Elder Harriet Schirmer (term ends 12/31/2013)

Elder Schirmer was also nominated to serve as the Committee Coordinator during 2011. Following a period for additional nominations, the Presbytery VOTED to elect the slate as presented.

Presbyterian Women There was no report from the Presbyterian Women.

Native American Consulting Committee Elder Isabella Brady reported on behalf of the Native American Consulting Committee (NACC). She expressed thanks for the support the Rev. Joyce Emery has given to the NACC.

Elder Rosie Fay reported that a lot of their concern is that they are losing a lot of the young people to other churches. She also sees a lot of young people struggling with alcohol and drugs. She reported on the death of a young man in Kake who died when he drove his bike into a pole after drinking. She urged the Presbytery to ensure that our churches include Natives on their various leadership boards. Fay noted she would like ideas on how to get their people back and involved in our churches.

Elder Isabella Brady noted that we need closure on the closing of Sheldon Jackson, a memorial to close it officially.

Elder Barbara Searls reported on what is happening in the Native Community. The ANB Grand Camp met last week and they have worked to get the vote for Native people. Grand camp also talked about what is important to them here and Washington DC. They have adopted resolutions at each meeting on a variety of issues affecting Natives, including fishing and suicide prevention.

The Rev. Linda Wescott reported that in Yakutat the tribe has a lot of programs through the Healthy Coalition, especially with their program "Girls on the Run". This is important as there isn't much care available to people in Yakutat to help them when they come back from medical and dependency treatment.

The Rev. Dan Fullerton is working children's educational issues.

The Rev. Joyce Emery is interested in the NACC and is happy that Isabella Brady continues to serve on the Synod NACC. The Synod NACC has appropriated money for music resources in Yakutat and Sitka.

**Native
American
Consulting
Committee
Continued**

Elder Brady reported that the NACC is wondering how to help churches grow. The National NAAC has gone to bat for them and the NAAC program in Northwest is doing well.

Their next teleconference will be January 10, 2011. Elder Brady's daughter, Jennifer, developed a program and Isabella would like to see that continue. Jennifer died very suddenly of an enlarged heart.

The NACC has talked about closure possibilities for Sheldon Jackson and helping deal with the alcohol and drug epidemic in Southeast Alaska.

The report was concluded with the NACC leading the Presbytery in using the Healing Blanket on the Rev. Dan Fullerton and his wife, Duna, for the healing of his brother who had one lung removed and for Duna who has been sick.

**New Business
Amendments of
Administrative
Operations**

Stated Clerk Guy Warren presented the changes to update the Presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations. The Presbytery VOTED to adopt the changes. *The full text of the approved changes is given as an appendix to these minutes.*

**Northern Light
United Church
Rental
Property
request**

Per a request from the Congregation of Northern Light United Church which was presented by Elder Laura Doogan, the Presbytery VOTED to grant permission to Northern Light United Church to sell the three rental properties they owned on Twelfth Street in Juneau.

As part of the discussion on this item, the Rev. David Dobler explained that Northern Light had acquired these properties over the years as possible church facility expansion possibilities. After due consideration of the current factors they decided they should sell these properties because of the upkeep and other costs involved with them.

**Budget
Consideration**

Following the approval of an amendment, the Presbytery VOTED to adopt the 2011 Presbytery Budget and to set the per capita rate at \$47. \$35.04 of this is the Presbytery's portion. *The full text of the budget as amended is given as an appendix to these minutes.*

General Assembly votes Per the procedure approved earlier in the meeting, the Presbytery proceeded to vote by secret ballot on the remaining proposed revisions to the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*. The results of the balloting were as follows:

Presbytery VOTED to NOT CONCUR on Amendment 10-1, The New Form of Government. The vote was 7 for concurring and 21 voting against.

Presbytery VOTED to NOT CONCUR on Amendment 10-2, Adding the Confession of Belhar to the *Book of Confessions*. The vote was 7 for concurring and 22 against.

Presbytery VOTED to NOT CONCUR on Amendment 10-A, Gifts and Requirements - On Amending G-6.0106b. The vote was 9 for concurring and 20 against.

Session Records Presbytery VOTED to accept the following review of Session Records submitted to the Stated Clerk.

Yakutat Presbyterian Church
(January 2006-January 2010)

Exceptions

Lord's Supper not always authorized.

Approval of prior minutes done, but frequently only after some time had passed.

Periods where more than a quarter goes by without a session meeting.

Election of Elder Commissioners to Presbytery not always recorded.

Establishment of an "alternate session member" noted - there is no Book of Order support for this concept.

It was noted that making sure the minutes are read each year from the churches in Presbytery is a function of the Stated Clerk and he will craft how this will be done. The IRS says the Session Records are legal documents.

**Leaves &
Absences**

Presbytery VOTED to accept the report of the Leaves and Absences Committee. The accepted report shows the following:

For the Spring 2010 teleconference meeting

Elder Melissa Dunn should be shown in the minutes of the meeting as the Sitka Elder and in attendance.

The Elders from Hydaburg and Metlakatla are unexcused.

The Rev. Bob Carter is excused as he was leading a funeral.

The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, HR and the Rev. Dr. Paul Beren, HR are excused.

For the Fall 2010 teleconference meeting

Elders from Metlakatla and Hydaburg are excused.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Beren, HR; The Rev. Janice Stamper (tending to family); The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, HR; and The Rev. Dr. Chuck Bovee, HR are excused.

Thanks Thanks was given to the Moderator for directing this meeting and completing all the work that was needed to be done.

Dinner and Evening Worship Presbytery recessed for dinner with prayer for the meeting and the meal led by The Rev. Dr. Doug Dye at 5:10 PM. Following the meal, Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 PM with prayer and evening worship led by Elder Sue Erickson and the worship team.

Elder Report The elders report from Craig/Klawock was given within the worship service. *Details on this report is given at the end of these minutes.*

Haiti Presentation Elders Peg and Guy Warren presented pictures and information about their trip to Port au Prince, Haiti in June 2010. They reported on the severe need for assistance to the area still early in the stages of recovery from last January's earthquake. They noted that most of the city still lay in ruins and that millions are still living in tents. They offered Haitian coins to those at the meeting to help serve as a reminder of this region's need for prayer.

**Outgoing
Stated Clerk**

The Pastor to the Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler presented the Presbytery Stated Clerk Elder Guy Warren, whose 18 years of service as Stated Clerk was now drawing to a close.

Rev. Dobler reviewed how Warren had served the Presbytery in ensuring our meetings went "decently and in order" and that our relationships with the Synod and General Assembly were properly maintained.

Warren was presented with a plaque with the following words "Presented with thanks to God for the service of Guy Warren and his 18 years of orderly service as stated clerk of the Presbytery of Alaska 1992-2010 Decently and in Order this 16th day of October, 2010." Warren was also given a specially prepared set of 1992 General Assembly minutes. The book had been hollowed out and filled with Almond Roca. Warren was also presented with a customized Louisville Slugger baseball bat (whose box was padded with more Almond Roca). Warren jokingly noted that the bat would have been useful in enforcing time limits during the meeting.

Words of appreciation were given by Elder Sue Erickson, the Rev. Bob Carter, the Rev. Linda Wescott, The Rev. George Pasley, and Elder Sheryl Dennis.

The Rev. Dr. Doug Dye, the pastor at Elder Warren's church, remembered his first seeing the 6'9" Warren enter the church through the door which was lower than his head and did not bang his head. He noted that Warren is a renaissance man who works for the state, sings in the choir, and is also a football referee (nickname "Lurch"). He noted that Warren has all kinds of gifts and talents, and is a rock and solid member of the church. He has lots of mission vision and mission advocacy.

Thanks for Guy and Peg Warren were given by the Rev. Joyce Emery, The Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, Elder Peter Schultz, and Elder Nettie Covalt.

Elder Joey George spoke of the time he spent with the Warrens in the Dominican Republic and how the children there were amazed to see someone that big and sit on his shoulders. He thanked God for Guy to be able to take this trip with them both.

Outgoing Stated Clerk Additional thanks were given by Elder Crystal Badgley, the Rev. Tracee Hackel and Elder Rosie Fay.

Continued

Elder Guy Warren gave his thanks for the many who had assisted him during his time as Stated Clerk, saying it had been an enjoyable time. He gave special thanks to his wife for her support over the many years of service.

Presbytery then joined in prayer for the Warrens as they were wrapped in the Healing Blanket.

Installation of the new Stated Clerk The Rev. George Pasley, having been elected at the Fall 2009 meeting of Presbytery, was installed as the Stated Clerk. Outgoing Stated Clerk presented him with the tools of his office including a copy of Robert's Rules of Order and a memory stick containing a number of years of the Presbytery's minutes. Rev. Zimmerman read the words of installation from the Book of Order and Rev. Dobler presented the charge.

Commissioning of Lay Pastor Nettie Covalt Having completed all required to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor within the Presbytery of Alaska, and having been approved for commissioning by the Presbytery, Elder Nettie Covalt was brought forward to be commissioned. The Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman asked the commissioning questions from the *Book of Order*. The Rev. Dr. Ron Horn gave the charge, which was taken from II Timothy, Chapter 4.

Recording Clerk Elder Teddy Williams was thanked for her continuing service as recording clerk of the Presbytery.

Host Instructions The schedule of events for the next morning and the instructions on how to arrange for transport back to the airport were given the host pastor, the Rev. Bob Carter. It was noted that worship would begin at 9:00 AM.

Recess Presbytery recessed for the evening with prayers and charge led by the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman at 8:49 PM.

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Worship Presbytery joined in Sunday worship with the congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Petersburg.

Worship Continued The service included the Resolutions Committee reading their report (the text of which is given below), thanking the Petersburg congregation for hosting the meeting. The Rev. Dr David Dobler presented the worship message.

Resolutions Report The Resolutions report was given by Elder Crystal Badgley and the Rev. George Pasley. It read:

Alphabet Salad in which all are first
Z for Zimmerman, Moderator, the last is first.
F is for Chief Henry Running Water Fawcett
C is new clerk, new candidate, new commissioned lay pastor
X is for X-stated Clerk, X-tra tall, X-tra tuff
W is for worship
Q is for quiet prayer
M is for meatballs with G for Geitost sauce
L is for Louisville slugger
A is for Africa Mission trip stories, filled with wonder
T is for trip to Haiti, eyes opened wide
D is for David Dobler, doubling as preacher today, full time now
E is for Elder Reports from Angoon to Yakutat and all in between
R is for Ressurrection, great church in Hoonah
G is for God
B is for Bowl, we're a salad, not a melting pot
S is for sleep, slumbering peace in Petersburg homes
H is for Healing Blanket, wrapped in love, sealed in compassion
P is not dinner without potatoes, blueberries turning tongues purple, and Petersburg's Plethora of Magnificent Hospitality which will be long remembered

Installation of New Moderator The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett transferred the moderator's cross and stole to the new Moderator, Barbara Searles. Dr. Fawcett had given the Moderator's cross to the Presbytery years before and with the stole (made by the late Violet Mayeda of Hoonah) has been passed from Moderator to Moderator.

Also transferred was the Moderator's gavel and the train whistle given to the Presbytery by the Skagway church which is used to gather us together.

Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett As part of the transfer ceremony, Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett gave a brief statement on his life in the church.

He was ordained over 50 years ago. His life has been exciting. He has served 4 churches. He noted he was excited he had the privilege of being called. He said he served in the native churches because he always wanted to be a foreign missionary. He has not forgotten what the Presbyterian Church of Alaska has done for him and his family. The Presbytery encouraged and supported him. He said he is pleased he could place the moderator's cross on Elder Searles. She is the servant of Jesus Christ.

Adjournment Presbytery was declared adjourned at 10:05 AM with the benediction of the Worship service by the Rev. Bob Carter.

Elder's Reports

The following Elders Reports were presented throughout the meeting as described above. They are included in a single section to provide for continuity.

Angoon

The report for the Angoon church was given by Elder Joey George. He thanks the Lord for the things the Lord brings to him so he can understand. They had five outside groups come to Angoon to lead VBS groups this summer. One from Philadelphia brought thirty-five kids. They painted different homes, held basketball tournaments, and had boxing groups.

George noted that we need to support each other and hold each other up to the Lord. We need to start winning and not fighting a losing battle, especially with alcohol and drugs. We need to start doing something about this problem. If we put our belief in the Lord every day we will win. When we learn to put everything in the Lord's hands the Lord will lift us up. Chapel by the Lake is giving them paint to paint houses. He got his motor fixed because he is helping the church and the elderly people in the community. This is answered prayer.

The Rev. Tracee Hackel prayed for the church in Angoon.

Chapel by the Lake

The report was presented by Elder Gail Thibodeau. She reported that they have started construction of their building remodel. They held a missions fair where questions were asked and people were encouraged to participate in mission.

Elder Thibodeau noted that a group from the Chapel will be travelling with their pastor, The Rev. Dr. Doug Dye, to visit the Holy Lands.

The Rev. Tracee Hackel, has left her position as Associate Pastor to further her education. They are now in the process of seeking a new Associate Pastor.

They have hired a part time lay person to work with the children. With their manse currently vacant they are using this opportunity to repair and improve it.

Prayer for Chapel by the Lake was given by Elder Joey George.

Craig/Klawock

Elder Sue Erickson reported for the church in Craig/Klawock. They had been without a pastor and now they have The Rev. Claudia Rowe. Her first Sunday with them was on September 19. They give thanks and praise for the many members who have stepped up to keep the church strong. The Rev. Paul McQueen has been pulpit supply once a month. Their Sunday School is off and running with lots of children and an active adult class. The Bell choir and vocal choir are in the planning stages. This summer they installed more efficient windows in the manse and linoleum in the kitchen at the church.

The Rev. George Pasley prayed for the Craig/Klawock Church.

Haines

The report for the Haines Church was given by Elder Al Badgley. He brought greetings from Haines. They have strong leadership in their church. Summer worship is about 100 people and in the winter about 80. Their relationship with Rainbow Glacier Camp is good. They had some youth go on a mission trip to Africa and that was exciting. They are enjoying multiple bible studies, both adult and youth. They had a strong VBS this summer with about 70 children in attendance. They participate in an Ecumenical Youth group on Sunday nights. They participated in the Children's Christmas box again this year. They are helping Southeast to be a better Christian community.

The Rev. Dr. David Dobler prayed for the church in Haines.

Hoonah

The report for Hoonah was given by Elder Kathy Deitering. She gave thanks to the Presbytery for all its help. They were particularly thankful for the work led by the Hoonah Administrative Commission. Before the Commission's creation they had lost their lay pastor and they had been struggling. They have been praying and have had the help of other churches. They finally had a quorum for their Session meetings. The church had been at a loss spiritually, financially and legally. They owed monies to the IRS. The Commission helped them resolve a lot of the problems. They felt hopeless and in the wilderness and God provided by the Commission and they helped them get their feet on the ground.

They are thankful for all the good the Commission has done for them. They now have a full Session and five to twenty people attending their services. Rev. Dobler is helping with sermons about once a month. They also offered thanks to the Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett for all he has done.

The members of the Commission were called forward by Elder Gail O'Dell for a presentation and thank you. Those at the meeting included the Rev. Dr. David Dobler, The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett, and Elders Sheryl Dennis, Kathy Deitering, and Kathy Ruddy. They presented a Tlinget decorated paddle to the Hoonah Church from the Commission.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett prayed for the Hoonah Church.

Hydaburg

The Rev. George Pasley reported for the church in Hydaburg. He reported that Elder Pam Penrose had sent emails to him which he would report on. Rev. Pasley noted that Elder Penrose is a spiritual leader in Hydaburg along with Elder Tim Young. They had another suicide of a young adult. Some of the younger adults acted out with parties and problems. They are asking for prayers for local resident Claude, who is over 100 years old. Rev. Pasley urged the Presbytery to continue to pray for Hydaburg.

Elder Barbara Searles prayed for the church in Hydaburg.

Juneau (Northern Light United Church)

The report for Northern Light United Church was given by Elder Laura Doogan. She reported that they have had a lot of transitions. They have been broadcasting their services since the first week of June and it is a helpful ministry to those that are homebound.

They finally got their new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Phil Campbell and his wife, Theresa. They are advertising for a new youth director. They are supporting Paul Spangler's application to become an inquirer for ministry.

The Church was painted this summer. Their former interim pastor, the Rev. Kim Poole, was voted onto the Juneau School Board. They voted to sell their 12th street properties to invest in their own property and programs. They have a new choir director, Pat Belec, Alan McKinnon continues to help with music and the Tlingit Gospel Singers also provide music.

George Abdalla, a Palestinian Christian, was hosted at their church. They continue a great friendship with Holy Trinity Episcopal whose church was burned about four years ago. They share youth leaders with them and dinners on Friday night. The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff will turn 102 next month. Doogan asked for prayer for their youth and pastor.

Elder Isabella Brady prayed for the Northern Light United Church.

Kake

The report for Kake was given by Elder Rosie Fay. She reported that they are a continuing presence in the community reaching out as the spirit of the Lord. The Church is a gathering place for the community. They celebrated the local Head Start graduation and a wedding in June. The Girl Scouts had a day camp in their community. They made a vest for Mary Ann Conjer, everyone was part of making this vest, they all added something to the vest. Mary Ann was adopted into Rosie's family in 1979.

The Manse is finally providing lodging as the Girl Scout camp staff camp used it this summer. The Girl Scout leaders said their lodging was paradise with an ocean view. In late June, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler and Jerry Van Marter from the Presbyterian News Service arrived on David's boat with lots of stories. There was a news article in the Presbyterian News Letter about Kake and what is going on there.

The M/V Christian arrived in July welcoming them all on board for a sunset dinner. They are very kind friends of the Kake Church. They have been working with the Rev. Bob Carter from Petersburg, and twice a year Petersburg blesses them with boxes of good rummage and household items. Thanks to Petersburg for caring for Kake.

In mid-July, an organization from the Woodbury Lutheran Church in Minnesota came and helped repair the church and lead a

women's Bible study. They also assisted with a community culture camp. Another group came and, repaired the playground equipment, and other things around the church. In July they sent Chelsea Mills as youth delegate to the General Assembly and one youth from Kake attended Youth Triennium. Evergreen Presbyterian Church from Washington returned again this summer.

The Kake church continues to search for a pastor and family to join in the work of their church. They are looking ahead to 2012 as a celebration of 100 years of the Kake Memorial Church.

Elder Crystal Badgley prayed for the church in Kake.

Ketchikan

The report for the Ketchikan church was given by Elder Susan Fisher. She said this is her first time in Petersburg. Their church faces challenges, declining membership, some members are retiring and some are moving away. They have had some success in bringing in younger families. They continue to have good relationships with Lutherans, Episcopalians and other churches. They are blessed that their pastor, the Rev. George Pasley, is an accomplished poet.

Their church features a rotating art exhibit in their Narthex which has been well received with local publicity in the paper. The members of the church are committed to the church and service to the community. The Church participates once a month in the Lord's Table which is a program to offer meals to the homeless and those living in substandard housing. They have a food pantry on Fridays.

The church participates in the local area Love, Inc. (Love In the Name of Christ) program. The Ketchikan program is comprised of seventeen local churches which formed a clearing house for needs of people in the community. Rev. Pasley is president of the local Love, Inc board.

They continue the Jacob's Altar outdoor worship service each summer. They host a Compassion weekend in the winter where everyone in church is to find a service activity. It was a blessing that their small church spent an enormous amount of energy to put in a lift and new kitchen. They then needed a new boiler and most of the money has been donated and thanks to God they have almost reached their goal of \$16,000 for the new boiler.

The Rev. Jan Blankenship prayed for the church in Ketchikan.

Metlakatla

The Rev. George Pasley reported for the church in Metlakatla. The Rev. Deva McQueen served as their interim pastor for almost two years. Their CIF has been approved and is being put on the GA website and they will begin their search for a permanent pastor. They were doing well with a pastor and they want to keep moving ahead. They ask for prayers for leadership.

Elder Rosie Fay prayed for the Metlakatla church.

Petersburg

The report for the Petersburg church was given by Elder Peter Schultz. He said he is intoxicated by the spirit that flows through their sanctuary. They are proud to have Presbytery here as is the community. They are a small church in numbers but are a great spirit. It is this strong bond that helps them to be a family and deal with everyday life. They have lost three members of their congregation since last meeting. Dorothy Engle died in a boating/fishing accident. She was very active in the community providing love, health, and comfort.

Their church discussed what they would do for Presbytery. They decided to make it the best hosted Presbytery ever with only 44 members and 32 worshiping on Sunday. The Petersburg Church presented each person at Presbytery a hand-made broadside. It was lettered and printed on a hand press by Peter Schultz.

They are blessed with the Rev. Bob and Gladys Carter who are very close to all the members of the church.

Elder Nettie Covalt prayed for the Petersburg church.

Sitka

Elder David Didrickson reported for the church in Sitka. He praised God for the spirit at Presbytery. It has been a blessing for him and it is his first time here. Last summer they had three groups come in including one from Minnesota and one from Oregon.

The groups that came built a nice shed out of yellow cedar with electricity. They needed to replace a beam in Fellowship Hall and one of the groups raised money to do this. These groups were a blessing. They are very fortunate to have the Rev. Dan Fullerton and his wife Duna with them in Sitka. Rev. Fullerton is serving as their Interim Pastor. They are also looking for a Permanent Pastor. Didrickson noted that they are going to look to the Lord for help and worship God. We need to trust in God and stand strong.

The Rev. Bob Carter prayed for the Sitka Church

Skagway

Elder John Jackson gave the report for the church in Skagway. Skagway hosted three Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Members in the church have been studying the Book of Revelation using the resource "Reverse Thunder." Sunday school began in October with the theme of Thy Kingdom Come. Wanda Warner passed and her life was celebrated on October 4. Labor Day they hosted The African Children's Choir. They said goodbye to members of their church that moved away from town. The Session is exploring outreach to the community. Their Pastor, The Rev. Ryan Mandeville, continues to encourage them. Carol Bjorg visited Dominican Republic in January.

The Rev. Ron Horn prayed for the church in Skagway.

Wrangell

Elder Nettie Covalt reported for the Wrangell church. She noted that Wrangell always does everything in proper order, she was reading the minutes of the Session and found she was elected to come. Wrangell is an awesome place, wonderful people. They lost their pastor this summer because of concerns over the church's finances. They have a lot of history and know God has something for them to do.

This summer their Missions Committee decided that there were a lot of children in Wrangell that needed a church experience. The Wrangell church hosted a picnic and games and 30 children came. They need to find the right way to minister to these children. They continue to support the children in Madagascar. They have pledged \$2000 to the children of Madagascar with fund raisers, they ended up sending more than \$2000 to Madagascar for 2010. They pledged again for 2011 to raise money for the children's home in Madagascar.

They are challenged with music, no one to play the piano. They are using CDs for music and some one finger piano playing. They are doing many things to embrace and worship God.

The Rev. Linda Wescott prayed for the Wrangell Church.

Yakutat

Elder Inga Hanlon reported for the church in Yakutat. The last time she was here in Petersburg, which was the first time she was here, she had to write the Elders report and this time also. Her pastor helped her with the report this time.

Elder Hanlon noted that she attended Sheldon Jackson as a

child. They incorporated some of the things from Sheldon Jackson into their church. They are glad to have some people returning to their church.

She gave thanks to the Rev. Linda Wescott for her service for the past 13 years and they have been blessed by everyone who has come in to minister to the Yakutat church. They have a prayer ministry for those who suffer from alcohol and drug use and they are always welcome in the church.

Hanlon asked the Presbytery to pray for the church and the ministers they have had. They are a small congregation, but each have strengths that the church can use.

The Rev. Ryan Mandeville prayed for the Yakutat church.

Guy Warren
Stated Clerk

Teddy Williams
Recording Clerk