

2009 FALL STATED MEETING OF THE ALASKA PRESBYTERY
Northern Light United Church
Juneau, Alaska
April 17 - 19, 2009

Friday, April 17, 2009	
Call to Order	The Moderator, Elder Fred Baxter called the 2009 Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska to order on October 17, 2008 at 2:05 PM with prayer.
Opening remarks	Rev. Walter Soboleff gave the opening remarks.
Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum	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 approved the docket as set forth
Temporary Committees	The Moderator announced the following temporary committee appointments. Temporary Clerks: Randy Russom Jesse Perry Resolutions Committee: George Pasley Leaves and Absences Committee: Linda Wescott Adeline DeCastro Travel Committee: Ron Horn Julie Morris
Privilege of the Floor	Presbytery VOTED to grant the privilege of the floor to corresponding members and guests.
Approval of the Fall 2009 minutes	Presbytery VOTED to approve the minutes of the Fall, 2009 meeting with the following corrections: ??
Review of Action Items	Action items to be considered at the meeting were reviewed. Nominations Committee COM position COM present commissioned lay pastor Lay Pastor committee, change name, revise mission statement 210 committee

	<p>Trustees Finance General Council to amend the By-Laws and Begin process of setting up search committee for Stated Clerk Amendments to the Presbyterian Book of Order</p>
Stated Clerk Report	<p>The Stated Clerk, Elder Guy Warren, presented a written report Introduced those attending their first Presbytery Meeting. Thanks to all churches that submitted their annual report electronically Rev. Dixie Anders of Craig/Klawock has accepted a position elsewhere Looking at 2010, need churches to host a Presbytery meeting. Again thinking about a teleconference meeting, and to do this each church needs a broad band internet connection in their community.</p>
From General Council	<p>The Stated clerk, with the concurrence of the General Council moves that the Presbytery suspended the standard rules of debate concerning the Presbytery's decision on concurrence with Book of Order Amendment 08-B. It is further proposed that the presbytery discuss the amendment at the time specified in the docket on Friday, April 17th. No vote will be taken at that time. The standard rules as laid out in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, will be followed in this discussion. Voting on the matter will be conducted at 4:00 PM, Saturday, April 18th, with no additional debate or discussion prior to the vote. The vote will be taken by secret ballot. Prior to the distribution of ballots, the Moderator will call for a prayer for discernment. The votes against concurrence exceed those for concurrence the Presbytery will be shown as voting against concurrence. If the vote is tied, the Presbytery will be shown as taking no action on the matter. Presbytery VOTED to suspend the standard rules of debate concerning the Book of Order Amendment 08-B.</p>
Pastor to Presbytery	<p>Rev. David Dobler. Read from Ephesians from a Bible he received as a 6th grader in the Congregational Church in Boston. General Council of the Presbyterian Church General Assembly is cutting their budget which means they will stop doing things probably in September. Things are going to need to be done differently around the whole church, and things will also be different in our Presbytery. Sheldon Jackson: They are working on selling land that is not integral to pay the large debt the college has incurred. Talking to Dubuque Theological Seminary about helping to rejuvenate the school. Board of Pensions for Ministers: Long Term Care Insurance – There is now open enrollment available for this insurance until the end of May. Financial Report. Leadership Report, Property Report Venus, the treasurer. A very positive review of the 2008 finances. A shortfall of income funds in 2008. A loss was realized of \$104,000 in</p>

	2008. Largest outlay is for professional services, sexual harassment policy and audit. Finance Committee decided to close the Merrill Lynch investment account and place the funds in a six month CD. Discussed our Financial outlook for the next few years. We need to be planning how we manage the finances of the Presbytery for the next few years. We have fewer than 1000 members in Alaska Presbytery. We may need to look at Elder leadership and need to train new elders. We are also challenged by the number of pastors we don't have. We need to look at our leadership. Property we own: God provides for the work he wants done. General Council will present a Budget to Presbytery at the fall meeting using the \$150,000 we might have coming in. We may need to spend some of our reserves to be sustainable for the future.
Treasurer's Report	No further report
Mission Development Certificates.	Dean Mielke, Synod finance. MDC program is still going strong. They have made many loans to churches for repairs. Chapel and Northern Light have both borrowed money from MDC and both have repaid the loan. The note was returned to them.
General Council	Rev. Randy Russom. Discuss changes to By Laws and Elect Stated Clerk Search Committee.
PCUSA Foundation	Eric Chavez. In 2009, Presbyterian Foundation, New Covenant Fund and New Covenant Trust Company. They practice socially responsible investing. They are in the process of rebalancing their portfolio of \$1.7 million. As of March the fund is ahead of most national indices. He has information if anyone wants it.
Amendment 08-B	Discussion on this amendment. Amending G-6.0106b, G-14.0240 and G-14.0450
Break for Dinner & Reconvene	Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. John Zimmerman for Dinner and reconvened after Dinner at 7:00 pm.
Elder Reports Part 1	Elder reports from Angoon, Chapel by the Lake, Craig and Haines are found at the end of these minutes.
Evening Worship with Necrology	Prayer and music by Paul Dawson, 'Scripture reading Luke 15 by Sheryl Dennis. Sermon: Adeline deCastro Necrology report Northern Light Elder Frances Marvin, 11/1/2008 Elder Annabell Revels, 8/8/2008 Metlakatla Rev. Inez Ellard, 4/2008 Skagway Violet 'Connie' Conard, 3/25/2008 Angoon Martha Nelson,
Recessed for the evening	Presbytery was recessed for the evening at 8:05 pm with prayer by Rev Bob Cameron.
SATURDAY, April 18, 2009	
Morning Devotion	Presbytery was called back to order by Elder Harriet Schirmer at 8:30 am.

	Scripture read by Eric Leegard. Devotion conducted by Crystal Badgley.
Elder Reports Part II	Elder Reports from Northern Light, Kake, Ketchikan, Metlakatla and Petersburg are found at the end of these minutes.
Lutheran Boat Ministry	Rev. Captain Stan Berenson and Sheryl Gilbaker??, parish nurse. This Lutheran Mission boat is based in Wrangell and is part of the LAMP ministry, that basically serves Native congregations in America and encourage Native leaders. They have been 20 years in Alaska in this mission. They are long time Ketchikan residents. VBS last summer in Kake with the boat. This is a cross cultural ministry. The boat has gone to many logging camps. They minister to a variety of people, not just Natives. They are seeking a partnership with our Presbytery for our small, isolated congregations. They have spent time in Hydaburg for nine years doing VBS. In Angoon in January, passing out blankets and quilts to the new babies in the community. They have been in most of the small communities in southern southeast. In January they put the boat in dry dock, and they are now looking at returning the boat to the water. Prayers for Stan and Sheryl by Rev. George Pasley.
Mission & Ministry Groups	Presbytery broke in to the M&M groups.
Break	
Presbyterian Women	Report by Adeline deCastro. She has attended many women's meetings. These meetings were part handiwork, food, Bible study and fellowship. In the past PW trained the younger women. It is getting harder for women to attend meetings now that they are working outside the home. We have conducted meetings over the internet over several weeks. Any woman that attends a Presbyterian Church is a Presbyterian Woman. She has been very active in PW, and does not like to see the decline of the meetings. Some will persevere and with God's help will continue to meet needs.
Rainbow Glacier Camp	Rev. Randy Russom. Hired Bill Daniels from Montana as the new Camp Administrator. The Program Director will stay. University Presbyterian in Seattle is working on staffing the camp. A shorter season this year due to upgrades; well drilled and new septic system. Next year they hope to have a full camping season.
Nominations	Crystal Bagley reporting. Vacancy on COM, nomination is Rev. Bob Carter. Presbytery VOTED to close the nominations and elect Rev. Bob Carter to fill the vacancy on the COM. General Council vacancy; Rev. Tracey Hackel Presbytery VOTED to close the nominations and elect Rev. Tracey Hackel to fill the vacancy on the General Council.
Committee on Representation	Rev. Bob Carter: Met by teleconference. Currently 47 positions in this presbytery, 20 filled by Ministers, 27 filled by Elders. 21 by womebn, 26 by men. One position filled by a Native man, 4 Native women. We need to

	encourage our people to accept nominations. No youth and no people with disabilities on committees. If you have concerns about the nominations, please let them know. Recap: lack of Native men, women and youth and disabled.
Elder Reports Part III	Elder Reports for Sitka, Skagway, Wrangell and Yakutat are found at the end of these minutes.
Break for Lunch and Reconvene	Presbytery recessed with prayer by Rev. Dr. David Dobler for Lunch at 12:06 pm. Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 pm.
Presbytery Legal Issue	Moderator Fred Baxter. A situation in Hoonah, a church taking over, not full disclosure to the Session. Some payroll, etc taxes paid and some not paid. Resulted in communication from IRS. Hoonah records not complete. There are questions. Advising the Presbytery that after working with an accounting firm, we have a liability of about \$22,000. We do not know if there are other liabilities for other tax years. Recommendation that Presbytery proceed with payment of the known liability to terminate accruing interest and penalties. Wait to see if there are additional liabilities.
Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry	<p>Rev. Ron Horn. The matter of Crystal Badgley. The Haines Session asked the COM that Crystal be commissioned as a Lay Pastor for Worship and Congregational Care, her duties would be administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, moderate the Haines Session when the moderator is not available and to have voice and vote at Presbytery meetings. Rev. Horn would be her mentor and under the authority of the Haines Session. Crystal was examined by members of the Presbytery</p> <p>Presbytery VOTED to arrest the examination of Crystal Badgley.</p> <p>Presbytery VOTED to approve the commissioning of Crystal Badgley as a Lay Pastor for Worship and Congregational Care for the church at Haines.</p> <p>On behalf of the Presbytery of Alaska, Rev. Ron Horn ordained Crystal Badgley as Lay Pastor to serve in Haines followed by prayer by Rev. John Zimmerman and laying on of hands by officers past and present of the Haines Church. Presbytery welcomed Crystal.</p> <p>COM met yesterday and approved the CIF for the Kake church with a few edits which should be completed in a few days.</p> <p>Hoonah Church. Recommend the appointment of an administrative commission to assist the Hoonah church.</p> <p>Presbytery approved The Alaska Mission for Christ of the Lutheran Church to use the church and manse. The Pastor was dismissed by the Lutheran Church. The lease with the Lutheran church was terminated.</p> <p>Presbytery VOTED to appoint this administrative commission.</p> <p>It is requested they periodically report back to the Presbytery.</p> <p>Prayer for this commission by Mary Ann Condro.</p>

Committee on Preparation for Ministry	<p>Hudsons Finishing up in Louisiana Dale Busey is in the middle of his second year and will be working in a Debuque church.</p>
Announcement	<p>Invitation to take a short cruise on the Princeton Hall. Make reservations to go with Kathy.</p>
Lay Pastor Education Task Force	<p>Elder Dr. Harriet Schirmer. Twelve people were involved in the Preaching class this week that was taught by Rev. John Zimmerman. The Presbytery pays 60% of the cost, the home church pays 15% and the student pays 15%. They encourage people who think they might like to become Lay Pastors to talk to members of the Task Force. Since there are other needs in the Presbytery for people to become better leaders in their church. They have been thinking about changing the name to Leadership Equipping Center. In the next year they would like to offer a new series for Elders and new Elders on "How to make a small church work." They would be offering this on paper on DVD and a couple teleconferences. Also, a series on inter-cultural relationships and small church administration. She feels the expanded version of this task force will be beneficial Presbytery VOTED to change the name of the Task Force to Leadership Equipping Center. Presbytery VOTED to change the mission of this task force to Develop and deliver training modules to enrich the ministries of elders and lay leaders in the churches of Alaska Presbytery.</p>
Personnel Committee	<p>Rev. Linda Wescott. Three new members Sue Fisher, Bill Privett and Ryan Mandeville One teleconference meeting coming up soon. Presbytery VOTED to keep the three current part time positions.</p>
Trustees	<p>Rev. Jesse Perry. Sexual Misconduct Policy. Section 5 looks at Prevention. To be completed and voted on at the next Presbytery meeting. Strike the word "new" from Section V Prevention, Paragraph 6, second word. Presbytery VOTED to accept the recommendations of the Sexual Misconduct Policy. Property Maintenance report. About \$35,000 given out to various churches for upkeep this past year Short term loan to the Sitka church \$20,000 and begin paying back on June 1 in ten equal payments. Presbytery VOTED to approve the loan to the Sitka church in the amount of \$20,000.</p>

Notes	It was approved by the NACC to send the Healing Robe to Metlakatla for Stella Soboleff's memorial service.
Break	
Native American Consulting Committee	<p>Elder Isabella Brady. Dependent on what they can do with the money restrictions. The spirit of fellowship and friendship is evident at times and other times not. Lacking right now is the singing. Presbyterian church is we don't understand the history. First mission in Alaska was to the Natives. The members will be speaking.</p> <p>Elder Randy Gamble from Angoon. Speaking on the alcoholism and drug problems in Angoon. Difficult to deal with as Alaska Natives. They are trying to reach out to the alcoholics. They are explaining to the people who stumble into their church who God is and sometimes they come back the next day. Some people have admitted that they have used drugs in the past, but found the Lord and are no longer using.</p> <p>Elder Patricia Adkisson. Part of a vibrant church NLUC. They enjoy the privilege of their identity and enjoy doing that in the house of the Lord. They have been encouraged to stretch that they value who they are. They are finding their gifts as members of the church and Presbytery. Trying to address some of the issues they were born into. Committed to help with the FASD conference next spring. They will work on the healing part of the conference, and work with other churches.</p> <p>Elder Sandy Churchill. Fortunate to have a lot of culture in our church. She was asked what she would like to see in her church and she would like to see more Native culture in the church and it has been happening.</p> <p>Elder Adeline deCastro. She is concerned about the subsistence lifestyle, she feels she is too old for a subsistence lifestyle. We need to remember the elders and to share your meat and berries with the elders. She is also concerned about the alcohol abuse in her community. They have some registered sex offenders in their community. She is very careful where her granddaughter goes and we need to watch out for these people. The Spirit of Healing Robe that was presented in Sitka. It is their concern that it be used. It stays in the Presbytery Office. If it is needed in a community you just need to ask for it. Isabella and Rosie Fey came up with the the idea of and created the Healing Robe.</p> <p>Isabella. Concern for Sheldon Jackson School. There is a video available that was made in the 1930s and a book about SJ. A treaty was made with Sitka and Sheldon Jackson that they could use the land as long as it was used for education. But some of the land has been sold and not returned to the Natives. In the past a tribal college was talked about. The school means a lot to the Natives.</p>
Finance Report	Elder Sheryl Dennis. New members Linda Wescott, Terry Sharnbroich, and Doug Dye. They feel this is a good report. Thanks to Venus for her help on getting the finances together.
Voting on Amendment	The Presbytery shall be shown as not concurring on Amendment 08-B

O8-B	On a sealed vote: Yes- 12, No 21.
General Council Actions	By Laws: Moved adoption Presbytery VOTED to amend the By-Laws as proposed. Appointing a search committee for the Stated Clerk whose term ends with the Fall meeting in 2010 Presbytery VOTED to create a search committee for the Stated Clerk's position.
Amendments	???Presbytery VOTED that we concur with the Amendments of the Session Records and Overtures Committee and the four Ecumenical Statements.
New Business	No new business Note that the Company of Pastors does not end until January 2010, so the money available for this event is still available.
Leaves and Absences	Rev. Linda Wescott and Elder Adeline deCastro. Elders excused for late arrival Auke Bay. Elders excused Metlakatla, Hoonah and unexcused Hydaburg. Retired ministers Rev. Paul Beran, Rev. Charles Bovee, Rev. Henry Fawcet. Rev. Doug Dye excused. Early departures. Ref Dr. Soboleff, Julie Morris, Deva McQueen, Paul Dawson, Sue Erickson, Rev Tracey Haskel, Inga Hanlon. Presbytery VOTED to approve the leaves and absences.
Dinner	Presbytery meeting recessed at 4:20 with prayer by Rev. Janice Stamper.
	Dinner will be at 6:00 pm.
SUNDAY – April 19, 2009	
Worship with the Northern Light United Church	Presbytery joined in Sunday worship with the congregation of the Northern Light United Church in Juneau. The Resolutions Committee read the resolution report, thanking the NLUC congregation for hosting the meeting. The Rev. presented the worship message.
Recess for Lunch	Presbytery recessed for lunch at PM with prayers led by .

Elders Reports	The following Elders Reports were presented throughout the meeting as described above. They are included in a single section to provide for continuity.
Frances Johnson Memorial Church (Angoon)	Elder Randy Gamble and Trustee. They average about \$1500 per month after paying bills. Several VBS groups coming to Angoon this summer, Philadelphia, two from Washington, one with Rick Hanson, who might lead a basketball camp. The Princeton Hall transports people from Juneau to Angoon to help the church there. The MV Christian docks in Angoon and the children are very responsive when they see it. This ship takes people on short trips and have activities for the kids to do. Carol Martin and Cynthia Frank want to attend seminary. Easter brought 25 people to church, they average 15-20 each Sunday. The church gives thanks for the Church Partnership with CBTL and for the Presbytery of Alaska's Mission Partnership. Prayer for Angoon was given by Rev. Tracy Haskel.
Chapel by the Lake (Auke Bay)	Elder Dave Massey. A good period of time, mainly because Pastor Dye has joined them. It is a great relief to have a permanent pastor in place. Christmas activities are the highlight of the year. Long range planning team is working on a number of options, especially replacing the roof. Mission trips taken abroad to the West Bank, and the local missions. For renewal time this year Rev. Kenneth Bailey was the guest speaker. Much has been accomplished this year at the Chapel. They are joyful for their staff and all that they are doing. Prayer for Chapel By The Lake was given by Rev. Ryan Mandeville
First Presbyterian Church of Craig and Klawock	Elder Paul Dawson. Their pastor was called to another church this year. They continue to nurture their congregation and many people have picked up the jobs that need to be done around the church. Three of their elders are participating in the Presbytery Preaching class. Sunday school has 3-5 youth and 3 adults attending. During advent they held a crafts event which was well attended by the children. They have just formed their PNC and are looking for a new pastor. Dave Johnson died this year quite suddenly. Prayer for Craig/Klawock was given by Crystal Badgley.
Haines Presbyterian Church	Elder Al Badgley. Crystal Badgley is requesting to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor for Worship and Congregational Care. They are going increase their monetary support and be more involved with

	<p>Rainbow Glacier Camp. They have helped supply food and heating fuel to local residents. A group of eleven went to Mexico as a mission trip where they made about 1000 quesadillas for needy residents, handed out grocery bags to two hundred families, two hundred pounds of clothes, soccer balls, three hundred Spanish New Testaments, and crayons and coloring sheets with Bible stories. They have insulated the manse and installed a more fuel efficient heating system and this spring there are plans to install fuel efficient boilers in the Church. Their VBS has increased to almost 90 children.</p> <p>Prayer for Haines was given by Rev. John Zimmerman.</p>
Hoonah Presbyterian Church	No report from Hoonah,.
Hydaburg Presbyterian Church	<p>Written report from Hydaburg. They continue to grow despite the fact they are without a minister. They have been the beneficiaries of many acts of kindness from the Presbytery: Pastors preaching in the Hydaburg church, They were able to meet their budget. An auto accident claimed the life of a seventeen year old girl and put a seventeen year old male in the Hospital. The financial support offered by the Presbytery has allowed them to give to the grieving families in their time of need. They held two evening memorial services at the church where Elder Tim Young officiated. They planned an "outreach" Easter service.</p>
Northern Light United Church (Juneau)	<p>Elder Patricia Adkisson. NLUC provides a kitchen and fellowship hall for the preparation of meals, such as the Glory Hole during their remodeling, for service organizations, pre-school co-op, gatherings and deacon fund raisers, Lenten lunch series, music and educational events. Youth Group is active and the Youth Director and Pastor are conducting a nine week confirmation course for youth. Their mission work includes: Glordy Hole, prison ministry, co-sponsor 2nd Southeast FASD conference, partner with Juneau People for Peace & Justice, support a Library in Tanzania and sponsor a camp at Eagle River for children of incarcerated parents. They are considering their resources and how they should be distributed. Working to increase their outreach: Glory Hole dinners, Prison Ministry, outreach to Hoonah. NLUC is the home to the Tlingit Gospel Singers who also volunteer around the community. NLUC paid off their building repair loan to the Synod. More repairs need to be done to the building.</p> <p>Prayer for Juneau was given by Rev. Ron Horn.</p>
Kake Memorial Presbyterian Church	<p>Elder Mary Ann Kondro. Thank yous to Rev. Dr. Chuch Bovee who returns to serve the church at Kake both in Kake and in Sitka. Rev. Dr. David Dobler for his service in Kake to give worship support: communion, baptisms. They had a full church on Easter with Rev. Dr. Dobler preaching. Rev. Bob Carter as moderator of the Session. Thanks to Tom ?? for help with the Manse. Thanks to the Northeast M&M group for \$12,000 for maintenance projects: new kitchen and bathroom floors, small propane heater in the kitchen, repaired holes in the basement.</p>

	<p>Thanks to NACC and Presbytery for sharing the Healing Blanket with Kake, they have four deaths in their community in the past few months. Thank Lake City Presbyterian Church for gifts at Christmas, an Alabama Church sent some gifts. Work groups returning to Kake, Copperton PA will do VBS and some work around the church, also a work group from Washington will be coming. Two other groups will use the church for housing as they do some basketball camps. They continue to work on their church information form and it is almost completed. As part of this effort the developed a Mission Statement. God has given them strength that they did know they had.</p> <p>Prayer for Kake was given by Rev Linda Wescott.</p>
Ketchikan Presbyterian Church	<p>Elder Karl Luck. Right now they are debt free and hope to stay debt free once they complete their two year building project which put a roof in the building, elevator and compliant ADA bathrooms. Their numbers have been steady or declining and their vision is if they continue successful ministries to the community and improve their building to ADA compliance that they will start to grow.</p> <p>Prayer for Ketchikan was given by Rev. Jesse Perry.</p>
Metlakatla Presbyterian Church	<p>Rev. Deva McQueen. Giving thanks for being in Metlakatla as interim pastor. They have a strong group of women for mission and their church. A Bible class was started for the adults. Attendance is up. They enjoyed a candlelight service at Christmas as well as a baby baptism. In January baptized an adult and infant. February was challenging. She met with Rainbow Glacier Camp working on ways to raise money for the camp and get the kids to camp. Elder Ellen Ryan suffered a stroke. She has been Clerk, Treasurer and was a big help to the new minister. They have had a lot of support from Presbytery Staff. UPW put on a dinner to honor three men in the congregation. Wednesday night Bible study has about six attending. By the end of April they will have had nine infant baptism and one adult baptism. They enjoyed the Easter celebration with sunrise service, breakfast and worship. They are completing the skirting around the church building.</p> <p>Prayer for Metlakatla was given by Rev. Randy Russom.</p>
Pelican Community Church	<p>Prayer for Pelican was given by</p>
First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg	<p>Elder Joyce Schultz. On Sunday morning it seems everyone is 30 years older, some gone, some in long term care, not many of the children still live in Petersburg. They have just about maintained their numbers. They are a family sized church and the church has a good feeling about it. Easter Sunday they had a potluck and some visitors. The roof is completed and paid for as is the foundation. Need a cover over the entrance to the furnace room. Sunday School has 3-8 kids and Rev. Carter cooks pancake for them. The kids have been using the pool for swimming and learning to kayaking. They have two new members and</p>

	<p>they had an Elder become active again in the church. They seem to be just meeting their budget but are able to continue their mission. Prayer for Petersburg was given by Rev. Deva McQueen.</p>
Sheldon Jackson College	<p>Prayer for Sheldon Jackson College was given by</p>
First Presbyterian Church of Sitka	<p>Elder Kathy Russom. Greetings from Edie and Chuck Bovee. Asked for continued prayers for all our church structures. They are continuing work on their windows project, and their roof project has been completed. The amount of fuel they used this year is down. Reaching out to a men's group called the Jerico House giving them lunches. There is a group considering using their church as a meeting place . Prayer for Sitka was given by Rev. Ron Horn.</p>
First Presbyterian Church of Skagway	<p>Elder John Tronrud. This is his 6th year as Elder in Skagway, and 3rd year as Clerk of Session. They are a little short on an Elder. There is a group that is committed to fulfilling the needs of their church. With Pastor Ryan their membership is growing. They have completed a membership class. Their Sunday School has a great number of volunteers working and have a long term commitment. Many children from the community are attending the Sunday School. Looking to increase the youth activities, Boys Scouts have begun to meet in the church again, another group of young men are also meeting in the church. The abilities and energy of their pastor is appreciated by the church and the community. He has opened the doors of his home to several young men that need a place to sleep and give them guidance. There are several couples that the pastor is reaching out to with guidance. Skagway in the summer has an influx of people working in the community and they usually provide a second church service in the evening, with many participating. Several people coming back to work. Prayer for Skagway was given by Rev. Bob Carter.</p>
First Presbyterian Church of Wrangell	<p>Elder Sandra Churchill. Blessed to have Rev. Janice Stamper and her musical talents for over two years. Christmas Eve service with a Native Nativity with quite a few children participating. No children's Sunday School, but they do have an adult Sunday School and Men's Breakfast continues with up to 20 people attending. Building and Grounds has a ten year plan of improvement. Their roof also is leaking, especially the manse. They have two new Deacons. The Hostel is getting ready to open. Porch picnics at the Manse will start up again soon. Celebrated Maundy Thursday Communion, Good Friday Service, Sunrise Service was good, and the Easter Service packed the church. Celebrated the Gifts of Women and brought people back to the church. The Women's rummage sale and Bazaar did very well. Because of the good acoustics in the sanctuary the Community Choir will be using the church for their Spring Concert. Prayer for Wrangell was given by Rev. George Pasley.</p>
Yakutat Presbyterian Church	<p>Elder Inga Hanlon. Yakutat is a very small congregation of people who are faithful members in Christ. They have gifts in their church, everybody</p>

participates. One member has returned and brought a spirit of enthusiasm to some of their projects. They support an orphan in Bosnia and Africa. Church is hosting a yoga class. Bible study is using locations and buildings in the Bible study using pictures and artifacts. Their Advent teas keep growing each year. Everyone wears beautiful and fanciful hats. When Linda came back from the Holy Land they had pictures around the church. She brought back rocks from the church of the Holy Sepulchre, also hyssop leaves, this all made it a very special service for Easter. A young child was Baptized with water from the Jordan, Sea of Galilee and Nile and water from the Dead Sea. The church is open to all and they have a special prayer ministry for those that are addicted. Thank you to Linda and Paul, she has been there for eleven years. They are always looking for work groups. There is still a need for a mission church in Yakutat. She remembers the Presbyterian church as being a very important part of Yakutat and Dr. Soboleff preaching. Prayer for Yakutat was given by Rev. Dr. David Dobler.

Guy Warren
Stated Clerk

Teddy Williams
Recording Clerk