

SPRING STATED MEETING OF THE ALASKA PRESBYTERY
Teleconference
March 29, 2008

ROLL CALL

Church	Minister	Elder(s)
Angoon	<i>Vacant</i>	Joey George <i>(Arrived later)</i>
Auke Bay Chapel By the Lake	<i>Corresponding Interim Pastor</i> The Rev. Tracee D. Hackel	Julie Morris Laurel White
Craig & Klawock	The Rev. Dixie Voss Anders	Sue Erickson
Haines	The Rev. Ron Horn	Crystal Badgley
Hoonah	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>absent</i>
Hydaburg	<i>Vacant</i>	Pam Penrose
Kake	<i>Vacant</i>	Rosie Faye
Ketchikan	The Rev. George Pasley	Robin Heathcombe
Metlakatla	The Rev. Inez Ellerd	Ellen Ryan
Juneau Northern Light	The Rev. Jesse Perry	Mary Becker <i>absent</i>
Petersburg	The Rev. Robert Carter	Joyce Schultz
Sitka	The Rev. Randy Russom	Jeremy Wells
Skagway	The Rev. Ryan Mandeville	Lizzie Carlson
Wrangell	The Rev. Janice Stamper <i>(Stated Supply)</i>	Nettie Covalt
Yakutat	The Rev. Linda Wescott	Cathy Wassillie

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

Participating:

The Rev. Charles Bovee, HR, Sitka
The Rev. Bob Cameron, HR, Haines
The Rev. Dr. David Dobler,
Sheldon Jackson President, Sitka
The Rev. Patrick Sheahan, Member-at-Large, Sitka
The Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, HR, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Absent:

The Rev. Bob Masciola, not resident
The Rev. Walter Soboleff, HR
The Rev. Paul Beran, HR

Note: Determining if absences should be considered excused or unexcused was deferred until the Fall 2008 meeting. (See the body of the minutes below.)

PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS

The Rev. Randy Russom, Moderator
Elder Guy Warren, Stated Clerk
Elder Teddy Williams, Recording Clerk
Liz Kiehne-Perry, Treasurer *(Arrived Later)*

VOTING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING FROM THE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Elder Rick Greene, Petersburg, Presbytery Moderator-Elect
Elder Janell Privett, Wrangell, Presbyterian Women
Elder Sheryl Dennis, Skagway, Finance
Elder Bonnie Sharnbroich, Haines, NE M&M representative
Elder Adeline deCastro, Craig/Klawock,
Native American Consulting Committee

Total Ministers on the roll participating:	15
Total Elder Commissioners participating:	15
Other Voting Elders participating	<u>7</u>
Total Voting Members Present	37

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

The Rev. Leon Thompson, HR Sacramento Pres.,
Auke Bay Interim Pastor

OTHER GUESTS, INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS

Spouses of Ministers
Miriam Cameron Martha Zimmerman

Others

Beth Belflower, Auke Bay
Cynthia Gleason, Presbytery Office Manager
Andrea Cephlecci, Ketchikan VYM
Deb Spencer, Pelican Presbytery Ministry
Katherine Didering, Hoonah
Vince Gilmartin, Ketchikan
Lorie Luck, Ketchikan
Stephen Kinney, Ketchikan Pres, Task Force Chair
Kathy Ruddy, Auke Bay, Committee on Ministry
Elder Jay Tate, Haines Session Member
Dave Turcott, Sitka,
Presbytery Personnel & Staff Support Coordinator
Elder Doris Ward, Haines Session Member
John Tronrud, Skagway
Tim Rosberg, Skagway
John Jackson, Skagway
Bob Whitford, Bellevue, Washington
Diane Witte, Hoonah

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Opening The Rev. Randy Russom presented an opening
Devotional devotional after which an opening prayer was
offered by Elder Janell Privett.

Call to Order Rev. Russom called the 2008 Spring Stated
Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska to order
on March 29, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call The Stated Clerk, Elder Guy Warren, conducted the roll call of those participating in the meeting. The full listing of the roll is given above. With a sufficient number of elders and ministers participating, the Stated Clerk declared that the requirements for a quorum had been met.

Meeting Procedures Meeting procedures were set forth since this was the first time a regular meeting had been teleconferenced.

Approval of the Docket Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the docket as presented.

Leaves and Absences Per a recommendation from the Stated Clerk, the Presbytery **VOTED** to defer the determination of excused and unexcused absences at this meeting to the Fall 2009 meeting of Presbytery.

Guests and Visitors Presbytery **VOTED** to grant the privilege of the floor to visitors and guests.

Fall Meeting Minutes Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the Fall 2007 meeting held on October 12-14, 2007 with the following correction:

Page 1: Add the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, HR to the minister members shown as absent excused.

Stated Clerk's Report Elder Guy Warren, the Presbytery Stated Clerk, noted that this meeting is being recorded. In a written report he reported that:

Per the reports submitted by the various churches the Presbytery's membership dropped by 1 person in 2007. Our current membership count is 1,066. Reports were received from 10 of the 15 churches.

The required annual review of the Presbytery has been performed. With at least 20 elders eligible to vote at any meeting of the Presbytery and only 16 ministers likely to participate, no correction is required.

Per a request from the General Council he had sent a letter to the Synod Stated Clerk concerning the Presbytery's relationship with Sheldon Jackson College.

Stated Clerk
Continued

Procedures to permit relatively secret balloting at this meeting had been developed and the needed materials distributed to all members.

He reported that the Presbytery still needed hosts for our 2009 Stated Meetings. The standard dates for these meetings would be April 17-19, 2009 and October 9-11, 2009.

Per a question from the floor, it was noted that for information on work groups that are available to help the churches this summer, we should talk to Julie Morris in Juneau.

General Council In a written report it was noted that the Presbytery General Council had met on February 5, 2008. At that meeting:

They had set the date and time of the Spring 2008 Presbytery meeting and had reviewed and approved the secret voting methods developed by the Stated Clerk.

They had reviewed a proposal to establish a multi-church Anna Jackman Parish and develop a Church information Form to be used to seek a minister to serve the proposed parish.

They had heard information about updating the existing Presbytery Brochure and were asked to submit names to the Presbytery office of those who would be interested in working on the project.

A Report from Budget and Finance Committee was heard.

Reports given concerning the closure of Sheldon Jackson College were received. The Council reviewed the status of the relief program which has been administered by the church in Sitka and offered to contribute more funds to this program if needed.

Per a request from one of the Presbytery's Synod Commissioners, the clerk was instructed to report that no covenant between the College and the Presbytery currently exists.

**General
Council
Continued**

The Native American Consulting Committee (NACC) heard concerns about Elder Isabella Brady's health. She has been hospitalized but is hoping to return home soon. Elder Adeline deCastro has been leading the NACC and met with Rev. Irvin Porter of the Synod NACC at an ethnic gathering in Los Angeles and a meeting in Louisville.

Elder deCastro is working on setting up a teleconference meeting for the NACC.

Synod has asked who will represent the Presbytery on the Synod NACC. Neither representative has been able to attend and Rev. Wescott will ask Elder deCastro about a representative. It was noted that the next multi-cultural event will be held in San Jose on April 29-30, 2009.

The Council met with Vicar Michael Borg of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod (LCMS). Vicar Borg requested being allowed to conduct LCMS services at the church in Hoonah. The Council voted to ask the Rev. Ron Horn, COM Coordinator, and the Rev. Jesse Perry, who is serving as the moderator of the Hoonah Session to present this proposal to the Hoonah Session for their consideration.

The General Council briefly reviewed the status of all Synod loans to our churches and has determined that all are current.

Synod Council Elder Janell Privett, who is serving on the Synod Council, noted that Synod Council has a flowchart to help explain the work of the Synod. Elder Privett she has been assigned to work with Misty Jensen of Yukon Presbytery on developing action steps for how the Synod Council can lead the Synod in claiming the People in Mission program.

It was also noted that Synod is very concerned about the situation at Sheldon Jackson College and the Joy Offering since the college is not in operation. The Synod Council read an email from the President of the College, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler; regarding the steps being taken as part of

Synod Council its reorganization. Also read was a letter
Continued from Yukon Elder Thomas R. Branton expressing concerns about the relationships between the PCUSA and its entities and the college.

The Synod is seeking information on who would be willing to receive publications via email, thus reducing postage costs. North Puget Sound Presbytery is exploring the idea of sharing with other presbyteries positions for some of the administrative/financial service tasks.

Synod The Synod Peacemaking Committee will be meeting next weekend. Synod is looking for people to fill positions, including someone for the Peacemaking Committee. Nominations and recommendations can come from the Presbytery.

Interim Presbytery Administrator CLP Bob Whitford who had been the Interim Presbytery Administrator presented a written report. He set out questions that could affect the job description for the next Presbytery Administrator. These included: the abilities needed; if the position should be full or part time; how much time should be spent in office; the main activities to list; the office relationships needed; and where do the Mission & Ministry groups stand. He noted that with all his personal priorities and the office priorities that needed immediate attention, there was not much interaction with the villages.

The items that need attention soon are: the Anna Jackman Parish concept; appointing a task force to produce a new Presbytery brochure; reviewing our insurance coverage; oversight and housing for Young Adult Volunteers; Office management and operations; the Presbytery's Chart of accounts; financial auditing; a year-end evaluation of Cyndi Gleason; and updating office documents and policies.

Committee on Ministry The Rev. Ron Horn, coordinator of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry, reported that since the Fall 2007 Presbytery Meeting, the COM has taken the following actions:

Approved the transfer of the Rev. Marcus Mihail to Mississippi Presbytery.

**Committee on
Ministry
Continued**

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Jesse Perry as moderator of the Hoonah session.

Selected Elder Harriet Shirmer of Wrangell as the Presbytery's representative to the Board of Pensions.

Approved having Rev. Mandeville preach, moderate the Skagway session, and administer the sacraments after his ordination October 28, 2007 and before his installation.

Appointed the installation Commission to install the Rev. Ryan Mannville as the Skagway Pastor. The installation took place in Skagway on December 2, 2007 following his ordination by Yellowstone Presbytery on October 28, 2007. The Commission consisted of The Reverends Ron Horn and Bob Carter and Elders Chip and Julie Morris of Auke Bay, Tom Jackson of Haines and John Jackson of Skagway.

Approved payment for a December mission trip to Pelican, spending the full amount budgeted in the Mission Partnership Fund. The amount remaining after travel and food will be paid to the Rev. Janice Stamper as a stipend.

Considered several proposals having Vicar Michael Borg of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church lease the manse and lead services at the Hoonah Church. A proposal to have him lead the Presbyterian Worship service in Hoonah was approved, but the decision was reversed when Vicar Borg noted he could not do this under his denomination's polity.

Approved the Rev. Dr. Darrell Johnson, of the San Fernando Presbytery, and the Preaching Pastor at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, to labor within the bounds of Alaska Presbytery to preach at the installation of The Rev. Ryan Mandeville on December 2, 2007.

Approved sending a letter to the Rev. Joyce Emery requesting a Synod grant for a Preaching Workshop and an invitation to the Rev. Darrell Johnson, to lead the workshop in late May or early July 2008.

**Committee on
Ministry
Continued**

Appointed the Rev. Dixie Anders as Moderator for the Hydaburg session.

Elected Elder Bonnie Sharbroich as clerk of the committee.

Approved the request received from the former Rev. Sue Waldorf for release from the Exercise of Ordained Office per *Book of Order* Section G-6.0600 a-c.

With two exceptions, which are still being worked on, approved the Terms of Calls for all ministers in the Presbytery. *The specifics of these terms are given as an appendix to these minutes.*

Approved the covenant between the First Presbyterian Church in Wrangell and the Rev. Janice Stamper from March 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

At the request of the General Council, the COM has drafted two draft Church Information Forms which would, when finalized, be submitted to the Church Leadership Connection of the General Assembly. The drafts were presented to the General Council and are being forwarded onto the Presbytery for further consideration and approval. The first would seek a designated pastor or pastors to serve as pastors at large within this Presbytery. The second would be to create a new position, tentatively named the "Walter Soboleff Endowed Designated Pastor". This position is intended to provide pastoral support to several churches within the Presbytery. If the Presbytery is in agreement with these positions, the COM will work with the Church Leadership Connection in Louisville to begin seeking appropriate ministers for these positions.

It was noted that these CIFs may compliment the work of the Anna Jackman Task Force (members of the COM will be meeting with the Task Force after Presbytery), or the CIFs may be utilized separate from the work of the Task Force. Obviously, before any position may be filled, appropriate funding must be secured.

Further discussion on these proposals was conducted later in the meeting.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry The Rev. Tracee Hackel reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She reported that they are looking for readers for ministerial ordination exams.

Presbytery VOTED to appoint the Rev. Dixie Anders as a reader from this Presbytery and VOTED to appoint Rev. Jesse Perry as alternate reader for the ordination exams in October.

Finance Committee The Coordinator of the Presbytery Finance Committee, Elder Sheryl Dennis, reported that they had met on February 29. At that meeting the Finance Committee reviewed the following items: The Presbytery Chart of Accounts; Budget Revisions; Financial Review; funds held by the Mission and Ministry Groups; how to help churches falling behind in pledges, insurance, or per capita; advocating for churches in need of pastoral leadership; Mission Partnership Churches; and a salary package for the Presbytery Administrator position. At a meeting held on March 19 they discussed management letters; the Presbytery chart of accounts; the Presbytery Budget and Mission & Ministry funding.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer's report was moved to the afternoon session when the Treasurer will be available.

Trustees The Trustees met by teleconference on January 15 and February 21. At these meetings they discussed the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Policy and a version of the policy will be presented to Presbytery for approval.

They reported that Elder Julie Morris and Cyndi Gleason have been working on coordinating the workgroups for our Presbytery. The churches in Craig, Ketchikan and Yakutat requested workgroups for Summer 2007, but the Presbytery was unable to meet those requests. All three have shown interest for the Summer of 2008.

All churches approved for 2007 Property Maintenance funds received their funds. The churches in Wrangell, Craig/Klawock, Petersburg and Metlakatla received funds.

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Trustees It was noted that the Chapel by the Lake has
Continued taken the responsibility to pay the costs of
hiring a survey for the property where the
Jack Family home in Angoon has been situated
so the land can be properly deeded to the
Jack family.

At the request of The Rev. Randy Russom, the
Trustees took no action on the matter of
turning the title of Rainbow Glacier Camp
over to the new Board of Directors because
this Board has not been fully formed.

The Rev. Jesse Perry requested that the
trustees add two additional persons in Juneau
as signatories for the Trustee checking
account. Barbara Searle and Sasha Soboleff
were selected to serve in this capacity.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, in working with
the Hydaburg Cooperative Association to
upgrade the streets in Hydaburg, requested an
easement of 12 feet from the Hydaburg Church
property along the street on the south side
of the church. This easement will be used to
provide drainage for the side and does not
impact the church building. It was noted
that they will pay \$4,100 for the easement.
The Trustees approved the easement and will
forward the \$4,100 to the Hydaburg Church.

MISSION & The Northwest group includes Northern Light
MINISTRY GROUP United Church, Hoonah, Yakutat, Sitka and
REPORTS Pelican.

Northwest The Rev. Linda Westcott is their convenor.
She reported that they are working on setting
up their group.

Northeast The Northeast group includes Angoon, Kake,
Haines, Chapel by the Lake and Skagway.

The Rev. Tracee Hackel, Convenor, reported
they met last week and approved the money to
fly a person up who is a construction
contractor to work in Angoon.

South The South group includes Ketchikan,
Metlakatla, Hydaburg, Craig/Klawock,
Petersburg and Wrangell.

Elder Steve Kinney, Convenor, reported they
met once since Presbytery, with another
meeting planned for April 9.

MINISTRY GROUP REPORTS They were able to work with the church in Hydaburg and provide sacramental support.

***South
Continued***

The Rev. Janice Stamper and Elder Janell Privett spent a week in Hydaburg. The Rev. George Pasley, Elder Steve Kinney and Elder Robin Edenshaw also spent time in Hydaburg. Rev. Dixie Anders is currently providing newsletter support for this group.

Elder Pam Penrose of Hydaburg stated they are grateful to Rev. Stamper and Elder Privett for ministering to the community and congregation and to all of those who helped them in leading communion and for the support given to them By Rev. Anders.

Elder Privett gave thanks to Elder Kinney who has helped keep their group on track. She noted that it was a wonderful experience for her and Rev. Stamper to travel to Hydaburg, especially for their chance to work with the local kids. She offered thanks to the people of Hydaburg, noting that they are great teachers

In answer to a question about the previously noted Hydaburg easement, The Rev. Charles Bovee noted that the easement will be used for drainage only; there will be no long-term impact on the church or its property. The easement will be dug up, drainage added, filled in and covered with grass.

Presbyterian Women Elder Janell Privett, moderator for Presbyterian Women for this Presbytery reported that individuals from our churches can go to Anchorage in May for the Presbyterian Women meeting to be held there. They are trying to come up with finances for the meeting, but there is not enough, because some of the churches do not pledge to Presbyterian Women.

The Presbytery's group needs contacts in some of the churches to be able to communicate with all the women in our Presbytery.

The women in Wrangell have been Knitting for Kids and knitting scarves for a mission trip to the Baltic Countries. Nancy Cole of the Synod has more information on this program.

Presbyterian Women Continued Elder Jeanette Covalt of Wrangell and the Rev. Janice Stamper will be traveling to Madagascar in April for a mission trip. The Wrangell Sunday School has sent \$5,034 to Madagascar. These funds were used in Madagascar to purchase land and build five homes for orphans who are now adults to create a community.

Elder Privett concluded her report by noting that the Women of our Presbytery are "bodacious, wonderful, dancing women."

Personnel & Staff Support Elder Dave Turcott, coordinator of the Presbytery's Personnel & Staff Support Committee, reported that they are looking at applications for a new Presbytery Administrator. No decision has been made yet on this position. They will hold a teleconference early in April to look at the applicants.

They held an exit interview with interim administrator Bob Whitford in February and they thanked him for his insights.

The committee decided to provide health insurance for the office administrator and a salary adjustment for the bookkeeper, both of which were part of previous agreements.

Elder Turcott concluded his report by thanking the members of the committee for their patience as he felt his way through new territory.

Elder Reports No oral Elders' reports were presented at this meeting. Written Elders' reports were submitted by most of the churches and are included as an appendix to these minutes.

Lay Pastor Education Elder Harriet Schirmer, representing the Lay Pastor Education Committee, reported that three students are planning to attend the Theology class April 18 and 19 to be held at the Chapel by the Lake. The Rev. Ron Horn will be the instructor. There is one person signed up as an auditor as well.

A class in Pastoral Care and the sacraments is planned for the fall with the Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett as instructor.

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Rev. Sheahan Reports Theological Education fund The Rev. Pat Sheahan reported on the Theological Education Fund. He and his family will be moving south this summer. He has asked the program contact for our region, the Rev. Dick Leon, to be relieved from his duties and Presbytery Liaison for this Fund. They are now looking for someone from our Presbytery to be our liaison.

Young Adult Volunteer Program Rev. Sheahan reported that the Rev. George Pasley and Andrea Ceplecci are to be congratulated for their work with the Young Adult Volunteer Program in Ketchikan. Presently Rev. Sheahan is interviewing five candidates for the program and has invited churches to participate in the program.

Rev. Sheahan recommended that the Presbytery suspend the Young Adult Volunteer Program in the Presbytery for the 2008-2009 year and that the program come under the evaluation of the General Council for future viability and priority.

Prayers for Rev. Sheahan A prayer was given by the by Rev. Ron Horn for Rev. Sheahan and his family as they make their transition to their next call.

TASK FORCE REPORTS Anna Jackman Parish Task Force The Rev. Bob Carter reported that the Anna Jackman Parish Task Force will be meeting next week in Juneau to make a decision as to whether the basic concept of an Anna Jackman Parish is viable and workable for our Presbytery and if so they will then visit the village churches and work with them to design this ministry according to their needs. They are communicating with the COM so they will share a vision of ministry together and not have competing concepts.

Implementation Task Force Elder Steve Kinney reported that the Implementation Task Force has met and believes they have completed their job. They are recommending that the task force be dissolved. He noted that they were asked to: Establish the Mission and Ministry partnerships; Establish the Company of Pastors; Streamline the General Council; Streamline and refocus Presbytery Meetings; Establish a Presbytery Planning Team; Find more cost effective office space; and develop the By-Law changes needed to implement the recommendations.

Implementation Task Force Continued It was noted that the Presbytery Offices have been moved to space at the Chapel By the Lake.

A question was raised about the establishment of the Presbytery Meeting planning team. Elder Kinney said the planning team will be in effect.

A motion to dissolve this task force with thanks was held for consideration later in the meeting.

Rainbow Glacier Camp Report It was reported that in June 2007 about 150 children traveled from all over Southeast Alaska to join the thirteen counselors and the Director. This number was triple that seen in 2006.

The work group from Kennewick Presbyterian joined them again last summer. The Kennewick group installed new lighting in Hartman Hall, finished raising Bromley Hall, made a new prayer area, painted the steps of Bromley Hall, painted the caretakers cabin, created a new archery area, fixed electrical problems and put up bird houses around the camp.

Many from the community of Haines joined in the ministry by becoming a prayer partner for a child or "adopting" a counselor during the weekends off. Following the camp season local residents cleaned up the camp. They were assisted by three counselors who have remained in Haines continuing their work with the campers they had in the summer. They have helped the Haines youth group and put on reminder retreats for campers.

Time was spent on preparing Rainbow Glacier Camp's 501(c)(3) filing for the IRS.

Planning has started for camp this year. They are hoping to be running six weeks of camp instead of three. A ministry group from Chico, California wants to make a commitment to staffing the second three weeks of camp.

The tentative 2008 Camping Season is:

June 16-20	Elementary Camp #1 (Ages 9-12)	\$150
June 23-29	Junior High Camp #1 (Ages 12-14)	\$150
June 30-July 2	Primary Camp (Ages 6-8)	\$100
July 7-11	Elementary Camp #2 (Ages 9-12)	\$150
July 14-19	Junior High Camp #2 (Ages 12-14)	\$165
July 21-26	Senior High Camp (Ages 14-18)	\$165

**Rainbow
Glacier Camp
Continued**

RGC Prayer requests:

That God would be glorified through the ministry and mission of RGC for the 2008 season

For kids from all over Southeast to join us in Haines this summer

For adults within various Southeast towns to volunteer as Community Contacts to extend invitations to youth.

For the new RGC Board of Directors and for the continued support of the Presbytery

For the counseling staff from Seattle and Chico and the other various staff needed to operate the camp this summer

For the continued fund raising efforts of RGC.

Representation Committee There was no report from the Committee on Representation.

Nominations Committee The Coordinator of the Nominations Committee, Elder Steve Kinney, reported that they have not met since the last Presbytery meeting. They would like suggestions of persons who can serve in the Presbytery's various positions.

Session Records, Bills, Overtures There was no report from the Session Records, Bills and Overtures Committee. Elder Bob Whitford, who now lives in the state of Washington, is requesting that he be released from his duties on this committee. Elder Guy Warren, the Stated Clerk, reported he had received minutes from Skagway, which he would submit for Presbytery review.

Office Manager Compensation Per a request from the floor that the Personnel Committee give Cyndi Gleason a raise and or a bonus for her work in the past making sure this Presbytery runs without a General Presbyter, the Presbytery **VOTED** to ask the Personnel Committee to consider giving Cyndi Gleason a raise and report back to the Fall meeting.

Recess and Reconvene Presbytery recessed for lunch at 10:55 AM with prayer for the meeting and the meal led by Elder Joey George. The meeting was reconvened with prayer at 1:00 PM.

- Designated Pastor at Large CIF.** After approving several amendments, the Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the CIF form for the Designated Pastor at Large for the Presbytery of Alaska and to permit the COM to begin the conversation with the General Assembly Church Leadership Connection to post it on their web site. The COM was authorized to make any needed additional technical changes to the form. *The text of the form as approved by the Presbytery is included as an appendix to these minutes.*
- Walter Soboleff Designated Pastor CIF.** The coordinator of the COM, The Rev. Ron Horn noted that COM will receive additional comments on the CIF for the Anna Jackman Ministry/Walter Soboleff ministry.
- A motion to refer this CIF to several committees and task forces for further review was ruled out of order by the Moderator.
- Treasurer's Report** Presbytery Treasurer Liz Perry reported that the Presbytery is in fairly healthy financial shape, with about \$400,000 in checking account. This exceeds the usual Federal guaranteed deposit limits, so she is working on moving these monies into different accounts so as to have all of the funds insured.
- Young Adult Volunteer Program** Presbytery **VOTED** to suspend the Young Adult Volunteer Program in the Presbytery of Alaska for the 2008-2009 time frame of service and that the program come under the evaluation of the General Council for future viability and priority. *The vote on the motion which was taken by a Roll Call was 29 yes, 6 no.*
- Disbanding the Task Force** Presbytery **VOTED** that the Implementation Task Force be dissolved with thanks effective immediately.
- Synod Peacemaking Committee** Presbytery **VOTED** to refer to Nominations Committee to find an individual to be a representative from the Presbytery on the Peace Making Committee at the Synod.
- General Assembly Exhibit** Presbytery **VOTED** to urge immediate planning on behalf of the Mission and Ministry of the Presbytery of Alaska on an exhibit to be placed at the 2010 General Assembly. Plans to do this at the 2008 Assembly failed when it was found there were no remaining spaces available at the exhibit hall.

Closing Elder Janell Privett read from James 2:11 -
Comments Taming the tongue.

Elder Joyce Schultz offered thanks to Cyndi Gleason for all her hard work preparing the notebooks used at this meeting.

CLOSING The Moderator, The Rev. Randy Russom reminded
WORSHIP WITH us that we have been called by our Lord Jesus
NECROLOGY Christ to serve. He illustrated this with by
reading Matthew 8:16.

We celebrated the lives of the Elders of our Presbytery who died last year by reading the Necrology:

Marilyn Freymueller of Chapel by the Lake who died March 19, 2007

Stan Burrows of Chapel by the Lake, who died August 30, 2007

Jesse Jones of Chapel by the Lake, who died November 7, 2007

Wilma Henderson of Haines, who died April 4, 2007

Ethel Churchill of Wrangell, who died April 7, 2007

Peter Jack of Angoon, who died January 3, 2007.

Adjourned The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM with the reading of a prayer/poem by the Rev. George Pasley.

Guy Warren
Stated Clerk

Teddy Williams
Recording Clerk