

2010 SPRING STATED MEETING OF THE ALASKA PRESBYTERY
Conducted by Teleconference
April 10, 2010

ROLL CALL

Church	Minister	Elder(s)
Angoon	<i>Vacant</i>	Joey George
Chapel By the Lake Auke Bay	The Rev. Douglas Dye The Rev. Tracee D. Hackel	Don Phelps Kathy Ruddy
Craig & Klawock	<i>Served by Corresponding Member</i>	Adeline deCastro
Haines	The Rev. Ron Horn	Davis Ward
Hoonah	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>HAC members present</i>
Hydaburg	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Kake	<i>Vacant</i>	Roselyn Fay
Ketchikan	The Rev. George Pasley	Steve Kinney
Metlakatla	<i>Served by Corresponding Member</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Northern Light Juneau	<i>Served by Corresponding Member</i>	Carol Barril
Petersburg	The Rev. Robert Carter, <i>absent</i>	Brian Proust
Sitka	<i>Served by Corresponding Member</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Skagway	The Rev. Ryan Mandeville	John Jackson
Wrangell	The Rev. Janice Stamper, <i>Supply Pastor</i>	Janell Privett
Yakutat	The Rev. Linda Wescott	Cathy Wassillie

OTHER MINISTERS ON THE ROLL OF PRESBYTERY

Present:

The Rev. Dr. David Dobler, Pastor to the Presbytery
The Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman, HR
The Rev. Dr. Henry Fawcett, HR
The Rev. Dr. Chuck Bovee, HR

Absent:

The Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff, HR
The Rev. Dr. Paul Beran, HR

Note: Determining if absences should be considered excused or unexcused was deferred until the Fall 2010 meeting. (See the body of the minutes below.)

PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS WITH VOTE

Elder Barbara Searls, Presbytery Moderator-Elect, Juneau
Elder Guy Warren, Stated Clerk, Auke Bay
Elder Teddy Williams, Recording Clerk, Wrangell

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT FROM THE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Elder Sheryl Dennis, Finance Representative Skagway
Elder Isabella G. Brady, NACC Coordinator, Sitka
Elder Gail O'Dell, COM Coordinator, Juneau
Elder Cindy Whittington, Member-at-Large, Sitka

Total Ministers on the roll attending: 11
Total Elder Commissioners attending: 12
Other Voting Elders Present: 7
Total Voting Members Present: 30

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT

The Rev. M. Kimberly Poole, Northern Light Interim,
Alaska Conference, United Methodist Church
The Rev. Deva McQueen, Metlakatla Interim Pastor,
Peace River Presbytery
The Rev. Paul McQueen, Craig/Klawock Supply,
Peace River Presbytery
The Rev. Daniel Fullerton, Sitka Supply,
Hudson River Presbytery
The Rev. Jan Blankenship, Northern New York Presbytery

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Elder Harriet Schirmer, Leadership Equipping
Center, Wrangell

OTHER GUESTS, INCLUDING FAMILY MEMBERS

Cynthia Gleason, Presbytery Office Manager
Venus Zink, Presbytery Treasurer
Elder Lorie Luck

Saturday, April 10, 2010

- Opening** The Presbytery Moderator, The Rev. John Zimmerman read Romans 12:9-13 and then offered an opening prayer.
- Call to Order** Rev. Zimmerman called the 2010 Spring Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Alaska to order on April 10, 2010 at 10:05 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** Elder Warren reviewed the procedures to be used in the meeting including the means by which discussion and debate will be conducted during the teleconference.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the meeting procedures as described by the Stated Clerk.
- Approval of the Docket** Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the docket as amended, adding a report from the Hoonah Administrative Commission and to add an action item authorizing the offering of communion at the Evangelism Workshop.
- Guests and Visitors** Presbytery **VOTED** to grant the privilege of the floor to visitors and guests.
- 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 2010 meeting of Presbytery.
- Fall Meeting Minutes** Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the Fall 2009 meeting held on October 9-11, 2009 with the following corrections:
- Page 2: The Rev. Deva McQueen should be shown as the "Metlakatla Interim Pastor" instead of the "Metlakatla Supply".
- Add a section entitled Presbytery Committee Staffing following New Business - General Council Items Continued on page 17 which reads as follows: In accord with the revised By-Law Article VI, Section A, the presbytery **VOTED** to have the Rev. Dr. David Dobler, Pastor to the Presbytery, serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees of the Presbytery.
- Synod Review of 2008 Presbytery Minutes** Elder Warren reported that the Synod had reviewed the Presbytery's Minutes for 2008. In a written report, shown below, the following was noted:
- Exceptions**
- These are items that are required and are not found by the reader of your minutes.
- There is no alphabetical listing of the former members of the PJC

**Synod Review of 2008
Presbytery Minutes
Continued**

These are incomplete recordings of actions.

- There is no report of the Synod's review of your presbytery's minutes
- There is no report of the presbytery celebrating Holy Communion
- There is no record of an opening prayer for the October meeting unless the "Blessing of the healing Spirit Robe" served as the opening prayer
- The terms of call should be included in the minutes even when they are approved by the Committee on Ministry between meetings
- The minutes do not contain a summary of the statistical report to the GA

Remarks

These are items worthy of special mention.

- These are good minutes that are well organized and easy to read. Nicely done!

Stated Clerk's Report

In an oral and written report, the Stated Clerk reported that:

All of our 15 churches submitted their 2010 Annual Statistical Report on line at the General Assembly site. Only 4 churches (Angoon, Hoonah, Hydaburg and Metlakatla) did not complete all the Financial and Christian Education information. This is the best response for at least 18 years.

Elder Warren reported that the membership numbers for the Presbytery's churches resulted in a total number (1,053) unchanged from that reported in 2009.

Per the request from the Presbytery at the Fall 2009 meeting, the Stated Clerk had prepared a report listing the last time each church's records had been reviewed. The report was included in the materials distributed for this meeting. The Stated Clerk reported that there were two updates to the original printed report. *The full text of the updated report is given as an appendix to these minutes.*

**Stated Clerk's
Report
Continued**

The required review of Presbytery balance has been performed. We have at least 18 elders entitled to vote and 14 ministers.

Elder Bonnie Sharnbroich resigned from COM and Elder Jennifer Scott resigned from the Permanent Judicial Commission. The Nominations Committee was informed so they could find nominees to fill the vacancies.

Ministerial Inquirer, Dale Bucich, was selected as the General Assembly Alternate Theological Student Advisory Delegate (TSAD) from Dubuque Seminary. This action requires a confirming vote from Presbytery.

Changes made to our By Laws and the other sections of the Manual of Administrative Operations were incorporated into a new version of the Manual. A PDF of the manual is available on the Presbytery's Web Site. Obsolete sections were discovered and a list of updates to correct this situation will be at the fall meeting.

The Presbytery is looking for a church to host the Fall 2011 meeting. The other 2011 meeting will probably be a teleconference due to budgetary concerns. The 2011 meetings are April 29-May 1 and October 7-9 which could be revised by the Council if better for the Presbytery or the hosts.

**Pastor to the
Presbytery**

The Pastor to the Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler, presented a written report and provided additional comments.

He noted that together we are discovering a new way of life together as a presbytery. We are using different ways to do the business of the church and how we do fellowship. Rev. Dobler believes we need to become more deliberate on how we plan events permitting us to get together. The upcoming evangelism seminar and retreat is an opportunity for training and fellowship. The Leadership Equipping Center is expanding its work in our commitment to training local leaders.

The end of our old insurance provider Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program marks the end of a mutual approach to risk management among presbyteries and reveals a

**Pastor to the
Presbytery
Continued**

deeper inability of presbyteries to work together as the old ways fade and new relationships are formed. Our presbytery's financial planning needs to make allowances in our reserves for potential liability claims from the past. There will possibly be one year we are not fully covered under the umbrella of CPIP. Our current insurance coverage is solid.

The General Assembly will be meeting this summer. Among the items to be considered are a substantial rewrite of the existing Form of Government which, if approved, will provide greater flexibility to the Presbyteries in how they meet their responsibilities. The General Assembly will also be considering setting up a commission with very sweeping authority regarding Presbyteries and Synods. Presbytery realignments in Puerto Rico and possibly even Alaska would be something that this Commission might consider.

Rev. Dobler spoke about a Presbytery who has become a "virtual" Presbytery with a staff but no office. The church continues to seek efficient ways to meet its business needs.

Rev. Dobler urged us to continue to be gentle with others as we discern God's plans for us.

Rev. Dobler reported that the Rev. Tracee Hackel will be leaving Chapel by the Lake for doctoral studies at Fuller Seminary. Due to the Chapel by the Lake's remodeling, the presbytery offices will be moving to a different and smaller space in the Chapel's Christian Education Wing.

Pastor Nominating Committees are at work in Metlakatla, Craig, Kake, Northern Light, Sitka and soon an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee at Chapel by the Lake.

Rev. Dobler noted that the presbytery's wonderful treasurer, Venus Zink, is stepping down. Zink has done a great job of doing the groundwork for our new, slimmed-down simpler presbytery.

Following Rev. Dobler's remarks, Elder Isabella Brady noted that she hopes that as the church considers the alignment of its

Pastor to the Presbytery Continued presbyteries and synods that it remembers the severe geographic issues that face the Church in Alaska.

Treasurer's Report Presbytery Treasurer Venus Zink presented the Financial Reports and explained some of the items from the reports. First Quarter Income in 2010 was \$138,532.98 and expenses were \$112,735.05 for a net income for the period of \$25,797.93. *Copies of all the reports presented by Treasurer Zink are included as an appendix to these minutes.*

Prior to serving the Presbytery, Treasurer Zink had long worked in the office of Juneau Cardiologist Dr. Henry Akiyama. Dr. Akiyama had passed away the day before. Prayer for Treasurer Zink as she retires from her Presbytery Treasurer duties and for the family of Dr. Akiyama was offered by Rev. Dobler.

General Council The General Council met face-to-face in Juneau on February 3, 2010. In the written minutes of their meeting which were made available to the Presbytery the following actions were included among those taken by the Council.

The Rev. Dr. David Dobler was elected their coordinator and the following individuals were elected to serve on its subcommittees.

Property Subcommittee: -- Elder Fred Baxter, Auke Bay, Coordinator, the Rev. Ron Horn, Haines; and Elder Barbara Searls, Juneau.

Finance Subcommittee: Elder Sheryl Dennis, Skagway, Coordinator; the Rev. Ron Horn, Haines, Elder Cindy Whittington, Sitka, Venus Zink, Treasurer (ex-officio).

Personnel Subcommittee: Rev. Linda Wescott, Yakutat, Coordinator, Elder Susan Fisher, Ketchikan, Elder Randy Gamble, Angoon.

Rev. Dr. Zimmerman presented a history of the Presbytery of Alaska entitled "How we got here."

**General
Council
Continued**

The Council voted to accept the invitation of the Petersburg Session to host the Fall 2010 Presbytery meeting. Avoiding a conflict with the ANB/ANS Grand Camp meetings Presbytery will be held October 15-17.

The Council voted, on behalf of the Presbytery to endorse and approve the following Synod Grants.

<u>Church/Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kake Memorial PC	
Housing Fund	\$4,000
Ketchikan PC	
Armenta Fund	\$ 715
Yakutat PC	
Armenta Fund	\$2,500
Communications Fund	\$2,500
Historical Commitments Fund	\$3,795

**General
Council
Finance
Subcommittee**

The Coordinator of the Finance Subcommittee, Elder Sheryl Dennis, stated that a 2009 financial review has been conducted and they are awaiting the final report from the accounting firm.

The subcommittee has been working on setting priorities to be used in setting the 2011 Presbytery Budget.

Elder Dennis expressed her appreciation for the work done by retiring Treasurer Venus Zink. Moderator Zimmerman expressed his thanks for the difficult work that Sheryl Dennis and the rest of the Subcommittee has done to help us become a self reliant presbytery.

**General
Council
Property
Subcommittee**

There were several action items to be presented to the Presbytery by the Property Subcommittee during the action item portion of the meeting, but there were no other items reported at this time.

**General
Council
Personnel
Subcommittee**

The Coordinator of the Personnel Subcommittee, the Rev. Linda Wescott, reported that they have not met since the February Council meeting. They are, however, working with Cyndi Gleason to revise the job description for her position and will be interviewing a potential replacement for Venus Zink as Presbytery Treasurer.

Committee on Ministry Elder Gail O'Dell, Coordinator of the Committee on Ministry, reported for the Committee. She noted that since the Fall Presbytery meeting, the COM has experienced change - welcoming new Members; the Rev. Ryan Mandeville and Elder John Jackson - who join returning members The Rev. Bob Carter, The Rev. Tracee Hackel, Elder Gail O'Dell Moderator, The Rev. George Pasley, Elder Kathy Ruddy, and ex officio member The Rev. Dr. David Dobler.

Elder O'Dell urged the Presbytery to let the COM know what is happening in their churches so that they can help them in serving the Lord. Elder O'Dell concluded her oral report by thanking the Rev. Tracee Hackel for her service on the Committee. Rev. Hackel will be leaving Alaska as she will be working for her doctorate at Fuller Theological Seminary.

In a written report, The COM reported the following:

Actions of COM the prior 6 months include:

- Approved formation of a PNC for Northern Light, the Rev. Dr. David Dobler is COM Liaison
- Approved formation of a PNC for Chapel by the Lake, Liaison unassigned
- Approved formation of a Commission for the purpose of ordination of Keith and Laura Hudson in Sitka, the Rev. Tracee Hackel Commission Chairperson
- Approved Covenant between the Rev. Dan Fullerton and Sitka for a Serving Interim Pastor position - Rev. Fullerton approved as Session Moderator - Rev. Dr David Dobler approved as COM Liaison for PNC
- Approved Covenant between Rev. Janice Stamper and Wrangell Church
- Approved amended Covenant between Rev. Deva McQueen and Metlakatla Church
- Approved Covenant between Rev. Paul McQueen and the Craig/Klawock Church
- Approved Rev. George Pasley as Liaison to Metlakatla PNC
- Approved Rev. George Pasley as Liaison to Craig /Klawock PNC

**Committee on
Ministry
Continued**

- Approved Elder Sue Erickson to serve Easter Communion at Craig /Klawock Church, if needed

FYI's:

- Kake has a CIF posted
- Craig/Klawock has a CIF posted
- Sitka in final stages of drafting a CIF
- Chapel by the Lake PNC formed and is preparing to commence work on CIF
- Hoonah has elected five persons to serve as their session to be trained and installed in April
- Rev. George Pasley has conducted Elder training on presiding over communion in Craig/Klawock

**Committee on
Preparation
for Ministry**

The Rev. Tracee Hackel, coordinator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, reported that the Angoon Session has approved Elder Carol Martin to become an inquirer. The Presbytery will consider this action later in the meeting. Inquirer Dale Bucich has passed three of his ordination exams and will be presented for examination as a candidate at the Presbytery's Fall 2010 meeting.

**Hoonah
Administrative
Commission**

The Coordinator of the Hoonah Administrative Commission, Elder Gail O'Dell, reported for the Commission. She noted that the commission was formed a year ago. The commission visited Hoonah and has welcomed 14 members by reaffirmation of faith. They will be training elders next month. They are hoping for one more elder. The Commission is hoping for more Hoonah people to respond to God's call and attend church. Elder O'Dell reported that the people of Hoonah have responded to the commission. Prayer for the Hoonah church and its candidate elders was given by Elder Kathy Ruddy.

**Presbyterian
Women**

Elder Janell Privett reported for the Presbyterian Women. They continue to struggle to get together. A teleconference gathering is planned for the end of April. There are exciting things going on for the women in the Presbytery. Thanks to all who have helped.

**Leadership
Equipping
Center** Elder Harriet Schirmer reported for the Presbytery's Leadership Equipping Center (LEC). The LEC is excited about the evangelism training to be held later in the month. It will be a full house, with close to 20 people coming. Many of them are coming from the smaller churches. General Assembly is sending Ray Jones of the Office of Evangelism and Church Growth to lead the workshop. The General Assembly is paying Jones' expenses. A grant has been received from the Synod for the other costs.

Next the LEC is looking forward to having a training program for small church worship. The Rev. George Pasley will be presenting this in the fall.

The "Understanding Others" class was started in January 2010. Rev. Dr. Zimmerman and The Rev. Paul Berg were the instructors. They used a set of 4 DVDs by Russian Orthodox Father Michael Oleksa and a book by Harold Napoleon, a Yupik man. These will remain the property of the Presbytery for use in the future. A workbook to help church treasurers has been developed and sent out. A workbook to help Clerks of Session is also being created.

**Rainbow
Glacier Camp** The Rev. Ron Horn reported for the Rainbow Glacier Camp. Last year they had major construction at the camp and still had 125 young people attend the camp. They installed a sewer system and a major upgrade to water system. The Camp Director will be back and five weeks of camp is scheduled for this summer. Information about the camp is the web site, rainbowglaciercamp.org. Once again, University Presbyterian of Seattle will continue to provide counselors. This is despite the fact that their travel costs have increased.

**Native
American
Consulting
Committee** Elder Isabella Brady reported for the Native American Consulting Committee. She gave thanks to Cyndi Gleason for her help setting up their teleconference. They are concerned about how things are going in Presbytery and the feel the Presbytery may be top heavy in some areas. They recognize that economic factors are a serious problem, but they don't

Native American Consulting Committee Continued believe we have adequately addressed the alcohol and drug problem and homelessness. Northern Light United Church has people working to end Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and others working at the Glory Hole. The NACC has a small grant from Synod for \$3200.

Brady described her activities with the Synod NACC. She was able to include several family visits as part of this trip. Brady reported that her last sibling had recently died.

Representation Committee There was no report from the Representation Committee. It was noted that the Committee's coordinator, the Rev. Bob Carter was leading a memorial service in Petersburg.

Nominations Committee The Rev. Linda Wescott presented the Nominations Committee Report. There were two openings to be filled, an elder on the Permanent Judicial Commission, class of 2015 (Taking the place of Elder Jennifer Scott who had resigned) and a vacancy on the Presbytery Committee on Ministry.

The Nominations Committee nominated Elder Judy Ramos of Yakutat to the Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2015. Following a period for additional nominations from the floor, the Presbytery VOTED to elect Ramos to this position.

No nominations were presented by the committee or made from the floor for the vacant COM position which remained vacant.

New Business Kasaan Property Transfer Per a recommendation from the General Council and the Property subcommittee, the Presbytery VOTED to approve the transfer of vacant land in the Village of Kasaan to the Organized Village of Kasaan, subject to (1) a title report showing clear title, (2) The General Council Property Sub Committee approving that all enabling documents of the Organized Village of Kasaan are in order and (3) verification that the property is not subject to a "grant mortgage" owed to the successor in interest to the Board of National Missions.

New Business Per a recommendation from the General Council
Continued and the Property subcommittee, the Presbytery
Articles of VOTED to Revise its Articles of Incorporation
Incorporation as follows:

Revise Article VIII to read:

"The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the General Council consisting of nine (9) members of the Presbytery. The officers of the Presbytery shall consist of Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Stated Clerk and Treasurer all of whom shall be elected by the members of the corporation."

Revise Article X, replacing "Board of Trustees" with "General Council."

Chapel Loan Per a request from the Chapel by the Lake,
Request the Presbytery VOTED to approve Chapel seeking a loan of up to \$750,000 for repairs, remodel, new construction and enhancements to their buildings.

TSAD Approval Presbytery VOTED to approve Ministerial Inquirer Dale Bucich as an Alternate Theological Student Advisory Delegate (TSAD) to General Assembly.

Workshop Per a request from the Committee on Ministry,
Communion the Presbytery VOTED to permit the Rev. Dr.
Service David Dobler to preside over a communion service for ministers, elders and guests attending the Evangelism Workshop to be held at the Shrine of St. Therese in Juneau on April 13-15.

Carol Martin Per a recommendation from the Committee on
as Inquirer Preparation for Ministry (CPM), the Presbytery VOTED to enroll Elder Carol Martin of Angoon as an Inquirer for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

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Session Record Presbytery VOTED to approve the Session
Review Record Report. The Report read as follows:

**Northern Light United Church (January
2009 – November 2009)**

Exceptions

Lord's Supper not authorized
Annual audit-type review of
financial records by an independent
committee not reported.
Examination of new officers not
reported, nor ordination or
installation dates set.
No record submitted of
congregational meetings. Date set
for one special congregational
meeting.
Pastor's compensation reported in
annual budget only. Was it approved
by congregation?

**Petersburg Presbyterian Church (January
8, 2006 through April 26, 2009)**

Exceptions

Presence of a quorum is not always
noted
Inconsistency of authorization of
communion
Deletion of inactive list was
approved, but list was maintained
in annual meeting report
Lack of annual review of financial
records by an independent committee
No record of the examination of
newly elected officers
Pastors compensation not reviewed
in 2007 & 2008

**Skagway Presbyterian Church (September
21, 2008 through September 6, 2009)**

Exceptions:

Place of meeting not recorded
Type of meeting not recorded
Absent members not recorded, quorum
not stated

**Session Record
Review
Continued**

No record of congregational meeting
(hence, no record of election of
officers)

Names of members received into
membership not recorded (3/15/09)

Authorization of Lord's Supper not
recorded

**Wrangell Presbyterian Church (October 1,
2007 through December 13, 2009)**

Exceptions:

List of present/absent elders
wasn't always consistently correct.

Place of meeting not recorded

Starting time not always listed.

**Kake Presbyterian Church (February 14,
2004 thru July 5, 2009)**

Exceptions included:

Only one reference to Communion
being served.

The time of the beginning of the
Session and ending of Session
meetings and Congregational
Meetings not consistently entered
in the minutes.

Difficult to tell who were new
adult or child members and/or being
baptized. Date of birth for
children being baptized missing.
Who presented the new members for
acceptance as members. No
examination of new members was
recorded. There were some instances
where the names of parents were
included, but could not tell for
sure if the individual being
baptized was child or adult.

No specific indication as to who
was the moderator of each Session
meeting and the Congregational
Meetings.

Election of Presbytery Delegate not
always recorded in the minutes.

**Session Record
Review
Continued**

Session records did not record conferring with and examination of new officers nor were the dates for ordination recorded.

Haines Presbyterian Church (October 2007 thru December 2009)

**Congregational Meeting Records
accepted without Exception**

Session Meeting Exceptions included:

Full names, birthdates, and names of parents not recorded for approved baptisms.

No record of approval for dates of communion.

Property Questions The Rev. Ron Horn, a member of the Property Subcommittee, answered several questions from the floor concerning the proposed transfer of mission properties to the local churches. He noted that at this point, the Subcommittee has been given the authority to research the status of these properties, but no actual transfer of the properties has been authorized.

Elder Lorie Luck expressed concerns about the abilities of all of the congregations to properly manage their properties if a transfer were to take place. Moderator Zimmerman noted that consultations with the local congregations will take place as part of this transfer. At this time these consultations have not yet been conducted.

Elder Janell Privett noted that reports on the condition of the various church properties in the Presbytery had been evaluated several times in the past and that the reports of these evaluations should still be available.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns The following joys and concerns were shared with the Presbytery.

Rev. Zimmerman is moving to Puyallup, Washington from Blaine, Washington. His phone for the meeting was just hooked up, for which he was very grateful.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Continued Elder Isabella Brady said that Georgia Dapcevich is very ill and needs our prayers. She is also taking a trip to see her great-grandson.

Elder Kathy Ruddy offered praise for the leadership of Elder Joey George and the Angoon church. They are looking forward to Carol Martin attending Dubuque Seminary this fall and the Angoon church welcomed seven new members.

Elder Janell Privett: She had great joy in hearing from Lorie Luck in meetings. Privett also expressed thanks for the Witness of Elder Harriet Schirmer for her faith in God, with her husband Don moving on to his reward in heaven.

Elder Brady expressed thanks for the work that Dan and Duna are doing with the music ministry at Sitka Presbyterian Church.

Elder Carol Barril at Northern Light United Church stated they brought in six new members on Easter Sunday.

Cyndi Gleason asked for prayers for her brother Russ, who is dealing with life threatening health issues.

The Rev. Kim Poole from Northern Light United Church asked for prayer for her mother, who is declining rapidly. Rev. Poole also asked for prayer for a church member, Jay Ginter, who is fighting through a second bout of Lymphoma.

Elder Rosie Fay reported there was a funeral in Kake today for a woman who had health issues, but had not been expected to die. Another community member will be leaving for Seattle has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Rev. Poole reported that Kendra Dye and Paul Spangler will be attending seminary in the fall.

The Rev. George Pasley asked for prayers for Hydaburg. Their joy was a great Easter worship with 20 kids from the local Boys and Girls Club attending the service. They received money so they could get bible study materials. They are also hopeful that a

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Continued local gentleman will be able to attend the evangelism conference in Juneau.

Elder Ruddy asked for continuing prayers for the Rev. Dr. Walter Soboleff who is now 101. His daughter is out of town and is asking people to take him out for breakfast and lunch.

Prayer was led by Rev. Zimmerman for all these joys and concerns.

Prayer including 2009 Elder Necrology The Rev. Ron Horn led the Presbytery in prayer for those elders and ministers who had died in 2009.

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Date</u>
Elder Cynthia Turcott	Sitka	11/23/2009
Elder Herman Kitka	Sitka	12/31/2009
Elder Jennie Wright	Sitka	4/7/2009
Elder Daisy Jones	Sitka	3/22/2009
Elder Maxine Brittell	Sitka	3/15/2009
Elder Nancy Schave	Skagway	11/13/2009
Elder Calvin Wilson, Sr.	Kake	3/29/2009
The Rev. Redes Robert Cameron	Haines	8/24/2009

Rev. Bob Cameron, served within this Presbytery in Haines for 23 years before his retirement in 1993, then another 16 years of service to the Presbytery.

Rev. Horn also remembered the Rev. Robert Palmer, who died on September 2, 2009. Rev. Palmer, who had transferred his membership to another Presbytery, had served this Presbytery for many years, including serving as General Presbyter.

Adjournment Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 12:02 on April 10, 2010. The Benediction was given by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Zimmerman.

Guy Warren
Stated Clerk

Teddy Williams
Recording Clerk