

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Olympia  
 March 17, 2022  
 Zoom Conference Call

STATED  
 MEETING

The Presbytery of Olympia met on Thursday, March 17, at 3:00 PM via video conferencing call for its March Stated Meeting.

ROLLS

Those present are listed below:

HR=Honorably Retired

PA=Parish Associate

TEMP=Temporary Member of Presbytery

Present

Minister/Teaching Elder, Membership/Location

1. David Brown , HR
2. Barlow Buescher, HR
3. Jeffrey Bursch, Shelton
4. Kathryn Castle, Member at Large
5. Robin Crawford, HR
6. Dave Emery, FPC Aberdeen
7. Joyce Emery, Bethany
8. Therin Fenner, Westminster, Olympia
9. Linda Flatley, Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach
10. Debbie Garber, Westminster, Chehalis
11. Robyn Hogue, HR
12. Greg Ikehara-Martin, HR
13. Shari Jackson Monson , Transitional EP
14. Dexter Kearny, Longview
15. Liz Kearny, Longview
16. Thomas Kirkpatrick, HR
17. Kari McFarland, Stated Clerk
18. Mary McGonigal, Member at Large
19. Mark McHugh, Harrison Square, Centralia
20. Nicole McKnight, Validated Ministry
21. Jim Mead, HR
22. Mike Moffitt, UPPC
23. John Murphy, Mission Woods, Milton
24. Lesley Paine, Member at Large
25. Tom Paine, FPC Tenino/Lakewood
26. Anne-Cecile PORTER, Member at Large
27. Irvin Porter, Church of the Indian Fellowship
28. Matt Robbins-Ghormley, Trinity, Tacoma
29. Harlan Shoop, HR
30. Ken Sikes, Manitou Park, Tacoma
31. Sue Watkins, FPC Puyallup

Total:

Present: 31

Absent:

CREs

Kathy Johnstone, Mineral (CRE)

Tony Reynolds, Toledo (CRE)

Ruling Elder COMMISSIONER(S)

Linda Gaines, Bethany, Tacoma

Michael Syverson, Bethany, Tacoma

Dianne Burton, Chapel by the Sea

Lee Marriott, Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach

Ruth Moore, COM

Ellin Beer, Cornerstone

Cindy Crooks, Fircrest

PHYLLIS SMITH, FPC Puyallup

John Swenson, Harrison Square, Centralia

Gary Jackson, Kelso United Methodist

Glenn Groefsema, Lakewood

Kurt Sample, Lakewood

Errollynne Marsh, Leadership Council

John Bosshart, Leadership Council

Jon Duncan, Leadership Council

Sarah Nyland, Leadership Council

Ron Marshall, Longview

Lance Schinkal, Mission Woods, Milton

Natalie, Castle, Mission Woods, Milton

Kathy Marshall , Personnel

Gary Sarver, Shelton

Janice Duvall, Shepherd of the Hill, Puyallup

Jan Wuco, Skyline, Tacoma

Pam Anderson, Sound View Board

Tom Hill, Toledo

Edwina Dorsey, Trinity

Char McMullen, United Churches, Olympia

Eunice Robb, United Churches, Olympia

Jim Seely, UPPC

Kristen Laramie, UPPC

Guy Warren, Westminster, Chehalis

Michael Schieffer, Westminster, Chehalis

David Ammons, Westminster, Olympia

Dorothy Culliton , Westminster, Olympia

ELDERS ON LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:

Kristen Laramie, UPPC

ELDERS CHAIRING STANDING COMMITTEES

Name, Role

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\* representing a church

TOTAL CHURCHES: ##  
CHURCHES REPRESENTED: ##  
RULING ELDERS PRESENT: ##

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rev. Amy Delaney, Transitional EP, Northwest Coast  
Austin Rehbein, The Common Room  
Chuck Guth, Chicago Presbytery Candidate  
Daniel Herron, Trinity, Tacoma  
Ginnie Seely, UPPC  
Teresa, Hansen, Mission Woods, Milton  
Jennifer Houston, Sound View Board  
**John O'Brien**  
Karie Nation, Presbytery Staff  
Lisa Woicik, Candidate Certified Ready  
Maxine Richert, Northwest Coast  
Myra Munson, Northwest Coast  
Nancy Rose Houston, Sound View Board  
Nicole Davidson, Organizational Resource Specialist  
Rev. Paul Davidson  
Rev. Phil Campbell, Northwest Coast  
Rev. Rob Hagan, Presbyterian Foundation  
Sara Cavin, FPC Aberdeen  
**Thirza Krohn**, Northwest Coast  
W. Preston, Woodall, Candidate Certified Ready  
Jerry Katt, Lacey  
Nancy Lundquist, Longview  
Floyd Plemmons, FPC Aberdeen  
Kathy Hill, Toledo  
Patricia Grossie-Walton, FPC Puyallup  
**Sue Johnson, FPC Puyallup**

CALL TO ORDER Moderator Dexter Kearny called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM, after most of the attendees had joined the meeting with an opening prayer: "A Psalm of Possibility." He welcomed all and acknowledged the land of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe of southwest Washington. Moderator welcomed Karie Nation as the new Administrator and Lesley Blair Paine as the new Recording Clerk.

WELCOME First-time elders were invited to be introduced.  
Joyce Emery of Bethany welcomed Michael Syverson.  
Sue Watkins of FPC Puyallup introduced Sue Johnson, who is not voting, just observing.  
Dave Emery of Aberdeen welcomed Floyd Plemmons.  
Mary introduced Jim Hoff from Lakewood Presbyterian.  
Jeff from Shelton welcomed Gary Sarver.

Janice Duvall introduced herself from Shepherd of the Hill (Puyallup) in John Asher's absence.

Kathy Hill welcomed Tony Reynolds, CRE Toledo.

## PRIVILEGE

The presbytery granted privilege of the floor to:  
 Chuck Guth, pastoral candidate (Presbytery of Chicago) for FPC Aberdeen  
 RE Floyd Plemmons, FPC Aberdeen, Session/PNC  
 Sarah Caven from FPC Aberdeen  
 Maxine Richert, Phil Campbell, Myra Munsen from Northwest Coast  
 Presbytery  
 Rob Hagen, Presbyterian Foundation  
 Nancy Rose Houston, Jennifer Houston, Wedgewood PC, Seattle  
**MOTION** Mary McGonigal moved, Eunice Robb seconded to grant privilege of the floor, and *the motion was approved* (51 Yes, 0 No).

## QUORUM

The Stated Clerk confirmed there was a quorum after a brief review of voting on-line. 83 presbyters present.

## DOCKET

Addition of #6 under Stated Clerk, Manual of Operations Task Force.  
 Under Commission on Ministry, under the MOTION to approve the Commission for Chuck Guth please add the following:  
**MOTION:** Approve the Commission for Ordination & Installation of Chuck Guth as the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 3pm with the following members:

Rev. Dexter Kearny, Moderator of Presbytery  
 RE Floyd Plemmons, FPC Aberdeen  
 RE Edwina Dorsey, Trinity, Tacoma  
 RE Tom Hill, Toledo  
 Rev. Shari Jackson Monson, TEP  
 Rev. Linda Flatley, Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach  
 Rev. Dave Emery, Transitional Pastor of FPC Aberdeen

The order for the overtures was reversed. The Northern Lights United overture now first.

**MOTION:** The docket be approved as adjusted. *The motion was approved.* (57 yes, 0 no).

## REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk reported the following:

1. An Investigating Committee (IC) was formed on February 23, 2022 to respond to a complaint against a minister member of the presbytery.
2. Consent agenda –beginning on pg. 4 with 2 edits:  
 Page 4 List all PJC for last 6 years, left off RE Guy Warren, Class 2021  
 Typo under #7 should read Executive Presbyter (not Director).  
*The consent agenda was approved* (58 yes, 0 no).
3. 2021 Presbytery Statistics p. 11

4. Synod Minute Review p. 13-14
5. 3/17/22 Rolls of the Presbytery p. 15  
Typo: Tom Paine started at Lakewood and Tenino in 2022, not 2021.
6. Brief update on Manual Revisions

REPORT OF THE  
TREASURER

RE Kristen Laramie, Treasurer reported the following financial reports:

1. 2021 Year End Financial Reports p. 16-20
2. 2022 Church Loan Report p. 21

REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSION ON  
MINISTRY

Co-moderator RE Ruth Moore from Mission Woods, Milton  
*Departures*

Rev. Karen Renner, Bridge Pastor, Lacey (new call in Seattle Presbytery)  
3/15/22 was her last day.

*Retirements*

Rev. Greg Ikehara-Martin, Pastor of Ocean Beach, Seaview. Retired  
1/30/22.

*Examination for Ordination*

Attachment: Statement of Faith—Chuck Guth (p. 22)

Following questions by the presbyters, Dave Emory called the question.

David Ammons seconded. **MOTION:** To conclude the ordination  
examination. *Motion passed.* (53 YES 0 NO).

Guy Warren called for the question. Glenn Groefsema seconded it.

**MOTION:** to call the question. *Motion passed.* (45 YES 4 NO).

Moderator Dexter Kearny read the motion below.

**MOTION:** To approve Candidate Chuck Guth (Chicago Presbytery for  
ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church  
(U.S.A.). *Motion passed.* (34 YES 17 NO).

Moderator Dexter Kearney offered a prayer for the community of the  
presbytery.

*Terms of Call* for Chuck Guth as the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of  
Aberdeen, beginning on April 10, 2022 (full-time) as approved by COM:

Cash Salary: \$30,000

Housing Allowance: 30,000

SECA Offset: 4,590

Board of Pensions (full):

\$22,200Dental + vision eyewear: \$1,118

Auto: \$510

Cont. Ed: \$1,530

Vacation: 4 weeks/year; Study leave: 2 weeks/year.

Moderator Dexter Kearney welcomed Chuck Guth back to the meeting.  
Everyone was invited to celebrate in a Zoom-appropriate way. TEP Rev

Shari Jackson Monson prayed, and all elders and pastors held out their hands during the prayer.

*Ordination and Installation Commission*

**MOTION:** Approve the Commission for Ordination & Installation of Chuck Guth as the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 3pm with the following members:

1. Rev. Dexter Kearny, Moderator of Presbytery
2. RE Floyd Plemmons, FPC Aberdeen
3. RE Edwina Dorsey, Trinity, Tacoma
4. RE Tom Hill, Toledo
5. Rev. Shari Jackson Monson, TEP
6. Rev. Linda Flatley, Chapel by the Sea, Pacific Beach
7. Rev. Dave Emery, Transitional Pastor of FPC Aberdeen

*The motion was approved (53 YES 0 NO).*

**MOTION:** to extend the meeting to 5:30 PM. Sue Watkins moved; Second: Glenn Groefsema. *The motion passed (47 Yes 2 No).*

Break before worship (3:52 PM 5 min)

**MOTION:** to move worship up to after the break. Ron Marshall moved, second: Katherine Castle: *The motion passed (41 Yes 0 No).*

WORSHIP

Presbytery worship was led by The Common Room (TCR) with Austin Rehbein, the director of the New Worshiping Community at Harrison Square, Centralia, and Rev Mark McHugh and the TCR Band. Austin offered a reflection on Matthew 13:3-9, and Mark McHugh celebrated communion with the presbytery.

PERSONNEL

Moderator of Personnel, RE Kathy Marshall from Westminster, Olympia.  
Personnel Committee + Leadership Council pp. 23-26

**MOTION** (from Personnel Committee): To approve the combined Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Job Description. The Leadership Council concurred with this motion. *The motion was approved (51 YES 0 NO).*

**MOTION** (from Personnel): After consultation with Rev. Shari Jackson Monson, Personnel recommends that her contract be extended to the end of the year or until the new Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk is hired, living into the new job description. Leadership Council concurred. *The motion was approved (53 YES 0 NO).*

**MOTION** (from Personnel): To elect Shari Jackson Monson as the Transitional Stated Clerk while she holds this combined position. *The motion was approved (55 YES 0 NO).*

LEADERSHIP

COUNCIL           **MOTION** (from Leadership Council): To recommend to presbytery to forgive the non-repayment penalty on the first loan (of four) that was approved on March 21, 2019 at the Stated Presbytery Meeting. *The motion passed (52 YES 0 NO).*

Referenced motion: To provide a NO INTEREST Loan of \$24,000 to Sound View Camp for the remainder for its “Add 40 heated beds” campaign. Monthly payments of \$1,000 (1/24th) will begin September 2019 and continue until August 2021. If balance is not paid in full by August 2021, then 10% of the original loan will be assessed.

#### GA OVERTURES

1.           from Northwest Coast Presbytery  
Phyllis Smith, RE from FPC Puyallup, member of the Anti-Racism Task Force, and Maxine Richert, Myra Munsen, Phil Campbell of Northern Lights United Church from the Synod, gave an overview of the history.

**MOTION** (From Anti-Racism Task Force): To recommend our presbytery concur with the Overture from Northwest Coast Presbytery. *The motion passed (55 YES 0 NO).*

2.           from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery  
ErrolLynne Marsh, RE from FPC Puyallup, member of the Anti-Racism Task Force gave an overview of the GA Overture regarding An Apology for the Sin of Slavery.

**MOTION:** (From Anti-Racism Task Force): To recommend our presbytery concur with the Overture from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery. *The motion passed (50 YES 0 NO)*

**MOTION:** That Phyllis Smith (who has agreed serve) serve as an online overture advocate to the Northwest Coast Overture on behalf of the Presbytery. Rev Sue Watkins offered the motion, Guy seconded. *Motion passed (51 YES 0 NO).*

The Presbytery thanked both task forces.

#### SOUND VIEW CAMP

Kurt Sample shared about Sound View Camp, now that the mask mandate has been lifted. The calendar is starting to fill in. Sign up. Family camp has 500-600 families coming. School groups coming back. Youth Camp sessions 1-3 is a quarter full already, at full rate. Limited sessions of 64 campers per session. AmeriCorps is sending 8-10 people in mid-May to mid-June to do clean up and projects.

#### SOUND VIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

Natalie Castle presented the 2021 Year End Financial Report p. 27-30

Sound View did not plan on having summer camp, but now they are having it. Long House will be undergoing repairs.

The Presbytery offered thanks and congratulations to Sound View.

5:01 PM

ErrolLynne Marsh took over as moderator.

SOUND VIEW  
TASK FORCE

Rev. Jeff Bursch

Today is the "first read" of this proposal; to be voted on in a future meeting.

*Recommendation #1:*

The Soundview Task Force recommends that the Olympia Presbytery shift the ministry of Soundview Camp into a 501(c)(3). In order to accomplish this, we recommend the creation of an Administrative Committee charged to create the form and function of the 501(c)(3) and bring a proposal to the Presbytery.

We believe the AC should consider the following items in their work:

1. What would the connection between the Presbytery and the new 501(c)(3) be (e.g. missional focus, land use, board seats, Presbyterian or Christian focus, etc.)?
2. How would the new 501(c)(3) bring in new partners for the sustainability of the Camp (e.g. partnership with local tribes, board seats, financial support, camping times, etc.)?

The AC needs to work out relationship between presbytery and the 501(c)(3). Members of the AC must be members of the presbytery, with equal TE and RE representation. Sound View to be involved as stakeholders.

*Recommendation #2:*

The Soundview Task Force recommends that the Olympia Presbytery use the Nisqually Land Trust funds in the following ways:

1. Immediately pay off the loans owed by Soundview Camp to the Olympia Presbytery.
2. Disburse 50% of the remainder to Soundview Camp upon completion of a projected spending plan for that money from the Soundview Board. (We expect this to include the costs of shifting to a 501(c)(3).)
3. Hold the final 50% up to five years invested in a temporarily restricted fund for Soundview Camp. This money will be disbursed to the camp if Presbytery deems that the camp is financially viable and is pursuing the Presbytery's missional goals as defined by the Matthew 25 initiative, including but not limited to developing relationships with the tribes. If not, then the money will be distributed in a manner determined by Presbytery in alignment with its missional goals.



The funds discussed are \$1.98 million. Sound View planned to use these funds as an endowment when they were talking to the Nisqually Tribe.

**MOTION:** This matter (part 2 of the first read) be postponed to a future meeting, to be established by the Leadership Council. Guy Warren made this motion: Seconded by Edwina Dorsey.

**MOTION:** Extend this meeting by 10 min. *Meeting extended* by a vote (37 Yes 5 No).

**MOTION:** This matter (part 2 of the first read) be postponed to a future meeting, to be established by the Leadership Council. *Motion passed* (Yes 19 No 18).

Dexter Kearney returned as Moderator.

GOODBYE TO Sue Watkins presented.

KARI MCFARLAND We are grateful to partner in ministry. We celebrated with a litany of goodbye and slides.

ADJOURNMENT **MOTION:** to adjourn after the closing prayer. Glenn Groefsema made the motion, and Edwina Dorsey seconded. *The presbytery approved the motion* (40 YES 0 NO).

CLOSING PRAYER The closing prayer, by St Patrick and Dexter Kearney, adjourned the meeting at 5:44 pm.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Date#### Consent Agenda (p. ##)

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Lesley Blair Paine, Recording Clerk