

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery of Olympia
May 14, 2022

ROLLS	See attachment
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 2:02pm by Moderator, Rev Dexter Kearny. Welcome and outline for the day.
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Land Acknowledgement by Rene Myers, PMA, in Southern California.
OPENING PRAYER	TEP Shari Jackson Monson offered "A Prayer for Eastertide" from <i>Living the Christian Year</i> , with prayer requests, including those in the chat function of Zoom.
WORSHIP	<p>Rev. Jimmie Hawkins from the Office Public Witness via zoom from Maryland</p> <p>Including the hymn <i>Jesus be with Us</i>. Moderator Kearny introduced Rev. Hawkins, who brought greetings from DC. His reading was John 12:1-8. His sermon: <i>What is your Vantage Point of Jesus?</i> Sending hymn: <i>We are One in the Spirit</i> Benediction: Rev. Hawkins offered</p>
WORKSHOPS	<p>Moderator Kearny invited workshops to speak briefly about their 45 minute-workshop. Each session was recorded.</p> <p>The Office of Public Witness and the UN Office presented on their work nationally and how you can get involved. It was led by Rev Jimmie Hawkins. Here is a link to that recording. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eACNKzrDdP7ghKQ4VeecY0dnR_FJBwXl/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>The Washington State Poor People's Campaign on becoming a faith partner to witness locally. Sharyn Braff, sharyn.braff@gmail.com, student and member of the coordinating committee of WAPPC, and Darcy Gillespie, Deacon at Longview PC and a member of WAPPC led the program.</p>

To be a faith partner/mobilizing partner, you commit to the 10 Fundamental Principles: <http://www.washingtonppc.org/fundamental-principals> and the covenant of non-violence:
<http://www.washingtonppc.org/copy-of-the-audit-the-souls-of-poor>
 “Mass Poor People’s & Low-wage Workers’ Assembly & Moral March on Washington and to the Polls” is the June 18 assembly in DC.
 Fundraiser
<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/washington-poor-peoples-campaign-fundraiser-for-june-18th>
 The WA site: www.washingtonppc.org
 Email: washington@poorpeoplescampaign.org
 Regional committees: lcppc.wa@gmail.com PPC is also on Facebook and Twitter.
 PC(USA) ministries supportive of Poor People’s Campaign platform:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-ministries-supportive-of-poor-peoples-campaign-platform/>
 June 6 open house 7-8 pm for PPC. Political education, break out rooms, discuss issues.

Living Waters of the World

providing clean water around the world and how you can get connected. Doug Depies and Rubenia Sanchez led this discussion.

BREAK

3:12 to 3:17 PM

GATHERING OF THE PRESBYTERY

1. No First Time Elders were recognized.
2. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Sue Watkins introduced Kathleen ‘Katie’ Spencer, pastoral candidate for FPC Puyallup
 - b. Daniel Herron, Youth Delegate to GA
 - c. Nancyrose Houston

Motion: That privilege of the floor be granted to those three people.
 Moved by David Ammons, Second by Nicole McKnight. *Motion carried 27 yes to 0 nos.*
3. Virtual Meeting Guidelines were explained by TEP, Shari Jackson Monson
4. A quorum was established
5. Approval of the Docket with one change: Add Daniel Herron to share prior to the closing prayer about his preparation to serve as a Youth Delegate at the General Assembly this summer. Remove the Treasurer’s Report.

Motion to approve the Docket *passed 28 Yes 0 Nos*
6. Consent Agenda

Approved by unanimous consent. Attached

**REPORT OF
THE STATED
CLERK**

Stated Clerk, TEP Shari Jackson Monson discussed the learning curve, Presbytery Leader Formation: a mid council training program of the PC USA. Shari attended the PLF residency that took place May 1-5 in Federal Way, WA. She was part of Cohort A, presbytery leaders who have been serving for one year or less as of fall 2021. About 50 presbytery leaders with 1-4 year's experience as Presbyters or Stated Clerks attended the residency program.

There was a short discussion on why the job description for the stated clerk is different. Personnel will discuss this later.

**COMMISSION
ON MINISTRY**

RE Ruth Moore, from Mission Woods in Milton, one of the two Co-Moderators of COM, introduced Katie Spencer, to serve as Designated Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Youth at FPC Puyallup. Examination of the candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry per Book of Order **(G-2.0104)**.

2022 Clearance Interview - Katie Spencer.docx attached

**EXAMINATION
FOR
ORDINATION**

Ruth asks Katie to read her Statement of Faith.

Attachment: Statement of Faith - Kathleen Spencer

MOTION: To approve Candidate Kathleen 'Katie' Spencer (Northwest Coast Presbytery) for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Discussion

Discussion: Eunice Robb: Clarifying the position is a 3-year renewable designated associate pastor for young adults and youth.

Motion carried 29 yes 0 no

**TERMS OF
CALL**

COM has approved the following Terms of Call, pending her successful examination today by presbytery: for Kathleen Spencer to serve as Designated Associated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup, beginning on June 15, 2022 (full-time):

Cash Salary: \$ 10,904.00

Housing Allowance: 35,000.00 SECA Offset: \$ 3,511.66

Board of Pensions (full): \$17,909.48 Dental + vision eyewear: \$725.26

Auto: \$ 1,500/yr.

Cont. Ed: \$1,000/yr.

Professional Expenses: \$2,400/yr.

Other: 403 b Employer Match: \$ 2,500.00

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

WELCOME

Welcomed Katie into the Presbytery.

COMMISSION

Motion: To approve the following Commission for Katie Spencer’s Service of Ordination and Installation on July 10th at FPC Puyallup at 2 pm. (This will be livestreamed.):

- 1. TE Dexter Kearny-Moderator
- 2. TE Liz Kearny-Longview Pres
- 3. TE Ken Sikes-Manitou Park
- 4. RE Edwina Dorsey-TrinityPC
- 5. RE ErrolLynne Marsh-FPC Puyallup
- 6. RE Jay Kennon-Shepherd on the Hill
- 7. RE Ruth Moore-Mission Woods

Motion passes 29 yes 0 nos

PRAYER

ErrolLynne Marsh prayed for Katie.

MANUAL OF OPERATIONS REVISION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Moderator Dexter Kearny invited Robyn Hogue, convener of the task force to speak to the motion.

MOTION: to approve Hagar’s Guide Team as an Administrative Commission
Robyn invited Ron Marshall, member of the Hagar’s Guide Team, to speak. He thanked Robyn and members of the task force for their ongoing work in support of shared mission as a presbytery. He spoke to the motion.
There was no discussion. *Motion passed 31 yes 0 no.*

Then Ron spoke to the next motion and about pastor nominating committees for new worshipping communities, in this case with incarcerated worshipers.

MOTION from the HCC Guide Team: to approve the following to serve as Hagar’s Community Church Pastor Nominating Committee:

- 1. Ron Marshall, RE Longview PC
- 2. Bev Cascio, RE Shepherd of the Hill PC
- 3. Cindy Caldwell, RE Immanuel PC
- 4. Haley Ballast, RE John Knox PC, Seattle Presbytery
- 5. Ashley Wick, recommended by Underground Ministries, a ministry partner of HCC

There was no discussion. *Motion passed 31 yes 0 nos.*

Thanks were offered to Ron and the Guide Team.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Kathy Marshall, Chair of Personnel committee, spoke to the following motion:

MOTION: to approve the Job Description of Stated Clerk for Judicial Process
Motion carries 29 yes 0 nos.

Thanks were offered to Personnel.

**SOUND VIEW
TASK FORCE**

SVTF Info Packet

March 17 [stated] and April 23 [called] was the “first read” of this proposal, to be voted at the May 14th [today’s] meeting. Recommendation 2, parts 2 and 3 have been postponed and withdrawn. The Reset group has met in between. SVTF will offer new recommendations.

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:

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.)?

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.

Pam Anderson suggested a **substitute motion** from the SVTF. John Bosshart seconded this motion.

MOTION: The Soundview Task Force moves that the Olympia Presbytery shift the ministry of Soundview Camp into a 501(c)(3). In order to accomplish this, we recommend the creation by Olympia Presbytery of a task force (consisting of 2 members chosen by Soundview Board and 3 members chosen by Leadership Council) charged to create the form and function of the 501(c)(3) and bring a proposal to the Presbytery.

We believe the Task Force should consider the following items in their work:

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.)?

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.

Motion: To accept the substitute motion above.

Motion carried 30 yes 1 no

Recommendation #2: The Soundview Task Force recommends that the

Olympia Presbytery use the Nisqually Land Trust funds in the following ways:

Immediately pay off the loans owed by Soundview Camp to the Olympia Presbytery.

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).

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.

Pam Anderson made a **substitute motion** on behalf of the Task Force. Second by Nicole McKnight.

New Sound View Task Force Recommendation #2

MOTION: The Sound View Task Force moves that the entire proceeds of the Nisqually Land Trust agreement, minus the "repayment" to Presbytery and all fees associated with forming the 501(c)(3), be placed in a restricted investment account, with the realized gains to be distributed to Sound View on a quarterly basis until a final resolution is reached with respect to the distribution of the funds.

Eunice Robb made a **MOTION:** to extend the docket 30 minutes. Second by Pam Anderson. Not debatable.

Motion carried 28 yes 0 nos

**EXTEND
DOCKET**

**SOUND VIEW
TASK FORCE**

Ron Marshall: Gains is a vague term. Pam Anderson: Realized gains in **friendly amendment**. It was agreed to amend the motion to read as follows:

The Sound View Task Force moves that the realized gains of the Nisqually Land Trust agreement, minus the "repayment" to Presbytery and all fees associated with forming the 501(c)(3), be placed in a restricted investment account, with the realized gains to be distributed to Sound View on a quarterly basis until a final resolution is reached with respect to the distribution of the funds.

Robert Mumford: Called for vote. Robyn Houge seconded. **Motion to call the question** needs $\frac{2}{3}$ for adoption. 28 yes and 0 nos. *Question has been*

called.

Voting on second substitute motion. **To approve the substitute motion** comes first.

Motion on the Question: To replace the second recommendation with the second substitute motion. *Motion carries* to replace the original motion, 26 yes 1 no.

Substitute motion (above) is now on the floor. No discussion.
Motion carried 26 yes 0 nos

Thanks were offered to the Sound View Task Force which has been serving since May 2020.

**SOUND VIEW
CAMP**

Pam Anderson, President of the Sound View Camp Board, spoke to following motion:

Motion: to approve Glen Groefsema and Jim Hall, both members of Lakewood Presbyterian Church, to serve on the Sound View Board for three years terms, commencing May 1, 2022.

Pam spoke to their outstanding work and their long history with camp. There was no discussion. *Motion carried* 24 yes 0 nos.

Thanks were offered to Glen and Jim for their willingness to serve.

NEXT MEETING

Invitation to June 2nd Hybrid Meeting by Moderator Dexter Kearny. He invited everyone to participate.

**GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

Daniel Herron shared briefly about his excitement and preparation for the upcoming hybrid General Assembly as YAD.

**ADJOURN
MENT**

MOTION: to adjourn with prayer. Motion by Guy Warren and second by Sue Watkins. *Motion carried* 22 yes 0 nos.

The meeting was adjourned by Moderator Kearny at 5:30 PM after a closing prayer. The prayer included the uplifting of Daniel Herron and David Ammons and Elizabeth Archer Klein as they participate in GA, and of Phyllis Smith, who will be the overture advocate for the Northern Lights overture, which our presbytery concurred with this year.

ATTACHMENTS

[Statement of Faith for Kathleen Spencer](#)
[Stated Clerk for Judicial Process JD 2022.docx](#)

**RECORDING
CLERK**

Sound View Proposal, [SVTF Proposals final 3.6.2022](#)

Rolls: [Rolls May 2022](#)

Respectfully submitted with attachments by Lesley Blair Paine, Recording Clerk,
13 March 2023