Minutes of February 9, 2023, 6-8 p.m. Olympia Presbytery Called Meeting via Zoom

CALLED The items of business for this meeting are the approval of the final slate of

nominees to serve the Presbytery as officers and members of various

committees and commissions, and approval of the 33 proposed amendments to

the *Book of Order* approved by the commissioners of the 225th General Assembly, items 22-A through 22-GG, as set forth in the *PC(USA) Proposed Amendments to the Constitution* booklet provided on the Olympia Presbytery

website for review.

ROLLS Attached separately

PRE-READING Link to Proposed Amendments Booklet and summary documents on the

website

<u>Link to recommendations from COM</u> on 12 of the amendments. <u>Nominating Committee final Slate of Candidates</u> for approval

SCHEDULE 5:00 p.m. pre-meeting discussion & conversation about Amendments

WELCOME 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Moderator ErrolLynne Marsh

LAND Vice Moderator Robin Crawford previously from south of San Francisco's

ACKNOWLEDGMENT Presbytery land was traditionally occupied by the Ramaytush clan of the

Ohlone nation.

PRAYER Guided Prayer was led by TE Elizabeth Klein

FIRST TIME ELDER Welcome to First Time Teaching and Ruling Elders: SC Shari Jackson Monson

RE Marsha Johnson Bethany RE Hal Blanton Packwood RE Bob Freeborn UPPC

TE Jeffery Cheifetz retired and Diana Cheifetz MAL San Francisco Presbytery

TE Larry Veith Packwood

RE Kathryn Dahl Bethany first time voting

RE Kris Cournoyer Fircrest

PRIVILEGE Privilege of the Floor

Daniel Herron, Youth Delegate from OlyPres to 225th GA

GUIDELINES Virtual Meeting Guidelines explained

QUORUM

Established a quorum [more than 8 Pastors of the Presbytery and 8 Ruling Elders from at least 8 congregations of the Presbytery].

DOCKET

MOTION: To approve the docket and grant privilege of the floor to Daniel Herron. *Motion carried.* 39 yes 0 nos

NOMINATING

Nominating Committee Report presented by Harlan Shoop

MOTION: To approve the election of RF Henry Kiema Limo

MOTION: To approve the election of RE Henry Kiema, Umoja, to serve a partial term 2023 on COM, RE Kevin Kreuger, Westminster Olympia first term, 2025 on CPM, RE Kris Cournoyer, Fircrest, to serve a partial term 2024 on Leadership Council, REV Nancy Goodwin MAL to serve a partial term 2024 on the Investigative Pool, and RE David VanArnam, Fircrest, to serve a partial term 2024 on the Investigative Pool.

Motion carried. 38 yes 0 no

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Council Nominations presented by John Asher

MOTION One - LC moves to approve the election of Shari Jackson Monson as Stated Clerk until such time as a permanent Stated Clerk has been appointed, and Virginia Priest (RE Bethany) as Interim Treasurer until such time as a permanent Treasurer has been appointed.

Motion carried 39 yes 0 no

MOTION Two - LC moves to approve the election of Lesley Paine as Recording Clerk and Glen Ferguson as Stated Clerk for Judicial Process for three-year terms ending December 2025. *Motion carried 41 yes 0 no*

MOTION Three - LC moves that we hire Glen Ferguson as the Stated Clerk for Judicial Process at \$32.70/hour for up to 40 hours a year. *Motion carried 41 yes 0 no*

BREAK

6:45 resume

GA ATTENDEES

Daniel Herron, David Alger, and Elizabeth Archer Klein recapped their visit. Thanks to them and Nathan Young for the AV.

AMENDMENTS

Responding to Book of Order Amendments from the 225th General Assembly

MOTION: To approve the following Proposed Process:

- 1. Sections can be disposed of by unanimous consent.
- 2. On items where debate is allowed comments will be limited to 3 minutes per item per person.

3. A total of 4 speakers will be heard on each item, alternating between pro and con speakers to the extent possible, unless the body votes to expand that number of speakers for a particular item. No speaker may speak more than once until everyone has had an opportunity to speak first.

Motion carried. 42 yes 0 no

OMNIBUS

The moderator will make motions to approve by unanimous consent the amendments found in each of the four sections of the Book of Order:

Foundations of Presbyterian Polity (22-A and 22-B), *Approved by unanimous consent.*

Form of Government (22-C through 22-S), Approved D E F I J K L O Q by unanimous consent.

Angela Miksovsky pulled G Larry Veith pulled C M N P R S John Murphy pulled H

Directory for Worship (22-T through 22-BB)

Approved V W Z AA BB by unanimous consent.

Larry Veith pulled T U John Murphy pulled X Y

Rules of Discipline 22-CC through 22-GG).

John Murphy pulled CC DD EE FF Angela Miksovsky pulled GG

PULLED ITEMS

22-C Motion carried 38 yes 2 no

EXTEND

Robyn Hogue **MOTION**: To extend the docket by 30 minutes to 8:30 p.m. Second by Barlow Buescher *Motion carried 32 yes 4 no*

PULLED ITEMS

22-G Motion carried 30 yes 4 no 22-H Motion carried 33 yes 1 no 22-M Motion carried 32 yes 1 no 22-N Motion carried 33 yes 1 no 22-P Motion carried 31 yes 3 no 22-R Motion carried 27 yes 5 no 22-S Motion failed 11 yes 19 no 22-T Motion carried 26 yes 8 no

EXTEND Larry Veith **MOTION:** To extend by 30 minutes to 9:00 p.m. Second by Barlow

Buescher. Motion carried 28 yes 2 no

PULLED ITEMS 22-U Motion carried 27 yes 6 no

22-X Motion carried 30 yes 3 no 22-Y Motion carried 28 yes 3 no 22-CC Motion carried 28 yes 4 no 22-DD Motion carried 30 yes 2 no 22-EE Motion carried 32 yes 0 no 22-FF Motion carried 33 yes 0 no 22-GG Motion carried 31 yes 0 no

ADJOURN Robyn Hogue made a **MOTION:** To adjourn after prayer. Liz Kearny second 33

yes 0 no

PRAYER Closing prayer by ErrolLynne Marsh at 8:52 p.m.

SUBMITTED Respectfully submitted by Lesley Blair Paine, Recording Clerk 9 February 2023