

Minutes of March 23, 2023, 2-5 p.m.  
Olympia Presbytery Stated Meeting  
via Zoom

**ROLLS** Attached separately

**PRE-READING** Attached below

**WELCOME** 2:00 p.m. by Moderator ErrolLynne Marsh

**CALL TO ORDER** Moderator ErrolLynne Marsh

**FIRST TIME ELDER** Robin Crawford introduced Micheal Schieffer from Chehalis.  
Steve Witaker from Mission Woods

**PRIVILEGE MOTION:** to grant privilege of the floor to Kelly Spencer, Rick Ufford-Chase,  
Jennifer Houston, Nancyrose Houston (Sound View Board)  
*Motion carries 38 yes 0 no*

**DOCKET MOTION:** To approve the docket. *Motion carried. 39 yes 0 nos*

**LAND** Rev Dexter Kearny, Longview PC, acknowledged the historic land of the  
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT** Cowlitz Indian Tribe and called us all together with  
their words.

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

**TEP/SC REPORT** Welcome. We have established a quorum.  
Presbytery packet is a PDF and individual files.

**MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda. *Motion carries. 43 Yes 0 No*  
Add: COM does not have all COM details as of today. It will be brought to  
the next meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of May 2022 and November 2022.  
*Approved by common consent.* Thanks to the Recording Clerk.

Statistical report for 2022 for the Presbytery of Olympia: Only the  
membership numbers can be used as meaningful numbers because so  
few churches provided breakdown information. *Approved by common  
consent.*

Glen Ferguson, SC for Judicial Process Report. Remedial Complaint filed.

Stated Clerk for Judicial Process Report: A remedial complaint has  
been filed against the Olympia Presbytery with the synod Permanent

Judicial Commission pursuant to *D-6.0100* et seq. A three-person committee of counsel has been appointed by the Leadership Council to defend the presbytery pursuant to *D-6.0302*. As confirmed with the OGA Stated Clerk's Office, the committee of counsel has full authority to defend the presbytery in this matter, as well as pursue mediation and settlement, as they see fit. The synod Stated Clerk has conducted initial training of complainants and the committee of counsel.

The complaint is not available to the Presbytery. Authority is with the Commission of Counsel. Report will be available at the conclusion of the proceedings.

## **FINANCES**

Cynthia Stelle, Financial Coordinator  
Financial Reports are attached.

*Received the Year End Financial Report by consent and with thanks.*

**WORSHIP** Rev. Barlow Buescher (Ret) and Rev. Chris Pritchett (Pastor, Mt Olympus PC, Salt Lake City) led Worship and Communion from Salt Lake City.

**PASSING PEACE** Breakout rooms to get to know small group and check in

**SERMON** Barlow Buescher preached on Matthew 25:31-46

**SLIDESHOW** Music "Jesus be with us Today" and video of Matthew 25

**COMMUNION** Officiants: Revs Barlow Buescher and Chris Pritchett

## **BREAK**

3:28 for 5 minutes Recording started.

## **HAGAR'S**

Back inside, starting April 2 on Sunday evenings, per Haley Ballast

## **COM**

Ruth Moore Co-Moderator of Commission on Ministry

## **GOODBYES**

Kelly Spencer transferring to Seattle to be pastor of Newport PC in Bellevue

Katie Spencer leaving FPC Puyallup. Katie's membership continues in Olympia Presbytery at this time.

**HELLOS** Amanda Kersey South Beach PC and Twin Harbors Lutheran;

Transferring from San Francisco: Jeffrey Chiefetz and Diana Chiefetz, Spiritual Director, Validated Ministry. They attend Bethany PC.

**PERSONNEL**

Kathy Marshall

Thanks to Kelly Spencer for her work as Admin.

**EXPLORING  
MISSIONAL  
LEADERSHIP**

Rev Taeler Morgan

Workshop on May 6th, at Lacey PC. hosted by 1001 Worshiping Communities. Hands-on learning, grant information, other congregations doing work like this. Free lunch.

**ART PROJECT**

Shari Jackson Monson on behalf of Elizabeth Archer Klein  
Invitation via video to participate a Pentecost Art Project

**PASTORS' RETREAT**

Angela Chen Miksovsky from Community Church of Buckley  
May 1 (Overnight from April 31 is possible). April 14 is the deadline to register. RESTORE: A Clergy Retreat Spouses are invited.

**SKYLINE**

Rev Dr Martha Greene

Updates from the Skyline Administrative Commission

Update letter (in attachments) sent to the 14 outside parties interested in SPC. (Presbyterian congregation) Umoja wants to buy the building after being told the offer price.

**MODERATOR**

Moved to Robin Crawford as Moderator at 4:23 PM

**LEADERSHIP**

Report from Leadership Council, Robin Crawford

Status report from the Reset and 501c3 teams (Anti Racism Task Force and Sound View)

Kathryn Castle seeking this approval to engage tribal rulers. *Papers attached below*. Shari Jackson Monson spoke for the Reset group. Pat Grossie-Walton, FPC Puyallup spoke for the ARTF and healing from the Doctrine of Discovery. Nancyrose Houston, Sound View Board, on

support of the mission of the 501(c)(3). Pam Anderson, 501(c)(3) Task Group and Chair of the SV Board on the interaction of SV, NLT, and OP.

**MOTION TO  
EXTEND**

**MOTION:** To extend the end time to 5:15 PM was made by Tom Paine, second by David Ammons. *Motion carried by unanimous consent.*

**MOTIONS**

LC is asking the Presbytery

**MOTION:** that Presbytery approve the Reset Group and 501(c)3 Group's engagement with the Nisqually Land Trust and Native American tribes with historic roots on the Sound View property in conversation as part of the groups' continuing discernment.

*Passed with unanimous consent and prayer by Robin Crawford.*

**MODERATOR**

Errollynne back as Moderator.

**FELLOWSHIP**

Looking ahead to times of fellowship:

RESET Retreat Apr 21-23 with Rick Ufford-Chase and Ashley DeTar Birt.

Earth Day is the Saturday. Sunday meetings. Info to come.

May 20, 2023 next stated meeting online

Shari Jackson Monson: Plan on regional gatherings during summer.

Please let her know if you want to host gatherings and workshops.

Elizabeth Archer Klein and SJM stayed after on Zoom to discuss the art project.

**PRAYER** Closing prayer by Errollynne

**ADJOURN** David Ammons made a motion, and Dexter Kearny the second. **MOTION:** To adjourn. *Motion carried by common consent.*

**ATTACHMENTS** [31523 Proposal to OlyPres with LC textbox \(1\).pdf](#)

[Finance Report Folder](#) [4 documents]

[Pentecost Art A Joint Creation of the Presbytery of Olympia Churches](#)

Skyline AC Letter to Interested Parties [final letter to interested parties.docx](#)

[111922 Presbytery Minutes](#)

[2022 presbytery statistics.pdf](#)

[Consent Agenda](#)

**SUBMITTED** Respectfully submitted by Lesley Blair Paine, Recording Clerk, 23 March 2023