

STATED MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2010

CHURCH OF THE CROSS
OMAHA, NE

MINUTES OF
THE PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY

The Presbytery of Missouri River Valley held its February stated meeting at Church of the Cross, Omaha, Nebraska, on Saturday, February 20, 2010 with past Moderator Elder Andy Cook opening the meeting at 11:00am with prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Steven W. Plank, announced that a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from the Policy and Polity Committee
Land lease by Hope Church
Report from OWLS

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Past Moderator Elder Andy Cook installed Moderator Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Vice Moderator Rev. Matt Nieman in their offices for 2010.

WELCOME BY MODERATOR

Rev. Ross-Hullinger welcomed Presbytery to join in the work set before the assembled members.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Rev. Kirk Ryckman welcomed presbyters to Church of the Cross.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Chaz Ruark, minister member of Twin Cities Area Presbytery, was seated as a corresponding member.

THE ROLL

MINISTER MEMBERS:

<i>Thomas Albaum (A)</i>
Becky Balestri
Kathryn Bates
<i>Stuart Baxter, HR (E)</i>
<i>William Beatty, HR (E)</i>
John Besançon
<i>Deborah Boucher-Payne (A)</i>
<i>William Bowers (A)</i>
<i>Charles Bulger, HR (E)</i>
<i>Kenneth Bunnell, HR (E)</i>
MaryAnn Calta
Deena Candler
Greg Carlson
Sally Carlson
<i>*Tom Clark (A)</i>
J. Keith Cook, HR
<i>*James Crapson (A)</i>
<i>William Denny, HR (E)</i>

Sarah Dickinson
<i>Howard Dooley, HR (E)</i>
<i>Howard Dotson (A)</i>
Neal Earley
Gary Eller
Jody Filipi
<i>Ed Fish, HR (E)</i>
<i>Roy Fox, HR (E)</i>
Lyle Franzen
<i>David Grimm, HR (E)</i>
Ernest Gutha, HR
<i>John Hansen (A)</i>
<i>Mary Hansen, HR (E)</i>
Mike Harvey
<i>Rob Hubler (E)</i>
<i>Stephanie Huisman (A)</i>
<i>*Melvin Hurst (A)</i>
Portia Iverson

<i>Harold Johnson, HR (E)</i>
<i>William Alan Jones (A)</i>
Robert Jordan
<i>Kevin Keaton (A)</i>
Robert Keefer
Chet Kiehl (Inactive)
Kevin Killion (Inactive)
<i>Ronald Kinsey, HR (E)</i>
<i>*Jerry Lamb</i>
<i>Paul M. Lundell, HR (E)</i>
Paul Masters
David Matsumura
Jeff McDonald
<i>Robert Meanor, HR (E)</i>
<i>Lyle Meester (A)</i>
<i>Richard Meyer, HR (E)</i>
<i>Gregg Miller (A)</i>
<i>Mark Miller (A)</i>

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George Moore
<i>Nadia Mullin (A)</i>
Matthew Nieman
William Osick, HR
Russell W. Palmer, HR
Loren Parker, HR
David Paul
Caryn Pedersen
<i>John Pettit, HR (E)</i>
Stephen Pike
Steve Plank
<i>Gale Prentice, HR (E)</i>
Nancy Profit

<i>*Carl Ratcliff (A)</i>
<i>D. Gregory Reid, HR (E)</i>
Dee Jay Reiff, HR
<i>Gun Song Rhee (A)</i>
Nancy Ross-Hullinger
Kirk Ryckman
<i>Marvyn Schultz, HR (E)</i>
Darin Seaman
<i>*Aaron Simons (A)</i>
<i>Richard Skelley, HR (E)</i>
Rick Sleyster
Jon Sloan
<i>Dean Sparr (A)</i>

Ed Steinmetz
<i>Howard Svoboda, HR (E)</i>
Barbara Todd
Roger Todd, HR
Sara Tonje
<i>Leslie Traylor (A)</i>
Ronald Van Heukelom
<i>Sandra Wainwright (A)</i>
Gary Warren
Dwight Williams
<i>Mark Witmer, HR (E)</i>
<i>Jay Yu, HR (E)</i>

* = Member of another denomination serving a Presbytery church ** = Member of another Presbytery

HR = Honorably Retired (Excused in accordance with the Manual of Operations, Chapter D)

ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Anderson Grove	--
Avery	Janice Bright
Avoca	--
Benson	Sue Skeans
Bethany	Bob Sieck
Carson	Randall Hotze
Carter Lake	Randy Hawkins
Castelar	Alan Owens
Center Ridge	Miles Russell
Central	Dennis Brown
Church of the Cross (2)	Jim Chapin Carol Dworak
Church of the Master	Marge Adey
College Springs	--
Dundee (3)	Lorraine Giles Jim Scott Miller Wayne Wiley
Essex	--
Faith (2)	Chuck Shafer Jerry Stone
Faithful Shepherd	Gwen Mason
First (Bellevue)	Carole Warnes
First (Omaha)	Joyce Lane
Florence	--
Fort Calhoun	--
Gethsemane	--
Glendale	--
Hope	--
Korean	--
Missouri Valley	Kathy Brandon
Mosher-Pilgrim	Larry Scott

Mount View	--
Murray	--
Neola	--
New Horizon	Donna Pritchard
New Life	--
Oakland-Sharon	Keith Bentley
Peace	--
Plattsmouth	Carl Glup
Randolph	--
Red Oak	--
Shelby	--
Shenandoah	Robert Longman
Sidney	Vickie Bishop
Sudanese Presbyterian Fellowship (2)	--
Trinity (Clarinda)	Junior McCall
Underwood Hills	Marilyn Dierks
United Trinity, Hamburg	--
Valley Baptist-Presbyterian	--
Villisca	--
Wales	Suzane Jones
Walnut	James McDermott
West Hills (2)	Laurayne Hall Robert Hilkeman
Westminster (Clarinda)	Elfrieda Reents
Westminster (Co. Bluffs)	Eva Parker
Westminster (Omaha)	Gary Tupper
Wheeler Memorial	Bob Grice
Woodbine	--

STATED MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2006

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LAVISTA, NEBRASKA

ELDER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Kris Adler
<i>Jim Carruthers (A)</i>
Andrew Cook
<i>Gayle Duda (A)</i>

Carolyn Grice
<i>Joan Hackett (A)</i>
Ed Lynn
<i>Peggy Mago (A)</i>

Susan Mayer
<i>John Morey (A)</i>
Mike O'Bradovich
Carole Warnes

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS:

David Krueger (Walnut), Michael Kuach (Sudanese Fellowship), William Wood (Glendale), Al Zimmerman (Florence)

VISITORS:

Lynn Baldwin (Shenandoah), Muriel Baldwin (Shenandoah), Dr. J.A. Campbell (Westminster, Clarinda), Kathleen Osick (First, Omaha), John Burg (Church of the Master), Penny Koenig (HELP Adult Services), Janet Ruark (Presbytery of Twin Cities), Rev. Chet Mason (Presbytery of South Dakota)

Number of ministers present: 45

Number of elder commissioners present: 47

Total number of persons eligible to vote: 92

WELCOME OF NEW MINISTERS

Several new minister members of Presbytery were welcomed including: Rev. Nadia Mullin (Associate Pastor, Presbyterian Church of the Cross), Rev. Barbara Tooker Todd (Pastor, Missouri Valley), and Rev. Stephanie Huisman (Temporary Supply Pastor, Dundee).

WELCOME OF FIRST-TIME ELDERS

A number of first time elders were introduced.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

The moderator requested that presbyters introduce themselves to each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Rev. Barbara Tooker Todd led Presbytery in the Prayer of Confession and assured the body of forgiveness. Presbyters sang "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High."

THE WORD PROCLAIMED - SCRIPTURE READING

Moderator Ross-Hullinger proclaimed the Word.

FEASTING TOGETHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

Moderator Ross-Hullinger and Elder Andy Cook celebrated the Lord's Supper with Presbytery.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Stated Clerk, Rev. Steven Plank reported the following:

1. All reports have been filed with the General Assembly and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies as required as of this date.
2. All correspondence received on behalf of the Presbytery has been assigned, referred, or answered.
3. Some "annual things" that I need to do and report...
 - a. I have asked Elder Eileen Adickes (Carson) to serve again as our Recording Clerk, and she graciously has agreed.

- b. Please note the annual report of the attendance of ministers and elder commissioners at Presbytery, which is attached to this report. [Attachment 1]
 - c. It is to be noted for the record that this meeting, as the first stated meeting of the year, constitutes the annual corporate meeting of the Presbytery. (There is no business of a strictly corporate nature that needs to come before us at this time, but the minutes need to record that the annual meeting of the corporation was held as required.)
 - d. I am required to report to Presbytery at its first meeting of the year the location of stored minutes. The minutes of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley since March, 1998 are currently on hand in the Stated Clerk's office in Omaha. All earlier volumes have been deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.
 - e. I am required to report annually to Presbytery the names of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years (arranged alphabetically within classes, beginning with the most recent class):
 - Class of 2008: the Rev. Kennett Bunnell, Jr., the Rev. Portia Iverson, Elder Thomas Shipley (Villisca)
 - Class of 2006: The Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne, Elder June McClure (Sidney), Elder Roger Wehrbein (Plattsmouth)
 - Class of 2004: Elder David Greer (Dundee), the Rev. Becky Balestri, Elder Richard Reiser (Central)
4. A few "reminders"...
- a. Churches are urged to pay their per capita apportionment as soon as possible. It was due February 15. Remember that the \$28.75 per member from each church is for the administrative expenses of the Presbyterian Church on three levels: Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. It represents the annual cost of being Presbyterian. (If your church has a problem paying its apportionment on time, please contact the Stewardship of Resources Committee, which is chaired by the Rev. Mark Miller.)
 - b. Churches need to complete their 2009 Annual Statistical Report for the General Assembly online, together with the Clerk's Annual Questionnaire. The deadline for both reports is Tuesday, February 23, 2009. Clerks of session (or whoever is doing the data entry online) are urged to complete these year-end reports before the February 23 deadline. Unfortunately, the longer you wait, the more slowly the system works. If you are having problems, call Joan Royer at the Presbytery office (553-8300 or 800/603-8980) and she will be glad to help you. Joan and I would really appreciate your cooperation in getting these reports in on time!
5. Identification cards for ministers for 2010 are available. Ministers are asked to pick up their ID card at this meeting (or at the Presbytery office after today) to save the expense of mailing.
6. I have received a request from the Rev. Sandy Wainwright Rossander of the Villisca Presbyterian Church, requesting permission to waive the requirement of rotation of Session elders due to the small size of their congregation. This is an allowable request for the Presbytery to receive and consider, and the Presbytery may act on it based upon G-14.0226c:
"If in any church it is impossible because of limited membership to provide for the rotation of terms, the congregation may request a waiver of the limitations on reelection after six years. The presbytery may grant the exemption by majority vote for three years at a time, subject to renewal or revocation at any time by majority vote."
- I move that the Presbytery grant this exemption through 2012, at which point the congregation may reapply if

they deem it necessary. Motion approved by Presbytery. **[Presbytery Action 2010-001]**

7. I move that the commissions to install the Rev. Howard Dotson as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church (Omaha) on November 15, 2009, the Rev. Robert Jordan as pastor of Dundee Presbyterian Church (Omaha) on November 29, 2009, the Rev. Nadia Mullin as associate pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Cross (Omaha) on January 10, 2010, and the Rev. Barbara Todd as pastor of Missouri Valley Presbyterian Church on January 24, 2010 be dismissed with our thanks. Motion was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-002]**
8. The Hispanic/Latino Ministry Church Redevelopment Administrative Commission was established by the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley on November 15, 2003. The Administration Commission was charged with this responsibility: *“to work in cooperation with the Castelar Presbyterian Church in determining their desire/intent to serve the Hispanic/Latino Community. (The Commission) will provide prayerful programmatic guidance to the redeveloping congregation... until such time as a redevelopment congregation is in place. The Commission will work with the Pastor Nominating Committee for the search and installation of a new pastor.”* Over the course of the past several years, the work and ministry of this Administrative Commission has changed dramatically, and the Commission now does ongoing, continuing work and ministry in this area on behalf of the Presbytery. Since the nature of an Administrative Commission is “to consider *and conclude* matters referred to it by a governing body” (*Book of Order*, G-9.0502, emphasis added), and since the work of this body is ongoing, it has ceased to function in the role of an Administrative Commission. This reality is reflected in the changed designation in the Presbytery’s Manual of Administrative Operations, that now identifies this Commission as a Working Group instead of as a commission of the Presbytery. Therefore, **I move that we dissolve the Hispanic/Latino Ministry Church Redevelopment Administrative Commission, effective the date of this Presbytery meeting, with our thanks for all who have served as members of this Commission.** Motion was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-003]**
9. An Administrative Commission for Sudanese Ministry was established by the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley on November 15, 2003. The Administrative Commission was charged with this responsibility: *“to establish a new Sudanese Presbyterian Church in Omaha by providing guidance to the developing congregation until the congregation is chartered and a session is elected, trained, and installed. The commission shall exercise the relevant duties and powers of a session under Chapter X of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including ordering of worship, provision of Christian education, establishment of a budget and determination of the distribution of benevolences (in consultation with the Committee for Congregations), administration of the program of the new church development, management of the assets of the Presbytery used in the new church development, pastoral care, keeping an accurate roll of the membership of the fellowship (including the names of baptized children), instruction, ordination, and installation of officers, and such other duties and powers as are appropriate for a new immigrant fellowship and new church development, but not including election of commissioners to presbytery or serving in judicial matters.”* Over the course of the past several years, the work and ministry of this Administrative Commission has changed dramatically, and the Commission now does ongoing, continuing work and ministry in this area on behalf of the Presbytery, supporting and guiding the Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship. Since the nature of an Administrative Commission is “to consider *and conclude* matters referred to it by a governing body” (*Book of Order*, G-9.0502, emphasis added), and since the work of this body is ongoing, it has ceased to function in the role of an Administrative Commission. This reality is reflected in the changed designation in the Presbytery’s Manual of Administrative Operations, that now identifies this Commission as a Working Group instead of as a commission of the Presbytery. Therefore, **I move that we dissolve the Administrative Commission for Sudanese Ministry, effective the date of this Presbytery meeting, with our thanks for all who have served as members of this Commission.** Motion was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-004]**

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

1. That the minutes of the November 10, 2009 stated meeting of Presbytery and the December 28, 2009 special meeting of Presbytery be approved, including any minor editorial changes that have been brought to the Stated Clerk’s attention. **[2010-005]**

2. That the following actions taken by the Presbytery Council at its January 14, 2010 meeting be approved:
- A-1 The Rev. Kevin Keaton, Executive Presbyter, be considered a full-time employee of the Presbytery during the time of his post-surgical rehabilitation.
 - A-2 The Personnel Committee and the Synod will conduct the Rev. Keaton's annual review after he is back in Omaha.
 - A-3 The Stated Clerk was asked to look into the temporary services of a property manager so that, as questions, issues, or problems arise with Presbytery owned properties, Joan Royer has someone to call who can take care of the situation.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Moderator Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger reconvened Presbytery at 1 p.m. and Elder Andy Cook led Presbytery in prayers for the people named.

RESPONSES TO THE WORD - OFFERING

Rev. Jody Filipi called for the offering to help support the Food Pantry.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

A written report from Executive Presbyter Rev. Kevin Keaton was read.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL REPORT

Presbytery Council Moderator Elder Andy Cook presented the recommendations for the 2010 and 2011 meetings and they were approved by Presbytery. **[2010-006]** Those dates are:

- April 24, 2010
- August 27-28, 2010
- November 20, 2010
- February 19, 2011
- April 30, 2011
- August 19-20, 2011
- October 29, 2011

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Gary Eller reported for the committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Sally Carlson presented the report from the committee.

Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery by the Committee on November 24, 2009:

- A-1 Dissolved the administrative commission to install Howard Dotson with thanks.
- A-2 Approved administrative commission to install Robert Jordan on November 29th at 2:00 p.m.
- A-3 Renewed the contract between Bethany Presbyterian Church (Council Bluffs) and the Rev. Greg Carlson to serve as Stated Supply Pastor, effective January 1, 2010, part-time (30 hours/week), with the following terms:

[2010-007]

Cash Salary	\$ 10,960
Manse Value or	
Housing Allowance	18,940
Effective Salary	\$ 29,900

Reimbursable expenses:
Professional expenses
and Continuing Ed. \$2,000
Full Pension and medical
Vacation – 4 weeks
Continuing Education – 2 weeks

Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery by the Committee on January 19, 2010:

A-4 Approved the administrative commission to install Barbara Todd at First Presbyterian Church, Missouri Valley on January 24th at 4:00 pm.

A-5 Renewed the commission of Commissioned Lay Pastor Michael Kuach, to serve the Sudanese American Fellowship (Omaha) and the Sudanese Ministry Working Group, beginning September 1, 2009 until August 31, 2012, part-time (20 hours/week), with the following terms: **[2010-008]**

Cash Salary
Manse Value or
Housing Allowance \$ 20,500.00
Effective Salary \$ 20,500.00

Reimbursable expenses:
Travel expenses \$ 700.00
Continuing Education \$ 380.00
Medical Coverage \$ 9,455.63

Social Security Withheld
Vacation – 4 weeks
Continuing Education – 2 weeks

Elder Kuach is commissioned to:

Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Administer the Sacrament of Baptism

Moderate meetings of the Leadership Team under the supervision of the CLP's Mentor/Supervisor (the Rev. Lyle Franzen), when requested by the Leadership Team or the Fellowship
Perform services of Christian Marriage as requested

A-6 Approved the contract between the Session of Dundee Presbyterian Church (Omaha) and the Rev. Stephanie Huisman to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor, effective January 1, 2010, full-time, with the following terms: **[2010-009]**

Cash Salary \$ 35,000
Manse Value or
Housing Allowance 12,000
Effective Salary \$ 47,000

Reimbursable expenses:
Travel expenses \$ 1,500
Continuing Education \$ 2,157

Full Pension and medical
Vacation – 4 weeks
Continuing Education – 2 weeks

A-7 Approved the contract between the Session of Carter Lake Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne to serve as Stated Supply Pastor, effective February 1, 2010, part-time (10 hours/week), with the following terms: **[2010-010]**

Cash Salary \$ 7,512
Manse Value or
Housing Allowance 1,200

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Pastoral Care	1,080
Effective Salary	\$ 9,792
Reimbursable expenses:	
Travel expenses	\$ 600
Continuing Education	\$ 2,157
Full Pension and medical Vacation – 4 weeks Continuing Education – 2 weeks	

- A-8 Restored Bruce Bradley to active membership in MRV Presbytery and transferred him to Heartland Presbytery upon their request. **[2010-011]**
- A-9 Approved the transfer of the Rev. Larry Maley to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy so he may serve as Interim Pastor of the Dardenne Presbyterian Church in Dardenne Prairie, Missouri. **[2010-012]**
- A-10 Approved the dissolution of the parish associate relationship between the Rev. Deborah Boucher-Payne and Central Presbyterian Church. **[2010-013]**
- A-11 Approved the establishment of the parish associate relationship between the Rev. Sally Carlson and Central Presbyterian Church. **[2010-014]**
- A-12 Added Candidate under Care Brad Hertzler to the Presbytery's pulpit supply list.

For action by presbytery:

- R-1 Motion to rescind retirement approval for John Besançon, at his request, was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-015]**

Rev. Sally Carlson presented the Necrology Report and Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger led Presbytery in prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of the ministers and elders of our churches who died in the past year.”

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Elder Carol Warnes presented the Nominating Committee report and added Rev. Ernest Gutha to the Sudanese Work Committee and made a motion to nominate the slate as presented. Motion was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-016]**

Report to Presbytery

Treasurer of Presbytery (3 year term)
Elder John Morey – Church of the Cross

Council at Large
(2011) The Reverend Dwight Williams
(2010) Elder Gayle Duda – Church of the Master

Stewardship of Resources
(2010)

Committee on Ministry
(2011)
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
(2010) The Reverend Barbara Todd

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Evangelism and Discipleship

(2011) Elder
(2010) Minister

Spirituality, Theology, and Worship

(2011) Elder Sharon Eller – First, Omaha

Faith, Education, and Leadership Development

(2012) Linda Rafferty – Hope

Committee on Youth Ministry

(2011) The Reverend Roger Todd
(2010) Youth James Logan

Latino Hispanic Working Group

(2011)

Sudanese Working Group

(2012) The Reverend Ernie Gutha
(2012)

Representative to Synod

(2010) Youth Daniel Bennett - Church of the Cross

MISSION COMMITTEE

Rev. Jody Filipi introduced Elder Jackie McLellan who spoke about the Sudanese mission work, and Rev. Lyle Franzen who spoke of the Hispanic mission work.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Rev. Becky Balestri elaborated on the financial report. Copies of the Annual Report of the Treasurer and Certificate of Insurance were included with the report and are attached in these minutes. [Attachment 2]

PREVIEW OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Chaz Ruark explained the schedule for the General Assembly in July in Minneapolis.

NEW BUSINESS

Elder Mike O’Bradovich spoke to the recommendation from the Policy and Polity Commission and filed the following report.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE POLICY AND POLITY COMMITTEE

At our first meeting on February 8, 2010, the Committee was advised that G-9.0105f (BOO) prohibits the Committee on Representation in any governing body from being “designated as a subcommittee of any other committee.” Revisions to our recently adopted Manual of Administrative Operations are required. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That Part D of our Manual of Administrative Operations, in the section describing the Policy and Polity Committee, be amended as follows:

a. Under the section on “Purpose,” delete the following bullet point: “Advise the Presbytery regarding implementation of principles of inclusiveness and participation in leadership, and to consult with the Presbytery on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of inclusiveness and diversity in The Book of Order.”

b. Under the section on “Composition,” delete the following paragraph: “Three members of (the Policy and Polity) committee will be identified as the Presbytery’s Committee on Representation, which will be assumed back into

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the entire committee if the new Form of Government is adopted, and upon its effect.”

2. That Part D of the Manual of Administrative Operations further be amended by adding a section establishing a Committee on Representation, as follows:

a. Purpose: The Committee on Representation is to

- i. Advise the Presbytery with respect to their membership and to that of their committees, boards, agencies, and other units in implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness to ensure fair and effective representation in the decision making of the church.
- ii. Serve both as an advocate for the representation of racial ethnic members, women, different age groups, and persons with disabilities, and as a continuing resource to the Presbytery in these areas.
- iii. Advise the Presbytery regarding implementation of principles of inclusiveness and participation in leadership, and to consult with the Presbytery on the employment of personnel, in accordance with the principles of inclusiveness and diversity in The Book of Order.

b. Composition: The Committee on Representation is composed of six members, an equal number of whom shall be men and women, and a majority of whom shall be selected from racial ethnic groups within the Presbytery. The total membership shall include persons from each of the following categories:

- i. Majority male membership
- ii. Majority female membership
- iii. Racial ethnic male membership
- iv. Racial ethnic female membership
- v. Youth male or female membership
- vi. Person with disabilities

Motion to include these in the Manual of Administrative Operations was approved by Presbytery. **[2010-017]**

The report of the annual review of session records was included in the presbytery docket and are attached to these minutes. [Attachment 3]

Rev. David Matsumura asked Presbytery’s permission to allow a cell phone company to lease land from Hope Presbyterian Church for a tower. Motion to allow this lease was approved pending zoning permission. **[2010-018]**

Rev. Ernest Gutha reported on the work and programs of the Older Wiser Livelier Saints (OWLS) and the promotion of programs in the churches for older members.

Rev. Sally Carlson announced the upcoming Presbyterian Pilgrimage on April 22-25, 2010, at Calvin Crest.

SENDING - ADJOURNMENT

Presbyters sang “Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing.”

Moderator Ross-Hullinger led Presbytery in prayer and adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Recording Clerk
Elder Eileen Adickes

Stated Clerk
Rev. Steven W. Plank