

**Winnebago Presbytery  
Stated Meeting  
February 10, 2007  
Wild Rose, Wisconsin**

**Convening the Meeting**

The meeting convened following morning worship led by the Rev. Cyndy Little and Commissioned Lay Pastor Alyson Janke. Worship included the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Moderator, the Rev. Cyndy Little, declared a quorum present at 10:25 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Wild Rose Presbyterian Church.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Thomas Beck	X		
Deb Bergeson-Graham	X		
Gisele Berninghaus			X
John Billings	X		
Sid Bouldin	X		
Barbara Carmichael	X		
Anne Caughran		X	
Cathy Cummings Chisholm		X	
Dennis Cobb		X	
Marion Conditt	X		
C. Nelson Craig	X		
Kathleen Dooley			X
Edward Esler		X	
Robert Everhard		X	
Timothy Fulop		X	
Clifford Haskins		X	
LeRoy Haynes			X
Donald Heeringa		X	
Richard Hill		X	
Thomas Hutt		X	
Paul Huxtable	X		
Gail Irwin			X
Roy N. Johnson		X	
William Jorgensen		X	
William Kamke			X
Donald King	X		
Curtis Larson			X
Cynthia Little	X		
Michael Lukens	X		
John Lyford		X	
Ronald McDuffie		X	
Richard Manny	X		
Richard Marcy			X
Peter Markey		X	
Scott Marrese-Wheeler	X		
Paul Martin	X		
Patricia Matthew		X	
Julie Meadows		X	
Richard Moore	X		
Sarah Moore-Nokes	X		

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Joy Nelson-Jeffers	X		
Barbara Peterson		X	
Susan Phillips	X		
William Plank		X	
Mary Pol		X	
Rebecca Proefrock	X		
Joseph Ripley	X		
Mara Liz Rivera	X		
Lucille Rupe	X		
Matthew Sauer	X		
JoAnn Schoblaski	X		
Rachel Reeves Schwab		X	
Edward Slusser	X		
Ted Sperduto	X		
Lois Swanson			X
Wilfred Tabb			X
Marcia Thomas	X		
Ted Tromble		X	
Charles Valenti-Hein	X		
Richard Warch			X
Colin Webster		X	
Tom Willadsen	X		
Janet Wolfe	X		
Karen Woodley		X	
Wright, Stephen A.H.	X		
Margaret Zedan		X	
Susan Zencka	X		

**Commissioned Lay Pastors**

Max Ballard		X	
Alyson Janke	X		
Dennis Mannering	X		
Fred Wadsworth			X

07/01      **It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.**

**Churches Represented**

Abbotsford	Jim York
Amberg	Not Represented
Aniwa	Not Represented
Appleton	Excused
Arpin	Not Represented
Athelstane	Farrel Maule
Crivitz	Not Represented
De Pere	George Cornell
Fond du Lac	Robert Binning and Mary Binning
Gleason	Calvin Patterson
Green Bay First	David Wilson
Green Bay Preble Park	Not Represented
Green Bay Wequiock	Not Represented
Kiel	Not Represented
Kimberly	Not Represented
Lakewood	Suzanne Bell
Laona	Not Represented
Manitowoc	Not Represented
Marinette	Not Represented
Marshfield	Not Represented

Melnik	Ruth Prochazka
Merrill	Kay Smith
Neenah	Guenter Petermann
New Franken	Not Represented
Oconto	Not Represented
Omro	Sandy King
Oshkosh	Barbara Goldthwaite
Pembine	Not Represented
Pickett	Not Represented
Schofield	Excused
Shawano	Ed Moede
Sheboygan	Keith Rowe
Stevens Point	David Arey
Wabeno	Joanne Sisler
Wausau	Jack Anderson and Mary Sperduto
Wausaukee	Not Represented
Weyauwega	Sharon Koenigs
White Lake	Not Represented
Wild Rose	John Jones
Winneconne	Rosemary Shade

**07/02 It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.**

**Commissioned Lay Pastors:** Alyson Janke and Dennis Mannering

**Certified Lay Pastor Students:** Jean Hamersky and Wendy Mannering

**Visitors:**

Appleton	Jeanne Nymoen and Ken Opgenorth
DePere	Dan Hamersky
Green Bay First	Judi Holmes-Jensen, Candidate Under Care
Omro	Greg King
Sheboygan	Marion Saunders
Wausau	Mary Anderson
Weyauwega	Jean Haufe

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary: Ryan Cook, Monument Presbyterian, Grand Junction, CO  
Elder Kelsey Ingalls, Faith Presbyterian, Sacramento, CA  
Elder Jeffrey Spencer, Hickman Presbyterian, Hickman, NE  
Chris Williams, Mountain View Presbyterian, Loveland, CO.

**Council Members:** Margaret Dakins, Barbara Jordanger, and Mary Lou Opgenorth

**Presbytery Staff:** Nancy Barczak

**Corresponding Members:**

**07/03 It was VOTED to seat the Rev. Don Schultz, Wisconsin Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, representing The James Company, the Rev. Jan Davis and the Rev. Don Hinze, Northeast Association, United Church of Christ, as corresponding members.**

**Early Leave:**

**07/04 It was VOTED to grant early leave to the Rev. Matt Sauer, the Rev. Barbara Carmichael, the Rev. Janet Wolfe, the Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler, the Rev. Ted Sperduto and Elder Mary Sperduto.**

**Report on Arrangements:** CLP Alyson Janke welcomed everyone and shared some of the history of this Welsh Church, which is celebrating its centennial this year. Ms. Janke reported on the arrangements for the day, noting that lunch will be at the community center 2 blocks from the church and that upon our return, we will be led in a mini-gymanfa ganu (Welsh hymn sing).

**Consent Agenda:**

**Item #2 of the Committee on Ministry Report was removed from the consent agenda prior to action.**

**07/05 It was VOTED to approve the following items on the consent agenda:**

- **Docket as distributed**
- **Presbytery Minutes of November 11, 2006**
- **Concurrence with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Kiel, to pay their 2007 per capita on a quarterly basis.**
- **Dates for 2008 Presbytery meetings: Saturday, February 9; Tuesday, May 13; Tuesday, September 9; and Saturday, November 15.**
- **Concurrence with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Oshkosh to grant permission to Elder Joann Cross, to celebrate (officiate) the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on July 1, 2007.**
- **Concurrence with the request of the Melnik Presbyterian Church to grant permission, for a period of one year beginning February 10, 2007, to Elder Phil Kinzel to celebrate (officiate) the sacrament of the Lord's Supper when a Minister of Word and Sacrament is not available.**
- **Concurrence with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Winneconne, to grant the status of Pastor Emeritus to the Rev. C. Nelson Craig, effective February 10, 2007.**
- **Enrollment of Elder Lina Wittman, Athelstane, into the Certified Lay Pastor Program.**
- **Concurrence with the request of the First United Presbyterian Church, DePere, to grant permission for Certified Lay Pastor Jean Hamersky to celebrate (officiate) the Lord's Supper on March 1, 2007.**

**Introduction of New Elders and Visitors:** Presbytery welcomed first time commissioners and visitors, as well as four members of Ms. Janke's polity class from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

**Stated Clerk's Report** (Dr. Michael Lukens)

**07/06 It was VOTED to accept the resignation of Mary Pol from the Finance Committee.**

The Clerk noted that the Necrology Report will be made during the closing of the day. If there are other names that should be added, please submit them to him. He reminded members that the deadline for submission of Statistical Reports online is February 21.

Clergy ID cards available upon request and per capita payments are due by March 31. Additional amendment booklets are available today, but the vote will be taken at the May meeting of Presbytery (Shawano First on May 8).

**Finance Committee Report** (The Rev. Chuck Valenti-Hein)

Mr. Valenti-Hein reminded presbyters of the generous \$5,000 gift received from the Wausaukee Church at the November presbytery meeting. These funds were designated for small church use and are currently being held in the Small Church Building Maintenance Endowment Fund.

**07/07** It was VOTED to change the names of the Small Church Building Maintenance Endowment Fund (Acct. #3300) and the Small Church Building Maintenance Grant Fund (Acct. #3310) to the Small Church Endowment Fund and Small Church Grant Fund. This change would allow for greater flexibility in the use of the available funds on the part of our Presbytery's small churches.

**07/08** It was VOTED place the \$5,000 contribution (Wausaukee gift) in the Small Church Endowment Fund. Current policies provide that 90% of the realized gains on this endowment be allocated to the Small Church Grant Fund, thus creating a continuing source of funds for Small Church needs.

Mr. Valenti-Hein indicated the Committee would be looking at any necessary revisions of the policy related to the use of these funds.

The 2006 year-end financials were available online (Appendix A). He expressed thanks to the congregations whose mission pledges totaled more than was budgeted and additional thanks to the congregations who exceeded their pledges as well. Copies of a 10 year history of mission giving, including pledges for 2007, for all churches were shared with presbyters as well.

Mr. Valenti-Hein reported that since the Operating Fund and Reserve Fund balances were below the required ceiling, no additional allocations were made to mission causes at year-end.

The Finance Committee voted to change the Presbytery's insurance coverage from GuideOne to Church Mutual effective April 1, 2007. This decision was made following a review of the current policy and a proposed policy, including a comparison of actual coverage and premiums. He noted this does not affect local church coverage because GuideOne had ended its master policy program on January 1 2007. Mr. Valenti-Hein encouraged local sessions to review their policies, coverage, and premiums and make the best choice for their situation.

**Personnel Committee Report**

The annual review for the Associate for Administration was completed positively on December 7, 2006. The Executive Presbyter's Comprehensive Review and the annual reviews for the Associate Executive and the Stated Clerk will be conducted on April 24, 2007.

**Presbyterian Women Report** (Margaret Dakins)

Ms. Dakins announced the Spring Gathering on April 28 at Wausau First. Denise Englund, a medical missionary to Egypt, will be keynote speaker at the October 28<sup>th</sup> fall retreat at Pine Lake.

### Stewardship Presentation

Elder Mary Lou Opgenorth, a member of the Presbytery's Stewardship Task Force, introduced the Rev. Don Schultz of the James Company, whose presentation was entitled, "Leading Giving."

### Recess for Lunch

The Moderator led presbytery in prayer prior to recessing for the walk to the community center, where a delicious lunch was served by members of the Wild Rose Church.

### Gmanfa Ganu

Following lunch, presbyters enjoyed a brief Welsh hymn sing led by the Rev. Joe Corbin from the Reedsburg Presbyterian Church (John Knox Presbytery).

### Speak Out

Elder Wendy Mannering invited presbyters to attend the Shrove Tuesday Dinner being held at the **Lakewood** Church. She announced that four of the **Forest Larger Parish** youth will be joining the DePere youth group on their summer work trip.

The Rev. Richard Manny announced the **Sheboygan** work trip to the Gulf Coast on March 10, and he expressed the church's pleasure at having Cindy Stover Carlisle (Candidate Under Care) serving an intern position.

The Rev. Susan Zencka expressed her thanks for thoughts and prayers following her husband's stroke; they are pleased with his recovery. **Frame Memorial** is pleased one of their members, Barbara Jordanger, will be installed later this afternoon as the Presbytery Moderator.

Elder Keith Rowe announced that Gert Walsh, a fellow member of the **Sheboygan Church**, is currently in Barranquilla, Colombia, as a member of the PC(USA) Accompaniment Program. She will be there until the first of March. He also noted that former pastor, the Rev. Russell Morgan died recently.

The Rev. Steve Davis, Interim at Athelstane/Wausaukee, noted there are also some who are going to Chiapas, Mexico on a work trip. Having participated in these in the past, he encourages participation in this or any of the many trips offered.

The Rev. Lucy Rupe announced that Elder Jan Nelson is recovering at home from bypass surgery.

The Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler, **Marshfield**, announced that Associate Pastor Mary Pol is leaving to serve as Interim Pastor in Virginia, Minnesota, and the church will be hosting a farewell party for her on Sunday, February 25, from 4-6 p.m. He promoted the film, "Crossing Arizona" which will be shown and discussed in Marshfield. Several members of the Marshfield congregation will be traveling to Washington, D.C. as part of the Christian Witness for Peace in Iraq.

Dr. Michael Lukens announced that Arketype Advertising, the business that purchased the former Green Bay Grace Church, has renovated the building and will hold an open house on

February 18 from 1-3 p.m. Arketype will be moving their company into the facility and anyone who would like to have a tour may do so on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February.

Elder Guenter Petermann, **Neenah**, announced that 16 men and women will be making their fourth trip to Gulf Coast since Hurricane Katrina. They will be staying at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Camp. There is a slab waiting for them, and the goal is to complete a home in one week.

The Rev. Susan Phillips noted that the **Shawano** Session decided that the annual Martin Luther King service is one of the best things they do and have decided to try a new thing. They will be planning an Earth Day celebration. Ms. Phillips also promoted Synod School as one of the best things this denomination provides--there is something for everyone.

**Synod Commissioner Report** (Mary Lou Opgenorth)

Ms. Opgenorth announced that the Rev. Kate Dooley was installed as Synod Moderator at the January meeting. She also encouraged presbyters to register early for Synod School because classes fill quickly. Synod honored Pat Milloy who retired as Synod Office staff after 24 years. Authorization was given to form an administrative task force for review of Dakota Presbytery.

**Staff Reports** (The Rev. Lucy Rupe and the Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes)

It was announced that Sarah Moore-Nokes will be representing Winnebago Presbytery next week in Albuquerque at a denominational meeting to discuss the future of Middle Governing Bodies. The remainder of the staff report was podcast for the presbyters. A blog page with podcasting capabilities is currently under construction. Watch "News and Notes" for updates.

**Presbytery Council Report** – Appendix B (The Rev. Cyndy Little)

Ms. Little thanked Elder Jim York, who is the outgoing past moderator. The outgoing Committee on Ministry Co-Moderators Mara Rivera and Tom Willadsen were presented with gifts in appreciation for their work.

**Committee for Preparation for Ministry** (The Rev. Stephen Wright)

Mr. Wright reported that annual reviews were completed; Ms. Lisa Valenti-Jordan continues as a candidate. Ms. Cindy Carlisle has completed all requirements for ordination except her last semester of classes. The Committee has certified her ready for ordination, pending a call.

Mr. Wright reported that the Committee has examined Ms. Judi Holmes-Jensen and certified her ready for a call. She has received a call to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in Milwaukee as a chaplain. The Committee on Ministry validated that call on January 18, 2007.

**It was MOVED that Presbytery examine Judith Holmes-Jensen for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and prepare to ordain her if the examination is sustained.**

Ms. Holmes-Jensen responded to several questions from presbyters.

**07/09 It was VOTED to arrest the examination.**

Ms. Holmes-Jensen was dismissed for discussion.

**07/10 It was VOTED to move into Closed Session.**  
**[The Minutes of this portion of the meeting are in the Permanent Minutes, distributed to members of Presbytery and available to Sessions of Presbytery upon request.]**

**Open Meeting Reconvened**

Following a five-minute recess, the meeting reconvened in open session.

**Committee on Ministry** (Rev. Tom Willadsen and the Rev. Mara Rivera)

The following churches (as of January 24, 2007) have not submitted copies of their Child Protection and/or Sexual Offender Policies to the Presbytery Office: Amberg, United; Appleton, Memorial; Green Bay, First; Kiel, First; Pembine; and Pickett, Bethesda.

Actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on January 18, 2007:

- Validated the Call of Judith Holmes-Jensen as a part-time chaplain with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in Milwaukee.
- Elder Jean Hamersky, First United Presbyterian Church, DePere, was examined and granted the status of Certified Lay Pastor.
- Approved membership transfers for the Rev. Russell Tillotson (HR) to Western North Carolina Presbytery, the Rev. Robert Matlock (Interim, Green Bay First) to Middle Tennessee Presbytery, and the Rev. Keith Jones (HR) to Milwaukee Presbytery, effective January 18, 2007.
- Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Kathleen Dooley and Pioneer Presbyterian Church, effective January 31, 2007.

The Committee has received the reports of the Presbytery's non-parish and honorably retired clergy.

Triennial visits completed in 2006 and January 2007: Abbotsford, Amberg, Arpin, Aniwa, Green Bay Preble, Green Bay Wequiock, Kiel, Marinette, Omro, Oshkosh, Pembine, Pickett, Robinsonville, Schofield, Weyauwega, and White Lake.

**07/14 It was VOTED to approve the Installation of the Rev. Marcia Thomas as Designated Pastor at Abbotsford, First, on February 25, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. and that the following members of the Commission be approved: the Rev. Tom Beck (Vice Moderator), the Rev. Ted Sperduto, the Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes, the Rev. Cyndy Little, Elders Rebecca Libke (Kiel), Mary Sperduto (Wausau), and Judy Nighorn (Preble Park).**

**07/15 It was VOTED to approve the Interim contract between the Rev. Timothy Fulop and the First Presbyterian Church, Kiel, and that he be appointed Moderator, effective February 1, 2007.**

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**United Methodist Church.**

**07/24** It was VOTED to concur with a change in Terms of Call for Dennis Cobb. Mr. Cobb is employed in the Office of the General Assembly. (This portion of the minutes has been deleted for privacy purposes. Terms of the Call are available in the permanent and printed versions of this document available to members and sessions.)

**07/25** It was VOTED to approve the terms of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Steve Davis and the Athelstane and Wausaukee Churches.

(This portion of the minutes has been deleted for privacy purposes. Terms of the contract are available in the permanent and printed versions of this document available to members and sessions.)

**Certification of Commissioned Lay Pastor**

The Moderator invited Elder Jean Hamersky, DePere First United, to come forward for a service of certification. The Rev. Paul Huxtable, Elder Dan Hamersky, and the Rev. Marion Conditt participated in the service. Ms. Little congratulated CLP Hamersky and presented her with a certificate and a home communion set.

**Proposed Amendments**

The Stated Clerk provided some explanations related to the proposed amendments. He announced that a document with a brief description of proposed amendments with the pros and cons of each will be prepared and available on our website.

**Resource and Program Coordinating Team**

The Rev. Richard Manny reported on the four year relationship with Urabá Presbytery and noted that the formal agreement will be reviewed this year to determine if the relationship will continue. Mr. Manny provided a written outline of the Benefits and Accomplishments of this relationship for both presbyteries.

The Task Group has invited the Rev. Diego Higuera to come to Winnebago and spend some time with us to discern what both presbyteries would like to do next. He will be able to be with us in September.

The Coordinating Team is planning a Spring Youth Gathering open to all youth in the presbytery grades 6 – 12. Watch “News and Notes” and the website for details on dates, times and location.

Presbytery still has 11 openings for the Youth Triennium. We are also in need of adult chaperones. Contact Sarah Moore-Nokes or Loni McCormick for more information.

“This is My Song” is the theme of the Presbytery Youth Camp scheduled October 24-27, 2007. The keynoter is David Lamotte – singer, songwriter, author and advocate.

“News and Notes” is our new weekly newsletter via email. If you want to be connected, contact the presbytery and provide your email address.

**Installation of New Officers**

Moderator Little invited Elder Barbara Jordanger and the Rev. Tom Beck forward for Installation as Moderator and Vice Moderator, respectively. All former Moderators were invited to stand with them for this service. Each was presented with the cross symbolizing their office and Ms. Jordanger was presented with the gavel.

Moderator Jordanger thanked Ms. Little for her guidance and leadership as Moderator during the past year and presented her with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the Presbytery.

**New and Miscellaneous Business**

There was no new or miscellaneous business brought forward.

**07/26 It was VOTED to adjourn the meeting following the closing prayer.**

**Necrology Report** Dr. Lukens read the roll of those Ministers and Elders who died in 2005 and 2006.

WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY  
Necrology Report, 2005-2006

NAME	CHURCH	ORDINATION	DEATH	Revised
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MINISTERS:				
Lloyd "Parse" DeJong	[Fond du Lac First]	05/16/42	04/17/06	
ELDERS:				
Marjorie Aumann	Manitowoc First	01/09/94	08/10/05	
Len Brezina	Neenah First	05/22/88	02/15/06	
Kenneth Bushler	Arpin	02/10/85	02/25/05	
Donald Coons	Manitowoc First	01/06/85	05/03/06	
Mary Lester Crain	Appleton Memorial	01/11/98	04/13/05	
Edyth Dougherty	Manitowoc First	01/31/71	09/03/06	
Lula Edminster	Omro First	01/23/67	07/11/06	
Leland Doré Ester	Appleton Memorial	01/09/83	04/13/06	
Robert Fink	Omro First	01/14/96	12/16/05	
Fred Fornefelt, Jr.	Marshfield First	10/27/46	10/21/05	
Herbert Gaustad	Neenah First	12/09/73	10/08/05	
Nancy Gilbert	Neenah First	12/21/71	12/21/06	
William Greenwald	Oshkosh First	--/ --/ 79	09/11/05	
Ernest Guth	Crivitz Faith	01/-- /92	09/-- /06	
Gwen Hagemann	Arpin	01/--/98	02/16/06	
Lyle Jackson	Omro First	02/12/56	02/09/06	
Jean Klussendorf	Stevens Point Frame Memorial	01/04/77	08/03/06	
Sarah Kolosik	Winneconne First	01/ /82	02/12/05	
John Kraemer	Manitowoc First	02/04/73	03/09/06	
Francis Kruck	Manitowoc First	02/04/79	07/13/06	
Richard Krueger	Oconto First	02/10/63	03/02 06	

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Leonard LaBelle	Winneconne First	01/ /57	12/18/05
Robert Lansman	Winneconne First	01/07/96	01/31/06
Laura Jane Loker	Neenah First	12/10/67	12/01/05
Ruth Lovgren	Crivitz Faith	01/-- /76	10/-- /06
Russell Luedke	Neenah First	12/11/66	11/23/06
Lucille Elizabeth McEathron	Appleton Memorial	01/19/64	01/19/05
Grace Manske	Stevens Point Frame Memorial	01/26/69	11/10/05
Douglas Marshall	Manitowoc First	02/02/69	07/30/06
Lorraine Mason	Marshfield First	-- /-- /66	06/04/05
Ruth Mott	Melnik	09/-- /98	05/15/06
Muriel Peaslee	Manitowoc First	02/04/79	04/07/06
Irene Prain	Gleason Riverside	02/04/90	05/01/06
Melvin Rausch	Neenah First	12/06/64	08/09/05
Wesley Rosemann	DePere First United	10/15/72	05/29/06
Herbert Scidmore	Marshfield First	-- /-- /69	06/08/06
Mary Ann Sharer	Stevens Point Frame Memorial	-- /-- /87	01/09/06
Fred Sharpe, Jr.	Manitowoc First	02/04/97	10/31/05
Clayton Smith	Crivitz Faith	01/-- /60	10/-- /06
Ralph Smith	Arpin	02/01/76	05/18/06
Agnes Treleven	Omro First	01/19/58	08/05/06
Delores Trester	Oshkosh First	--/ --/ 60	09/21/05
Marvin Wauda	Neenah First	12/10/61	03/11/06
Lislie Yanda, Sr.	Gleason Riverside	--/-- /75	08/27/05
Beatrice Ziegelbauer	Oshkosh First	-- /-- /70	-- /-- /06

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Those gathered closed the report by singing "For All the Saints." The Moderator closed with prayer, lifting up those concerns that had been raised this day.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barczak  
Associate for Administration

Michael B. Lukens  
Stated Clerk

Appendix A: 2006 Year-end financial statements  
Appendix B: January Council Minutes