

Winnebago Presbytery
 Stated Meeting
 May 8, 2007
 Shawano, Wisconsin

Convening the Meeting

The Moderator, Elder Barbara Jordanger, declared a quorum present in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church at 2:30 p.m. She announced, for those who had not already received word, that the Vice Moderator, the Rev. Tom Beck, is in intensive care, recovering from an accidental gunshot wound. Mr. Beck is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oconto. She then opened the meeting with prayer.

<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	
Dennis Cobb		X	
Marion Conditt	X		
C. Nelson Craig		X	
Jan Davis		X	
Steve Davis	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 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		
Craig Mansur			X
Peter Markey		X	
Scott Marrese-Wheeler		X	
Paul Martin		X	
Patricia Matthew		X	
Julie Meadows		X	
Richard Moore	X		
Sarah Moore-Nokes	X		
Joy Nelson-Jeffers	X		
Barbara Peterson		X	
Susan Phillips	X		
William Plank	X		

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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	
Wright, Stephen A.H.	X		
Margaret Zedan		X	
Susan Zencka	X		

Commissioned Lay Pastors

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

07/27 It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.

Churches Represented

Abbotsford	Jim York
Amberg	Not Represented
Aniwa	Ken Meyer
Appleton	Excused
Arpin	Not Represented
Athelstane	Not Represented
Crivitz	Not Represented
De Pere	Jan Nelson and Nelsen Wahlstrom
Fond du Lac	Sheryl Brown and John Meyst
Gleason	Not Represented
Green Bay First	Excused
Green Bay Preble Park	Judy Nighorn
Green Bay Wequiock	Not Represented
Kiel	Not Represented
Kimberly	Not Represented
Lakewood	Mary Ellen Keller
Laona	Mike Mentz
Manitowoc	Jeanne Wilcox
Marinette	Not Represented
Marshfield	Bruce Brink
Melnik	Ruth Prochazka
Merrill	Not Represented
Neenah	Guenter Petermann
New Franken	Not Represented
Oconto	Glen Blum

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Omro	Not Represented
Oshkosh	Excused
Pembine	Not Represented
Pickett	Marian Luebke
Schofield	Jess Wakefield
Shawano	Robert Bertling
Sheboygan	John Ackermann
Stevens Point	David Arey
Wabeno	Joanne Sisler
Wausau	Jack Anderson
Wausaukee	Gerald Rowley
Weyauwega	Not Represented
White Lake	Not Represented
Wild Rose	Not Represented
Winneconne	Rosemary Shade

07/28 **It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.**

Certified Lay Pastor Students: Jean Hamersky, Wendy Mannering

Visitors:

Aniwa	Delores Wirth-Meyer
Appleton	Mary Lou Opgenorth (Synod Commissioner) and Alice Baumbach
Gleason	Mary Jane Tracey
Green Bay First	Judi Holmes-Jensen (Candidate), Barbara Lasnoski, Marjorie and Warren Holmes
Green Bay Preble	Barbara Boehler
Manitowoc	Ellen Lewellen, Cindy Stover Carlisle (Candidate)
Pickett	Gladys Olson
Shawano	Nancy Siewert (Christian Educator)
Sheboygan	Alice Ackerman
Stevens Point	Judy Bond and Kay Lewis (Christian Educator)
Wausau	Mary Anderson, Mary Sperduto, Julie Wald (Inquirer) and Aaron Wright
Wausaukee	Mary Alice Rowley
Others:	Lainie Christensen, Jane Holmes, SueAnn Schuh, Ron Jensen and William Jensen

Council Members: Margaret Dakins, Anne Dropp and Barbara Jordanger

Presbytery Staff: Nancy Barczak

Corresponding Members:

07/29 **It was VOTED to seat the Rev. Don Schultz, Wisconsin Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, representing The James Company; the Rev. Richard Christensen, Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ; the Rev. Karen Hagen, Milwaukee Presbytery; the Rev. William Mielke, Carlisle Presbytery; and Commissioned Lay Pastor, Alyson Janke, John Knox Presbytery.**

07/30 **It was VOTED to grant early leave to the Rev. JoAnn Schoblaski, the Rev. Kate Dooley, the Rev. Chuck Valenti-Hein, and the Rev. Mara Rivera.**

Consent Agenda: The Presbytery Council report and Docket approval were removed from the consent agenda prior to approval.

07/31 **It was VOTED to approve the following items by consent:**

- February 10, 2007 Presbytery Minutes as distributed.
- Grant permission for Certified Lay Pastors Jim York and Bonnie Weideman, Abbotsford, to celebrate communion at the First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, for a period of one year, effective May 8, 2007, when the Rev. Marcia Thomas is absent.

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- Grant the status of Pastor Emeritus to the Rev. Robert Everhard at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, effective May 8, 2007.
- Grant permission for Elder Richard Kreager, Winneconne, to celebrate communion at First Presbyterian Church, Winneconne, on August 5, 2007.
- Approve the annual requests for stated supply renewal between Commissioned Lay Pastor Max Ballard and Commissioned Lay Pastor Dennis Mannering and DePere First United (former Grace members); Commissioned Lay Pastor Fred Wadsworth, Amberg First and Pembine First; Commissioned Lay Pastor Dennis Mannering, Elder Wendy Mannering and Forest Larger Parish; the Rev. Don King, First, Merrill and Riverside, Gleason; the Rev. Wil Tabb and Kimberly; the Rev. William Kamke, Wequiock and Robinsonville; Commissioned Lay Pastor Alyson Janke and Wild Rose.

Adoption of the Docket

07/32 It was VOTED to make Presbytery Worship an Order of the Day.

It was MOVED to move the Amendments to the Constitution discussion to a time before the evening meal. Motion DEFEATED.

07/33 It was VOTED to include the Committee on Representation report in the New and Miscellaneous Business portion of the meeting.

07/34 It was VOTED to adopt the docket as amended.

Report on Arrangements: The Rev. Susan Phillips welcomed everyone to the church and noted the arrangements for the day.

Introduction of New Elders and Visitors: Several new elders and visitors were introduced

Stated Clerk's Report:

07/35 It was VOTED to dismiss, with gratitude, the Administrative Commission for the Installation of the Rev. Marcia Thomas as Designated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford.

07/36 It was VOTED to receive, with regret, the resignation of the Rev. Kate Dooley as Synod Commissioner.

The Clerk reported that the Synod review of Presbytery minutes was completed and they were approved without exception.

Statistical summary reports were presented;

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PRESBYTERY OF WINNEBAGO
Office of Stated Clerk
MINISTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORT: 2006

Number of Churches in Presbytery

40

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Minister Members on Roll, January 1, 2005: 63

Ministerial Changes-

Ministers Received: 4
Debra Jo Ann Bergeson-Graham [Yellowstone]
LeRoy S. Haynes [Twin Cities Areas]
Robert N. Matlock [Middle Tennessee]
Susan Zencka [Wabash Valley]

Ministers Ordained: 1
Andrea Hinderaker

Ministers Died: 1
Lloyd G. DeJong

Ministers Dismissed: 3
Andrea Hinderaker [Wyoming]
Steven R. Blackstock [Santa Fe]
L. Jeanette Hickman [Charlotte]

Ministers Moved to Inactive: 1
Curtis Larson

Ministers Temporarily Excluded: 0
Ministers Removed: 0
Ministers Restored: 0

Ministers on Roll: January 1, 2006 63
[total gains=4; losses=4]

Commissioned Lay Pastors 5
Pastoral Dissolutions 5
Pastoral Installations 3

Candidates Taken Under Care: 2005 1
Candidates Presently Under Care 3
Inquirers Enrolled: 2005 1
Inquirers Total 1

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WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY
Permanent Judicial Commission
Expired-Term Roster 2007

The *Book of Order* [Rules of Discipline: D-5.0206(d)] requires that the Presbytery maintain a roster of persons whose term on the Permanent Judicial Commission has expired within the last six years. Persons in this group are to be called upon if the PJC is unable to sustain a quorum for conducting judicial business.

There are five persons, whose terms have expired in the last six years, eligible to serve on the PJC:

Tricia Matthew [Green Bay]/2005
Marian Seagren-Hall [Wausau]/2005
Marcia Thomas [Kiel]/2003
Jonathan Riddle [Schofield]/2003
Charles Valenti-Hein [Appleton]/2001
Dennis Cobb [Louisville]/2001 [may not be reasonably accessible]

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WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY
2007 Commissioner Roster
January 1, 2007

Commissioner Representation Chart for Churches:

One Elder Commissioner from each Church in Presbytery	= 40
Extra Commissioners:	= 5
One extra Commissioner from Churches over 500:	
Appleton Memorial	
DePere First United	
Fond du Lac First	
Neenah First	
Wausau First	
Officers [Elders]	= 2
Elders as Moderators of Permanent Committees/Members of Council	= 3
Total Elder Commissioners	= 50

Minister Members of Presbytery

[Minister Members of Presbytery = 63]

Resident Ministers of Presbytery = 49

[excludes fourteen non-resident members or resident members unable to attend]

Elder-Minister ratio [50:49] is acceptable according to Form of Government [G-11.0101b], which prohibits any ratio favoring number of resident ministers.

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WINNEBAGO PRESBYTERY

Report of the Stated Clerk

Representation Compliance Report of Churches: 2006

The following churches reported non-compliance with the gender representation expectation [G-4-0403; G-6.0107; G-14.0201] that both men and women serve as elders. [figure in brackets reflects continuous years in non-compliance]

Laona First	no men elders	[3]
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The following churches reported non-compliance [or did not report] with the gender representation expectation [G-14.0201] that both men and women serve as deacons:

Arpin First	no men deacons	[9]
Winneconne First	no men deacons	[5]
Lakewood First	no men deacons	[5]
Abbotsford First	no men deacons	[3]
Oconto First	no men deacons	[2]
Crivitz Faith	no men deacons	[1]
Pickett Bethesda	no men deacons	[1]
Sheboygan First	no men deacons	[1]

n.b.: Not all churches have a Board of Deacons.

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2006 Summary of Church Statistics

[submitted to the Office of the General Assembly]

21 February, 2007

Total Active Membership at beginning of 2006 = 8065

2006 Gains = 405

2006 Losses = 527

Total Active Membership at end of 2006 = 7943

Female members = 4598

Inactive members = 853

Baptized members [not counted within active members] = 1063

Total Adherents = 9859

Baptisms [children 177; adults 10] = 187 Average Church Attendance: 3344

Christian Education = 2939

Children = 1736

Adults = 758

Teachers = 445

Composition

Asian = 56

Afr.American = 21

Nat.American = 11

Hispanic = 45

White = 7065

Other = 21

Financial

Receipts

Giving Units = 5427

Budgeted Income = \$ 6,168,087.

Budgeted Expenses = \$ 6,498,998.

Regular Contributions = \$ 5,204,714.

Capital Funds = \$ 914,874.

Investment Income = \$ 1,574,642.

Bequests = \$ 668,133.

Other Income = \$ 378,180.

Subsidy/Aid = \$ 21,704.

Total Receipts = \$ 8,762,247.

Expenditures

Local Program = \$ 4,901,602.

Local Mission = \$ 458,475.

Capital = \$ 1,356,427.

Investment = \$ 458,350.

Apportionment = \$ 203,724.

Validated Mission = \$ 491,614.

Other Mission = \$ 143,410.

Theological Fund = \$ 13,329.

Total Expenditures = \$ 8,026,931.

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Personnel Committee: Elder Anne Dropp reported that staff reviews were completed last week. Both the Clerk and Associate Executive received positive reviews.

A Comprehensive Review was conducted for the Executive Presbyter, marking Ms. Rupe's tenth year of service to Winnebago Presbytery. Ms. Dropp noted that this review involved representatives of the Synod staff as well as significant input from presbyters. She reported that the review was very positive and presented Ms. Rupe with a corsage and a handcrafted necklace in appreciation for her ministry in the presbytery.

Presbyterian Women: Ms. Margaret Dakins reported on the successful spring meeting at Wausau and announced the Synod event in July as well as the fall retreat which is still in the planning stages.

Council Report: (Appendix A) Elder Jim York was asked to moderate this portion of the meeting.

Ms. Jordanger reported that the Stated Clerk of presbytery has received an allegation of misconduct and an Investigating Committee has been appointed. Presbytery will be notified if a charge or charges are sent forth. Until that point this matter is completely confidential.

07/37 It was VOTED that the work of the Committee on Representation be combined with that of the Nominating Committee, so that the same group would serve the functions of both committees with distinctive reports.

Ms. Jordanger reported on the birth of Franklin Thomas Meadows to the Rev. Julie Meadows and Chris Meadows. A baby cup will be presented to them from the presbytery.

Stewardship Presentation: Elder Max Ballard introduced the Rev. Don Schultz from the James Company. The topic of the presentation was "Christianity and Consumerism."

Committee on Ministry: The Rev. Paul Huxtable reported.

07/38 It was VOTED to dismiss the Rev. Cathy Cummings Chisholm to Tres Rios Presbytery, effective May 8, 2007 in order that she may serve as Interim Pastor of University Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas.

07/39 It was VOTED to dismiss the Rev. LeRoy Haynes, Honorably Retired, to Twin Cities Area Presbytery, at his request, effective May 8, 2007.

07/40 It was VOTED to dismiss the Rev. William Jorgensen, Honorably Retired, to South Alabama Presbytery, at his request, effective May 8, 2007.

07/41 It was VOTED to receive the 2007 Annual Ministerial Report.

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ANNUAL MINISTERIAL REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
May 2007

Validated Ministry within Congregations of This Church

Tom Beck	Craig Mansur	Edward Slusser
Sid Bouldin	Richard Marcy	
Barbara Carmichael	Scott Marrese-Wheeler	Marcia Thomas
Jan Davis	Richard Moore	Ted Tromble
Steve Davis	Joy Nelson-Jeffers	Charles Valenti-Hein
Paul Huxtable	Susan Phillips	Tom Willadsen
Gail Irwin	Joseph Ripley	Stephen Wright
William Kamke	Mara Liz Rivera	Susan Zencka
Donald King	Matthew Sauer	
Richard Manny	JoAnn Schoblaski	

Validated Ministry in Other Service to This Church

Dennis Cobb	Sarah Moore-Nokes	Lucille Rupe
Michael Lukens	Mary Pol	

Validated Ministry in Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of This Church

Gisele Berninghaus	Cyndy Little	Wil Tabb
Timothy Fulop	Ted Sperduto	

Honorably Retired

John Billings	Donald Heeringa	Peter Markey
Anne Caughran	Richard Hill	Paul Martin
Marion Conditt	Tom Hutt	Barbara Peterson
Nelson Craig	Roy Johnson	Bill Plank
Edward Esler	William Jorgensen	Colin Webster
Robert Everhard	John Lyford	Janet Wolfe
Cliff Haskins	Ronald McDuffie	

Members At-Large

Deb Bergeson-Graham	Julie Meadows	Lois Swanson
Kathleen Dooley	Rebecca Proefrock	Margaret Zedan
Tricia Matthew	Rachel Reeves Schwab	

Inactive Members

Curtis Larson	Richard Warch
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Commissioned Lay Pastors

Max Ballard – Former Grace Homebound	Dennis Mannering – Former Grace Homebound & Forest Larger Parish
Alyson Janke – Wild Rose	
Warren Kraft – Boy Scouts	Fred Wadsworth – Amberg & Pembine
Cheryl Lepak - Omro	

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Certified Lay Pastors

Charles Brownlow
George Buchanan
Ned Grossnickle

Jean Hamersky
Bonnie Weideman
Jim York

**Lay Pastors
(Enrolled in CLP Program)**

Phil Kinzel
Dick Kreager
Wendy Mannering

Jess Wakefield
Lina Wittman

07/42 It was VOTED to approve the 2007 Pastoral Terms of Call. (Appendix B)

07/43 It was VOTED to approve Elder George Buchanan as Commissioned Certified Lay Pastor for Hope Presbyterian Church, White Lake, at the request of the congregation. The term is for one year, beginning June 1, 2007. The position will include the following:

- a. Celebrate Communion**
- b. Administer the Sacrament of Baptism**
- c. Moderate the Session**
- d. Have a voice and vote in meetings in of Presbytery**
- e. Other pastoral responsibilities**
- f. Mr. Buchanan will work under the supervision of the COM (G-14.0801d)**
- g. The Rev. Ted Sperduto to be assigned as director mentor**

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07/44 It was VOTED to appoint Commissioned Lay Pastor Dennis Mannering to moderate the May 14, 2007 Session meeting and the Rev. Lucy Rupe to moderate the June 18 Session meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Oconto.

07/45 It was VOTED to grant permission for Commissioned Lay Pastor Warren Kraft to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on May 27, 2007 and to perform a wedding on July 7, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church, Oconto.

07/46 It was VOTED to grant permission for Commissioned Lay Pastor Fred Wadsworth to perform a wedding on May 5, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church, Oconto.

The Rev. Gail Irwin will be providing emergency pastoral care for Oconto First during the months of May and June.

Mr. Huxtable reported that, on behalf of the Presbytery, the Committee approved the following items:

- A. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship, effective May 6, 2007, between the Rev. Karen Woodley (Associate) and Fond du Lac, First Presbyterian so that she might accept a call to serve as Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, Nevada. Committee dismissed Ms. Woodley, effective May 6, 2007, to Nevada Presbytery.**

Elder John Meyst rose to attest to the action of the Fond du Lac congregation related to this

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matter.

B. Committee has reviewed the annual reports of Certified and Commissioned Lay Pastors.

- **Max Ballard – Commissioned - Serving former Green Bay Grace Church Homebound**
Serves a dwindling number of people – he now visits with and takes home communion to three former members (in their 90's) on a monthly basis. While not directly related to the commission, he has led worship at several churches in the Presbytery. He also enjoys serving on presbytery task forces and committees.
- **Charles Brownlow - Certified Lay Pastor**
He provided pastor/pulpit supply for Wild Rose and Weyauwega several times during 2006. He continues to be grateful for the CLP training and is committed to continuing God's work as he is called.
- **George Buchanan – Certified Lay Pastor**
He has preached and celebrated communion a number of times at White Lake; he plans the weekly services and does nursing home visitation.
- **Ned Grossnickle – Certified Lay Pastor**
He did not preach at any services last year since he is only available from June-August. He served on the committee for Preparation for Ministry.
- **Jean Hamersky – Certified Lay Pastor**
During the past year she was under the supervision of Gail Irwin and has preached several times at Preble Park. She achieved her certification on February 10, 2007. She officiated at her first communion service in DePere in March.
- **Alyson Janke – Commissioned – Serving Wild Rose Presbyterian**
She continues to focus primarily in three areas: worship, pastoral care, moderating session meetings. They have an active Vacation Church School; they held a five-session end-of-life adult education series last spring.
- Warren Kraft – Commissioned – Boy Scouts - No report received.
- **Cheryl Lepak – Commissioned – Serving Omro First Presbyterian**
She began this relationship in February 2007 and has been co-teaching confirmation class with Ed Slusser. She was able to officiate at communion for the first time which was very emotional for her. She has preached when Ed is not available and will be doing emergency calling when he is gone. She was the speaker at Winneconne First Consecration Sunday.
- **Dennis Mannering – Commissioned – Serving the Forest Larger Parish & Grace Homebound**
The three churches are now working together as a Parish. He and his wife Wendy are conducting an Alpha Class with 14-15 in attendance each week. They are working ecumenically and established a thrift store last fall with 9 churches participating. He now has only one former Grace member whom he visits with communion each month. He continued to find this work fulfilling.
- **Fred Wadsworth – Commissioned – Serving Amberg & Pembine** - No response received.
- **Bonnie Weideman – Certified Lay Pastor** - No response received.
- **Jim York – Certified Lay Pastor**
He preached at six times in Abbotsford, four at the Dorchester United Church of Christ and once at his son's Presbyterian Church in North St. Paul, MN. He celebrated communion three times.

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He preached at Presbytery at the conclusion of his moderatorial year. He conducted a funeral service in North Carolina for his granddaughter who was killed in an auto accident. This was a very difficult but meaningful time for him. He is very grateful for the opportunity to serve as a lay pastor.

- C. Appointed the Rev. Lois Swanson Moderator at Arpin First for a period of one year, effective April 19, 2007; and reappointed the Rev. Nelson Craig Moderator at Melnik, for a period of one year, effective August 1, 2007.
- D. Received the Rev. Craig Mansur, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Northern Great Lakes Synod, into membership to serve as Interim Pastor at Pioneer Church, Marinette, for a six month period beginning May 1, 2007.
- E. Reviewed the inactive roll, which includes the Rev. Curtis Larson and the Rev. Richard Warch. No action was taken at this time.
- F. Completed a triennial visit with Shawano First.

It was **MOVED AND SECONDED** that as a matter of policy, Presbytery authorize members of our presbytery who are in validated ministry beyond the local congregation to have the authority to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

07/47 It was VOTED to amend the motion to include the Sacrament of Baptism.

07/48 It was VOTED that as a matter of policy Presbytery authorize members of our presbytery who are in validated ministry beyond the local congregation to have the authority to celebrate the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Finance Committee: The Rev. Chuck Valenti- Hein reported that per capita assessment pay-up is at nearly 90%. He thanked congregations for making these payments in a timely manner.

March financial reports were made available at the meeting today.

07/49 It was VOTED to receive the final report of the audit of the presbytery's financial records through December 31, 2006, performed by Erickson and Associates, SC, and dated April 24, 2007. The only deficiency noted in the audit has to do with the challenge of providing adequate separation of duties in an office the size of our Presbytery. It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the recommendation of the report, that a responsible body remains involved in the financial reporting to the Presbytery, is realized through the oversight and regular review of the Finance Committee. (Appendix C)

Executive Presbyter's Report: The Rev. Lucy Rupe asked presbyters to find someone that they didn't come with to presbytery and tell them the last time their congregation prayed for a country other than the United States during worship. We don't know a lot about other people and those who serve in the name of Jesus Christ and who serve the PC(USA) as mission workers. She distributed strips of paper with a name and place on them and asked presbyters to pray for the mission co-worker named and the place they are serving.

Associate Executive Presbyter's Report: The Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes reported on the week she spent in Seattle at a homeless shelter. She shared stories of two homeless women

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who helped her put reality to the lives of the homeless and what these women are doing to better the community in which they are living.

Resource and Program Coordinating Team: The Rev. Deb Bergeson Graham announced that it is time for presbyters to consider what kinds of things they might like to see done in the presbytery and how they might work as a congregation or a group of congregations or individuals to make these things happen. Task Group Proposal Forms were distributed. Ms. Bergeson-Graham urged presbyters to complete a form and return it by August 1 so that it could be considered for funding in the 2008 budget

The Spring Thing event for youth was a success. She reminded people to put the Presbytery Youth Camp featuring musician David LaMotte on the calendar for October 24-27th.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: The Rev. Stephen Wright reported that the Committee will be meeting with a person from Merrill First who is interested in becoming an Inquirer.

07/50 It was VOTED to enroll Ms. Julie Wald of First Church-Wausau as an Inquirer.

The Moderator proposed the questions to the enrollee. Stephen Wright offered a brief charge and a prayer.

Ms. Holmes-Jensen was dismissed for the discussion of the following motion.

07/51 It was VOTED that the examination for ordination of Ms. Judith Holmes-Jensen which was conducted at the meeting of the Presbytery in Wild Rose on February 10 be sustained, and that the Presbytery proceed to ordination.

Ms. Holmes-Jensen was welcomed with applause. She thanked presbytery the support and care she has received over the past nine years, and introduced family and friends who were present.

07/52 It was VOTED to appoint a Commission to ordain Ms. Holmes-Jensen during a worship service at First Church-Green Bay at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2007. Minister members of the commission: Sarah Moore-Nokes (associate executive presbyter); Susan Phillips (Shawano-First); Marion Conditt (honorably retired); Ted Spurduto (at-large); and Karen Hagen (corresponding member, Milwaukee-Tippecanoe); and Elder Members: Moderator Barbara Jordanger (Stevens Point-Frame Memorial); Nancy Barczak (Neenah-First); Nancy Blashka (Green Bay-First); Jack Wooldridge (corresponding member, Milwaukee-Tippecanoe).

07/53 It was VOTED to seat the Rev. Karen Hagen (Milwaukee Presbytery) and Elder Jack Wooldridge (Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee Presbytery) as corresponding members of the Commission.

07/54 It was VOTED to authorize the celebration of Holy Communion at the Ordination Service on June 10, 2007.

07/55 It was VOTED to grant Ms. Holmes-Jensen permission to labor outside the bounds of Winnebago in Milwaukee Presbytery in hospital chaplaincy.

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Service of Worship and the Evening Meal: Presbytery worship was conducted by the Rev. Susan Phillips, with the Rev. Mara Rivera and the Rev. Ted Tromble participating. Communion was celebrated around tables in the fellowship hall prior to the evening meal and was concluded upon returning to the sanctuary. The Pentecost Offering was received totaling: \$299.00.

Reconvening the Meeting: The Moderator reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Speak Out

Ms. Judy Bond promoted the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Conference.

Ms. Judy Nighorn promoted the Synod School and that fact that a motor coach is planned for travel. Please contact the Presbytery Office if interested.

Ms. Jan Nelson reported that Elder Wendy Mannering is going to be the Presbyterian Women retreat leader this fall. She will be speaking on forgiving and forgiveness.

Ms. Loni McCormick announced the need for one more female chaperone in order for all interested youth to attend the National Triennium in July.

The Rev. Joy Nelson-Jeffers, Moderator at Hogarty, announced that first time elder and visitor, Ken and Delores Meyers from Hogarty, arrived following the afternoon introductions.

The Rev. Deb Bergeson-Graham noted that she will be presiding at summer worship services at Harbor Village in Door County and invited everyone to attend.

Elder Alyson Janke, CLP Wild Rose, announced that the church continues the celebration of its centennial year and will be hosting will host a Gmanfa Ganu: Sept. 23 (2:30 – 4:30 p.m.) All are invited.

The Rev. Lucy Rupe announced information regarding a national Elders Conference in Nashville August 29-31. She also expressed thanks to Ted Tromble and Mara Rivera for the musical participation during worship. Other musicians were invited to participate in worship for upcoming meetings.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Dr. Michael Lukens presented the amendments for consideration.

07/56 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.1. pertaining to the Revision of the Form of Government, Chapter XIV, with Additional Amendments to Book of Order Preface and G-6.0500, G-6.0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405, G-11.0405, G-11.0408, G-11,0504.

07/57 It was VOTED to arrest the discussion of the Amendments in order to conduct the Commissioning service for participants in the 2007 Youth Triennium.

Youth Triennium Commissioning Service: The Moderator, Elder Barbara Jordanger, conducted the commissioning service.

Amendments (Continued):

07/58 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.a.(1) regarding amending the Preface to the Book of Order by adding a new item “(5).”

07/59 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.a.(2) regarding amending Section G-9.0405.

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- 07/60 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.a.(3) regarding amendment Section G-11.0504.
- 07/61 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.b regarding deletion of Section G-14.0210, G-6.0500 becoming G-6.-0700, and the wording at G-14.0210 being moved to G-6.0500.
- 07/62 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.c regarding striking Section g-11.0414a-c and G-14.0211 providing new wording for G-6.0600.
- 07/63 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.d. regarding striking Section G-14.0514 and the wording inserted to become G-11.0405c.
- 07/64 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment A.2.e. regarding striking Section G-14.0517 and the wording at G-11.0408 becoming G.0408a; and the current wording at G-14.0517a and b shall become new G-11.0408b and c.
- 07/65 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment B.1 regarding amending G-14.0206-.0209, G-14.0405, G-14.0510-.0511, G-14.0801g & h, and W-4.4000 (Item 05-11, B.1.).
- 07/66 It was VOTED to grant privilege of the floor to Candidate Under Care Cindy Stover Carlisle.
- 07/67 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment B.2. regarding adding Licensure of Candidates—On Amending G-14.0309 (Item 05-11, B.2.).
- 07/68 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment B.3. regarding removing synod approval of extraordinary exam process—On amending G-14.0303b (tem 05-11 B.3.).
- 07/69 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment C regarding enabling new General Assembly Council structure—on amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107, G-13.0201 and G-13.0202 (Item 08-08).
- 07/70 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment D regarding opening COM to access by Commissioned Lay Pastors—on amending G-11.0503 (tem 05-05).
- 07/71 It was VOTED to CONCUR with Amendment E regarding members of the Synod—on amending G-12.0101 (Item 05-01).
- 07/72 It was VOTED NOT TO CONCUR with Amendment F regarding naming certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reports—on amending G-14.0701 (tem 12-03).

Synod Commissioner Report: Elder Mary Lou Opgenorth brought greetings from the Synod and Dylan Wright our Synod YAD. Ms. Opgenorth lifted up the names of Phil Brown, Synod Executive and his wife, Lyn, who is suffering from cancer.

Synod approved a 2008 per capita of \$4.69.

New and Miscellaneous Business

- 07/73 It was VOTED to reconsider the earlier motion regarding the work of the Committee on Representation and the Nominating Committee.

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07/74 It was VOTED that the Committee on Representation and the Nominating Committee be combined so that the same elected persons would serve and function as the members of each committee with distinct reports of each committee to Presbytery.

07/75 It was VOTED to receive the report of the Committee on Representation and forward the written report to Synod.

07/76 It was VOTED to grant permission for Elder Ruth Prochazka to moderate the Melnik Session meeting on May 13 since the Rev. Nelson Craig is ill.

Next Meeting: The next stated Presbytery meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at Covenant Community Presbyterian Church, Schofield. The meeting time is 2:30 – 8:00 p.m.

07/77 It was VOTED to adjourn the meeting following prayer and benediction by Moderator Barbara Jordanger at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barczak
Associate for Administration

Michael B. Lukens
Stated Clerk

Appendix A: April 17 Council Minutes
Appendix B: 2007 Pastoral Terms of Call Report
Appendix C: 2006 Financial Audit Report

These Minutes approved by Presbytery at its stated meeting on 11 September 2007 [Ref. 07/ ??].