

## PRESBYTERY SUMMARY

2-27-2010

The meeting was called to order by outgoing moderator Anne Quigley by singing the hymn "Morning Has Broken."

The welcome was given by Caroline Price-Gibson

The moderator shared a written and verbal report on the State of the Presbytery. The verbal report focused on the passion of the heart.

Worship was led by Caroline Price-Gibson with Bill Nottage-Tacey preaching on "Open Armed Pastors in Open Door churches among Open Hearted People." The offering for disaster relief in Haiti totaled \$484. Kathy LaRocque was installed as the new moderator of presbytery and Mark Diehl as the new vice-moderator. Kathy LaRocque, Wayne Owens, and Ben Owens were commissioned as our General Assembly Commissioners and YAAD for the 2010 GA.

Phil Brown, Doug Kelly and Kris Adler were seated as corresponding members.

The minutes were approved with typographical corrections.

The Status of Ministers Report for December 31, 2009 was presented.

The commissions to ordain and install Elaine Besthorn were dismissed.

The presbytery was encouraged to pray for one another by name.

Committee chairpersons were commissioned for 2010.

Alternate PJC members for 2010 were reported.

The report on the Composition of Presbytery Committees for 2010 was presented.

It was reported that the 2009 presbytery minutes were tentatively approved without exception.

The presbytery heard a report from HELP Adult Services of Omaha on their Respite Services, Health & medical Equipment Loan Program, and Christmas Stockings for prison inmates' ministries, for more information go to [.helpadultservices.](http://helpadultservices.com)

The presbytery heard a report from the Axtell church on their annual community outreach event called "The All American Celebration."

The presbytery voted to adopt the new goals for 2010-2012.

Business Budget reported on the financial condition of the presbytery. 2009 mission giving was very good but 2009 per capita giving was down. Failure to pay per capita becomes a double bind for the presbytery because the presbytery doesn't receive the dollars and also has to forward from mission funds the per capita that goes to the synod and General Assembly.

Personnel committee reported on the annual review for the Office Manager and General Presbyter.

The presbytery voted to change the Office Manager title to Presbytery Administrator.

The presbytery voted to change the treasurer position to Presbytery Cosignatory.

The presbytery heard a report on the Quad Presbytery Consortium activities.

The presbytery heard a report on the work of the Sudanese Commission with the fellowship meeting in Grand Island. Nit Wang made a brief report asking for the presbytery's help in getting them chartered as a church and their desire to help churches in the Sudan.

Synod Executive Phil Brown reported on the synods task force looking at the future of the synod.

Members of the Kearney Habitat for Humanity Chapter reported on their recent trip to Vietnam to build houses with former president Jimmy Carter, for more information contact ken mumm [mumme44@gmail.com].

Kris Adler presented a report to the Committee on Local Arrangements for the 2010 General Assembly in Minneapolis. If people are interested in volunteering at this GA they should go to [.cola2010.](#) For other GA information go to [.pcusa.org/.](#)

Doug Kelly reported on recent changes made at the Board of Pensions.

The St. Paul church reported on their ministry of knitting afghans and prayer shawls in addition to a quilting ministry.

The Youth Committee reported there are 28 youth, 4 chaperones, 2 workers and 2 ambassadors registered to attend this years Triennium. If others want to attend they should let Angie Palmer know so they can be put on a waiting list.

The committee also reported on summer camp scholarship plans.

The presbytery elected

John Rademacher – Presbytery Cosignatory

Dean Seger – the Inter-Presbytery Committee

David Johnson – Self Development of People

Don Anthony – Permanent Judicial Commission

There is still a vacancy in the class of 2012 for an elder to serve on the Committee on Ministry. If you have someone to suggest please contact Linda Anthony.

The Committee on Preparation reported that future reports will be longer as a number of inquirers and candidates are in a transition phase.

The Committee on Ministry reported on Lay Pastor Covenants that have been renewed; plans for an Ethics/Boundaries training October 19, 2010; the ordination and installation of Elaine Bestorn and that there are two Pastor Nominating Committees functioning at the present time.

The presbytery voted to receive Steve Deines as a member HR of the presbytery.

The presbytery approved the Parish Associate Covent between Eldin Wells and Kearney First through Cynthia Harvey.

The presbytery voted to receive the Committee on Representation Report.

The presbytery adjourned with prayer by moderator Kathy LaRocque

The next meeting of presbytery will be at Stuart on June 26, 2010.