

# Special Session Minutes

July 31, 2011

A special meeting of the Eastridge Presbyterian Church Session was called to order at 11:45 a.m. in the Huxtable Lounge by Moderator Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd, for the purpose of discussion to determine Session's direction to the APNC and Nominating Committee on how to proceed in calling ordained ministers to the church.

Present: Moderator Rev. James W. Crelin, 3rd, Interim Associate Pastor Rev. Peter Frazier-Koontz, Elders Jason Anderson, Steve Anderson, Beth Birnstihl, Carol Budka, Tim Creger, Wayne Fetterley, Kathy Kuehn, Doug Lienemann, Jack Lorenzen, Ralph Riemann, and Linda Douglas, Clerk.

Members of APNC in attendance: Nancy Bayne, Carolyn Fetterley, Hannah Lambert, Anne Loudon, Bob Shearman, Bill Wehrbein, and Janet Wheatley

Nominating Committee members in attendance: Sandy Hilsabeck-Hastings, Sandy Sunderman, and Susan Taylor

Personnel Committee members in attendance: Beth Kalnins, Rinehart Kruse

Guest: Rev. Richard Wyatt, Executive Presbyter, Homestead Presbytery

Excused: Elders Kim Braaten, David Marx, and Youth Elder Jack Sunderman

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Rev. Crelin opened the meeting with prayer.

Tim Creger, moderator of the Nominating Committee and Bill Wehrbein, moderator of the APNC presented the following questions for discussion:

What is the role of the APNC at the present time?

Should the APNC pursue the completion of a mission study to be used in the future by the PNC and the APNC in developing CIFs for these two positions?

What is the process and time line for the creation of a PNC?

What role will the nominating committee play?

Rev. Wyatt provided copies of the Church Mission Study Handbook to both Nominating Committee and the APNC. The over arching question that will be addressed throughout the mission study will be: How do we take all of the information and put it into one study? The

mission study should involve the entire congregation and should be comprehensive and thorough both in the process and in the results attained.

Discussion addressed each of the questions. Rev. Wyatt strongly recommended that the APNC focus their efforts on a comprehensive church mission study. Points that were made during the session included:

- Some members of the APNC feel that they were called for the specific process of selecting an Associate Minister; therefore, the election of the PNC should not be a decision/election of the congregation at this time.
- The APNC should devote sufficient time to complete a thorough mission study to answer the overall question for Eastridge: "What direction would we like to see God lead our church in the next ten (10 years)?"
- The mission study should be comprehensive in soliciting feedback from each member of the congregation, including committees, small groups, and the different organizations within the church.
- As a part of the mission study, the strengths of the church, as the congregation views those, should be documented.
- It is important that the needs of the church as identified by the congregation be as precise as possible.
- Timeline for the mission study should be fluid, (the APNC mentioned November as the completion date) providing adequate time to develop an instrument and allowing adequate time needed for developing the draft results and adequate time to share results with the congregation.
- It will be of utmost importance to keep the congregation informed about the ongoing work of the APNC to keep them apprised that the APNC is constantly moving toward the goals established.
- Rev. Wyatt and a representative from COM will meet with APNC to review procedures, provide assistance in clarifying the process and provide feedback from the mission study process.
- It will be important to establish a master list, including Rev. Wyatt and the COM Liaison, for all emails to be forwarded.
- Tim Creger will write a review of the APNC process for the Horizon and the Lamp. Congregational feedback is critical to the APNC throughout the mission study.

A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m. Rev. Crelin led those assembled in prayer.

Linda E. Douglas, Clerk of Session