

APPROVED MARCH 2007

February 27, 2007
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church (WPC) Session convened a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper, at 7:08 p.m.

The following members of Session were present:

- Pastor Mark L. Cooper, Moderator;
- Associate Pastor Helen P. Deleon; and,
- Serving Elders Tye Cowan, Gene Fisseler (Clerk), Johnny Jones, Diane Kane, Ross Looney, Al Manson, Julie Mead, Stacey Menard, Chuck Moede, Roy Phillips, Marjorie Seiter, Michael Stearns, Reese Terry, and Dennis Waehner.

The following members of Session were excused:

- Serving Elders Carl Allen, Susan Anderson, Karla Bradley, Jennifer Carr, John Dewey, Watson DuPont, and Elizabeth Spivey.

Treasurer Pat Koester was also present.

A quorum was declared present by the Clerk and the Agenda for the meeting was approved.

The Session approved the Minutes of the following meetings:

- Stated Meeting of January 30, 2007, as amended; and,
- Called Meeting of February 24, 2007.

Clerk's Report

- The Clerk shared two pieces of correspondence: a letter thanking WPC for its recent \$1,000 contribution to Presbytery of New Covenant and a letter thanking WPC for its financial support of missionary Vicki Smith.
- The remaining 2007 Presbytery meeting dates are Tuesday, May 15 at Cho-Yeh, Saturday, August 25 (location to be determined) and Tuesday, November 13 (location to be determined). Julie Mead will serve as Commissioner to the May meeting and Diane Kane will serve as Commissioner to the November meeting.
- The Annual Presbytery Statistical Report was submitted by the February 21 deadline.

Statistical Report

	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Membership as of January 30, 2007 correcting an April 2006 error	693*	401	*Less 13;
Gains:			
Transfer of Letter	+ 0	+ 0	
Reaffirmation of Faith	+ 0	+ 0	
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0	
Losses:			
Transfer of Letter	- 0	- 0	
Removal from Roll	- 0	- 0	
Death	<u>- 0</u>	<u>- 0</u>	
Membership as of February 27, 2007	693	401	
Baptized persons who've not made Professions of Faith:	<u>145</u>		
Total children, youth and adults:	838		

Baptisms: There were none since the last Stated Meeting
Transfers of Letter: None were requested since the last Stated Meeting
Deaths: There were none since the last Stated Meeting

Marriage performed by Reverend Mark Cooper:
Andrea Steinway & Matthew Fitzgerald on February 24, 2007

Marriage performed by Reverend Helen DeLeon:
Mandy Minks & Justin Becker were on February 17, 2007

Treasurer's Report

The Session received the Treasurer's report.

New Business

The Session received reports from the following meetings of Presbytery of New Covenant: the Stated Meeting of February 10, 2007, attended by Mark Cooper, Jennifer Carr, and Gene Fisseler; and, the Called Meeting of February 27, 2007, attended by Helen DeLeon, Ross Looney, and Pete Koester

Action: Following discussion, the Session voted to approve the following motion: The Moderator is directed to (1) assemble a team to evaluate the offer to sell to WPC the Fowler property and (2) request the team is to report back to Session at its March 27 meeting, providing adequate data to facilitate Session's decision on this matter.

Committee/Team Actions and Reports

Administration – The Communication Team and Personnel Team will meet on the third Wednesday Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively. The Administration Committee meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. The open secretary position was filled as of February 26, 2007, by the hiring of Daphne Riemer.

Adult Christian Education

Action: The Session approved the following curriculum for:

- Adult Sunday School Classes
 - Sabbath Time, by Tilden Edwards - This book explores the roots of the Sabbath in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The author offers readers a revealing vision of ways to maintain faithfully the balance among worship, play, rest, work, community, and ministry.
 - On the Road again: A Journey of Faith, by James Moore - This seven session study, appropriate for both group and individual use, provides one lesson for each week in Lent. Each lesson includes a Scripture reference, a brief reflection, questions for discussion or reflection, a brief prayer, and a focus for the coming week.
- Covenant Groups
 - Celebration of Discipline, by Richard Foster - The author explores the classic, "disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Foster demonstrates that it is only by and through these practices that we can find the true path to spiritual growth.
- Wednesday Night Adult Book Study
 - Our Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis, by Jimmy Carter - The author offers a personal consideration of "moral values" as they relate to the important issues of the day. He puts forward a passionate defense of separation of church and state, and a strong warning of where the country is heading as the lines between politics and religious fundamentalism are blurred. This book meets the objectives of the class to study books that challenge us as Christians – what does it mean to be a Christian in the USA in the 21st Century.

Buildings & Grounds

Demolition and repairs to the Education Wing are underway.

Care

There was no report.

Children's Ministry

Parent Pow-Wow meetings are being planned for April and May to elicit feedback regarding desired direction of programming and activities.

Fellowship & Welcoming

Plans for celebrating Clerk Emeritus Jim Paden's long service to WPC are underway.

Mission

WPC is making a return visit to New Orleans with more than a dozen volunteers traveling the week of March 11 to assist in rebuilding homes and lives impacted by Hurricane Katrina flooding.

Stewardship & Finance

A final report of the 2006 stewardship campaign is forthcoming.

Worship

Installation of new sanctuary lighting is underway. Communion is being celebrated Sunday, March 4, at both Worship Services.

Youth Ministries

Action: The Session approved the following individuals:

- Kim Kinzler to serve as Sr. High Conclaves Sponsor; and,
- George James to serve as a Jr. High Conclaves Sponsor.

Old Business

There was none to be discussed.

Pastors' Reports

Earlier discussion covered the matters to be reported.

The Session voted to set its Long Range Planning Retreat for Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The next Stated Meeting of Session will be convened March 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The business of this Stated Meeting being completed, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 8:57 p.m.

Gene Fisseler
Clerk of Session