

Sunday, July 23, 2006  
The Meeting Room

The Webster Presbyterian Church Session held its stated meeting on Sunday July 23, 2006 in the Meeting Room. The meeting was opened with a devotional and prayer by the Moderator, Reverend Mark Cooper at 3:35 p.m.

A quorum consisting of the following was present: Moderator Reverend Mark Cooper, Associate Pastor Reverend Helen DeLeon and Ruling Elders: Carl Allen, Karla Bradley, Jennifer Carr, Kathy Dixon, Watson Dupont, Johnny Jones, Phyllis Koenig, Evan Lapka, Ross Looney, Chuck Moede, Carlos Noriega, Al Manson, Judy Ota, Marjorie Seiter, and Reese Terry.

Elders Susan Anderson, Carol Bachtel, Karin High, Diane Kane, and Stacey Menard were excused

Treasurer Priscilla (Pat) Koester was also present

Gene Fisseler was elected Clerk of Session Pro Tem.

The agenda was reviewed, amended, and approved for the meeting.

The minutes of the Stated Meeting held on June 25, 2006, were approved, as corrected.

**Correspondence** – There was no correspondence communicated to the Session by the Clerk.

#### **Clerk's Report**

	Members	Families
Statistical information as of June 25, 2006	706	201
Gains:		
Transfer of Letter	+ 2	+ 1
Profession of Faith	+ 0	+ 0
Profession of Faith & Baptism	+ 0	+ 0
Losses:		
Removal from Roll	- 4	- 2
Death	- 0	- 0
Membership as of July 23, 2006	704	401
Baptized persons who have not made Professions of Faith:	140	
Total children, youth and adults:	846	

#### **Celebration of Communion:**

Communion was celebrated at two worship services on July 23, 2006 (Lunar Communion).

#### **Weddings performed by Rev. Mark Cooper:**

Stephanie Baucom (NM) and Ray McGee (NM) were married on July 22, 2006.

#### **Births:**

Jordan R. Pomier, son of James and Judy Pomier, was born on June 26, 2006.

### **Requests for Transfers of Letters:**

Mike and Betty Geehan have requested Transfer of Letter to Clear Lake Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.

Richard and Nancy Heeth have requested Transfer of Letter to St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.

The Session voted to approve these Transfers of Letters.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Pat Koester presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2006. The report was received.

### **New Business**

The Personnel Committee requested Session approval of the new Child Care, Family and Employee Medical Leave of Absence Policy. **Session approved the policy.**

The Administration Committee, in light of significant new development in the community, proposed the formation of a Session Task Force to develop a "marketing plan" for Webster Presbyterian Church. The Task Force would work with Fellowship & Welcoming Committee and the Communications Committee as well as individuals in the congregation with gifts and skills in the area of marketing to investigate various innovative means of "getting the word out" to the community about the good things happening at Webster Presbyterian Church. The Task Force would report its findings to Session in the fourth quarter of 2006. **Session approved formation of the Marketing Task Force.**

Pastor DeLeon introduced two individuals seeking to become members of our congregation were introduced to Session. After meeting them, **Session voted to receive Linda and David McDonald into Full Membership of Webster Presbyterian Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.** The McDonalds will be presented to the congregation during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on July 30.

Communications Committee Chair Pat Brackett presented a new logo for Webster Presbyterian Church to Session for adoption. The logo proposed was selected from the numerous entries to the church-wide contest. It is derived from the stained glass in the sanctuary and incorporates images of a cross, a heart, and a crescent moon. **Session voted to adopt the new logo.**

Upon recommendation of the Mission Committee, **Session voted to direct the Mission Committee to serve as the fundraising coordinator for Vicky Smith, a PCUSA missionary hopeful.** If Ms. Smith can raise \$26,400 by November 1 of this year, she will embark on a two-year ministry in Jamaica beginning in January 2007. Her fundraising continues through next 2007 to finance a second year on the island in 2008.

Session endorsed the Nominating Committee's nomination of Roy Phillips to the Congregation to complete an unfilled position on Session and work with Elder Jennifer Carr on the Finance Committee. The Congregational meeting will be properly noticed for Sunday, August 6.

### **Old Business**

Youth – Libby Cravens, Evan Lapka, Elizabeth Spivey and Karen Moede (alternate) will represent Webster Presbyterian Church on Presbyterian Youth Connection Council (PYCC).

PYCC furthers youth programs in the Presbytery of New Covenant. It is reformed each year with adult and youth leadership from all over our presbytery. PYCC meets at least once a month to plan youth retreats and events that connect young people to each other, the whole church, and the whole world through faith in Jesus Christ. James Kinzler will serve as sponsor.

Adult Education reported that the college fellowship group meeting at Pastor DeLeon's home throughout the summer has successfully reached and reacquainted college aged adults within our church family. The new bible study for "stay-at-home moms" coordinated by Marjorie Wareheim will become active once child care arrangements are finalized.

Building & Grounds has been busy with roof repairs, HVAC repairs, and sanctuary lighting issues.

Children's Ministry reported that Sunday School Superintendent Diane Jerome was introduced to the Congregation during the worship services on July 23 and is now on the payroll. Plans for the Back-To-School Bash and recruiting for Fall Sunday School leadership are in the works.

Fellowship & Welcoming has scheduled a Kitchen Clean-Up on August 6. It was announced that two of our newest members, Jack and Peggy Armstrong, will be leading the Visitor Team. A new Greeters Team is in place.

Administration reports that efforts are underway to make the Webster Presbyterian Church webpage more inviting and user-friendly. Outside expertise is being considered for long-range planning.

### **Pastors' Reports**

Associate Pastor Ryan Sills is on two-week's study leave.

Associate Pastor Helen DeLeon has just returned from Stephen's Ministry training, invigorated and excited about the possibilities and challenges for our Stephen's Ministry team. She also learned of training for small group ministries and breakthrough ministries. She will complete her Acting Moderator assignment at First Presbyterian Church in Dickinson by participating in the installation of Rev. Allen Green on August 27.

Head of Staff Mark Cooper proposed that an agenda item for the next meeting be a discussion and potential resetting of the time and day for Stated Meetings of Session going forward. Phyllis Koenig and Kathy Dixon will serve as commissioners at the August 26 Presbytery meeting in Lufkin.

There being no further business, the Session voted to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 5:45 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Session will be held on August 27, 2006 in the Meeting Room.

Gene Fisseler  
Clerk of Session Pro Tem