

Knox Presbytery Annual Meeting

October 13th 2009

Start at 10AM

- I. Invocation by Joost Nixon
- II. Psalm Singing led by Presiding Minister, Gene Helsel (hereafter referred to as PM)
- III. Exhortation from the scriptures brought by Terry Tollefson
- IV. Presentation of the agenda (PM)
 - a. Joost Nixon moved (Stuart Bryan 2nd) to amend the agenda to entertain a presentation by Paul Hadfield – missionary to Alaska: Passed U.
 - b. Toby Sumpter moved (Terry Tollefson 2nd) to amend the agenda to entertain a presentation by Patch Blakey about the ministry of Blake Purcell.
- V. Roll Call of the Churches
 - a. Christ Church Moscow – Present (Doug Wilson, Ed Iverson)
 - b. Christ Church Spokane – Present (Joost Nixon and Stuart Bryan)
 - c. Christ Covenant Church in Enterprise, OR (Terry Tollefson, Rahn Hostetter came in ~ 11:30.)
 - d. Christ Covenant Church in Grande Prairie, AB (Tim Gallant)
 - e. The King's Congregation in Meridian, ID (Alan Burrow and John Clausen)
 - f. Trinity Church of the Tri-Cities in Richland, WA Not here – Arrived later (10:45) (Donald Van Dyken and Andrew Rice.
 - g. Trinity Church in Wenatchee, WA (Gene Helsel).
 - h. Trinity Reformed Church in Moscow, ID (Toby Sumpter and Patch Blakey)
 - Quorum established – announced by PM.
- VI. Introduction of Mission Churches and Visitors
 - a. Holy Trinity Church in Colville, WA (CC Spokane) (Represented by Kenton Spratt)
 - b. Trinity Church in Coeur d'Alene, ID (CC Spokane) (Represented by Stuart Bryan)
 - c. Christ Covenant Reformed Church in Billings, MT (CC Spokane) (Represented by Jay Barfield)
 - d. Emmanuel Chapel in Helena, MT (CC Moscow) (Represented by Michael Saville).
 - e. Christ Church in Missoula MT (CC Moscow) Not here
 - f. Trinity Church (FSJ) Christ Covenant in GP (Represented by Mike Donovan)
 - Recognition of visiting church: Sechelt BC, represented by Theo Hoekstra.
- VII. Member/Mission Churches Reports and Prayer
 - a. PM encouraged delegates to read the Church Reports that were submitted prior to the meeting.
 - b. Informal reports were taken from each church. Prayer for the reporting church was offered by the next-listed delegate.

Break for lunch

- VIII. Message from Blake Purcell brought by Patch Blakey.
- IX. Reports from Candidate and Mission Churches
- a. Holy Trinity Church in Colville, WA (CC Spokane). Kenton Spratt
 - b. Trinity Church in Coeur d'Alene, ID (CC Spokane). Stuart Bryan
 - c. Christ Covenant Reformed Church in Billings, MT (CC Spokane). Jay Barfield
 - d. Emmanuel Chapel in Helena, MT (CC Moscow). Michael Saville
 - e. Christ Church in Missoula MT (CC Moscow) Not here
 - f. Trinity Church (FSJ) Christ Covenant in GP). Mike Donovan
 - g. Sechelt BC/Theo Hoekstra.
 - Prayer for the candidate/mission churches offered by GH.
- X. Message from Paul Hadfield, candidate for missionary pilot with Arctic Barnabas in Alaska.
- XI. Consideration of Candidate and Mission Churches
- a. Motion: Doug Wilson (Tim Galant 2nd) Emmanuel Chapel to be seated as full member of Knox Presbytery.
 - Presbytery was reminded that Michael Saville is on the agenda for examination for ministerial credentials later in the agenda. The body was also reminded that he is already ordained and has accepted the call from Emmanuel Chapel in Helena, MT, the session there recognizing his ordination. It was acknowledged by common consent of the body that the motion on the floor potentially carries with it the recognition of Michael Saville's ministerial credentials.
 - Discussion followed regarding the suitability of Emmanuel Chapel for particularization.
 - Motion carried unanimously.
 - Administration of the oath to Michael Saville representing Emmanuel Chapel.
 - MS was seated as a delegate of Emmanuel Chapel in Helena.
- XII. Old Business
- a. Name change report: Doug Wilson reported that there was no motion from the committee at this time; but the committee continues to work, there being a possibility of a motion brought before Presbytery next year.
 - b. With regard to Peter Leithart's credentials, Toby Sumpter moved (Patch Blakey 2nd) to reaffirm the exception to the membership requirements of the CREC, allowing Dr. Leithart to continue serving as pastor at Trinity Reformed Church. Carried U.

XIII. New Business

- a. Recommendation to use John Schwandt's standardized Greek test for CREC minister exams
 - Joost Nixon moved (Stuart Bryan 2nd) to use John Schwandt's standardized Greek test for Knox presbytery minister exams.
 - Motion carried U.
- b. The presbytery took up the recommendation from Presiding Minister of Council, Jack Phelps, for an amendment regarding how we list ministers.
 - Doug Wilson moved (Toby Sumpter 2nd) to amend Art. IV 3 of the BOP by replacing the first sentence of the paragraph with the following: the minister shall, as appropriate, establish and maintain a list of recognized ordained ministers. (to be followed by the remainder of the paragraph/
 - Substantial discussion ensued and motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - Motion will have to be harmonized at Council with actions of the other Presbyteries related to the same issue.
- c. The Presbytery took up the report from Jack Phelps, the PM of the CREC.
 - Donald Van Dyken noted he served on the COROII committee and that he will answer questions off the record.
- d. Presiding Minister's report from Spring Tour 2009 and Knox Presbytery related expenses.
 - DW moved (Terry Tollefson 2nd) that we ratify the PM acceptance earlier in the year of Steve Jeffrey's and Doug Jones credentials to be placed on the list provided for in Art. IV sec 3 BOP.
 - Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Examination of Michael Saville's ministerial credentials.
 - Knox Presbytery registered a favorable recommendation by acclamation.

The chair declared a recess until tomorrow morning.

Resume 9:15 Wednesday morning, Oct. 14th.

PM announced a Quorum.

- I. Chairman noted that 3 cities had offered to host next year presbytery
 - a. Spokane
 - b. Wenatchee
 - c. Grande Prairie
 - Andrew Rice (Toby Sumpter 2nd) moved that Christ Church Spokane host the next presbytery meeting first week in October, 2009 (Mon-Wed, Oct. 4-6, 2010) Motion carried U.
 - The PM encouraged the Canadian churches to let financial needs for travel be known so that other churches in Knox presbytery could volunteer financial assistance for travel to presbytery.
- II. Don Van Dyken moved (Andrew Rice 2nd) to adjourn the business meeting of the 2009 Knox Presbytery. Motion carried U.
 - Donald Van Dyken closed in prayer.

Topics discussed during the Roundtable Discussion

- Psalm/Hymn singing in the churches
- Ministry to “the least of these,” (mercy ministries in our churches).
- Suggestion surfaced for the PM to develop a bibliography for this topic.
- Eligible unmarried women in our congregations resulting from male immaturity. Masculine piety is at a premium in modern churches.
- Pastoral issues about families and marriage and worshipping communion.