

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Annual Mission Center Conference
November 2, 2019—Portland, Oregon

CALL TO ORDER

Greater Pacific Northwest (GPNW) Mission Center President **Kim Naten** welcomed delegates and participants, and acknowledged and introduced the technical staff, Conference staff, musicians, and visiting ministry: **Larry McGuire**, President of Seventy, Quorum 2 & 10, Quorum 3 Leadership Team and **Richard Betts**, Western Field Support Minister.

Kim Naten officially called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Mission Center Recorder **Jill Brunette** was present. Following Conference announcements by On-Site Conference Manager **Christie Ostendorp** and singing of “With Gifts That Differ by Your Grace,” **Brody Sargent** (Cowlitz Valley) offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rich Sowers (University Place) moved to approve the Minutes of the annual GPNW Mission Center Conference Business Meeting held on November 3, 2018, as provided in Conference materials. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Kim Naten presented the President’s Annual Report as printed in the Conference bulletin. The report incorporated the Conference theme, “Courage to Risk” Report filed.

Staff and Volunteer Transitions

Kim Naten expressed appreciation for the depth of skill represented in the Mission Center staff and in those that serve on various committees or in other mission center roles. She then recognized individuals who stepped down from their previous responsibilities since last Mission Center Conference:

- **Pam Cress** – Adult Formation Specialist, Mission Center Leadership Team
- **Karen Beckman Householder** – Communications Director, Mission Center Leadership Team
- **Steve Pomeroy** – MC Financial Officer, Mission Center Leadership Team, Lewis River Campground Board, Remote Campground Board, Samish Island Campground Board, Mission Center Council

- **Mary Richardson** – Mission Center Music Specialist
- **John & Sandy VanDerWalker** – Samish Island Campground Camp Managers
- **Tom & Nancy Welch** – Leadership Support Ministers
- **Steve Smith** – Leadership Support Minister
- **Lowell Groat** – Leadership Support Minister
- **Valerie Walker** – Portland Pastor, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Board
- **Tim Polly** – Lewis River Campground Board
- **Mike Grohs** – Remote Campground Board
- **Mike King** – Remote Campground Board
- **Raelyn & Jeremi Sullivan** – Remote Campground Caretakers
- **Bruce Powell** – Remote Campground Board
- **Lyle Anderson** – Visiting Ministries Coordinator

Kim then recognized those individuals who moved into new areas of responsibility since last Mission Center Conference:

- **Donald Welch** – Mission Center Financial Officer, Mission Center Leadership Team, Lewis River Campground Board, Remote Campground Board, Samish Island Campground Board, Mission Center Council, Leadership Support Minister, Bold Moves Team
- **Ashley Whitham** – Discipleship Formation & Communications Ministries Director, Mission Center Leadership Team
- **Sean Langdon** – Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Board of Directors
- **Chris & Kate Steinel** – Samish Island Campground Camp Managers
- **Brody Sargent** – Lewis River Campground Board
- **Douglas Rouse** – Remote Campground Board
- **Mike King** – Remote Campground Camp Manager
- **Terry Richardson** – Leadership Support Minister

Kim then referred the body to the following written reports in Conference materials:

- **Bend Congregation Loan Report**, submitted by **John Smallwood**
 - **Bold Moves Grants Report**, submitted by **Steve Pomeroy**, Committee Chair
 - **Campground Association Reports: Lewis River**, submitted by **Steve Logan**, Board President; **Remote**, submitted by **Doug Rouse**, Board President and **Samish Island**, submitted by **Jim Fish**, Board President
 - **Camping Ministries Report**, submitted by **Sean Langdon**, Camping Ministries Director
 - **Northwest Singles Report**, submitted by **Tom & Susan Webber**
 - **Caravan Report**, submitted by **Jody Barnhart**, Co-Director
 - **Orphans Africa Report**, submitted by **David Skoor** and **Carl Gann**
 - **Outreach International**, submitted by **Jennifer Redfern**
 - **Spectacular Report**, submitted by **Sean Langdon**, NW Delegation Team Co-Leader
- Reports filed.

Mission Center Financial Officer's (MCFO) Annual Report

Donald Welch assumed the Chair and presented the MCFO Annual Report, as printed in the Conference bulletin and reviewed during the Delegate Orientation. Donald then read the acceptance of the 2018 Audit letter, **Jennifer Redfern** (Puyallup) moved to accept the letter and it was seconded. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Sustaining of Mission Center Officers

Richard Betts assumed the Chair. He brought greetings from the First Presidency and the Council of Twelve, and added his personal appreciation for the past work of the mission center officers and for the quality of all GPNW staff.

Richard read the First Presidency's letter recommending that the Conference sustain the appointment of **Kim Naten** as President of the GPNW USA Mission Center, **Deborah Towner** (Crystal Springs) moved to sustain and by show of hands, the motion passed.

Richard read the letter from the First Presidency, after consultation with the Presiding Bishopric, recommending that the Conference sustain the appointment of **Donald Welch** as Financial Officer of the GPNW Mission Center, **Connie Guay** (University Place) moved to sustain and by show of hands, the motion passed. Donald was then set apart by **Evangelist Steve Pomeroy** and **High Priest Dave Polly**.

Larry McGuire assumed the Chair. Recommending that the Conference sustain the appointment of **Sean Langdon** as Invitation Support Minister of the GPNW Mission Center, **Dar Hudlow** (Salem) moved to sustain and by show of hands, the motion passed.

Sustaining of Mission Center Recorder

Kim Naten resumed the Chair. **Dave Polly** (representing Albany) moved to sustain the appointment of **Jill Brunette** as GPNW Mission Center Recorder. By show of hands, the motion passed.

Sustaining of Mission Center Council

Donald Welch assumed the chair and read the names of the proposed 2020 GPNW USA Mission Center Council members: staff members **Kim Naten, Donald Welch, Sean Langdon; Doug Brown**, Bishop (OR); **Cheryl Davis**, Elder (AK); **Roschell Farnsworth**, Priest (OR); **Jan Glass**, Elder (OR); **Dan Jackson**, Bishop (WA); **Terry Richardson**, High Priest (WA); **Todd Sargeant**, Elder (WA); **Brenda Sargent**, High Priest (WA); **Stacie Simmons Bates**, High Priest (WA). With much gratitude, we thank **Nancy McManus**, Elder (AK) for her many years of service, wise counsel and good

fellowship on the Mission Center Council.

Jennifer Redfern (Puyallup) moved to sustain the 2020 GPNW Mission Center Council. By show of hands the motion passed.

Sustaining of Youth Camping Team

Sean Langdon assumed the chair and read the names of the proposed 2020 GPNW Mission Center Youth Camping Team members: **Sean Langdon**, Director; **Jason Keese**, **Jeff Weaver**, **Sharon West** and **Emily Nilsen** representing Lewis River; **Jody Barnhart**, **Katie O'Keefe-Knobel**, **Christina Simonsen** and **Stephanie Wagle** (New) representing Remote; and **Laura Fish**, **Rick Naten** and **Sara Mongrain** representing Samish Island along with **Chris Phelps** (British Columbia).

Sean thanked **Dee Robino** for her past service on the Youth Camping Team.

Mike Sahlberg (Cowlitz Valley) moved to sustain the 2020 GPNW USA Mission Center Youth Camping Team. By show of hands, the motion passed.

Sean then recognized Camp Director Transitions since last Mission Center Conference.

Outgoing Camp Directors:

- **Eric Blickenstaff, Jr.** High Camp at Remote Director (2018)
- **Marne Benedict**, Kids Camp at Remote Co-Director (2019)
- **Tamara Benedict**, Kids Camp at Remote Co-Director (2019)
- **Jen Coppock, Jr.** High Camp at Remote Director (2019)
- **Dar Hudlow**, Camp Zarahemla a Lewis River Director (2019)
- **Russ Roberts, Jr.** High Boys at Hosmer Lake Director (2019)
- **Tom Webber**, Singles Reunion at Samish Co-Director (2019)
- **Susan Webber**, Singles Reunion at Samish Co-Director (2019)
- **Ashley Whitham, Jr.** High Girls Camp at Lewis River Director (2019)

Incoming Camp Directors:

- **Erin McClaskey**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Jannette Harrison**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Deborah Towner**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Chelsie Sowers**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Andrea Harrison**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Diane Smith**, Family Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2019)
- **Carron Grubb**, Kids Camp at Remote Co-Director (2020)
- **Amy Moreland**, Camp Zarahemla at Lewis River Co-Director (2020)
- **Ann Short**, Camp Zarahemla at Lewis River Co-Director (2020)
- **Darby Benedict Sinclair, Jr.** High Camp at Remote Director (2020)
- **Heather McGrath Roberts, Jr.** High Camp at Lewis River Co-Director (2020)
- **Russ Roberts, Jr.** High Camp at Lewis River Co-Director (2020)

- **Tom Webber**, Adult Reunion Directing Team at Samish (2020)

Consideration of 2020 Budget

Donald Welch assumed the chair. Reviewed the written budget materials, which he presented during the Delegate Orientation. **Dan Jackson** (MC Council) moved that the 2020 GPNW USA Mission Center Budget be approved as presented in conference materials and spoke to it. By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS AND CALL TO ORDER

Kim Naten declared a 15-minute recess, as printed on the agenda. After the recess, Kim called the meeting back to order, followed by the singing of "Come, Let Us Dwell."

"New Expressions" Panel Presentation

Larry McGuire, Sean Langdon, Kim Naten and Gary Farnsworth gave a brief presentation regarding the concept of New Expressions ministries, providing testimonial and scriptural context and explanation.

Consideration of Resolution: Establishing of "New Expressions" Fund

Kim Naten introduced a resolution to approve funds of \$25,000 received from the sale of the Ellensburg building for "New Expressions." She referred the body to the printed resolution in conference materials.

Sean Langdon moved the resolution, which was seconded, and spoke to it. **Bill Campbell** (Auburn) asked for clarification regarding when the funds can be used. Kim responded that the Mission Center Leadership Team will be creating procedures for distribution of funds and will report back to the Conference next fall. **Mike Sahlberg** (Cowlitz Valley) and **Judy Powell** (Renton) spoke to it. **Royleane Otteson** (Crystal Springs) spoke to it with a question of clarification on how the amount of \$25,000 was determined. Kim responded that the Mission Center Leadership Team, in consultation with Western Field Leadership, agreed that this amount would be sufficient to seed the fund for likely several years, in the event no further replenishment occurs before then. **Judy Luffman** (Redmond) called the question. By show of hands, the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution: Tithing of Proceeds of Bellevue Property

Donald Welch introduced a resolution which would tithe \$78,628 from the sale of the Bellevue Property to "Bridge of Hope" fund no later than December 31, 2019. He referred the body to the printed resolution in conference materials. **Steve Pomeroy** (Renton) moved the resolution, which was seconded, and spoke to it. **Lee Sargent**

(Rainier Valley) moved to amend the resolution by taking out the word 'Tithe' and increase the dollar amount to \$500,000, this amendment was not seconded, and was not voted on. **David Irby** (Crystal Springs) spoke to it with a question, Donald answered the question. **Deborah Towner** (Crystal Springs) moved to amend the resolution. Many other members of the body spoke to it. **Ruth Haynes** (Fairbanks) moved the previous question on all matters before the conference. The previous question motion was approved. The amendment was voted on and by show of hands did not pass. The original Resolution was voted on and by show of hands, the motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF EMERITUS STATUS

Following the singing of "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore," **Kim Naten** read a statement about Cathy Boyer, Evangelist Emeritus, since she was unable to receive the certificate in person.

PRESENTATION OF PRIESTHOOD CALLS

Following a scripture reading of 1 Peter 4:8-11 by Janette Freel, **Kim Naten** called for a motion to consider and sustain three World Church priesthood calls. **Margaret Polly** (representing Albany) moved to sustain the calls, and it was seconded.

Larry McGuire, President of Seventy, presented the call to the office of Seventy for **Darlene Hudlow** (Salem), shared his personal testimony, and read his letter of approval. This was followed by Dar's personal statement affirming her written testimony (provided in conference materials), along with affirmations by members of the body that included **Sharon West** (Cowlitz Valley), **Sean Langdon**, and **Dave Polly** (representing Albany). By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Larry McGuire then presented the call to the office of Seventy for **Fran Smith** (East Wenatchee), shared his personal testimony, and read his letter of approval. This was followed by Fran's personal statement affirming her written testimony (provided in conference materials), along with affirmations by members of the body that included **Steven Sauve** (Yakima Valley), **Karen Sundstrom** (Garden Grove), and **Blake Puckett** (representing East Wenatchee). By show of hands, the motion carried unanimously.

Richard Betts presented the call to the office of Bishop for **Carrie Welch** (Salem). Richard shared Presiding Bishop Stassi Cramm's affirmation of Carrie Welch's call. This was followed by Carrie's personal statement affirming her written testimony (provided in conference materials), along with letters of affirmation read by Richard from David Nii, Barbara Carter and Bill McFarlin. By show of hands, the motion to sustain Carrie Welch's call carried unanimously.

Following the singing of "According to the Gifts," Evangelist **Margaret Polly** offered a

prayer of support.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Kim Naten** offered closing remarks, the congregation sang, "Make Us, O God, a Church That Shares" and **Claire Smith** offered the closing Prayer of Blessing.

Kim Naten declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill D. Brunette

Greater Pacific Northwest (USA) Mission Center

Recorder