

Stated Session Meeting July 23, 2008

Pastor Larry Hayward called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Elder Eileen Denne offered a devotional and prayer in memory and celebration of the life of the Rev. Karen Blomberg.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were present:

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| Brad Buchanan | excused | Paul Neureiter | present |
| Patty Chamberlain | excused | Ken Niemann | present |
| Linc Cummings | present | Elizabeth O'Brien | present |
| Eileen Denne | present | Karen Olson | present |
| Gail Donley | present | Anne Pickett | present |
| Don Fowler | present | | |
| Frank Fraser | present | David Roden | present |
| Priscilla Goodwin | excused | Carol Skiba | present |
| Lanny Griffith | present | Cathy Smyles | excused |
| David Gunter | present | J.W. Wilson | absent |
| David Hill | present | Larry Hayward, pastor | present |
| Brian Laubscher | present | | |
| Robin McFarland | present | Patrick Hunnicutt, as. pastor | present |
| Meredith Mitchell | absent | Casey FitzGerald, as. pastor | present |
| David Moser | present | Paul Van de Water, clerk | present |
| Stephen Moss | present | Carolyn Fraser, vice clerk | present |

Also present were Mike Barnhart, Nancy Bea, Donna Blackburn, Bob Campbell, Steve Denne, Terry Grindstaff, Eileen Jinks, Elizabeth Martineau, and Henri Rush.

The moderator announced that the memorial service for the Rev. Karen Blomberg will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 27, at 4:00 p.m. and discussed related matters.

CLERK'S REPORT

Carolyn Fraser distributed the prayer partners basket. Paul Van de Water delivered the clerk's report, as follows.

The clerk has received a letter from the Rev. Ted Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, thanking Westminster for its contribution for flood relief.

Homebound Communion: On July 13, 2008, Communion was taken to Jim and Elise Hardy, Ernie McIver, Marge and Russ Smith, and Erma Wallace by Deacons Kim Davis, Marty Klein, Elizabeth Martineau, Chris Matthews, Marbeth Paulsen, Nancy Pitcher, Sam Ulm, Barbara Watts, and Sheila Weiss.

Baptisms: **Sydney Marie Moss**, born December 8, 2007, daughter of Stephen and Lindsay Moss, on June 29, 2008, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Amelia Anne Lutz, born August 28, 2007, daughter of Jonathan D. and Mary Jacqueline Quast Lutz, on July 6, 2008, the Rev. Karen A. Blomberg officiating.

Marriages: **Michelle Christine Presson** (#2740) and **Christopher Michael Marston** (#2347), on June 28, 2008, in the sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Michael Sean O'Neill and **Brittany Alessandra Trevenen** (non-members), on July 19, 2008, at the Colgate University Chapel, Hamilton, NY, the Rev. Casey FitzGerald officiating.

Deaths: **Mildred Brown Altman** (#13) died on July 1, 2008. A memorial service was held on July 20 in the sanctuary, the Rev. Larry Hayward officiating.

Winifred Pugh Hudson (#1663) died on July 4, 2008. A memorial service was held on July 16 at Westminster.

Edith Abernathy Thompson died on July 14, 2008. A memorial service was held on July 21 in the sanctuary.

The Reverend **Karen A. Blomberg**, associate pastor, died on July 21, 2008.

CONSENT DOCKET

The Session approved the consent docket, as follows.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Session meeting of June 25, 2008, and the congregational meeting of July 13, 2008.

Motion to accept all committee minutes and minutes of the Diaconate.

Motion to add Casey FitzGerald as a signatory on church bank accounts.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICERS

The Session examined the following officers-elect: **Donna Blackburn**, deacon, class of 2008 (*vice* Liz Moore); **Bob Campbell**, deacon, class of 2008 (*vice* Maria Kaneer); **Elizabeth Martineau**, deacon, class of 2009 (*vice* Tamfu Fomuso).

MSC: To sustain the examination of these officers and to approve their installation on August 17, 2008.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Mike Barnhart presented the report from the Diaconate.

Steve Denne presented a report on behalf of the Envisioning Task Force. The task force is pausing its work and will resume when it seems appropriate.

Terry Grindstaff presented the treasurer's report.

2008 Year-to-Date through June

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| Operating income | \$ 680,499 (including budgeted carryover) |
| Operating expenses | 720,681 |
| Net income | - 40,182 |

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| <u>Assets</u> | |
| Operating | \$ 329,763 |
| Foundation | 1,011,278 |
| Capital Campaign | - 841,973 |

MC: To accept the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Session received reports from committee chairs or vice chairs and approved the following motions.

MC: To accept a gift of \$6,975.02 from the estate of Irv Hershowitz and to allocate 80% of the gift to Fund D of the Westminster Foundation and 20% to the restricted account for Local Missions in Foundation Fund G that was established with prior gifts of the Irv Hershowitz estate in accordance with his will. (From the Committee on Gifts and Bequests)

MC: To accept the gift of a car from an estate and to authorize its immediate transfer to a third party by the Member Response Team. (From the Committee on Gifts and Bequests)

MC: To approve a church-wide solicitation of funds during August through October by the National and International Mission Committee for Pascagoula Partners in Mission. (From the Administration and Finance Committee)

MC: To approve amendments to article III, section 6, and article VI, section 3, of the by-laws of the Westminster Weekday Preschool. (From the Christian Education Committee)

MC: To approve the hiring of Eileen Jinks as Seniors Pastoral Care Visitor, a 10-hour per week position, beginning August 1, 2008. (From the Personnel Committee)

MSC: To approve expenditure of up to \$2,200 of funds available in Foundation Account 960000 (Neyman, Dorothy – Music) to hire musicians (string orchestra) to play at the memorial service on July 27, 2008, for Associate Pastor the Rev. Karen Blomberg. (Proposed by Elder David Roden)

CLOSING

Associate Pastors Casey FitzGerald and Patrick Hunnicutt spoke briefly about the Rev. Karen Blomberg. Elder Karen Olson closed the meeting with prayer. The moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water, Clerk of Session