

MINUTES
Northwest Regional Christian Church
Board Teleconference Meeting
April 11, 2009

The board of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met on April 11, 2009, by telephone conference call under the leadership of Cherilyn Williams, regional moderator. Other officers present were David Moffitt, vice-moderator; Debbie Jennison, treasurer; Lillian Moir, secretary; and ex officio member Rebecca Hale, regional minister.

Members present were Dixie Carringer, Lauri Clark Strait, Ken Colman, Jim Harwood, David Helseth, Zak Longoria, Laura Reed, Barbara Reynolds, Sophie Rice-Sauer and Ronna Smith.

Absent were Jong Hong, Debbie Little and Gary Shoemaker.

Also participating in the teleconference were Edie Rice-Sauer on behalf of RISE and Debbie Starkey on behalf of the regional minister search committee.

After taking roll, Cherilyn opened the meeting with prayer.

1. RISE MISSION PLAN

Edie Rice-Sauer presented the RISE Mission Plan and the regional structure for discussion. Both documents have been discussed widely in the region, including by the board and its Executive Committee. The board:

VOTED unanimously to recommend that the assembly affirm the RISE Mission Plan and objectives. (Moved by Ken Colman, seconded by David Moffitt).

VOTED unanimously to recommend the assembly affirm the structure. (Moved by David Helseth, seconded by Ken Colman).

The plan and the proposed structure will be presented for vote during the special regional assembly on May 16. The plan and structure plus the implementation suggestions will be sent to all congregations and will be available on the regional web site.

2. REGIONAL MINISTER

Rebecca Hale asked for prayers for Gary Shoemaker, pastor at Bellingham First Christian Church whose father died early on April 11 in Montana. She also asked for prayers for First Christian Church in Anchorage, Alaska, which has called Paul Boling as its new minister. Rebecca then left to attend the Samoan Youth Conference being held at Gwinwood Conference Grounds and being attended by approximately 150 young people.

3. REGIONAL MINISTER CANDIDATE

Debbie Starkey, chair of the regional minister search committee, outlined the process leading to selection of a candidate. She reported that the process represented a serious time commitment for

the members who prayerfully worked through the process. She presented the name of Rev. Sandra Morgan Messick as the candidate. The board:

VOTED unanimously to recommend Rev. Sandra Morgan Messick to the special regional assembly to serve a six-year term as regional minister and president. (Moved by Ken Colman, seconded by Lillian Moir).

The board also expressed its appreciation of the extensive, careful work of the search committee. (Moved Lillian Moir, Seconded Ken Colman) Consensus, no vote.

The nomination will go to all congregations on Wednesday, April 15. Information about the candidate also will appear on the regional web site.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by David Helseth.

Lillian Moir
Board Secretary