

MINUTES
Northwest Regional Christian Church
January 17, 2009 Kent, WA

The executive committee met January 17, 2009, at First Christian Church in Kent, WA. Members present were Debbie Jennison, Debbie Little, Lillian Moir, Lauri Clark Strait and ex officio member Rebecca Hale, regional minister. Moderator Cherilyn Williams and David Moffitt, vice moderator, were unable to attend.

Rebecca updated those present on the situation with congregations and ministers.

- The Anchorage and Kent congregations are in the search process for new ministers.
- The Coeur d'Alene congregation will use pooled resources to call a pastor and to enter a revitalization process.
- The Othello congregation is seeking a bilingual Hispanic pastor.
- The Walla Walla congregation is ready to launch a parallel church start, with the current pastor and congregation to continue.
- The Lake City congregation will call an intention interim pastor to bridge the gap between the pastorates of Dalene Vasbinder who has been called by a congregation in Kentucky and her successor.
- The Lake Washington congregation is ready to purchase a Christian Science building. The Port Angeles congregation also is looking at the possibility of buying a Christian Science facility. The Samoan congregation and Mannam Korean Church in Mukilteo are in discussions about facilities. Findlay congregation is in the process of planning a multi-use building on Beacon Hill in Seattle.

The executive committee agreed that it is time to form a committee to look at regional space issues.

Other Reports

The search process for a new regional minister continues. Phone interviews will be held on February 5 with two candidates.

The anti-racism team will meet January 24 in Kent with April Johnson, the new director of the denomination's Reconciliation program. Old and new members of the regional team will participate.

Prayers were asked for Lois and Ron Yates, Bob and Berlina Brock, Sally Smith and Rod and Janice Smith who are dealing with health issues and for Lauri and Wes Strait as the Opportunity Christian Church moves to a half-time pastorate.

Executive committee members continue to visit Disciples of Christ congregations to present information on funding the region. Half have been completed.

Treasurer Debbie Jennison reported that giving to the Disciples Mission Fund was up seven percent in 2008. Christmas offerings continue come in and others will be accepted for 2008 as congregations recover from the weather. Many congregations closed due to the bad weather in December.

Debbie also reported by the annual fund raised approximately \$12,000 in 2008 and more is anticipated in 2009. Offerings are up in almost every category.

Rebecca Hale will travel to Haiti and the Dominican Republic in February under the auspices of Global Ministries. She and other regional ministers will spend six days in each country. Rebecca will travel first to Pennsylvania where she will consult on that region's transformation process.

Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was given by Lillian Moir.

Submitted by Lillian Moir
Board Secretary