

# MINUTES

Northwest Regional Christian Church  
Executive Committee Meeting  
February 10, 2010

The Executive Committee of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met in a teleconference call on February 10, 2010, under the leadership of Cherilyn Williams, regional moderator. Other officers participating were Debbie Jennison, treasurer; Lillian Moir, secretary; and ex officio member Sandy Messick, regional minister; and Debbie Little and Edie Rice-Sauer.

Absent were Lauri Clark-Strait and David Moffitt, vice-moderator;

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sandy who then offered items of business, including:

## **1. Disciples Mission Fund giving**

December's giving was \$12,852 which is better than the other regions. Sandy met with the eight western regional ministers recently during which time they discussed how to thank congregations for their fund raising efforts. Sandy will give the suggestions ("thank you" telephone calls, letters, auctions and certificates) to the stewardship committee.

## **2. Congregations in Transition**

Mary Olney-Lloyd has been called to Lake City Christian Church. All Pilgrims Church is narrowing its list of candidates. Pastors announcing their retirements include Don Hoffman, Creston Christian Church; John Bristow, Country Homes; and Larry Hansmeier, Kennewick.

## **3. Regional Assembly**

Plans for the May 21-23 regional assembly are moving forward. Once confirmation of the Friday evening speaker is confirmed, a brochure will be completed and sent to congregations. The assembly will center around the theme, "Poured Out in Mission", with speakers and interest groups fitting into this theme. Congregations are being invited to bring exhibits of their mission programs.

## **4. On-Line Possibilities**

Donations now can be received via now. On-line registrations for events may be available by next week. Both will be announced in the Northwest Passage.

## **5. Common Ministry in Higher Education**

This ministry at the University of Washington is housed in a building owned by five partners. A plan to sell the building and continue the ministry in another way has been proposed. Since the Northwest Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) participated in the purchase, it needs a representative to take part. **MOVED** by Debbie Little and **SECONDED** by Debbie Jennison that Harriet Koscho be the Disciples' representative and that Thomas McCormick be the alternate. Both are members of University Christian Church.

## **6. Finance Business**

Debbie Jennison presented finance documents. Last year was the first since 1999 in which the region ended in the black without selling a major piece of real estate. The executive committee offered kudos to Sandy, Rebecca Hale and Amber Saladino for spending only 95 percent of the budgeted amount.

Edie suggested that thank you letters be sent as soon as possible after gifts are received. Sandy noted that Amber does this as checks are entered. Sandy said she had personalized 45 letters to congregations who gave to Disciples Mission Fund and to the Christmas offering.

## **6. Nominating Committee**

The nominating committee will be meeting each Monday for a month or until all offices are filled.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The Executive Committee discussed the best meeting day and time since Wednesdays are not good for Laurie Clark-Strait. Cherilyn will do a survey of the members online using Doodle and share that with the committee.

## **8. Closing**

Cherilyn closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by  
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