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Northwest Regional Christian Church  
Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting  
June 16, 2009

The Executive Committee 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 participating were Debbie Jennison, treasurer; Lillian Moir, secretary; Lauri Clark Strait, Debbie Little and ex officio member Sandy Messick, regional minister. Absent was David Moffitt, vice-moderator.

After checking in on personal and congregational activities, Cherilyn Williams opened the meeting with prayer. Items of business included:

1. Financial Report. Debbie Jennison referred to the financial report sent by e-mail. Regional Disciples Mission Fund giving is up \$5000 over the same period last year. Some funds will need to be pulled from reserves to meet the budget this year. A gift of \$13,000 was received from Covenant Christian church in Spokane. The region is where it expected to be at this point. The budget process for 2010 will start soon.
2. Nominating Committee. The Executive Committee **accepted by consensus** Gary Shoemaker, chairperson; Larry Hansmeier, Edie Rice-Sauer and Griselda Rivera.
3. Regional Assembly. The 2010 assembly will be held in the eastern part of the region. North Hill Christian Church will be asked to host the event, assisted by members of Country Home and Covenant Christian Churches. Debbie Jennison and Sandy Messick will consult on people to coordinate the event. They will report to the Executive Committee in July.
4. Installation of Regional Minister. Sandy Messick will be installed October 17. Cherilyn will ask Tacoma First Christian Church to host the event. If that is not possible, Kent First Christian Church will be approached. Cherilyn and Sandy are collecting materials for the ceremony.
5. Transition Team. Dates are being set for training the task forces and projects are being identified to be tackled first, such as office space, camps, etc.
6. Committees. The nominating committee is being asked to suggest a chair for a personnel committee. A pastoral relations committee was suggested as a sounding board for Sandy.
7. Executive Committee Meetings. The first Tuesday of each month was selected as the regular time for the committee to meet via conference call. Dates set were July 7, August 4, September 1, November 3 and December 1. October 6 is during the Turner Lectures, so the date of the October meeting was not confirmed.
8. Regional Minister's Report. Sandy Messick reported that she will be one of the regional ministers who will travel to Palestine-Israel November 30-December 11 as part of Global Ministries's program to expose the regional ministers to global realities. She also reported on the two weeks she has been in office, including visits to congregations, consultations on new congregational ministries and Journey of Discovery, installation of Tabitha Anderson at United Christian Church in Yakima and a visit to Yakama Christian Mission.

Sandy also will participate in the ordination of Timothy Shipe on June 21 at Findlay Street Church in Seattle. Among the issues being explored are policies related to Zephyr Camp and assisting Port Angles First Christian Church with a letter to purchase property. She also is finding out what the new job entails and intends to put her “postcards from the road” on the regional web site.

Sandy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lillian Moir  
Board Secretary