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Northwest Regional Christian Church
Executive Committee Meeting
September 1, 2009

The Executive Committee of the Northwest Regional Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met in a teleconference call on September 1, 2009, 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.

Cherilyn Williams opened the meeting with prayer.

The meeting concentrated on the budget for 2010. Debbie Jennison reported that increases in line items were based on the previous year's increases. She noted that giving from congregations is under the budgeted amount. Stewardship materials will help with regular giving. The Christmas offering will be critical. Last year's was lower than anticipated due to the weather.

Among the comments and decisions taken by census were:

- Shalom Center (Bellingham) money may be gone. Larry Moorman needs to give the Executive Committee a report on what is left, if anything.
- Washington Association of Churches' allocation will be set once a report is received from Carol Rawlings, the Disciples' representative on the WAC board.
- Alaska Convention of Churches is budgeted for \$250. Sandy and Paul Boling, the minister in Anchorage, will be asked to report on the organization's activities.
- Ministries in Higher Education is struggling and seems to be abandoned by some denominations. The amount budgeted will remain at \$1,000 until the Executive Committee can hear from Disciples' representatives Gary Shoemaker and Lauri Clark Strait's contacts at various universities.
- Disciples and currently serves five Disciples of Christ students. School of Theology and Ministries at Seattle University will receive \$2,000. This is the closest theological school for Northwest
- The Regional Youth Commission will remain at \$1,000.
- The Commission on Ministry will remain at \$2,750 although it spent less this year. The full amount will be needed for sexual boundaries training in 2010.
- White Swan Mission tithe comes from the Christmas offering and is anticipated to be approximately \$2,500.
- Regional Board (\$500), Mission/Common Table (\$500) and Income Development (\$1,000) expenses will be taken from the transition account since these are related to the year of transition.

- Office expenses will be lowered to \$18,000.
- Audit expenses of \$7,600 were considered high, Larry Moorman will be asked to explore other firms than the one currently used.
- Salaries were left at \$128,500, although the budget will be off by \$13,000. Efforts to trim other parts of the budget will help. Endowment investments are not coming up enough to cover the gap.
- All expenses need to be watched carefully to avoid overspending.

The next teleconference meeting will be WEDNESDAY, October 7, at 7 p.m.

Sandy closed the meeting with prayer.

Lillian Moir
Board Secretary