**Presbytery of Northern Waters**

**Special Presbytery Meeting**

**Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**April 26, 2022, at 3:00pm**

Call to Order

* Rev. James Deters, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Opening Worship

* Rev. James Deters opened the meeting with prayer.

Declaration of a Quorum

* Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum.
	+ At least three Ministers of Word and Sacrament, three ruling elders, and three teaching elders were present.
	+ Those calling the Special meeting were present, including Rev. Lawrence Lee of Bayfield, Rev. Kathryn Reid Walker of Eau Claire First, Elder Jim Dunning of Eau Claire First, and Elder Andrew MacGregor of Ashland.

Purpose of Special Call

* Action 1:

To consider a concurrence of the Presbyterian Earth Care’s Climate Overture, “The Time is Now to Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon and Speak Up” which will go before the 225th General Assembly.

* Action 2:

To elect commissioners for General Assembly if the way be clear.

Action 1

* Supporters of the overture
	+ Elder Jim Dunning spoke in regards why he feels the Presbytery of Northern Waters should concur with the Earth Care’s Climate Overture. Jim provided background information leading up to how the committee developed the Climate Overture.
	+ Elder Andrew MacGregor spoke of his support for the Overture.
	+ Elder Angela Michelar spoke of her support for the Overture.
	+ Rev. Lawrence Lee gave his support for the Overture.
	+ Rev. Kathryn Walker gave her support for the Overture with thanks to Jim Dunning for all the work he has done with her congregation and with the Earth Care committee.
* Discussion occurred.
	+ Those with questions and/or concerns regarding the overture were given time to speak.
* Motion
	+ **(MSC) A motion to concur the resolution of the Earth Care’s Climate Overture, “The Time is Now to ‘Cherish Creation’, Cut Carbon and Speak Up” to the 225th General Assembly was moved by Elder Jim Dunning of Eau Claire First, seconded by Elder Andrew MacGregor, discussed, and carried with 96% in favor and 4% against.**
	+ Rev. James Deters declared the motion passed.

Action 2

* Rev. Matthew Arneson, chair of the Nominating Committee requested the opportunity to elect a Ruling Elder General Assembly Commissioner.
* Motion
	+ **(MSC) A motion to elect Jackie Ranco, Ruling Elder of Ashland’s United Presbyterian-Congregational Church, as General Assembly Commissioner was moved by committee, with no discussion, and carried by 100% of Presbytery.**
	+ Elder Jackie Ranco stated that she is honored and excited to represent the Presbytery.
	+ Jackie’s contact information will be sent to the office so she can be registered for the 225th General Assembly.

Unfinished Business

* The head of the National Earth Care Committee wondered if the Presbytery send an Overture Advocate.
	+ Jim Dunning would be available for an online presentation.
	+ A motion to empower Jim Dunning to act as Overture Advocate was moved by Angela Michler, seconded by Tim Nieman, and carried by Presbytery.

Report of Roll

* Teaching Elders: 17
* CRE: 1
* Commissioners: 10
* Council: 1
* Staff: 1
* Total: 30

Next meeting

* In person at Duluth- Glen Avon and virtually via zoom Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 9:30 am

Motion to Adjourn with Prayer

* **A motion to adjourn with prayer was moved by Rev. Brett Foote, seconded by Rev. Dianna Bell, and carried by Presbytery.**

Closing Prayer

* Rev. Dianna Bell closed the meeting with prayer at 3:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Amanda Keppers,

Minutes Clerk

Presbytery of Northern Waters

Report of Role:

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| Teaching Elders/Ministers of Word and Sacrament |
| Matthew Arneson  | Phillips |
| Dianna Bell | Honorably Retired |
| Richard Blood | Honorably Retired/ General Presbyter |
| Barry Boyer | Honorably Retired |
| Brad Carloss | Honorably Retired/ Stated Clerk |
| James Deters | Ashland/ Moderator of PNW |
| Dorothy Duquette | Bovey, Calumet, Coleraine |
| Brett Foote | Superior UPC |
| Paula Gabory | Two Harbors |
| Robert Goodin | Honorably Retired |
| Susan Goodin | Honorably Retired |
| Corey Larsen | Ely |
| Lawrence Lee | Bayfield |
| Kate Stangl | Honorably Retired |
| Arlin Talley | Honorably Retired |
| Kathryn Walker | Eau Claire First |
| Robyn Weaver | Duluth Glen Avon |
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| Commissioned Ruling Elder |
| Chip Holt | Bemidji |
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| Commissioners |
| Campbell | Superior, UPC |
| Candy Deal | Coleraine |
| Hope Dougherty | Manitowish Waters |
| Jim Dunning | Eau Claire First |
| Darlene Graden | Two Harbors |
| Andrew MacGregor | Ashland |
| Angela Michler | Phillips |
| Timothy Nieman | Eau Claire First |
| Jackie Ranco | Ashland non-voting |
| Peggy Smith | Calumet |
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| Council |
| Cathy Hecht | Synod Rep |
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| Staff |
| Amanda Keppers | Minutes Clerk, Office Administrator |
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