

WESTLAKE HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; AUSTIN, TEXAS
SESSION MINUTES

Called Meeting of July 5, 2011

Moderator Peter Barnes called to order this specially called meeting at 7:00 p.m. on this date in the Conference Room of the church and declared the presence of a quorum. The purpose of the meeting was to receive and discuss a report from the Session's Denominational Relations Committee. The meeting was opened with prayer.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Ministers</u>
Phil Haag	Mike Douglas	Betty Hood	Peter Barnes
Jim Johnson	Barbara Humphrey	Julie Smith	Carol Freisen
Ray Mashburn	Jim Little	Mike Ussery	Peter Haas
Mary Mills	Liza Martin		Jim Bankhead
Sheryl Streder-Becker	Rick Milvenan		
Mike Ward	Weldon Whiteside		

Elder Sheryl Streder-Becker attended electronically, by conference call.

The Following Elders were Excused from Attendance:

Wally Warrenburg	Drew Beckley	Alex Allemann
Fred Wilder	Dennis Pauling	Laurence Ligon

Also in Attendance

Bill Laughlin, Business Administrator

Members of the Session's Denominational Relations Committee: Paul Gamel, Rev. Amy Hanschen.

DESIGNATION OF CLERK PRO TEMPORE:

Moderator Peter Barnes noted that the new Clerk of the Session, Phil Barnes, was providentially hindered from attending this meeting. Elder James Johnson was selected Clerk *Pro Tempore* for the meeting.

DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Time of Prayer:

Moderator Peter Barnes led the Session in a time of prayer for God's guidance in leading the congregation.

B. Report on the Session's possible options in responding to the denomination's new ordination standards, adopted earlier this year, as Amendment 10-A:

The attached options sheet was distributed to the Session members present. Elder Jim Johnson reviewed the options which the Denominational Relations Committee has reviewed, pointing out the focus of each option to address the issue: within the congregation, ministers with a

crisis of conscience, and/or the policies of the presbytery. After the options were summarized, the Moderator opened the floor for a discussion of the options. There was an extended, open, lively, and productive discussion.

C. Request for Guidance from the Session to the Denominational Relations Committee.

Rev. Amy Hanschen, member of the committee, asked the Session for guidance to the committee for its work. The Session instructed the committee:

1. to reword Option 2 to include a focus of prayer and deliberation;
2. to continue to pursue and develop all options; and
3. to provide the Session with a summary of the structure and primary characteristics of each of the other denominations mentioned in Option 8 of the attached list.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was approved, and Rev. Dr. Peter Haas closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES NOBLE JOHNSON
Elder

Minutes reviewed by the Session and approved on: _____, 2011.

Moderator of the Session