

Special Called Session Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2010

Special Called Meeting of Session	This June 2, 2010 Special Called Meeting of the Session of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, Reverend Robert T. Leach at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Quorum Present	Moderator Rev. Robert Leach, Jane Dickey, Chris Hoham, Gordon Johnson, Bruce Klimek, David Larson, Ruth Dyerly, Ann Sampson, Ken Engel, Judy Selund and representing the Presbytery Committee on Ministry Rev. Wayne Rhodes
Absent and Excused	Laura Hannon, Mark Lecy and John Skafish
Prayer	Rev. Leach opened the meeting with prayer
Introduction of and Motion to grant voice privilege to Rev. Rhodes	Rev. Rhodes was introduced as a representative of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and a Motion made to grant him voice privileges for the meeting, seconded and passed.
Reading of Letter of Resignation	Rev. Leach distributed a draft letter (attached) which stated his intent to resign as Head of Staff of ODCC and calling for a Congregational Meeting for June 13 at 11:45 AM to dissolve his pastoral relationship with ODCC. The reasons for the resignation were stated in the draft letter. After discussion, Motion made to amend the letter to include Rev. Leach's last effective date of July 4, and send it to the Congregation dated June 3 over the signatures of Rev. Leach and the Clerk of the Session, seconded and passed.
Terms of Dissolution	<p>A spreadsheet was distributed by Rev. Leach (attached) detailing the pro rata status of his compensation and benefits. In addition to showing July 4 balances, Rev Leach requested Manse usage for 3 months beyond July 4 (including utilities), use of the laptop computer assigned to him for the same period and to use the one week of unused study leave pro rated to the first half of the year during the week of June 22 to 29. Motion made to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settle up balances as of July 4 as shown on the provided spread-sheet • Provide use of the manse to Rev. Leach with utilities for three months beyond July 4 • Provide use of the assigned laptop computer to Rev. Leach for three months beyond July 4 • Authorize study leave for Rev. Leach for the week of June 22 • Authorize Rev. Leach to officiate an already scheduled wedding in August as an exception to the Covenant of Closure <p>seconded and passed.</p>

<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Rev. Rhodes provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate arrangements should be made for a supply preacher for worship services and crisis ministry (expected duration 6 months, limited to preaching not more than 3 times per month) • Conduct a search for an interim pastor; extend a call and develop an interim contract • Establish a Pastor Nominating Committee • Committee on Ministry will moderate the June 13 Congregational Termination of Relationship Meeting and conduct an exit interview with Rev. Leach • Currently 54 ordained pastors available for every 1 available position • The ODCC position is considered to be a very desirable one • The Presbytery will appoint someone to attend the next regular scheduled Session Meeting <p>Session agreed to address Rev. Rhodes next steps list at next stated meeting.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek</p>	

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Dear Friends and Members:

I regret to inform you that I am resigning as Head of Staff of Ogden Dunes Community Church. My decision comes after much prayer and seeking God and his call for my life.

My decision to come to ODCC was based primarily on a desire to teach Reformed Theology and the Scriptures and to participate in Leadership Development and Strategic Planning. God's plan for me and for us was quite different than what I expected.

I believe that I have fulfilled what God has called me to do here at ODCC. Through much prayer I have come to seek that God is ready to take ODCC into the next phase of her growth. The church is on solid ground and is in stable place and is poised to pursue new leadership.

We have just completed a month of discovering our Spiritual Gifts. We learned together that God has fashioned the Body of Christ with many gifts so that the church can grow up together into all the fullness of Christ. During this time of transition it will be more important than ever for all members of the Body to function and serve in their respective areas of ministry.

The Session is calling a Congregation Meeting for June 13th at 11:45 am for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Robert Leach and the congregation of Ogden Dunes Community Church.

All members are expected to attend.

In Christ,

Rev. Robert Leach