

Session Meeting Minutes  
 May 10, 2011

<b>Stated Meeting of Session</b>	The May 10, 2011 stated meeting of the Ogden Dunes Community Church was called to order by Moderator, Reverend Derek Morrison at 7:05 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Quorum Present</b>	Moderator Rev. Derek Morrison, Ruth Dyerly, Bruce Klimek, Judy Selund, Julia Hoham, David Harbaugh, Jayne Mann, Ken Engel, John Skafish, Paul Rake, Jane Dickey and David Larson
<b>Absent and Excused</b>	Mark Lecy
<b>Prayer</b>	Rev. Morrison opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b>	<b>Motion</b> made to approve the proposed agenda subject to moving new business items after the Clerk's Report and an adjournment time of 9:00 PM, <b>seconded and passed.</b>
<b>Approval of the Minutes</b>	<b>Motion</b> made to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 Session Meeting; <b>seconded and passed</b>
<b>Clerk of the Session Report</b>	Read into the record the e-mail vote in April to approve a motion <i>to ratify the 12 month lease that Paul Rake has most recently prepared and which has been signed by a renter that Dave Larson has found to be acceptable</i> which passed by majority vote
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk provided a refresher on the "Confessing Church Movement" which the Session voted to join in July 2001 (hand-outs provided and attached) This represents a commitment to             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Solus Christus</li> <li>○ Sola Scriptura</li> <li>○ Sola Gratia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Session was advised that this remains the policy of the Church and would be information included in the Church Information Form to be developed by the PNC. After review, anyone who has questions about this was asked to contact Rev. Morrison</li> <li>• The General Presbyter, Frank Vardeman, plans to attend the June 14 Session Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Deacons</b>	No report. It was suggested that Board of Deacon minutes be available at Session Meetings. Rev. Morrison will follow-up on this.
<b>Moderator's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April activity focused on Maundy Thursday and Easter Services</li> <li>• Attended Committee on Ministry Presbyter Meeting at the Geneva Center along with Jayne Mann, Paul Rake and Bruce Klimek. The meeting was requested by COM. The objectives of ODCC's participants were to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assure COM that Rev. Morrison has the confidence of ODCC's Session to lead the Congregation thru the call process up to establishment of a PNC where the Book of Order requires the interim to disengage from the process</li> <li>○ To get assurance from the COM that ODCC would be free to choose the permanent pastor of its choice</li> <li>○ To elaborate on the concerns of the ODCC session about the change in ordination standards and the new forum of government which the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>General Assembly has passed and the Wabash Valley Presbytery has endorsed with its favorable vote in February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assurance was given to the COM that there are no plans on the part of ODCC to leave the Presbytery; notwithstanding rumors to the contrary.</li> <li>• The meeting was amicable and the participants are of the unanimous belief that the objects were accomplished.</li> <li>• The interim process was reviewed with a slightly revised time line submitted (see attachment). The best case scenario is that a call could be issued and accepted no sooner than June 2012.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Committee Reports/Actions</u></b>	
Property (Dave Larson)	<p><b>Building Usage Motions: None</b></p> <p><b>Manse Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A prospective tenant with credit issues is interested in a 6 month lease with an option to renew for 6 months.</li> <li>• Roof, garage roof and chimney degradation are to the point that the building will not make it thru another winter without leakage and possible collapse of garage roof and chimney.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion made</b> to approve a 6 month lease with an option to renew for six months at the option of the renter to the prospective tenant, subject to adjudication by Paul Rake and Dave Larson that the individual is credit worthy, and to authorize necessary repairs to ensure the habitability of the premises not to exceed \$20,000. Discussion yield the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The designated manse capital fund currently stands at \$3,500</li> <li>• Monies which may come from other designated funds will require Session approval at the time the transfer is requested</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion passed</b></p> <p>Information item</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quotes have been received for replacement of the current brick and glass sign at the front of the property with an equivalent structure but with electronic messaging capability. The lowest bid by a qualified sign company is \$18,000 (\$22,000 installed).</li> <li>• Cheryl and Ken Engel performed the spring clean-up, trimming and raking in the Memorial Garden</li> <li>• Sandpiper plans to provide new playground equipment.</li> </ul>
Stewardship (Ken Engle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one page April and YTD financial report was handed out.</li> <li>• Plan to publish monthly pledge and actual giving information in Dunes News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was suggested this information be included in the new bulletin. Ken Engel will follow-up on this.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An insurance form needs to be filled out. Paul Rake has taken this as a follow-up.</li> </ul>
Worship (Jayne Mann)	<p>Informational items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>52</b> people received Communion in April 2011</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good feed back on Maundy Thursday and Easter Services. Low turn out for Maundy Thursday (15) is disappointing. Thought being given to holding the service on Good Friday.</li> <li>• New bulletins previewed. New copier acquired to perform the functions necessary to produce the bulletin</li> <li>• Garden Services will commence June 19</li> </ul>
Mission/Evangelism/Hospitality (Paul Rake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruth Dyerly, Paul Rake will meet with Dave Larson for background on previous mission giving.</li> <li>• Judy Selund will meet with the Zumba instructor to see if Fish Room is suitable (see last month minutes on the request for Zumba classes)</li> </ul>
Personnel (John Skafish)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development job performance evaluations for the Church's staff is in progress</li> <li>• Kids of the Kingdom Director, Jayne Mann advised that the program was done in April for the season and requested that her pay authorization thru May be revised thru April instead. The Session concurred.</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to extend</b>	<b>Motion to extend meeting to 9:30; motion seconded and passed.</b>
Christian Education (Mark Lecy and Jane Dickey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A revised job description for a Youth Leader was handed out and discussed. A <b>motion made</b> to approve the Job Description (attached), at a pay scale of \$15 per hour with expected annual hours resulting in a yearly expenditure of \$6,000 with permission for the Committee to seek and hire a candidate for the position with a start date of September 1. <b>Motion passed.</b></li> <li>• Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 20-24. The Committee is in dialogue with St. Peter Lutheran Church in Portage about collaborating on sets and decorations.</li> <li>• Committee plans to have a banner in the Ogden Dunes Memorial Day Parade to advertize VBS.</li> </ul>
Technology (Julia Hoham)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A video/sound system bid was received for \$18,000</li> <li>• The hearing aid loop system has been installed. Bugs are still being worked out.</li> <li>• Church Web site currently not operational.</li> </ul>
<b>Prayer and Adjournment</b>	By <b>Motion</b> the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 with prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 @ 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek	See Attachments below

## **What is the Confessing Church Movement?**

### **Why is the confessing church Movement called a movement?**

Because it is a continually growing, unstructured, grassroots, collection of independently gathered churches and individuals within the Presbyterian Church (USA) that have agreed to assert the reaffirmation of three basic confessional statements. It has no organization, constitution or by-laws.

### **What are the three confessional statements?**

The fast-growing nationwide Confessing Church Movement has committed to the following three affirmations. The first is essentially an affirmation of the Reformation watchword, **Solus Christus**; that Jesus Christ alone is Lord and Savior of humankind and none come to the Living God except through him. The second affirms **Sola Scriptura**; that Holy Scripture alone is the rule, guide and standard for theology and polity of the Church of which Christ is the head. The third affirms **Sola Gratia**, that we live by grace alone and are called to live a holy life in our conduct because our God is holy. Such holiness embraces sexual relations, which are proper only within the context of marriage between a man and a woman.

### **Why just those three confessing statements?**

Churches and individuals who have become a part of the Confessing Church Movement can, and have affirmed the three statements in their own words and added others when they were led to do so by the Holy Spirit. There is no organizational template because there is no organization. It is important to recognize that the three confessional statements comprise the bedrock essence of the Church.

### **Why is that necessary? Aren't such standards already required in the denomination?**

Yes, such standards are required in the denomination. They are in our confessional documents and current Book of Order as standards and are supported by Scripture. Yet, these standards increasingly have come under attack by leaders within the denomination and, lamentably, are being ignored with impunity by many churches and presbyteries. The standards are under attack and could be changed this coming year. [It is a disaster for Christ's Church waiting to happen.]

### **What caused the Confessing Church Movement to happen?**

The leadership of the PCUSA seems to be in sympathy with this drift away from Biblical standards and also seems to be encouraging it. There have been a complex of events within the Presbyterian Church (USA) that are exactly opposite to Scripture and the PCUSA's Book of Confessions. This includes the PCUSA's unstinting support by money and personnel, including staff for the Re-Imagining Conference in which the autonomous self was exalted, the transcendence of God was denied, and the atoning work of Jesus Christ was rejected; the refusal of leadership to deal with the heresy [embraced] last year at a denominational Peace Conference; and the most recent General Assembly's (213th) failure to clearly acknowledge Jesus Christ as universal Lord and Savior for all humankind; affirmation of homosexuality as a gift of God and homosexual behavior as a legitimate

expression of human love; and, singularly, not adhering to the Bible which has been considered irrelevant in the context of modern culture and nature.

**Is the confessing church Movement going to split the PCUSA?**

Where the Holy Spirit leads is not ours to question. Emphatically, however, it is neither the design nor purpose of the Confessing Church Movement to cause schism. It is the design and purpose bring to about reconciliation of the whole PCUSA with God Almighty, Christ Jesus;, the Holy Spirit, Scripture, its Confessions of Faith, and one another.

**Would the Confessing Church Movement exclude particular persons from worship**

The Church is a hospital for persons with wounded souls, of whatever nature, who wish to repent of their sins' All God's human creatures who wish to repent of their sinful nature are welcome to come and worship. After all, we are all sinners in the sight of God.

**Were is the movement headed?**

Wherever the Holy Spirit takes it. Amen.

Revised Call Process Timeline Attachment

**Provisional Timeline for the Interim Process**

Completion of design of self study ready for submission for COM approval by May 26th.

Completion of self study ready for submission for COM approval by October 27th.

Permission from the COM to appoint a PNC November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Election of PNC Sunday November 20th

Approval of the CIF by the COM January 5th

Launch of CIF online January 6<sup>th</sup>

Call to new Pastor by June 30th