

Preliminary Draft  
Special Called COM Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2011

<b>Special Called COM Meeting of Session</b>	An August 30, 2011 special called meeting of the Session of Ogden Dunes Community Church by Committee on Ministry was called to order by Moderator, Reverend William McLean at 7:06 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Quorum Present</b>	See Exhibit A for list of ODCC Session Members and COM Members in attendance. In addition approximately 12 Congregation Members attended. Introductions of all present were made.
<b>Absent and Excused</b>	None
<b>Privilege of Voice</b>	By motion which passed Rev. Morrison was given the right of speech at the meeting
<b>Prayer</b>	Rev. McLean opened the meeting with prayer
<b>Presbytery Bible Study</b>	A Bible study preceded the meeting.
<b>Statement of the Agenda</b>	The agenda declared in the notice of the meeting call and attached as Exhibit B
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ODCC provided verbal description of the events leading to the approved motion to extend Rev. Morrison’s contract which was detailed in Session’s August 26<sup>th</sup> letter to COM (Attached as Exhibit C) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COM stated that it understood its assumption that the motion to extend was moderated by Rev. Morrison was in error, but declared Session’s action is invalid</li> <li>○ Session assented to this</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Session expressed the following concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The failure of COM to honor Session’s desire to extend Rev. Morrison’s contract raises serious doubts about Session’s freedom to choose ODCC’s permanent pastor</li> <li>○ Removal of Rev. Morrison would constitute a major disruption to the ongoing work to call a permanent pastor</li> <li>○ The reasons for decision to not renew Rev. Morrison’s explained in COM’s August 24 letter are not consistent with Session’s understanding of the facts and its experience with Rev. Morrison</li> <li>○ Removal of Rev. Morrison in this fashion at this time will be very damaging to the Church</li> </ul> </li> <li>• COM explained the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COM’s issues with Rev. Morrison are collegial and administrative</li> <li>○ The decision not based on a theological litmus test</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Executive Session Motion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to move to executive session made and seconded.</li> <li>• Motion to amend motion to allow Rev. Morrison to participate in the Executive Session made; seconded and carried</li> <li>• Amended motion to move to executive session passed</li> <li>• Motion to move out of executive session made; motion seconded and passed</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM declared that its decision not to extend Rev. Morrison’s contract was</li> </ul>

	<p>based on the reasons given above and there is no malfeasance, misfeasance, misconduct or other conduct unbecoming of a Minister of the Word on the part of Rev. Morrison of which they are aware.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following motion was made by a session member – <b>Recognizing that the relationships between Presbytery, Rev. Morrison and ODCC need improvement the Session requests that COM reconsider its decision and agree to a one year extension to Rev. Morrison’s interim contract and that steps towards reconciliation among the three parties be undertaken.</b> The motion was <b>seconded and carried.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 with prayer
<p>Respectfully Submitted: Bruce Klimek Clerk of the Session ODCC</p>	

Exhibit

A

Bruce Klimek	- ODCC	Elder
Dave Laisan	- ODCC	Elder
Mark Leay	- ODCC	ELDER
Judy Selund	ODCC	Elder
Paul Rake	ODCC	ELDER
DAVID HARBAUGH	ODCC	ELDER
JULIA HOHAN	ODCC	EIDER
Jane Dickey	ODCC	ELDER
Ruth Dyerly	ODCC	Elder
Jane Moore	ODCC	Elder
Laura Reason	COM	Pastor
JOE HUFFORD	COM	ELDER
Derek Morrison	<del>D. Pastor</del> ODCC	Teach
Ken Engel	ODCC	Elder
John Skerfving	ODCC	Elder
Bill McLean	COM	pastor
carolyn loeb	COM	

Exhibit B

To the Clerk and Session members of Ogden Dunes Community Church:

On August 25th, there was a called meeting of the Commission on Ministry by conference call. A quorum was present (Bill McLean, Linda Fox, Jim Yackel, Lester, Mary Ann Banning, Joe Hufford and Bobbi Tobin); Stated Clerk Linda and Transitional Care Consultant Laura Reason were also on the call. After and deliberation, COM voted unanimously to approve the following resolution

- That the COM on behalf of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley is call meeting of the Ogden Dune Community Church Session for Tuesday, August 30, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the church and COM will moderate the meeting for the purpose of discussing the temporary pastoral relations with Rev. Morrison and related issues. G-2.0504b; G-3.0201; G-3.021