Minutes of
Pacific Northwest District Board
Meeting January 8, 2026

In attendance: Barbara Daté, Patrick Fiegenbaum, Daniel Klayton, Debbie Roberts, Majeska Seese-Green, Liz Ullery Swenson, and Howard Ullery

Welcome

Daniel welcomed those in attendance and began the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Daniel reported that the District has received disbursements from Eder Financial and he paid the property taxes on the Columbia-Lakewood Community Church Building (just over $19,000 for 2024-25 and over $16,000 for 2025-26).

Debbie Roberts suggested we make a cost of living adjustment to Daniel's salary ($16,230). After Daniel excused himself from the meeting, the remaining members discussed his current compensation. Among other items discussed, the DEs should take this time to review Daniel's job description and make any necessary adjustments to his responsibilities.

It was the sense of the meeting to offer Daniel a 3% salary increase (above the 2.8% cost of living adjustment for 2025) for 2026, and a $2,500 supplement for his five years of service.

1. District office funding

Daniel reported that the Ellisforde Church of the Brethren (he is the pastor there as well as maintaining the District office), hosts and pays for the District landline. The expense for last year was $1,739.60. During their discussion at their annual meeting, the congregation noted that the majority of calls that come in on the landline are District-related, and they were reluctant to disconnect the line out from under the District. Is the District willing to take over the cost of the land line? After discussion, it was the sense of the meeting that the District will assume the cost of the landline, and Debbie Franklin (who does bookkeeping for both Ellisforde and the District) will be instruct to pay the monthly landline statement out of the District's account. We opted

not to change the customer from the congregation to the District to avoid any additional charge the phone company might impose.

Ministry Team Report

The Ministry Team submitted its report on the District's ministers (ordained, licensed, and commissioned), to the denominational office of ministry, and all persons holding credentials are renewed for the next five years. Of note: Dane Breslin is recognized as a commissioned minister in the Church of the Brethren. Barbara will confer with Pearl Rohrer about her desire to turn in her credential, and to be sure Pearl is clear on the effect on her status.

Report on Spiritual Blessings and Columbia-Lakewood Community Church Building

Howard said that since our last board meeting, he and Debbie Roberts notified the Spiritual Blessings congregation that their tenancy in the building is terminated as of December 31. We received no response. Howard met with realtor Teresa Patton to go through the property and begin working on a valuation of the property.

The electrician replaced the electrical panels on Monday, December 29, and the final inspection is pending with the city. The contractor said he expects the inspection to be done within a week or so. Howard received an estimate from a roofer, and is looking to get a second estimate. Howard also repaired a broken window and light fixture.

Howard then received a phone call from the Spiritual Blessings on December 31. They offered $1.2 million cash for the building. Howard consulted with Teresa the realtor and authorized her to negotiate with Spiritual Blessings and determine the scope of their offer and what it includes and doesn't include (e.g., the continued lease with the preschool after June 2026). The locks were re-keyed on January 5.

The Columbia-Lakewood Community Church building has been a Church of the Brethren shared responsibility with the UCC. The UCC holds a 5/8 stake in the building and property and the Church of the Brethren holds the other 3/8. The proceeds of the sale of the building and property will be apportioned as such. Howard will contact the UCC about their sharing in the costs the Pacific Northwest District has incurred in catching up the property tax, bringing the property up to code, selling the property and other expenses.

Deportation Defense Response Team

The four Districts that created the DDRT have been in touch with the Pacific Northwest District. We contributed $2,000 last spring, and the Board is inclined to make another contribution in 2026. After discussion, it was the sense of the meeting that the Pacific Northwest District will

contribute $10,000 for 2026 to the Deportation Defense Response Team. Howard will e-mail news of this decision to Matt Guynn of On Earth Peace and CODE.

Closing

Next meeting is February 12, 2026 at 6 p.m. We adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Fiegenbaum
Recording Secretary
Pacific Northwest District