Minutes of

Pacific Northwest District Board

Meeting February 12, 2026

In attendance: Barbara Daté, Patrick Fiegenbaum, Daniel Klayton, Peggy Liley, Debbie Roberts, Liz Ullery Swenson, Howard Ullery, and Lani Wright

Welcome and Agenda Review

Peggy began the meeting at 6:07 with "Listening Prayer for Unspeakable Times" by Julie Garber.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting were approved as amended.

Financial Report

Daniel presented the District balance sheet and the profit and loss statement through the end of January. We have about $25,000 in checking as of the end of January. Since then we have incurred some expenses with the Columbia-Lakewood Community Church building, paid out of checking.

Patrick also shared that Debbie Noffsinger had notified Standing Committee delegates that registration for Annual Conference and reservations at Conference hotel(s) will open at Noon Central Time on February 25 for Standing Committee delegates and District Ministers/Executives only.

Mission and Ministry Board Report

Barbara received a thank-you e-mail from Dawn Baldwin for her work on naming candidates for Nominating Committee. She also reported that Gilbert Romero contacted her to say that he had been selected for the Annual Conference ballot as Moderator Elect. Mission and Ministry Board will have their five-year meeting in mid-March in Modesto. Barbara will take advantage of being in the area to visit people up and down the West Coast, traveling by Amtrak.

Daniel reported that he will be on the Annual Conference ballot for Mission and Ministry Board Area 5.

Ministry Team Report

a. Shall the Pacific Northwest District create district credential documentation for ministers, while the Office of Ministry is processing renewals?

Daniel shared that the final ethics training will be conducted online at the end of the month.

The Office of Ministry is overloaded, and Daniel proposed creating a temporary credential document in the form of a letter for ministers in the District to use as identification until the Office of Ministry can create a credential.

Update on Spiritual Blessings and Columbia-Lakewood Community Church Building

Howard said we have made a counter-offer ($1.4 million) to the Spiritual Blessings congregation (they offered $1.2 million). The counter went out early this week and Spiritual Blessings has not yet responded to that counter-offer. If Spiritual Blessings does not accept the counter, we will turn the matter over to our realtor, who will put the building on the market at $1.6 million. Howard has been in contact with the United Church of Christ Regional Minister, and the Minister will take this information to his board.

Dr. David C. Hall Emerging Leaders in Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program

a. Shall the Pacific Northwest District donate $1,500 to sponsor one full scholarship for this program?

Carol Stern joined us to explain the Dr. David C. Hall Emerging Leaders in Nuclear Weapons Abolition Program. This program is related to the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima Japan and the Brethren Volunteer Service participation in its program. The Washington chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility has committed to sponsor two scholarships for applicants between 21 and 35 years of age.

Carol is asking the District to sponsor a full scholarship, ideally (but not guaranteed) for a young adult (21-35 years old) from the Pacific Northwest District. The application deadline is March 5. The program runs from July 28 through August 8, and Carol's group is hoping to fund six scholarships.

We discussed the relationship between nuclear weapons abolition program and the Church of the Brethren. It was the sense of the meeting to fund one $1,500 scholarship for the Emerging Leaders Program, to recognize

and affirm the denominational, personal, familial, and historic affinity between the District with its message of peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In light of this sponsorship, we also discussed that the Board should put together a strategy and a process for considering and honoring requests for money.

Spring Event

We talked about potential dates and sites for the Spring Event, as well as programming that we might have. Daniel will compose and circulate an email with some of these suggestions.

Closing

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Fiegenbaum
Recording Secretary
Pacific Northwest District