## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF JACKSON HOLE

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Meeting of the Congregation: February 23, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

**Moderator:** Rev. Pat Montgomery, Senior Pastor, Cody, WY and member of the Committee on Ministry for the Wyoming Presbytery.

Rev. Montgomery called the meeting to order with prayer.

It was determined that a quorum was present.

Motion to allow non-members the floor was seconded and carried.

First item of business: Rev. Hayden's Resignation. There was motion from the session to receive, with regret, Rev. Paul Hayden's resignation on or before August 31, 2014; motion carried unanimously.

Second item of business: Pastoral transition model to be employed to fill the position of Senior Pastor. Motion from session: Session unanimously recommends to move forward with the succession transition model and begin a process to call Rev. Ben Pascal to become our senior pastor. Rev. Montgomery explained that today's recommendation and subsequent vote did not constitute a call, which could only be done at a future meeting whereby the terms of the call would be presented to the congregation. Elder, Patty McDonald, described in detail the process the session has undertaken to arrive at their recommendation. Elder, Rodger Nye, described the rationale the session used to reach the recommendation. Rev. Ben Pascal answered several questions from the congregation before he and his family excused themselves from the meeting. Many members of the congregation asked more questions of the session and expressed viewpoints both in favor of and opposed to the recommendation. Ed Cheramy, Stewardship Team Chair, answered a question regarding the opinions of significant donors he polled. After a continuing discussion, and after anyone wishing to speak had the opportunity to do so, a vote was taken by written ballot. Clerk of session, Rodger Nye, with three volunteer members distributed, collected and counted, in public view, all the ballots. The motion carried with 108 votes for and 10 opposed. Ben and Addie Pascal were welcomed back into the meeting and told of the vote. Rev. Pascal gave a short speech of appreciation. The meeting was closed in prayer.

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded and carried at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rodger Nye - Clerk of Session