



# Monday Morning in the Presbytery

A weekly news update from the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley in Iowa and Nebraska

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## News from our E.P., Kevin Keaton

### The Proposed Form of Government

**The 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly has approved a Proposed Form of Government that is being sent to the Presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes. *The date on which MRV will vote on the new Form of Government and proposed amendments has yet to be determined.***

Last year, in preparation for the Assembly and in response to the request that Presbyteries provide study opportunities for the Proposed Form of Government, we sponsored two general forums at Central, Omaha and New Horizon, Council Bluffs and a special opportunity for COM. These were excellent gatherings that assisted those present to understand the principles and to address the “myths” regarding the document.

Since these gatherings might have been better attended, I would encourage all clergy, Clerks of Session, and those who might serve as Commissioners to Presbytery to begin reading the Proposed Form of Government. Quite often, the original documents get overlooked for briefer editorials or summaries that may or may not reflect the actual text!

Some of the more clearly identified strengths of the Proposed Form of Government include:

- An opening section entitled “Foundations of Presbyterian Polity” ~ divided into 3 chapters: “The Mission of the Church”; “The Church and Its Confessions”, and “Principles of Order and Government” ~ provides a strong, historic overview of our Reformed Tradition. This segment will lend itself to training of officers, new members, and confirmation classes.
- A return to the traditional language of Ordered Ministry through “Teaching Elders” and “Ruling Elders” that emphasizes the historic parity of leadership within our tradition.
- Sheer brevity! The entire document, including Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and an Advisory Handbook consumes only 56 pages of text! The overall tenor of the Proposed Form of Government is more “descriptive” and less “prescriptive” allowing flexibility (within bounds) for congregations and presbyteries to adapt to their particular circumstances and settings.

So, please do yourself a favor, and **read the Proposed Form of Government. An online version is available at [http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/amendments\\_219\\_part1.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/amendments_219_part1.pdf)**



Kevin

***Editor’s Note: Please continue to pray for Kevin as he continues his rehab program following his recent hip replacement surgery.***

## MRV Presbytery Meeting - August 27-28 Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center

### Education Event

#### "Something Old, Something New: Worship in a Time of Change"

**Keynote address:** Rev. Dr. Tom Long

**When:** Workshops on Friday and Saturday

**Where:** Calvin Crest

For more information, brochure and registration, click on or paste the following link in your browser:

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100802\\_aug2010\\_workshop\\_brochure.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100802_aug2010_workshop_brochure.pdf)

### Food and Lodging

**Please make your own lodging and food reservations** by contacting Calvin Crest at 402-628-6455 or 877-795-7635 or email [joy@calvincrest.org](mailto:joy@calvincrest.org) by **August 16, 2110**

#### **Meal times and prices:**

6 p.m.	Friday Supper	\$8.00 per person
8 a.m.	Saturday Breakfast	\$5.50 per person
12 noon	Saturday Lunch	\$7.00 per person

#### **Lodging options:**

Proett Center (*motel-type lodging, bedding & towels provided*)

\$35 per person in a 3-person room

\$40 per person in a 2-person room

\$55 per person in a 1-person room

Eppley Lodge (*motel-type with shared/suite restroom, bedding & towels provided*)

\$20 per person in a 3-4 person room

\$25 per person in a 2-person room

\$30 per person in a 1-person room

*Cabins (bunk beds in cabin, group restroom, provide your own bedding & towels)*

\$15 per person

Or you may find a motel in Fremont (5 miles away)

## Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage

**When:** GPPP #8: October 21-24, 2010

**Where:** Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center

**Pilgrimage is a three-day renewal . . . that lasts a lifetime**

***As you travel down life's highway, it is good to stop and rest a while.***

You can gather at the river with your fellow travelers, and at that oasis, you can break bread, laugh, sing, worship, listen, and be heard. After lingering at that sanctuary, you and your friends will emerge refreshed, rested, and ready to continue on your way, prepared once more to celebrate the journey of life and praise the Lord.

***Hey, weary traveler, Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage is waiting...for you.***

**For more information, fees including scholarship information, and sregistration form,** please click on or paste the following link in your browser:

<http://www.gpppilgrimage.org/>

## Social Justice Opportunities

### Book, Movie & Music Drive for Omaha Digital Bridge Project

**Spring Cleaning? First Presbyterian Church, Omaha needs your unwanted or no longer needed Books, Movies and Music.**

**All proceeds will support** FPC Omaha's computer lab's newest mission: Omaha Digital Bridge

**The goal:** to eliminate unemployment in Omaha and build contributors to our community by: Serving the needs of the un- and under-employed; Equipping them to bridge the digital divide\*; and Deploying them with employable skills to serve others and our community.

*\*Digital Divide: The troubling gap between people who have the ability, access and skills to benefit from computers and the Internet and those who do not.*

**Bring your books, movies and music to FPC, Omaha.**

**Program contact:** Rev A David Paul 402-345-5383 [adpaul@fpcomaha.org](mailto:adpaul@fpcomaha.org)

**For more information and a flyer to promote this program,** click on or paste the following link in your browser:

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100531\\_book\\_movie\\_music\\_drive.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100531_book_movie_music_drive.pdf)

### Free Screening of 9500 Liberty

**When:** Fri. Aug 13th 7 PM

**Where:** Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard, Lincoln NE (402) 475-6702

**Panel discussion to follow** will include: Co-director Eric Byler.

A documentary based on the groundbreaking YouTube channel, 9500 Liberty about Prince William County, Virginia where a battle took place over immigration policy when elected officials adopt a law requiring police officers to question anyone they have "probable cause" to suspect is an undocumented immigrant.

### "OWLS" – Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints



**What:** The OWLS Fall Celebration

**When:** September 15-16, 2010

**Where:** Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Fremont, NE

To celebrate life, a committee of MRV and Homestead presbyteries (we call ourselves OWLS - older, wiser, livelier saints) have a wonderful 2-day 'fly-in' for all of you. We do give a HOOT about all of you. This Celebration will be September 15-16 at beautiful camp Calvin Crest. There will be 2 fun-filled, enlightening, spiritual days.

**Overnight accommodations and great food for the soul.** Mark your calendars now!

**Call the camp for details** (402) 628-6455 or

**click on or paste the following link in your browser to see the brochure and**

**registration form:** [http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100726\\_owls\\_fall\\_celebration.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100726_owls_fall_celebration.pdf)

## Positions Available

### Financial Administrator

#### **First Presbyterian Church Omaha is looking for a Financial Administrator.**

Applicant must have 3-5 years bookkeeping experience with knowledge of accounting practices preferred. Must be computer literate and familiar with accounting software programs, QuickBooks and Excel. Payroll experience preferred. Network computer administration helpful. Must be bondable. 20-30 hours per week.

**Send resume** to First Presbyterian Church attn: Jon Sloan, 216 S 34th Street, Omaha, NE, 68131 or call 402-345-5383 for application.

### Temporary Supply Pastor

**The First United Presbyterian Church at Atlantic IA** is considering persons for a temporary supply pastorate. Atlantic is a 7,000-population county seat about 70 miles west of Des Moines, 50 east of Council Bluffs. The church membership is approximately 200, with about 75 active. The pastorate could be full-time or part-time and commuting to Atlantic is an option.

**Expressions of interest or nominations should be sent to** Personnel Committee chair Duane Acker, [talycoed@comcast.net](mailto:talycoed@comcast.net), 712-243-4757, or 66344 Troublesome Creek Road, Atlantic, IA 50022."

### Full Time Youth Director

**Dundee Presbyterian Church** of Omaha is seeking a Youth Director.

This position is a full time position with benefits. Candidates must have a love for Christ and Bachelors level degree or equivalency in Christian Education experience.

- The Youth Director is not an ordained position.
- This position will report directly to the Senior Pastor of Dundee.

**Please send your resume to:** David Daisy, Director of Operations, Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Ave, Omaha, NE. 68132

or by email to: [ddaisy@dpcomaha.org](mailto:ddaisy@dpcomaha.org)

## Mission and Ministry Opportunities in the Presbytery

### Golf Event for the Benefit of Good New Jail and Prison Ministry

When: Friday, August 20, 2010

Where: Tiburon Golf Club, 10302 South 168 Street, Omaha NE

Cost: \$90 per person

Other Information: 18 holes of golf ~ 11am Registration ~ 11:45am Lunch ~  
1pm Shot Gun Start ~ Pin Prizes ~ Free Range Balls

**Special Invitation for Pastors:** *A Pastor and Guest may play for free ~ 2 person best ball; if the pastor agrees to have the Chaplain present a "Minute for Mission" sometime during the year. Pastor Matt Nieman is playing. His phone number is 402-291-1104. Please call George Thompson, Elder at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Bellevue for further information; 402-293-1337 about this special invitation to pastors or about the event.*

**To Register for the Event, Contact:** Chaplain Morris Jackson, 402-599-2293;  
[Morris.Jackson@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:Morris.Jackson@goodnewsjail.org)

**For a flyer about the event,** please click on or paste the following link in your browser:

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100719\\_golf\\_flyer.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100719_golf_flyer.pdf)

## Our Nicaraguan Partnership

MRV Presbytery has been in partnership with a group of evangelical churches in La Concepcion, Nicaragua for over 10 years.



*Our partners expressed a dream of building a sewing collective so women could be employed locally, earn a living wage, and avoid the sweatshops so common in Nicaragua.* MRV Presbytery provided the minimal amount of funds required to buy land and purchase building materials. Our partners built the building and the women have been running their collective for over a year now. **La Jardin de la Elegancia, or Garden of Elegance, is now a dream that has been realized.**



A group from our Presbytery will travel to Nicaragua October 29-November 5, and will visit the collective and our partners.

**Join us!**

**For more information,** contact Joyce Serenil 402-345-6093 or Lyle Franzen 402-210-6845.

## News from our Congregations

### MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers)

**Presbyterian Church of the Cross**

**is pleased to announce the formation of a MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers).**

**We are** now a chartered organization of the MOPS International, Inc.

**MOPS is designed for all moms of young children from birth to age 5 and we invite all women in the presbytery to join us!**

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Child care will be provided each week.

**Where:** Presbyterian Church of the Cross

**Cost:** .There is a **MOPS membership fee** is **\$23.95**, which is paid directly to MOPS International and provides resources, leadership training and scholarships for MOPS members.

There are currently ten churches in the Omaha area with MOPS groups but we are the only Presbyterian Church! Please encourage the moms of your congregation to become members of our MOPS group.

***We hope to begin our meetings in September.***

**For more information, please contact** Sheri Sessions at 333-7466.

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Support Group

**Westminster Presbyterian Church, Omaha** will be hosting a PTSD Support Group

**When:** Starting in Sep. Every fourth Thursday 7 PM.

**Where:** Westminster Presbyterian Church

3416 Woolworth Avenue, 68105, Kiewett Parlor Room

**Facilitator:** Rev. Howard Dotson

### **Fort Calhoun**

**A quartet from the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church will be singing the National Anthem**

at the ballgame at Rosenblatt on August 22. The members of the quartet are Cheryl Miller, Fort Calhoun education director and the pastor's wife, Alice Johnson, Fort Calhoun's organist and choir director, Sherry White, Fort Calhoun's 4th-8th grade choir director and Kristie Bolen the 3rd grade and under choir director.

## Continuing Education Program Grants

**The Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation provides continuing education program grants to planning groups in its 13-state region.** Presbyterian clergy, commissioned lay pastors, and church leaders have benefitted from numerous continuing education workshops and events. Since 1972, the Foundation has given nearly two million dollars to support a variety of educational events; retreats, workshops, and/or seminars cover a wide range of topics and serve anywhere from 12 up to more than 200 people which are located in their community, Presbytery or Synod.

**If any committee in our Presbytery or planning committee within our presbytery is planning a continuing education program for next year,** a grant application for a portion of the cost of presenting an event or workshop to benefit area clergy, CLPs, and/or lay leaders is available. (Application forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the left.)

Applications and estimated expense/income totals for Continuing Education Program Grants are due in the Foundation office by **September 1st** for an event being planned for the following calendar year.

**For Grant guidelines, an application and a request for payment form,** click or paste the following link in your browser:

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100719\\_opsf\\_continuing\\_ed\\_grant.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100719_opsf_continuing_ed_grant.pdf)

**or** click or paste this link to the OPSF website's continuing education grant page in your browser: [http://omaha-sem-found.org/education\\_continuingeducation.html](http://omaha-sem-found.org/education_continuingeducation.html)

## Continuing Education Opportunities ~ Free Training for Those Who Work With Middle School Youth

*GOASA and the MetLife Foundation are providing **free** Professional Development Training For Middle School Youth Development Providers (Open to any organizations who work specifically with middle school youth)*

When: Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>; 8:30 am-4:30 p.m. (lunch provided)

Where: The Nebraska Children's Home Society 4939 South 118<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68137

### **Training Topics Include**

Youth and Leadership

Youth as Teachers

Positive Youth Development

Engaging Youth in Service Learning

**For a flyer with more details, click on or paste the following link in your browser:**

[http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm\\_100726\\_middleschool\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/mm_100726_middleschool_flyer.pdf)

**For questions, please contact Barb Farho, [bfarho@ci.omaha.ne.us](mailto:bfarho@ci.omaha.ne.us) or 444-5151**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) ~ Deadline to Register- August 2nd**

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Annual Conference of the Association of Presbyterian Tentmakers ~ Emergent Christianity and Tentmaking Ministry

**When:** Friday, November 12 (Dinner) through Sunday, November 14 (Lunch) , 2010

**Where:** University of St. Mary's of the Lake Conference Center, Mundelein IL

**Principal Presenter:** Phyllis Tickle

**Cost:** see brochure

**For more information, brochure and registration form, click on or paste the following link in your browser:**

[http://www.pmr.v.org/newsletters/mm\\_100802\\_apr\\_conference\\_2010.pdf](http://www.pmr.v.org/newsletters/mm_100802_apr_conference_2010.pdf)

### Addressing Mental Illness within Congregations

**Presented by:** Mental Health America of the Heartland and Alegant Health

**When:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 ; 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** West Hills Presbyterian Church; 3015 S. 82nd Avenue, Omaha NE

**Overview** This collaborative project is designed to equip participants with education and resources to support people with mental illness and their families. Participants will also engage in discussion with others on how to utilize this information within their congregations.

#### Who Should Attend

This conference is designed for local and statewide clergy, seminarians, spiritual care providers, pastoral counselors, chaplains and lay leaders of faith-based communities. Persons with mental illness, their families and significant others, as well as healthcare and mental health professionals are also invited to attend.

**Registration Fee:** \$25.00 per person

For more information contact Beverly Miller by email, [BeverlyMiller@alegent.org](mailto:BeverlyMiller@alegent.org) or phone, 402/572-2164.

**Go online after Sept 7th to obtain the event brochure and registration forms**

<http://www.alegent.com/body.cfm?id=4803> and click the **Community Events** link

### 2010 Nebraska Health Ministry Network Conference

**When:** August 27-28, 2010 (August 27, 4:15- 8:30pm August 28, 7:30am- 4:15pm)

**Where:** Immaculata Monastery and Spirituality Center, Norfolk NE

**Target Audience:** Nurses, social workers and others who work in health care and is designed to refresh, inform and support those working in health ministry,

**Cost:** \$50 for workshop, including continuing education credit (CEU), workshop materials and meals ~ or

\$75 for workshop, CEUs, workshop materials, meals, and lodging in Immaculata Monastery

#### For additional information or questions, please contact:

Sharon Kalcik at IMN (402) 476-3391 or [im50427@windstream.net](mailto:im50427@windstream.net)

Daniel Johnston at NMC (402-354-7080) or [Dan.johnston@methodistcollege.edu](mailto:Dan.johnston@methodistcollege.edu)

**For brochure and registration form, click on or paste the following link in your browser:**

[http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm\\_100705\\_2010\\_healthministry\\_conference.pdf](http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100705_2010_healthministry_conference.pdf)

## **“How Shall We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Strange Land? – Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Society”**

**When:** March 23-April 1, 2011.

**Where:** The Protestant Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic

**The seminar will be in English.**

Rev. Barbara A. Renton describes this as an “exciting continuing education opportunity” for Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors to “share experience, discovery and reflection with Czech pastors. ” A former chairperson of the General Assembly Mission Council, Renton urges us “to consider engaging with Czech pastors in what is the oldest Reformation country (100 years before Martin Luther) that today has been called the most secularized country in Europe, to explore the challenges facing Christians today.”

Registration is limited to 12

Participants will also encounter local Czech congregations and have an opportunity to explore the city of Prague.

**For additional information and the registration form, click on or paste the following link in your browser:** <http://czechconnections.org/conferences.html>

**Deadline for registration: September 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **Crisis Care Responder Training Courses**

### **Grief Following Trauma – Get Prepared to Share Another’s Burdens**

**When:** September 10 and 11, 2010; 8:30 – 4:30pm

**Where:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 7706 South 96<sup>th</sup>, LaVista

**Cost:** \$115 or if CCR member \$100.

Have you ever felt ill-equipped to help a friend or loved one through the grieving process? This course equips you with a better understanding of the grief cycle as you listen to real life stories from those who experienced trauma and loss through the following situations: a completed suicide; death of a daughter by a violent crime, a fatal workplace accident.

- Learn characteristics of normal and complicated grief reactions
- Learn the importance of early interventions & support
- Develop a personal self-care plan

**Register before September 4th**

**For more information and / or a registration form,** email Marcia Flom: [mflom@cfc.org](mailto:mflom@cfc.org) or call her at 402.408.6888 or click on or paste the following link into your browser: <http://www.crisiscarerresponders.com> (You may register on-line)

**Event Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)**

Aug	9 STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES – BUDGET MEETINGS ~ BEGINNING AT 6PM – UNTIL 9:00 PM (PMRV OFFICE)	10 3PM EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP ((MOSHER PILGRIM)  6PM HISPANIC WORKING GROUP (CANCELLED)	11	12 1PM CPM (CNETRAL)	13 NOON RETIRED PASTOR/SPOUSE LUNCH (OLD COUNTRY BUFFET , 75 <sup>TH</sup> / DODGE)	14 10:30 AM- SUDANESE WORKING GROUP – (CLIFTON HILLS)	15
Aug	16 9:30AM MRV PW CT MEETING (NEW HORIZON)	17 5PM SOCIAL JUSTICE PEACEMAKING - (WESTMINSTER- OMAHA)	18 9AM STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES (PMRV OFFICES)	19 12:30PM FAITH EDUCATION LEADERSHIP (PMRV OFFICES)	20	21	22 PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY DAY AT ROSENBLATT -1:30

**Prayer Calendar (Calendar begins on Monday)**

Aug	9 Keep this congregation in your prayers throughout the coming week: New Life Dwight Williams is moderator of this congregation.  	23 Pray for Rev. Lyle Meester. Lyle is pastor at Mount View.  Celebrate the call of Kevin Killion; ordained in 1986. Pray for the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Student, Lynn Baldwin	24 Pray for Rev. Dick Meyer. Dick is retired and living in Omaha with his wife, Trudy. He is serving as stated supply at Anderson Grove.  Pray for the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Student, Lou Buckner	25 Pray for Rev. Gregg Miller. He is serving as pastor at Fort Calhoun.  Pray for the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Student, Bob Sieck	26 Pray for Rev. Mark Miller. Mark serves as pastor of Faith Church in LaVista.  Pray for the Presbytery's Lay Pastor Student, Susan Smith	27 Pray for Rev. George Moore. George is pastor at West Hills Church.  Pray for our Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Nancy Ross - Hullinger	15 Please pray for those responsible for teaching our children and youth about Christ as the prepare for the upcoming year  Please continue to pray for Antonio, 3 months old, who was hospitalized for a month for a traumatic brain injury and is now at Madonna Rehabilitation in Lincoln.
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- Please send dates, times, locations of events to: [pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com](mailto:pmrv.mondaymorning@gmail.com). However, to plan and schedule events talk with Joan Royer ([joan@pmrv.org](mailto:joan@pmrv.org) or 402-553-8300 or 800-603-8980).
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