

Stated Meeting  
February 16, 2019

Peace Presbyterian Church  
Elkhorn, Nebraska

## PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY

The Presbytery of Missouri River Valley held a stated meeting at Peace Presbyterian Church of Elkhorn, Nebraska on February 16, 2019. The meeting was convened with prayer at 10:07 AM by the Moderator, Elder Pat Tooles.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk, assured the moderator of the presence of a quorum. The roll is attached to these minutes [Attachment 1].

The Stated Clerk introduced new Ministers of the Word and Sacrament members: no new ministers of the Word and Sacrament were present. Ruling elder commissioners serving for the first time were introduced. Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director, Office of Public Witness, Office of General Assembly and Minner Servory, Presbyterian Foundation were seated as corresponding members.

Nominating Committee presented the following names for election: Dennis Brown, Vice Moderator; Dr. Robert Keefer PJC (2024) and Shelli Dart FELD (2021). They were duly elected to serve.

Rev. Sarah Dickinson, chair of PMRV Personnel Committee highlighted the Covenant-2019 behaviors. She outlined the four sections of the Covenant: Pray, Act, Accept, and Be Good Stewards. Each Presbytery meeting will focus on one aspect of the Covenant during 2019. "Pray" was highlighted for the February 16, 2019 Stated Meeting.

Jimmie Hawkins, Director, Office of Public Witness, Office of General Assembly was the featured speaker for the day.

During worship, the Presbytery heard a sermon from Rev. Jimmie Hawkins; received an offering of \$459 for the North Omaha Project; heard the reading of the necrology report [Attachment 2]; and celebrated the Lord's Supper. Rev. Gary Eller and Elder Dennis Brown were installed as Moderator and Vice Moderator respectively during the worship service.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

**The Commission on Ministry** reported that it had taken the following actions on behalf of the Presbytery:

The Commission on Ministry approved an updated Pulpit Supply list for 2019. [Attachment 3]

1. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Dwight T. Williams and New Life Church, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: one-third time; Salary \$3,475; Housing Allowance \$12,000; Pension, Death & Disability, and Major Medical through the Board of Pensions; Reimbursed Travel at IRS rate up to \$ 700; Professional Development \$394; Four weeks of vacation and two weeks of professional development leave.
2. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Underwood Hills and Rev. Becky Balestri effective December 31, 2018.
3. Approved Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation position of Pastoral Leadership Revitalization Program Manager as a validated ministry of PMRV with Rev. Becky Balestri serving in that capacity commencing January 2, 2019.
4. Approved date and Installation Commission for Rev. Becky Balestri. Installation date is set for January 20, 2019 at Gethsemane Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs. Commission members are Elder Sandy Leedom, Underwood Hills; Elder Scott Darling, First/Omaha, Board member of OPSF; Rev. Dwight Williams; Rev. Sara Tonje; and Rev. Gary Eller.
5. Approved North Omaha Community Organizer as a validated ministry of PMRV beginning January 1, 2019. Elder Carolyn Grice will serve in the validated ministry.
6. Renewed Interim Pastoral Relationship between the Rev. Deena Candler and West Hills Church, January 1-December 31, 2019. The terms are: full-time; salary \$40,000; housing allowance \$25,000; deferred compensation \$18,000; Board of Pension, Death & Disability, and Major Medical; Dental Insurance. Reimbursed: Travel at IRS

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rate up to \$2,800; Professional Development \$2,000; Cell Phone \$660; Four weeks of vacation and two weeks of professional development leave.

7. Approved dissolution of Pastoral Relationship at Session request for financial reasons and terms of dissolution between Rev. Rudolph "Rus" Kosits and Hope Presbyterian Church effective January 16, 2019.

8. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Matthew Johnstone and Westminster Presbyterian Church/Omaha, February 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: 8 hours/week; 3-4 Sundays/month; Cash salary \$0; Housing Allowance \$17,592 per year (\$1,466/month - \$16,126 in 2019); Board of Pension not applicable. Professional mileage \$0.58/mile (for pastoral care travel); Continuing Education expenses \$500.

9. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Richard Meyer and Westminster Presbyterian Church/Omaha, February 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: 4 hours/week; 12-15 Sundays/year; Moderate Session; Cash salary \$0; Housing allowance \$8,400; Board of Pension not applicable.

10. Renewed Temporary Supply Pastoral Relationship between the Rev. James Crapson and College Springs Church, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: full-time; Salary \$32,460; Housing Allowance \$4,000; Utilities \$6,000; Effective Salary \$42,460; Pension, Death & Disability, and Major Medical through the Board of Pensions \$21,092. Reimbursed: Professional Development \$624; Four weeks of vacation and two weeks of professional development leave.

11. Approved the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship at pastor request and terms of dissolution between Rev. Sara Tonje and Presbyterian Church of the Master effective December 31, 2018.

12. Approved Interim Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Suzanne Gorhau and Carson/Oakland, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: ¾ time; Cash Salary \$35,460; Housing \$3,540-Effective Salary \$39,000; 11% pension/1% death and disability equaling \$4,680; travel at IRS rate; continuing education \$3,818; vacation-4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.

13. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Bethany/CB, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: 20 hours/week; Cash Salary \$20,962; Housing \$11,000; Deferred Compensation \$6,501, Travel \$550; Continuing Education \$1,100; total \$40,113.

14. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Marcia Cline, Commissioned Pastor, and Trinity Presbyterian Church/Clarinda, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: full-time; Cash Salary \$37,824; Deferred Compensation \$4,160.64; Travel at IRS rate up to \$1500; Continuing Education \$1,182; Books \$200.

16. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Bob Sieck, Commissioned Pastor, and United Avoca, January 1-December 31, 2019. Terms: 19 hours per week; Cash Salary \$8560; Housing \$10,000; Travel at RS rate \$2,560; Continuing Education \$1,000.

17. Approved Rev. Rudolph "Rus" Kosits as Member-at-Large of Presbytery Missouri River Valley

18. Approved abolishment of the associate pastor position at Hope Presbyterian Church, Omaha.

19. Approved Rev. A. David Paul as Moderator of Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church.

#### **The Stated Clerk reported:**

- A. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly has been submitted. PMRV began and ended the year with 43 churches. PMRV began the year with 79 minister members; One died during the year. Four ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. One minister was dismissed to another denomination. Two ministers were received from other presbyteries. Thus, PMRV ends the year with 75 minister members.
- B. The Stated Clerk is required to report annually to Presbytery the names of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years:
  - Class of 2018: minister member Charles Bulger (HR) and ruling elder Andrew Cook (Church of the Master and ruling elder David Krueger;
  - Class of 2016: minister member Gary Eller and ruling elder George Thompson (First Bellevue);
  - Class of 2014: minister members Deena Candler and Russell Palmer, and ruling elder Pam Otto (Church of the Cross).
- C. Minutes of the Presbytery since March, 1998 are currently on hand in the Presbytery office in Omaha. All earlier volumes have been deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA.
- D. The Presbytery holds property insurance and liability insurance, as required by the Constitution (G-3.0112). A Certificate of Insurance is attached. [Attachment 4]
- E. Leadership Team adopted Leadership Covenant for Administrative Groups as a focus in 2019.

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- F. Thirty-two churches from PMRV completed the Clerks Annual Questionnaire.
- G. The annual report of the 2018 attendance of ministers of word and sacrament and elder commissioners at Presbytery was reported. [Attachment 5]
- H. Attached is the Digest of Actions for 2018. [Attachment 6]

### Reports

Executive Presbyter Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams reported on the State of the Presbytery. The written year-end report will be placed on the website for review. Updates on activities can be found in Monday Morning in the Presbytery. Advocacy Days will be attended in Washington D.C. by Kathleen Keefer and Mary Newbern-William. Black Votes Matter-Headed by Preston and Martha Love... Alex Jon-Pierre will be joining the group on the Civil Right Tour. Executive Presbyter Newbern-Williams encouraged continuing work toward civility, elimination of racism, and engaging in ministry and mission that will move the Presbytery forward.

Minner Servory, Presbyterian Foundation, serving the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, gave a report high-lighting the work done this past year with small church forums. Presbyterian Foundation resources were made available to Commissioners. An on-line giving service, is available through the Presbyterian Foundation. "Endow Your Pledge" is a program available to the churches. Social justice issues were high-lighted. Minner Servory also offered assistance to any church.

Rev. Rick Sleyster, Social Justice/Peacemaking Committee, reported a resource in the Presbytery to encourage civil discourse; "Why Palestine Matters" is available to assist churches. Sandie Hanna is available as resource person for churches.

Rev. Jon Sloan, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Committee, reported that a mission trip is planned to North Carolina, March 24-30, 2019. There are still spaces available. Churches were reminded to complete and submit inventories of resources available in the event of a disaster situation within their community. March 10<sup>th</sup> is "Blue Shirt Sunday" to lift up the work of PDA for visibility and fund-raising. Commissioners were reminded that PDA is one of the first church disaster groups "on-the-ground" when disaster happens.

### Decisions

The Presbytery took the following actions:

1. Elected Elder Dennis Brown, Vice Moderator; Rev. Robert Keefer to Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2024; Shelli Dart to FELD Class of 2021.
2. Approved the minutes of the stated meeting of October 25, 2018.
3. Approved the minutes of the special meeting of December 20, 2018 as amended.
4. Presbytery of Missouri River Valley took the following actions related to inclusion of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Approved by the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:
  - 18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons: G-2.0401 (Item 06-11)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-B Renunciation of Jurisdiction
    - 18-B1 On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-09)—**Affirmative**
    - 18-B2 On Amending D-10.0401d (Item 06-16)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-C Officers: On Amending G-3.0104 (Item 06-16)—**Negative**
  - 18-D Membership of Presbytery: On Amending G-3.0306 (Item 05-05)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-E Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to its Pastors and Congregations: On Amending G-3.307 (Item 06-02)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-F Welcoming to the Table: On Amending W-4.0202 (Item 14-03)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-G Disciplinary Offense: On Amending D-2.0203b (Item 06-04)—**Affirmative**
  - 18-H Time Limit: On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-24)

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- 18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b--**Affirmative**
- 18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)—**Affirmative**

The Stated Clerk will report PMRV action to the Office of General Assembly.

5. Amended the Manual of Administrative Operations by addition to Article VIII. Committees:

*H. The Presbytery's Disaster Assistance Committee*

*1. Mission*

*The mission of the Presbytery's Disaster Assistance Committee is:*

- a. To assist congregations within the presbytery in becoming more prepared for natural or man-made disasters.*
- b. To have equipment and personnel who will provide first response to a disaster within the presbytery.*
- c. To maintain information about each church facility to aid PDA and other disaster responders in setting up centers critical to disaster relief.*
- d. To facilitate the presbytery and congregations in their participation in Presbyterian Disaster Assistance mission opportunities.*

*2. Membership*

*The committee is comprised of those individuals who are called to work in disaster relief in any capacity.*

6. Approved the sale of property by Underwood Hills to M&G Anderson Property Management, LLC.  
Legal Description: 7326 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68114-0000; Lot 2, Bellair Addition, Replat No. 3.  
Terms: M&G Anderson Property Management, LLC agrees to pay \$13,000/Thirteen Thousand Dollars for the property and pay all costs associated with the property transfer and grant to the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church a permanent easement for the existing sidewalk. It will be the responsibility of the Church to maintain the sidewalk.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. Gary Eller, at 3:16 PM.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk

Marilyn Puett, Recording Clerk

Attachments:

1. Roll of the Presbytery
2. Necrology Report
3. Pulpit Supply List
4. Certificate of Insurance
5. Attendance for 2018
6. Digest of Actions

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<u>The Roll</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Tom Albaum, HR		X
Becky Balestri	X	
William Beatty, HR		X
John Besançon, HR		X
Jennifer Blake	X	
William Bowers, HR	X	
Charles Bulger, HR		X
Kenneth Bunnell, HR		X
MaryAnn Calta		X
Deena Candler	X	
Greg Carlson, HR	X	
Sally Carlson, HR		X
Jay Cline	X	
J. Keith Cook, HR		X
Matt Coplen	X	
*James Crapson		X
William Denny, HR		X
Sarah Dickinson	X	
Nickolas Dougherty	X	
Neal Earley, HR	X	
Gary Eller	X	
Mike Elliott	X	
Vicki Evans	X	
Jody Filipi, HR	X	
Roy Fox, HR		X
Lyle Franzen, HR		X
J.D. Georlett		X
James Goodenberger		X
Suzanne Gorhau		X
Dan Graham, HR		X
Ernest Gutha,HR	X	
Mary Hansen, HR		X
Cindy Harvey	X	
Mike Harvey. HR		X
Jim Hendrickson, HR		X
Brad Hertzler		X
Rob Hubler, HR		X
Portia Iverson, HR		X
Johnstone, Matthew		X
Robert Keefer	X	
Ronald Kinsey, HR		X
Lowell Knauss, HR		X
Rudolph Kosits	X	
Chet Mason, HR		X
Paul Masters	X	
David Matsumura		X
McConnell, Bill		X
Lyle Meester, HR		X
Richard Meyer, HR		X
Gregg Miller	X	
Mary Newbern-Williams	X	
Jon Noble, HR		X
William Osick, HR		X

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Russell Palmer, HR		X
Sunjin Park		X
Sunwook Park		X
David Paul		X
Caryn Pedersen		X
Stephen Pike, HR		X
Lori Robinson	X	
Nancy Ross-Hullinger	X	
Kirk Ryckman, HR		X
Marvyn Schultz, HR		X
Rick Sleyster	X	
Jon Sloan	X	
Dean Sparr, HR		X
Ed Steinmetz, HR		X
*Bill Switzer		X
Emad Tawadrous	X	
Sara Tonje		X
Sandra Wainwright		X
Bonnie Wilkins	X	
Dwight Williams	X	
Mark Witmer, HR		X
Jay Won Yu, HR		X
Marshall Zieman	X	

\* Temporary Member  
HR – Honorably Retired [Excused if Absent]

**Ruling Elder Commissioners**

Anderson Grove		X
Avoca		X
Bethany	X	
Carson		X
Carter Lake		X
Center Ridge		X
Church of the Cross (2)		XX
Church of the Master (2)	XX	
College Springs		X
Discovery	X	
Dundee (2)	XX	
Essex		X
Faith		X
Faithful Shepherd		X
First, Bellevue	X	
First, Omaha (2)	XX	
Florence		X
Fort Calhoun		X
Gethsemane		X
Hope (2)		XX
Korean		X
Missouri Valley		X
Mount View	X	
Murray		X
Neola		X
New Horizon	X	



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New Life	X	
Oakland-Sharon	X	
Peace	X	
Plattsmouth	X	
Red Oak		X
Shelby		X
Shenandoah	X	
Sidney		X
Sudanese Fellowship	X	
Trinity, Clarinda		X
Underwood Hills	X	
United Trinity, Hamburg		X
Villisca		X
Walnut		X
West Hills (2)	X	X
Westminster, Clarinda		X
Westminster, C.B.	X	
Westminster, Omaha		X

**Ruling Elder Members of Leadership Team**

Jeff Dickinson	X	
Dave Emry	X	
Sandie Hanna		X
Deborah Kippley	X	
Pat Shipley	X	
Pat Tooles	X	

**Commissioned Ruling Elders:**

Marcia Cline	X	
David Krueger		X
Michael Kuach	X	
Robert Sieck	X	
Al Zimmerman		X

**Corresponding Members:**

Rev. Jimmie Hawkins (Director of the Office of Public Witness of the PCUSA), Minner Serovy (Presbyterian Foundation)

**Visitors:**

Audrey Richert (NE Presbyterian Foundation); Kathleen Keefer (Presbyterian Women); Anne Else (New Life); Chris Gillette (Westminster, Council Bluffs)

Number of ministers present: 29

Number of elder commissioners present: 28

Total number of persons eligible to vote: 57

**Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**  
**Necrology Report – Deaths in 2018**

**Minister of Word and Sacrament:**

The Rev. Gale Prentice

September 12, 2018

<b><u>Elders</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>	<b><u>Church</u></b>
Gerrit Feekes	January 9	United Church of Avoca
Norma Van Beck	March 15	United Church of Avoca
Lorraine Mann	June 18	United Church of Avoca
Ellen Parker	July 7	Discovery, Omaha
Yvonne Rushlau	July 24	Discovery, Omaha
Jerry Hertzler	March 26	Dundee, Omaha
Jeanne Niederhaus	September 30	Dundee, Omaha
Carole Christ	October 19	Dundee, Omaha
Vivian Walker	August 20	First, Essex
Jenny Lee	January 11	First, Omaha
Eunice Hill	March 22	First, Omaha
Barbara Jane McQueen	August 3	First, Omaha
Josephine Brooker	October 24	First, Omaha
Lona Burmeister	August 13	Fort Calhoun
Agnes Smith	September 5	Fort Calhoun
Shirley Bible	February 3	Gethsemane
Gary Zimmerman	December 18	Hope, Omaha
Frank “Joe” Krumenacher	April 30	New Horizon, Co. Bluffs
Cleo Ann Croson	June 21	New Horizon, Co. Bluffs
Alyce “Joan” Spoto	November 30	New Horizon, Co. Bluffs
Lavonne R. Fusaro	January 21	First, Plattsmouth
Jack H. Fullerton	September 20	First, Plattsmouth
John Pierce	November 18	Trinity, Clarinda
Adam Koslosky		Church of the Master, Omaha
Larry Aspedon	July 13	United Trinity, Hamburg
Richard Spiegel	October 21	United Trinity, Hamburg
Fred Horning	March	Mt. View, Omaha
Paul Hainowski	December 22	Underwood Hills, Omaha
Weldon (Cork) Jacobs	June 6	Underwood Hills, Omaha
Kelly Smith	April 23	Bethany, Co. Bluffs
Louis “Bud” Kelley	October 30	Bethany, Co. Bluffs
Don Howland	January 25	Church of the Cross, Omaha
Owen Knutzen	November 16	Church of the Cross, Omaha



**PULPIT SUPPLY LIST**  
**Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**

**TEACHING ELDERS AND OTHERS AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY**

Beatty, William	521 S. 174 <sup>th</sup> Plaza Omaha NE 68118-3541	(402) 492-8227 <a href="mailto:wabeatty@cox.net">wabeatty@cox.net</a>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Beatty is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Bowers, Bill	434 S. 160 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha NE 68118-2145	(402) 578-6689 (Cell) <a href="mailto:bbowers12@cox.net">bbowers12@cox.net</a>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Bill Bowers is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Calta, MaryAnn	404 N. 48 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha NE 68132	(402) 731-7977 (H) (402) 677-7008 (Cell) <a href="mailto:macalta@juno.com">macalta@juno.com</a>
<i>The Rev. Dr. MaryAnn Calta is a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner, Clinical &amp; Certified Master Social Worker.</i>		
Cook, J. Keith	17334 Jackson Plaza Omaha, NE 68118-3109	(402) 571-1988 <a href="mailto:jkeithcook35@gmail.com">jkeithcook35@gmail.com</a>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Cook is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Eller, Gary	7101 Mercy Road, #216 Omaha, NE 68106	(402) 397-5138 (W) <a href="mailto:gseller@opsf-omaha.org">gseller@opsf-omaha.org</a>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Eller is President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.</i>		
Filipi, Jody	602 S. 78 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha NE 68114	(402)960-1604 (Cell)
<i>The Rev. Ms. Filipi is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Franzen, Lyle	801 S. 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street, #1803 Omaha NE 68106	(402) 346-9492
<i>The Rev. Lyle Franzen is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Graham, Dan	8141 Farnam Drive, #315 Omaha NE 68115	(402) 505-6804 <a href="mailto:dan.graham5@gmail.com">dan.graham5@gmail.com</a>
<i>The Rev. Mr. Graham is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Gutha, Ernie	173 Bennett Avenue, #1280 Council Bluffs IA 51503	(712) 310-6786 <a href="mailto:zegutha@gmail.com">zegutha@gmail.com</a>
<i>The Rev. Mr. Gutha is Honorably Retired.</i>		
Harvey, Cynthia	9205 Western Ave., #123 Omaha NE 68114	(308) 224-0476 <a href="mailto:crharv@aol.com">crharv@aol.com</a>
<i>The Rev. Ms. Harvey is a teaching elder member of MRV Presbytery.</i>		
Kosits, Rus	17619 Monroe Street Omaha NE 68135	(619) 980-1214
<i>The Rev. Mr. Kosits is a Member-at-Large in MRV Presbytery.</i>		
Meester, Lyle	16520 Ames Avenue Omaha NE 68116	(402) 990-3660 <a href="mailto:almeester@cox.net">almeester@cox.net</a>
<i>The Rev. Mr. Meester is Honorably Retired.</i>		

Meyer, Richard	6631 S. 171 <sup>st</sup> Circle Omaha NE 68135 <i>The Rev. Dr. Meyer is Honorably Retired.</i>	(402) 402.212.6631 <a href="mailto:rmeyer146@cox.net">rmeyer146@cox.net</a>
Noble, Jon	6748 S. 73 <sup>rd</sup> Street Circle Omaha NE 68127-4387 <i>The Rev. Jon Noble is Honorably Retired.</i>	(315) 868-6023 <a href="mailto:jon.a.noble66@gmail.com">jon.a.noble66@gmail.com</a>
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Phillips, Nancy	3510 S. 107th Avenue Circle Omaha, NE 68124 <i>The Rev. Ms. Phillips is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.</i>	(402) 397-6555 <a href="mailto:reverendmom@msn.com">reverendmom@msn.com</a>
Sieck, Bob	2111 S. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Council Bluffs IA 51501 <i>Mr. Sieck is a Commissioned Ruling Elder.</i>	(712) 323-1227 <a href="mailto:bopabebrpa@gmail.com">bopabebrpa@gmail.com</a>
Sparr, Dean	303 Mendel Avenue, #2 Neola IA 51559 <i>The Rev. Mr. Sparr is Honorably Retired.</i>	(712) 370-9444 <a href="mailto:adsparr48@gmail.com">adsparr48@gmail.com</a>
Steinmetz, Ed	623 S. 37 <sup>th</sup> Street Omaha, NE 68105 <i>The Rev. Dr. Steinmetz is Honorably Retired.</i>	(402) 341-7938 <a href="mailto:egsteinmetz@msn.com">egsteinmetz@msn.com</a>
Tawadrous, Emad	9535 S. 153 <sup>rd</sup> Street Omaha NE 68154 <i>The Rev. Mr. Tawadrous is a Temp. Member of MRV Presbytery. He serves the Arabic Christian Fellowship.</i>	(402) 812-8356 <a href="mailto:pastoremad43@yahoo.com">pastoremad43@yahoo.com</a>

Recommended Honoraria for 2019:

Supply Preaching	\$171
Additional for multiple Services	\$50 per service
Wedding	\$206
Wedding Rehearsal	\$104
Funeral	\$206
Home or hospital visit	\$35
Session Meeting	\$104
Mileage (IRS rate) - .58 per mile)	

## RULING ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY

Evans, Lloyd	3101 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Council Bluffs IA 51501	(417) 489-1442 (Cell) vicki5055@hotmail.com
Shipley, Ms. Pat	Box 32 Nodaway, IA 50857	(H) (712) 785-3276 (W) (712) 623-5136
Smith, Susan	11119 Woolworth Plaza Omaha NE 68144	(402) 895-9326
Vosicka, Walt	4914 N. Happy Hollow Blvd. Omaha NE 68104	(402) 660-4819 <a href="mailto:woggworks@yahoo.com">woggworks@yahoo.com</a>

Other ruling elders of the congregations within the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley are invited to apply to, and visit with, the Committee on Ministry to be included on the Pulpit Supply List. Possible questions to be discussed when interviewing with the Committee include:

1. What training or experience in preaching have you had?
2. Tell us about your sense of call to preach.
3. How do you go about preparing a sermon?
4. What is your involvement in the church and the community?
5. Share with us your Statement of Faith.

## CANDIDATES AND INQUIRERS

The Presbytery currently has Candidates and Inquirers who are under its care. Please feel free to contact the chair of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry, about these people's availability for pulpit supply.

Grice, Carolyn                      405 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, #1401                      (402) 933-3439  
(New Life, Omaha)              Omaha NE 68102                              [clgrice@cox.net](mailto:clgrice@cox.net)  
*Dr. Grice is a candidate under the care of our Presbytery.*

Geiler, Michael                      (West Hills, Omaha)  
*Mr. Geiler is a candidate under the care of our Presbytery.*

Bushnell, Kevin                      (Dundee, Omaha)  
*Mr. Bushnell is an inquirer under the care of our Presbytery.*

Updated 2-7-19



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
12/22/2018

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INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL SUBR INSD WVD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:		011971558 & 048409888	01/01/2019	01/01/2020	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 500,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 4,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 4,000,000
A	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY		011971558 & 048409888	01/01/2019	01/01/2020	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 2,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
B	<input type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED    RETENTION \$		42-XSF-306542-01	01/01/2019	01/01/2020	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 5,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 5,000,000
C	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below Y / N    N / A		PT19EXR890598IV	01/01/2019	01/01/2020	PER STATUTE    OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$
	Excess 2nd Layer					\$10,000,000 Excess of \$5,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
e: Proof of insurance for annual meeting  
EE ATTACHED

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b>	<b>CANCELLATION</b>
Annual Meeting 02 S 74th Street Omaha, NE 68114	SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.  AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 

Presbytery Attendance Sheets - 2018

Ministers of Word & Sacrament

	<u>2-10</u>	<u>5-8</u>	<u>8-17 &amp; 18</u>	<u>10-25</u>
Albaum, Tom, HR	E	E	E	E
Balestri, Becky	P	P	P	P
Beatty, William, HR	E	E	E	E
Besancon, John, HR	E	E	E	E
Blake, Jennifer	P	P	A	A
Bowers, Bill, HR	E	E	P	E
Brown, Geoffrey	A	-	-	-
Bulger, Charles, HR	E	E	E	E
Bunnell, Ken, HR	E	E	E	E
Calta, MaryAnn	A	A	A	A
Candler, Deena	P	P	A	P
Carlson, Greg, HR	P	P	P	P
Carlson, Sally, HR	P	E	P	P
Cline, Jay	A	P	P	A
Cook, J. Keith, HR	E	E	E	E
Coplen, Matthew	P	P	A	A
Crapson, Jim*	A	A	A	A
Denny, William, HR	E	E	E	E
Dickinson, Sarah	P	P	P	P
Dingman, Sara	A	A	A	A
Dinsdale, Lynda	A	P	-	-
Dougherty, Nicholas	P	P	P	P
Earley, Neal, HR	E	E	E	P
Eller, Gary	P	P	P	P
Elliott, Michael	A	P	A	P
Evans, Vicki	A	P	P	P
Filipi, Jody, HR	P	P	E	P
Fox, Roy, HR	E	E	E	E
Franzen, Lyle, HR	E	E	E	E
Georlett, John	P	A	A	A
Goodenberger, James	-	-	P	A
Gorhau, Suzanne	P	P	P	A
Graham, Dan, HR	P	E	P	P
Gutha, Ernest, HR	E	E	E	P
Gutzmer, Jason*	A	A	-	-
Hansen, Mary, HR	E	E	E	E
Harvey, Cindy	P	P	A	A
Harvey, Michael, HR	E	E	E	P
Hendrickson, James, HR	E	E	E	E
Hertzler, Brad	A	A	A	A
Hubler, Rob, HR	E	E	E	E
Iverson, Portia, HR	E	E	E	E
Johnstone, Matthew	-	-	-	P

	<u>2-10</u>	<u>5-8</u>	<u>8-17 &amp; 18</u>	<u>10-25</u>
Jones, William Alan	A	A	A	-
Keefer, Robert	P	P	A	P
Kinsey, Ron, HR	E	E	E	E
Knauss, Lowell, HR	E	E	E	E
Kosits, Rus	A	A	P	P
Mason, Chet, HR	E	E	E	E
Masters, Paul	P	P	P	P
Matsmura, David	A	A	P	A
McConnell, William	A	A	A	P
Meester, Lyle, HR	E	E	E	E
Meyer, Richard, HR	A	E	E	E
Miller, Gregg	A	A	P	A
Newbern-Williams, Mary	P	P	P	P
Noble, Jon, HR	E	E	E	E
Osick, William, HR	E	E	E	E
Palmer, Russell, HR	E	E	E	E
Park, Sunjin	A	P	E	A
Park, Sunwook	A	A	A	A
Paul, David	A	A	P	P
Pedersen, Caryn	A	A	A	A
Pike, Stephen	E	E	E	E
Prentice, Gale, HR	E	E	E	-
Richman, Derek	A	A	-	-
Robinson, Lori	P	P	A	P
Ross-Hullinger, Nancy	A	P	A	P
Ryckman, Kirk, HR	E	E	E	E
Schultz, Marvyn, HR	E	E	E	E
Sleyster, Richard	P	P	P	P
Sloan, Jon	P	P	A	P
Sparr, Dean, HR	E	P	E	E
Steinmetz, Edwin, HR	P	E	E	E
Switzer, William*	A	A	A	A
Tawadrus, Emad	P	P	A	P
Tonje, Sara	P	A	P	P
Wainwright, Sandra	A	A	A	P
Wilkins, Bonnie	P	P	P	A
Williams, Dwight	P	P	P	P
Witmer, Mark, HR	E	E	E	E
Yu, Jay Won, HR	A	E	E	E
Zieman, Marshall	P	P	A	P



**Elder Commissioners**

		<u>2-10</u>	<u>5-8</u>	<u>8-17 &amp; 18</u>	<u>10-25</u>
Anderson Grove		A	A	A	A
Avoca		A	A	A	A
Bethany		A	P	A	P
Carson		A	A	A	P
Carter Lake		A	A	A	A
Center Ridge		A	A	A	A
Church of the Cross	2	PP	PP	PA	PP
Church of the Master	2	PP	PP	PP	PP
College Springs		A	A	A	A
Discovery		P	P	P	P
Dundee	2	PP	PA	PA	AA
Essex		P	A	A	A
Faith		P	P	A	P
Faithful Shepherd		P	P	P	P
First, Bellevue		A	A	A	A
First, Omaha	2	PP	PP	PP	AA
Florence		P	A	A	A
Fort Calhoun		A	A	A	A
Gethsemane		A	A	A	A
Hope	2	AA	AA	AA	PA
Korean		A	A	P	A
Missouri Valley		A	A	A	A
Mount View		P	P	P	P
Murray		A	A	P	P
Neola		P	P	A	A
New Horizon		A	A	A	A
New Life		P	P	P	P
Oakland-Sharon		A	P	P	P
Peace		A	A	P	P
Plattsmouth		A	P	A	A
Red Oak		A	A	A	A
Shelby		A	A	A	A
Shenandoah		P	P	A	A
Sidney		A	A	P	A
Sudanese Fellowship	2	AA	AA	A	A
Trinity, Clarinda		A	A	A	A
Underwood Hills		P	P	P	A
United Trinity, Hamburg		A	A	A	A
Villisca		A	A	A	P
Walnut		A	A	A	A
West Hills	2	PP	PA	PP	AA
Westminster, Clarinda		A	P	A	A
Westminster, Council Bluffs		A	P	P	P
Westminster, Omaha		A	A	A	A

**Elders - Leadership Team**

	<u>2-10</u>	<u>5-8</u>	<u>8-17 &amp; 18</u>	<u>10-25</u>
Corwine, Dick	P	P	P	A
Dickinson, Jeff	P	P	P	P
Hanna, Sandi	P	A	P	P
Kippley, Debbie	P	A	P	A
Tooles, Pat	P	P	P	P
Shipley, Pat	P	P	P	P

**Commissioned Lay Pastor**

Cline, Marcia	A	P	P	A
Kuach, Michael	A	A	P	A
Krueger, David, HR	E	E	E	A
Sieck, Robert	P	P	A	P
Zimmerman, Al	P	P	P	P

A-Absent, P-Present

E - Honorably Retired or  
w/Disability

\*Member of another  
denomination serving a  
Presbyterian Church

## **Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**

### DIGEST OF ACTIONS: 2018

Compiled by Stated Clerk Patricia Shipley from Presbytery minutes

*Date in parentheses cites minutes of meeting*

#### I. Teaching Elder Members Added to the Roll

- A. Rev. James Goodenberger received from Homestead Presbytery. (5/8)
- B. Rev. Matthew Johnstone received from Boston Presbytery as Member-at-Large. (10/25)

#### II. Teaching Elder Members Removed from the Roll

- A. Rev. Nancy Profit dismissed to Des Moines Presbytery. (2/10)
- B. Rev. Geoffrey Brown dismissed to Northwest Coast Presbytery. (5/8)
- C. Rev. Lynda Dinsdale (HR) dismissed to Grace Presbytery. (8/17)
- D. Rev. Derek Richman dismissed to Presbytery of the Cascades. (8/17)
- E. Rev. Sara Dingman dismissed to Whitewater Valley Presbytery. (10/25)
- F. Rev. William Alan Jones dismissed to another denomination. (10/25)
- G. Rev. Gale Prentice reported deceased. (10/25)

#### III. Other Actions with Respect to Inquirers, Candidates, and Teaching Elder Members

- A. Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Deena Candler and West Hills Church to accept the interim pastoral relationship with West Hills Church effective December 31, 2017. (2/10)
- B. Approved temporary pastoral relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Deena Candler and West Hills Church effective January 1-December 31, 2018. (2/10)
- C. Approved retirement of Rev. Portia Iverson effective November 1, 2017. (2/10)
- D. Approved the renewal of the temporary pastoral relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Sunjin Park and the Korean Presbyterian Church through December 31, 2018. (2/10)
- E. Approved Carolyn Grice as Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of CPM and PMRV. (2/10)
- F. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Gary Eller and Gethsemane, Council Bluffs, March 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- G. Renewed the temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Dwight Williams and New Life, Omaha through January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- H. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Marcia Cline, CLP and Trinity Presbyterian, Clarinda, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- I. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Bethany, Council Bluffs, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- J. Renewed the temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Suzanne Gorhau and Oakland Sharon/Carson, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- K. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Robert Sieck, CLP and Avoca United Church, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- L. Approved temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Portia Iverson an Hamburg United Church, Hamburg, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- M. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Jim Crapson and College Springs Presbyterian, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)

- N. Renewed temporary pastoral relationship between Rev. Lynda Dinsdale (HR) and Presbyterian Church of the Cross, January 1-December 31, 2018. (5/8)
- O. Approved the Rev. Dr. Richard Meyer (HR) serve Westminster, Omaha as Bridge Pastor from May 1-September 23, 2018. (5/8)
- P. Appointed Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams as Session Moderator at Westminster/Omaha for March and April 2018. (5/8)
- Q. Approved Installation Commission for Lori Robinson, Faith/LaVista comprised of Rev. Sarah Dickinson, Rev. Sally Carlson, Rev. Portia Iverson, Elder Joe Sheda, Elder Pat Tooles, PMRV Moderator. Installation to be held at Faith/LaVista on March 18, 2018. (5/8)
- R. Approved Installation Commission for Matt Coplen, First Presbyterian Church, Plattsmouth, NE comprised of Sarah Dickinson, Mary Newbern Williams, Bill McConnell, Elder Marlene Wehrbein, Elder Pat Tooles, Elder Pat Shipley. Installation to be held June 24, 2018. (8/17)
- S. Approved Michael Geller as Candidate for Ministry under care of CPM and PMRV. (8/17)
- T. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship (interim pastor) between Rev. Jim Goodenberger and United Faith, Sidney, IA, July 1-December 31, 2018. (10/25)
- U. Approved retirement of Rev. James Goodenberger effective Nov. 1, 2018. (10/25)
- V. Appointed Rev. Sally Carlson, Moderator for Westminster, Omaha Session beginning October 1, 2018-December 31, 2018. (10/25)
- W. Approved Installation Commission for Rev. Sunjin park at Korean Presbyterian Church, Omaha comprised of Elder Pat Tooles, Rev. Becky A.B. Balestri, Elder Georgia Bulger, Elder Bonnie Brown, Elder Mike O'Bradovich, Rev. David Matsumura, Rev. Richard Sleyster, Elder Rudy Wang, Rev. Chang Whan Park, and Rev. Paul Williams to be held October 28, 2018. (10/25)

#### IV. Actions with Respect to Congregations

- A. Authorized the sale of the Essex Manse located in Page County, Iowa described as follows: Lot 788; and Parcel A of Lot 787 and easement for ingress and egress (all as more fully shown in amended Plat of Survey) dated October 27, 2017. Purchase price shall be \$41,500, to Timothy Hall. Closing shall occur approximately 90 days after approval of offer by Church congregation and approval of Presbytery in accordance with church rules and regulations. (2/10)
- B. Approved the Final Report of Glendale Commission: Gratitude was extended to Pastor Bob Sieck, CRE who served the Glendale congregation, Greg Carlson, Moderator and Pam Otto, Vice Moderator. The Commission was officially dissolved with thanks. (2/10)
- C. Approved redress imbalance of representation between teaching elder members and ruling elder members and commissioners by requesting the following sessions to commission two ruling elders to presbytery, rather than one: Church of the Cross, Church of the Master, Dundee, First Omaha, Hope, West Hills. (5/8)
- D. Board of Pension notified that West Hills Church, Omaha abolished the position of associate pastor. (5/8)
- E. Approved request that Sudanese Fellowship establish a relationship with Discovery Presbyterian, Omaha as a worship location. (8/17)
- F. Approved request of Presbyterian Church of the Cross to form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. (8/17)
- G. Approved recommendation of Korean Presbyterian Church, Omaha Administrative Commission: a. that Rev. Sunjin Park be called as full-time pastor for KPCO; b. upon

approval of the terms of call and installation, the Administrative Commission was dissolved and discharged of further duties. (8/17)

- H. Approved request of West Hills Church to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. (10/25)
- I. Approved Minimum Presbytery Compensation for 2019 (10/25)
- J. Approved Carson/Oakland/Sharon (Riverside Parish) Ministry Information Form.
- K. In accordance with G-3.0301(c), approved transfer of Ken, Lynne, Connor, and Nathan Eckley, members of the dissolved Glendale congregation, to Bethany Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs.

#### V. Policy Decisions

- A. Approved a revision of Manual of Administrative Operations. (5/8)
- B. Approved creating a policy to provide Boundaries Training every other year. Completion will be tracked by COM to insure compliance by all Ministers of Word and Sacrament and CLPs who actively labor within the bounds of PMRV. (8/17)
- C. Approved policy addition for Boundaries and Child protection: Any pastor in active ministry, including contract ministry after retirement, needs to have both boundaries workshop and child protection training every two years. (10/25)
- D. Adopted a budget for 2019 (10/25)

#### VI. Other

- A. Concurrence with the following Overtures to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly:
  - Overture 006 Directing the Board of Pensions and The Presbyterian Church(USA) Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that Focus on Renewable Energy—Presbytery of Hudson River
  - Overture 010 Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis—From Presbytery of the Cascades
  - Overture 013—Calling for an Immediate Moratorium on All Executions—From Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
  - Overture 014—Engagement with the Issue of Climate Change—From the Presbytery of New Covenant
  - Overture 020—Opposition to Congressional and State Anti-BDS Legislation—From Synod of the Covenant
  - Overture 018—Calling for appointment of a team to review the current per capita based system of funding the ministry of Councils higher than the Session—From Presbytery of Newton. (2/10)
- B. Elected the following as readers for ordination examinations: the Rev. Dan Graham (HR) and Ruling Elder Pam Otto, and elected the Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams as alternate reader. (8/17)
- C. Other elections to office in the Presbytery were made at the August 17 and October 25 meetings.