

PMRV Leadership Team – Special announcement

Dear PMRV Friends,

With reverence and joy we share the fruit of deep discernment. Our presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Mary Newbern-Williams, is officially preparing to retire. As she follows her call, she is working with the Presbytery's call, current ministry needs and timeline.

A proposal has been mutually agreed to with prayerful conversations between personnel, the presbyter and the leadership team. The proposal features October 31, 2019 as a last day in the office and May 1, 2020 as the date of honorable retirement, with compensation through April 30, 2020. This will help our presbytery position itself for our next level of discernment and we hope this will bless our presbyter with a break during Advent (a rarity in ministry), transition compensation and time to ready for her next phase of ministry. This proposal is part of the presbytery's October 24, 2019 stated meeting—where we also plan to celebrate our presbyter's faithful service.

The leadership team has also put an administrative transition team in place to help work through details and needs of this unique time (*names have \* below*).

We hope you will join us in sincerely thanking our ground-breaking presbyter for all the ways she has resourced and blessed you, your church, the work of the presbytery and beyond. Please take the opportunity to share your best wishes and blessings with Mary at the October presbytery meeting or drop in or send a card. Her mailing address is 1370 S. 157<sup>th</sup> Court, #110, Omaha, NE 68130.

*In Christ's Service,*

PMRV Leadership Team & Discernment Team

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