

**Report of the Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Stated Meeting  
February 22, 2020**

I. FOR THE RECORD

- A. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly has been submitted. PMRV began and ended the 2019 with 43 churches. PMRV began 2019 with 77 minister members; One died during the year. Three ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. Two ministers were ordained. Five ministers were received from other presbyteries. Thus, PMRV ended 2019 with 80 minister members.
- B. 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.
- C. The Presbytery holds property insurance and liability insurance, as required by the Constitution (G-3.0112).
- D. 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 ruling elder Pam Otto (Church of the Cross).
- E. The following report regarding PMRV Minutes was received from Synod of Lakes and Prairies Stated Clerk, Pam Prouty: **MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY:** Minutes of February 10, May 8, August 17-18, October 25, December 20, 2018 (pages 165-221) **APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING MINOR EXCEPTIONS:** Inquirers/Candidates report of call and consultation not recorded, review of call/contracts reviewed but not recorded, review of commissioned pastors not recorded.
- F. Correspondence and Clerk activity
  - 1. All correspondence has been answered or forwarded, as needed.
  - 2. Consulted with Committees, Commissions, Sessions, and Presbytery members as requested or as contacted.
  - 3. Contacts and/or visits were made to Presbytery churches with an active Pastor Nominating Commission in place or in the discernment process as requested.
  - 4. Consulted with Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Office of General Assembly as necessary.
  - 5. Updated Stated Clerk data requirements of OGA as per requests and authorization.
  - 6. Reported the names and contact information for duly elected Commissioners for the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Office of General Assembly: Minister Commissioner-Rev. Jennifer Blake (First, Omaha), Elder Commissioner-Elder Dennis Brown, and YAAD Commissioner-Justus Jeanpierre (New Life Presbyterian, Omaha).
  - 7. Reported status change of Rev. Mary Newbern-Williams as Member-at-Large to Office of General Assembly.
  - 8. Received transfer of Rev. Leah Elrod to PMRV from Minnesota Valleys Presbytery.
  - 9. Requested and received transfer of Rev. Thomas Willadsen to PMRV from Winnebago Presbytery.
  - 10. Received transfer of Rev. Andrew Hamer to PMRV from Denver Presbytery.
  - 11. Participated in "Conversations with Kris Valerius" from Office of General Assembly on November 12, 2019. Topics covered related to completion of annual statistical reports.
  - 12. Participated in a phone conference with Synod Executive Presbyter, Elder Elona Street-Stewart on November 12, 2019.
  - 13. Attended Retired Minister Luncheon at the Arboretum; five new ministers were in attendance: Martha Slocombe (Neola), Christine Dempsey (PCOC), Leah Elrod (Sidney), Andy Hamer (West Hills), Interim Tom Willadsen (Faith). Gary Eller was honored for years of service in the Presbytery. Dec. 3
  - 14. Attended Session meeting at Underwood Hills regarding PNC process-Dec. 3
  - 15. Transitional Administrative Team meeting-Dec. 9
  - 16. COM Meeting-Dec. 10, rescheduled from November 26, 2019.
  - 17. Presbytery Christmas Open House-Dec. 10
  - 18. Working on 2019 Statistical Reports for Office of General Assembly.
  - 19. Finalized dates and locations for Clerk of Session Trainings on January 27 (Villisca @ 6:30 p.m.), January 28 (New Horizon @ 2 p.m.) and February 8 (Plattsmouth @ 10:30 a.m.)
  - 20. Completed and submitted 2019 OGA Mid-Council Reports.
  - 21. Reported transfer of A. David Paul to Beaver-Butler Presbytery.
  - 22. Reported the death of Russell Palmer to Office of General Assembly.
  - 23. Prepared Digest of 2019 Presbytery Actions and all other materials related to the February 2020 Stated Meeting.
  - 24. Attended January meeting of Administrative Transition Team.
  - 25. Prepared materials for Leadership Team/Committee Chair Retreat scheduled for January 10, 2020 and subsequently rescheduled to January 24<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

26. Prepared draft docket and completed minutes for Leadership Team meeting, January 21, 2020 and February 18, 2020.
27. Prepared materials and communication with Clerks of Session regarding Annual Clerk Update meetings scheduled for January 27 (6:30 p.m., Villisca), 28 (2 p.m., New Horizon/CB), and February 8 (10:30 a.m., First/Plattsmouth).
28. Preparation of draft docket for February Stated Meeting and held a Docket Planning Meeting, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Presbyterian Church of the Master, Omaha at 3 p.m. with PMRV Moderator, PMRV Vice Moderator, Robert Keefer, and Worship Team members.
29. Continued on-going communication with Synod representatives as needed.
30. Updated information for Synod related to staff and committee contacts.
31. Continued on-going communications with PNCs, Pastors and Clerks as requested.
32. Continued communications with PMRV staff regarding various Presbytery needs and questions.
33. Reviewed website to determine updating of resource materials.
34. Jan. 21—Lunch with COM Moderator and Vice Moderator
35. Jan. 21—Leadership Team monthly meeting.
36. Jan. 28—COM monthly meeting.
37. Jan. 30—Meeting with Underwood Hills PNC.
38. February 16—Participated in the Installation of Rev. Leah Elrod at United Faith Church, Sidney, Iowa.
39. February 17—Administrative Transition Team meeting
40. February 18—Leadership Team monthly meeting.
41. February 19—Participated in monthly Synod phone call.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk