

Report of the Stated Clerk

August 15, 2020

I. FOR THE RECORD

- A. 2019 Minutes of Presbytery of Missouri River Valley were not reviewed by Synod of Lakes and Prairies due to COVID-19. Synod will review 2019 and 2020 Minutes in spring 2021.
- B. As required by our Standing Rules, annual review of rolls and registers occurred May 21, 2020 by use of three Zoom meetings due to COVID-19 considerations. Session minutes reviewed were January 1-December 2019. Registry of the church must be reviewed biennially; not all churches required a registry review in 2020. Results of the review are listed below:

1. Minutes approved:

Avoca, United
Bellevue, First
Bellevue, Anderson Grove
Carson
Clarinda, Trinity
Council Bluffs, Bethany
Council Bluffs, Westminster
Fort Calhoun
Hamburg, United Trinity
LaVista, Faith
Oakland, Sharon
Omaha, Church of the Cross
Omaha, Church of the Master
Omaha, Discovery
Omaha, Dundee
Omaha, Faithful Shepherd
Omaha, Hope
Omaha, Mt. View
Omaha, Westminster
Plattsmouth, First
Red Oak
Shenandoah, First
Villisca, First

2. Minutes approved with exceptions:

Carter Lake
Clarinda, Trinity
Council Bluffs, Gethsemane
Fort Calhoun
Elkhorn, Peace
Missouri Valley
Murray
Neola, First
Omaha, First
Omaha, Florence
Omaha, Underwood Hills
Sidney, United Faith

3. Registers approved:

Bellevue, Anderson Grove
Carson
Clarinda, Trinity
Clarinda, Westminster
Council Bluffs, Bethany
Council Bluffs, Gethsemane
Council Bluffs, Westminster
Elkhorn, Peace
Fort Calhoun
Missouri Valley
Murray
Neola
Oakland, Sharon
Omaha, Church of the Cross

Omaha, Church of the Master
Omaha, Discovery
Omaha, Dundee
Omaha, Faithful Shepherd
Omaha, Florence
Omaha, Hope
Omaha, Mt. View
Omaha, Underwood Hills
Omaha, West hills
Omaha, Westminster
Plattsmouth, first
Red Oak
Shenandoah, First
Villisca, First

4. Registers approved with exceptions:

LaVista, Faith
Sidney, United Faith

5. The following minutes have not been reviewed in at least two years:

College Springs
Omaha, Korean
Red Oak, Center Ridge
Shelby

- C. Leadership Team approved the following 2021 dates for Presbytery Stated Meetings: Thursday, February 25; Saturday, May 1; Friday-Saturday, August 20-21; Thursday, October 28. The February and October meetings will be via Zoom at approximately 5 p.m.; the May and August meetings will be in-person if the way be clear.
- D. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry currently has two candidates for ministry under care: Carolyn Grice, New Life Presbyterian and Michael Geiler, West Hills Church.
- E. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry designated the following individuals to serve as Ordination Examination Readers: Rev. Robert Keefer and Elder Maryellen Towey-Schulz; Rev. Christine Dempsey, alternate.
- F. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry is in the process of developing and/or endorsing a course of study for Commissioned Lay Pastors. It is the plan to have this in place by the end of 2020.

II. Correspondence and Clerk activity

- A. All correspondence has been answered or forwarded, as needed.
- B. Consulted with Committees, Commissions, Sessions, and Presbytery members as requested or as contacted.
- C. Notified Stewardship of Resources Committee that as a result of General Assembly action, GA per capita has been set at \$8.98 for 2021 and 2022.
- D. Notified Church of the Cross, Dundee Presbyterian Church and West Hills Church that each is invited to designate two Elder Commissioners beginning July 1, 2020.
- E. Contacted and/or visited via Zoom Presbytery churches with an active PNC in place or in the discernment process.
- F. Communicated to Homestead Presbytery the decision of Leadership Team to suspend discussions about shared staffing and future collaborations.
- G. Communicated to Homestead Presbytery the decision of Leadership Team to cancel the joint Presbytery meeting scheduled for August 14-15, 2020 due to COVID-19 considerations.
- H. Updated Stated Clerk data requirements of OGA as per requests and authorization.
- I. Contacted OGA resources for guidance and advice.
- J. Participated in Administrative Transition Team with Rev. Sarah Dickinson, Rev. Gregg Miller, and Rev. Sally Carlson.
- K. Participated in "Conversations with Kris", a webinar done by Kris Valerius, OGA.
- L. Participated in monthly calls with Synod of Lakes and Prairies representing PMRV.
- M. Participated in weekly Association of Mid-Council Leaders Zoom meetings.
- N. Coordinated weekly PMRV Pastor Zoom meetings.
- O. Scheduled all Presbytery Zoom meetings as requested by Commissions and Committees.
- P. Participated in webinars related to COVID-19.
- Q. Participated in webinars related to 224th General Assembly.