

**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 2020 with 80 minister members; Three deaths were reported during the year. Two ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. One minister was received from other presbyteries. Thus, PMRV ended 2020 with 76 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 2020: minister member Dwight Williams, ruling elder Jason Bottlinger (Dundee Presbyterian) and ruling elder Jim Campbell (New Horizon);
  - 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);
- E. Review of PMRV 2019 Minutes by Synod of Lakes and Prairies was deferred until May of 2021 due to the pandemic. At that time PMRV 2019 and 2020 Minutes will be reviewed.
- 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 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. Received transfer of Rev. Stephen Niles to PMRV from Homestead Presbytery.
  - 7. Participated in COM Meetings on November 27 and January 26, 2021.
  - 8. Finalized dates and conducted Clerk of Session Trainings on January 22, January 25, and January 28. All meetings were conducted via Zoom.
  - 9. Completed and submitted all 2020 OGA Mid-Council Reports and Statistical Reports required from the Presbytery.
  - 10. Prepared Digest of 2020 Presbytery Actions and materials related to the February 2021 Stated Meeting.
  - 11. Attended November, December, January and February meetings of Administrative Transition Team. All meetings were conducted on Zoom.
  - 12. Prepared materials for Leadership Team/Committee Chair Retreat on January 19, 2021 conducted on Zoom
  - 13. Prepared draft docket and completed minutes for Leadership Team meetings held in November, December 2020 and January and February 2021.
  - 14. Prepared draft docket for February Stated Meeting and held a Docket Planning Meeting, January 14<sup>th</sup> via Zoom with PMRV Moderator, PMRV Vice Moderator.
  - 15. Participated in monthly Synod calls.
  - 16. Continued service on a Synod Administrative Review Committee.
  - 17. Engaged in communications with the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations regarding transfer of membership to PC(USA).
  - 18. Continued on-going communication with Synod representatives as needed.
  - 19. Updated information for Synod related to staff and committee contacts.
  - 20. Continued on-going communications with PNCs, Pastors and Clerks as requested.
  - 21. Continued communications with PMRV staff regarding various Presbytery needs and questions.
  - 22. Reviewed website to determine updating of resource materials.
  - 23. Participated in monthly Zoom meeting with COM Moderator and Vice Moderator
  - 24. January 10—Served on the Ordination Commission for Carolyn Grice conducted at West Hills Church, Omaha, NE
  - 25. Reported Ordination of Carolyn Grice to Office of General Assembly.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk