

PMRV Committee Reports

February 24, 2022 Stated Meeting

Personnel

Kathy Moore, Elder, Chair, Rev. Cindy Harvey, Rev. Richard (Dick) Meyer, Marlene Wehrbein, Elder, Rev Sarah Dickinson, Past Chair & Consultant/Liaison

The Personnel Committee updated PMRV Personnel Policies in 2021, bringing them in line with the changed staffing structure at the Presbytery. In the transition from having an Executive Presbyter to developing the Leadership and Admin Teams to fulfill the responsibilities of an Executive Presbyter, it was determined that the Personnel Committee would carry the responsibilities related to hiring, managing, evaluating and, if necessary, firing staff. The last year was spent finalizing those policies and developing tools and procedures to implement those policies.

The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is being scheduled for 1:15 via Zoom on March 16th. The Directory Description of the Committee will be modified at that meeting to more accurately reflect the changes made in the last year.

Administrative Team (AT)

Rev. Sally Carlson, Rev. Gregg Miller, Rev. Sarah Dickinson, Elder Pat Shipley, Stated Clerk Sarah Dickinson/notetaker)

Admin Team met 1/31/22

Discussion included:

Debriefing about the LT Training on 1/18/22

Affirmed that God is using us (one of the 2022 4 callings)

○ for the LT and others at the training, anything that you would affirm?

Anything you would like to know more about?

We can debrief more at the February LT

Milestones Concept

How to mark “milestones” in PMRV? (for churches & pastors)

-Perhaps have a monthly “milestones” section in the Thursday office newsletter?

Sarah will follow up with Nicole. Sally will work in COM to identify.

Moderator Team

We'll keep in mind that we can keep in coordination with this team.

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Walked through some docket items

CPM

Want to lift up what CPM is doing to identify and train more lay pastors.

Let's keep our system needs in mind.

There are more pastor-related openings and needs and fewer spiritual leaders available.

Let's all be prayerful about people in our congregations with spiritual gifts.

CPM is using Synod curriculum

Discussed “Digitizing”

Pat attended a training and discussion on this provided by PC(USA) and the Presbyterian Historical Society.

This is a topic for PMRV as well as churches: How we are good stewards of important documents.

More to come on this topic!

Other Administrative Reference

Chaplain to pastors

This discernment is in a new phase during the first quarter of 2022. Prayers of support for Rev. Cindy Harvey and our system as we continue this exploration.

AT typically:

Meetings (and emails/communications) continue to focus on our “usual” purposes:

- Help coordinate the administrative and communication needs and opportunities of the presbytery,
- Help the presbytery keep faithful to its mission,
- Resource the Leadership Team

Social Justice and Peacemaking, Rev. Carolyn Grice, Chair

Our guest speaker had a medical appointment and was unable to attend in person, so Carolyn described the First Responders program.

These occur whenever there is a homicide in North or South Omaha or upon request from a family. It is an opportunity for churches to participate and it doesn't cost anything other than time. Most events are about 30 minutes. Notification is sent by email usually two days before the event.

About First Responders Prayer Walking:

- The Bible says that human bloodshed is violence to the land and all its inhabitants. First Responders helps to mobilize the body of Christ to timely onsite prayer at crisis events in our community. We want to say to victims and neighborhoods: "You are not alone! We are from churches all over Omaha coming together to stand united against violence."
- First Responder Prayer Walks are a community response to violence. They are not prayer-vigils on behalf of the family. Family members are invited if we have contact info, and our team reaches out to care and minister to them as Jesus would.
- First Responders encourages people in neighborhoods to connect and get involved with local churches and organizations. We work to help people get to know their local police better, communicate, build trust and work with our police in reducing violence.
- In 2007 John Ewing and Dave Gehrls developed First Responders in partnership with Omaha 360, Empower Omaha, OPD, Embrace the Heartland in Prayer, and other local groups. If you would like to be added to the First Responder team, send an email to Pastor Bruce Williams · at pastorbruce@hopeofglorychurch.net your personal contact info and the church you attend.

This may be an opportunity for a church to become involved with nothing other than time. It could be used as an opportunity for congregational vitality for Matthew 25.

Links of interest to the committee:

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/>

Presbyterian Justice and Peacemaking Newsletters: <https://pcusa.activehosted.com/f/164>

CPM, Jay Cline Moderator

Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on January 20, 2022 and took the following actions: 1. Received Jessica Scheopner, member of West Hills Church, as Inquirer; 2. Approved a letter to be sent to PMRV Churches about Commissioned Pastor Training; and 3. Set 2022 meeting dates for March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15, November 17, at 2pm.

Christine Dempsey will represent CPM on Leadership Team. CPM will meet in March.

Mission and Evangelism, Rev. Matt Coplen, chair

Mission and Evangelism will meet in March.