

## Westminster Final Report – October 25, 2022

The session of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Omaha held its final session meeting on September 8, 2022. Present were moderator Rev. Portia Iverson, session members Richard Kropp, Susan Kropp, Gary Raftery, Tom Reischlein, Clerk of Session Gary Tupper, and Commission on Ministry members Sally Carlson and Dwight Williams.

The official dissolution date of the congregation was September 30, 2022 which was approved by the congregation on April 10, 2022 and approved by PMRV on August 13, 2022.

The original closing date on the property was September 30, 2022, but the purchaser CityLight Mosaic requested a 1-month extension in order to get their finances in order. Presbytery Attorney Michael O'Bradovich prepared an extension agreement which transferred liability, insurance, etc. to CityLight on October 1, 2022, and moved the property sale closing date to October 31, 2022. Westminster session approved the extension on September 8.

The presbytery and congregation thank the Rev. Portia Iverson for her service and for her skill in guiding the congregation through this process.

The session graciously extended employees' compensation through October 31<sup>st</sup>,

The Treasurer of Westminster Presbyterian will stay in place until the end of January 2023, in order to finish paying bills and issuing documents such as W-2s and 1099s. Any remaining funds will be entrusted to the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley for final disposition.

After months of deliberations and making arrangements, the disposition of the property is as follows:

- Pertinent documents and records are being sent to PMRV or to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- The pipe organ is being donated to Joslyn Castle, with removal and transportation at Joslyn Castle's expense.
- Hardwood Chancel furnishings (pulpit, lectern, rail, etc.) hymnals and communion ware have been moved to storage at Plattsmouth Presbyterian with the hope that they may eventually be donated to a church somewhere that has been destroyed by a natural disaster.
- Proceeds of the \$410,000 building sale are being distributed in the following amounts:
  - o \$175,000 to Camp Calvin Crest
  - o \$175,000 to New Life Presbyterian Church
  - o \$39,800 to pay student loans of four recent seminary and theological students (paid directly to the institutions)
- The Westmareeners Fund and the White Christmas Fund monies were distributed to the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Food Pantry.
- There are a couple of permanent/endowment funds that are being handled by our Presbytery Attorney to make sure that these endowed funds are transferred legally.
- After all of the remaining bills are paid, the existing balance in the checking account will be transferred to the PMRV. The final amount will not be known until early January 2023, but it should be in the neighborhood of ~\$40,000.

There may be a few other items which are not be listed here, but those would be only minor oversights on my part, not anything of any size or significance.

As of September 30, 2022, the membership of 32 members of Westminster have been transferred to the Presbytery for custody until they move their membership to another congregation.

Dwight Williams – Commission on Ministry Care Team member