

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

For August 12, 2023, Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Stated Meeting

The Commission took the following actions on behalf of the Presbytery at meetings held on May 23, June 27, 2023:

A-1. Approved Rev. Bill Switzer to moderate Shelby Presbyterian Church

A-2. Approved Rev. Michael Harvey to moderate United Church, Avoca.

A-3. Approved dissolution of the call between Rev. Jon Sloan and First Presbyterian Omaha effective June 30, 2023. Following are the stipulations of the dissolution:

- Last date at First Presbyterian is June 25, 2023;
- Rev. Sloan will complete the continuing education preplanned from June 26-30, 2023 at no cost to the congregation;
- Rev. Sloan will receive compensation equal to two months' salary (July-August) in the amount of \$17,802.68. To be paid at the regular July and August pay periods.
- First Presbyterian Church will pay medical premiums for 2 months in the amount of \$1,958.29.
- Medical insurance premiums may be continued from September 2023-December 31, 2023, at Rev. Sloan's request. Rev. Sloan will reimburse the church for the premiums from September 2023-December 2023.
- Rev. Sloan will be paid for earned unused vacation in a lump sum on the final August pay period of \$4,108.31.
- According to the contract, Rev. Sloan has 3 Flex days that he may use between May 21, 2023, and June 25, 2023.
- Rev. Sloan will retain his computer and embroidery machine.
- Rev. Sloan and First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, will mutually execute a standard waiver and release agreement.
- Total monetary Compensation of \$23,869.29.

A-4. Approved the dissolution of the call between Rev. Jennifer Blake and First Presbyterian Church, Omaha effective August 31, 2023 if the way be clear. Following are the stipulations of the dissolution:

- Rev. Blake's last day at First Presbyterian Church, Omaha will be July 30, 2023.
- Rev. Blake will complete 4 days of continuing education and 4 weeks of vacation making the last day of employment August 31, 2023.
- Rev. Blake will receive compensation equal to 1 month of salary (September 2023) in the amount of \$6,174.74. It will be paid at the regular September pay period.
- Rev. Blake and First Presbyterian Church will mutually execute a standard waiver and release agreement.
- Total compensation of \$6,174.74.

A-5. Appointed Rev. Sally Carlson as Moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, to begin August 2023.

A-6. Approved dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Christine Dempsey and Presbyterian Church of the Cross effective August 1, 2023.

A-7. Approved the transfer of Rev. Jennifer Blake to Grand Canyon Presbytery effective September 1, 2023.

A-8. Approved the transfer of Rev. Christine Dempsey to Presbytery of Peaks and Plains effective August 1, 2023.

A-9. Approved Protestant Chaplain and Retreat Coordinator at Creighton University as a validated ministry.

A-10. Approved the Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Gary Eller and Presbyterian Church of the Master. Terms were identical to 2022-23.

A-11. Approved Rev. Martha Slocombe as Moderator of Underwood Hills and work through "Project Regeneration" program with the Session and guidance by the Presbyterian Foundation.

A-12. Approved the engagement of Presbyterian Church of the Cross in a discernment process related to a search for an Associate Pastor position.

A-13. Elected Elder David Friedli as Moderator of COM effective August 1, 2023.

A-14. Approved designation of Rev. Jon Sloan as a At-Large Member of Presbytery of Missouri River Valley.