

Report of the Stated Clerk, Nancy Ross-Hullinger

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Stated Meeting, May 7, 2026

For the Record

- A. The Presbytery's annual report to the Interim Unified Agency (IUA) was reported. On December 31, 2025, PMRV had 68 minister members and (6) ruling elders commissioned to particular service. PMRV reported 40 churches on the roll.
- B. 39 out of 41 sessions of the Presbytery submitted all or partial annual statistical reports to the IUA.
- C. The Stated Clerk participated in Association of Mid-Council Leaders and Association of stated clerks' monthly virtual gatherings.
- D. The Stated Clerk consulted with Committees, Commissions, Sessions, and Presbytery members as requested or as contacted.
- E. The Stated Clerk serves on and attends monthly Administrative Team Meetings/Moderator Team Meetings
- F. The Stated Clerk serves on and attends monthly Leadership Team Meetings
- G. The Stated Clerk provided clerk training on 2/28/26 at the FELD Leadership Training Event. Sent all clerks information following that training.
- H. Annual Session Minutes/Registry Review for 2025 will be done in person, with 4 clerks meeting together to review each other's records. The deadline is 6/1/25 to have them completed.
- I. Consulted with Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Unified Interim Agency as necessary.
- J. Updated Stated Clerk data requirements of IUA as per requests and authorization.
- K. Participated in COM Meetings.
- L. Prepared draft docket for Presbytery meetings and met with Moderator/Docket planning group.
- M. Attended Board of Pension Informational Meeting.
- N. The Presbytery Staff – Nancy, Tina, Nicole tries to meet monthly
- O. Ongoing and updating of resources for clerks and presbytery members
- P. Calls, emails, face-to-face, zoom, texts, to connect with whoever needs assistance
- Q. All correspondence has been answered and forwarded, as needed

Recommendation: With respect to redress of imbalance:

- Our standing rules direct the Stated Clerk to ascertain the parity of teaching elder and ruling elder members and commissioners and make recommendation to Presbytery to redress if the number of teaching elder (minister) members exceeds the number of ruling elders with right to vote.
- Of the 68 teaching elders (MWS), 38 are retired and not in active service and 4 of those are residing out of the area. Consequently, **we can expect 30 teaching elders in attendance at Presbytery meetings.**
- **We automatically expect 40** ruling elders commissioned by their sessions. In addition, we have (2) ruling elders serving as officers, (2) ruling elders serving as chairs of standing committees and one (1) ruling elder commissioned to particular service. Thus,

by Bylaws III. B. 2 & 3 and D, **we can expect 45 ruling elders to participate in meetings of Presbytery**

- **Standing Rules of the Presbytery state: “If the number of ruling elders equals or exceeds the number of teaching elders, there is no imbalance, and no action is needed. Therefore, there is no need for redress of imbalance in 2026. The Stated Clerk reports and recommends that the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley does not need to redress imbalance from July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027.**
- Recommend to remove the following members of dissolved churches:
 - Presbytery holds membership for one year following dissolution.
 - I’m adding the churches that were still in the records as not being dismissed, knowing that some have joined congregations, and some have died.

Westminster, Council Bluffs (dissolved 12/31/2024)

Bolte, Roger
Gillette, Carissa
Gillette, Chris
Lane, Karen
Payne, Mary
Peters, Roberta

Rathke, Fran
Smith, Carol
Thomson, Barbara
Tornblom, Mike
Vallier, Kay

Westminster, Omaha

Ford, Barbara
Hagen, Teresa Renee Agosta (Mrs. Daniel K) (Mrs. Jeff Fuhr)
Heneman, Sue
Hernandez, Maria I.
Johnson, Carol K. (Mrs. Jay F.)
Kelly, Charles Michael
Kelly, Kathy Ann Prescott (Mrs. Charles M.)
Kelly, Brooke Allison
Kropp, Shelley Kay (Mrs. Trevor Sheets)
McFarland, Mary (Mrs. Harold D.)
Olsen, Patricia (Mrs. John)
Rafferty, Gary
Rafferty, Susan Rae Reischlein
Ramsey, Carl A.
Ramsey, Carolyn M.

Ramsey, Clark
Reischlein, Amanda
Reischlein, Derek Robert
Reischlein, Thomas
Resichlein, Michell Marie Mood (Mrs. Thomas)
Rotschafer, Mildred (Mrs. Wayne)
Shoemaker, Janice
Spencer, Jeffrey
Spencer, Linda (Mrs. Jeffrey)
Thomas, Jennifer Leigh (Freed)
Thompson, Bruce
Thompson, Sharon (Mrs. Bruce)
Tupper, Gary Jay,
Yates, Jennifer Lyn
Yates, John Robert
Yates, Randy

First Presbyterian Church – Woodbine

Slagle, Rosa C.
Tacy, Ruth O.
Tompkins, Mary S.

Tompkins, Perry J.
Watkins, Jeffrey G

Clifton Hill – Omaha

Boyer, Barbara Lynn	Hoover, Patricia Huntley
Christopherson, Debbie Ann Hodgens	Mears, Lynette M. Thomas
Culton, Michelle Flaits	Ruben, Isabel
Dohe, Marilou	Stumpf, Myra Ingrid Jensen
Fox, Mimi	

Miller Park – Omaha

Bond-Laudaverde, Jany	Koehler, David
Brasel, Bryce Joseph	McBride, David
Brasel, Jeanetta Mae (Harmon)	Moore, Milton
Burr, Kathy Lynn	Murphee, Linda
Gordon, Barbara	Ranney, Sylvia
Hernandez, Sarah	Rydberg, Terry Lee
Hodges, Deborah (Dreyer)	Sexton, Julie (Smith)
Hodges, Harold W. Jr.	Stilen, Jerrian

Leadership Team

2/17/26

- Approved Agenda
- We followed up on the Commission of Care discussion from the Presbytery Meeting. Areas we wanted to make sure did not get left out in the direction – CRE's and the whole process – the continuum of care from lay academy through serving in a commissioned place, active and Validated Ministers. We talked about that right now it is experimental and COM/CPM seeking discernment, trying to be radically helpful and provide effective ways to build and keep community. We are living into this model, once we are certain of the direction, we will bring back to LT, then to Presbytery to be approved which would also include Manual of Administrative Operations changes – when Manual changes are made there is a request for cohesiveness and a common voice. It was mentioned that at times the church is trying to catch up with the Holy Spirit – maybe this is one of those times.
 - Motion was made and approved.
- After prayerfully listening to the Commissions on Ministry and Preparation for Ministry, the Leadership team unanimously approves and trusts the discernment of the Commissions as they seek the Spirit's direction moving forward. We look forward to their continued consultations with us and the presbytery.
- Consent agenda was approved and it included:
 - Minutes of January 20, 2026. Leadership Team Orientation and Meeting
 - Accepted "Gold Star Reports" and reports from Stated Clerk & Treasurer

3/17/26

- Approved agenda

- Request from Homestead to work together for August Presbytery meeting at Calvin Crest was given to Moderator Team to discern and see in what ways we will or won't work together and make contact with Homestead. Our theme for August is "Creativity" and FELD already has Susan Stabile scheduled as our guest speaker – Being Church in Today's Word for Friday retreat, and Saturday presentation. Recommended and approved for mod team to make connection.
- Gold Star reports were accepted along with Treasurer and Stated Clerk Reports
- The February minutes didn't make it into the doc packet we will approve in April along with March.

COC (COM/CPM)

2/24/26

- Approved minutes of January 27, 2026 meeting
- Approved the request from the Murray Presbyterian Church and Reverend William McConnell to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective February 28, 2026 and recognize the retirement of Reverend McConnell.
- The Commission has continued to support established Pastor Nominating Committees in these churches:
 - a. Dundee Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor
 - b. Ft. Calhoun Presbyterian Church
 - c. Shenandoah/Essex Presbyterian Churches
- Approved TE Suzanne Gorhau to moderate Murray session.
- Approved TE Stephen Niles to moderate Ft. Calhoun session.
- Approved Keith Allen and Brian Long as Exam readers.
- Approved TPR Jim Crapson/College Springs; 19 hours; all Sunday's; Effective Salary \$42,432; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.
- Approved TPR Stephen Niles/Ft. Calhoun; 19 hours per week; 4 Sunday's a month; Effective Salary \$20,000; travel @ \$.725 a mile/\$4,000; CE \$1,420; 6 weeks vacation \$1,200.

3/24/26

- Approved minutes of February 24, 2026
- Approved TE Nicole Riebe to labor outside the bounds of PMRV at Fremont, Nebraska Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 7 (Communion)
- Approved a Sabbatical Assistance request for a pastor applying for assistance.
- Approved Frank Gorhau to be added to the Pulpit Supply list, following his completion of Boundary Training and a background check.
- Approved TPR Bill Switzer/Walnut; full time; all Sunday's; Effective Salary \$57,600; medical \$4,737; pension \$16,444; mileage \$2,400; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave
- CPM Related Work:
 - RE David McBride preparation progress and timeline