Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Special Called Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

You are called to a special meeting of PMRV (called by Moderator RE Ricky Holbert; Vice Moderator RE Joyce Faltis-Serenil and Stated Clerk TE Nancy Ross-Hullinger)

5:00 p.m. WORSHIPFUL WORK OF THE PRESBYTERY

Convene with Prayer Moderator, RE Ricky Holbert

Establish quorum Stated Clerk, TE Nancy Ross-Hullinger
From the Manual of Administrative Operations:
"The docket of called meetings shall include only matters included in the call."
Quorum: The quorum for any meeting of the Presbytery shall be twelve, six ruling elders from at least three different churches, and six teaching elder members.

Action before the Body
SOR, TE Becky Balestri – Ft. Calhoun Presbyterian Church sale of Land
COM, RE David Friedli – Propose Administrative Commission for Florence Presbyterian Church

Recommendation from Stewardship of Resources Committee (SOR)
Stewardship of Resource Committee (SOR) received a request from the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church session, following a congregational meeting on August 30, 2026 (123 N 13th Street, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023) requesting the sale of a tract of land. Legal description and information below:

Legal: TL 166 11-17-12 31C PC 166
A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN TAX LOSTS 156 AND 158 IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SETION 11 TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH RANGE 12 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M. WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA
PARCEL NUMBER 890087074 10.544 Acres

On August 4, 2024, Agnes Smith gave the Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church 5 acres of land. The church bought the other 5.544 acres of land from Agnes Smith. Totaling 10.544 acres.

A committee was formed to look at building on the 10.544 acers. After many meetings, the committee came to the conclusion that the cost was too great for building on the site. The site was used for a community garden for a couple of years. Other than the garden the land has not been used. At the time of the purchase and the gift, the land was appraised at $87,500.

We have an offer on the land for $300,000 by Charles Welchert.

SOR makes a motion to approve.

Recommendation from Commission on Ministry (COM)
The Commission on Ministry proposes approval of an Administrative Commission for the purpose of closing Florence Presbyterian Church.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF FLORENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Commission on Ministry submits the following recommendation:

Upon the request of the congregation of Florence Presbyterian Church of Omaha, Nebraska, by vote at their Congregational Meeting on August 23, 2026, the Presbytery approves the dissolution of Florence Presbyterian Church and the completion of their ministry, and establishes an Administrative Commission to work with the session to carry out the dissolution.

Members of the Commission shall be TE Robert Keefer; TE Andy Hamer; RE Debbie Parks (Florence); RE Allen Christensen (Florence); RE Linda Reffert; RE Erica Wagner; TE Martha Edwards

The Administrative Commission shall have the following powers:

- To determine the date of dissolution and completion of ministry, in consultation with the session/congregation.
- To assist the moderator and the session in winding up the affairs of the church, transferring the remaining members, planning worship for the period until the church closes, and planning a celebration of the life and ministry of Florence Presbyterian Church.
- To receive all session records (Church Registers, Session Minutes, and any other pertinent records) and transfer them to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery for forwarding to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.
- To grant (for up to one year) letters of transfer to other churches for members whose names are still on the roll at the time the congregation is dissolved.
- Under the Form of Government, Chapter IV (G-4.0203) of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), all property of the Florence Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Therefore the Administrative Commission of Presbytery, appointed September 10, 2026, is authorized to work with the session to make a recommendation of how to disperse the funds from the sale of the church building and any other assets in consultation with the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources (SOR) Committee.
- To assert the claim of Presbytery to any property of the Florence Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to the Florence Presbyterian Church in the future as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.
- To file any and all papers necessary to dissolve the corporation.
- To assume original jurisdiction in case the session becomes unable to perform its necessary functions in concluding the business of the congregation.
- As its final act the Administrative Commission will make a final report on the dissolution to Presbytery which will:
    - summarize the highlights of the life of Florence Presbyterian Church and give thanks to God for its ministry;
    - describe the process the Administrative Commission has followed and the actions it has taken, including the action making the Presbytery the "successor in interest" to the congregation; and
    - give a full accounting of the transfer of members (together with a list of those remaining on the roll), and of the distribution of the assets.

From time to time the Commission will report to the Presbytery, through the Stated Clerk, actions taken in discharge of these duties, notwithstanding the responsibility to make a final report.

Adjourn with Prayer Moderator, RE, Ricky Holbert