

## **Report of the Stated Clerk For February 22, 2024 Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Stated Meeting**

- I. FOR THE RECORD
  - A. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly has been submitted. PMRV began and ended 2023 with 42 churches. PMRV began 2022 with 75 minister members. One death was reported during the year. Four ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. Two ministers were received from other presbyteries. Thus, PMRV ended 2023 with 72 minister members.
  - B. Minutes of the Presbytery since March 1998 are currently on hand in the Presbytery office in Omaha. All earlier volumes have been deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA.
  - C. The Presbytery holds property insurance and liability insurance, as required by the Constitution (G-3.0112).
  - D. The Stated Clerk is required to report annually to Presbytery the names of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years:
    - Class of 2022: minister member Becky Balestri, minister member Deena Candler, and ruling elder Rana Johnson (Church of the Cross)
    - Class of 2020: minister member Dwight Williams, ruling elder Jason Bottlinger (Dundee Presbyterian) and ruling elder Jim Campbell (New Horizon)
    - Class of 2018: minister member Charles Bulger (HR), ruling elder Andrew Cook (Church of the Master) and ruling elder David Krueger
  - E. Review of PMRV 2022 Minutes by Synod of Lakes and Prairies was held May 22-23, 2023. The Minutes were found to be in order with minor exceptions.
  - F. Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on December 14, 2023, and interviewed Elder Kathy Padilla (West Hills) who has completed all requirements to become a Commissioned Pastor. The Commission found her ready to be commissioned and dismissed her to the care of Commission on Ministry.
  - G. Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on February 8, 2024 and interviewed Elder Regina Jeanpierre-Bryant regarding becoming an Inquirer, Commissioned Pastor, and placement on the Pulpit Supply list.
  - H. Correspondence and Clerk activity
    1. All correspondence has been answered or forwarded, as needed.
    2. Consulted with Committees, Commissions, Sessions, and Presbytery members as requested or as contacted.
    3. Contacts were made to Presbytery churches with an active Pastor Nominating Commission in place or in the discernment process as requested.
    4. Consulted with Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Office of General Assembly as necessary.
    5. Updated Stated Clerk data requirements of OGA as per requests and authorization.
    6. Participated in COM Meetings on November 28, 2023, and January 23, 2024.
    7. Finalized dates and conducted Clerk of Session Trainings on January 18, 19, 22, 23. All meetings were conducted via Zoom. Clerks of Session from 22 PMRV Churches attended one of the meetings.
    8. Completed and submitted all 2023 OGA Mid-Council Reports and Statistical Reports required from the Presbytery.
    9. Prepared Digest of 2023 Presbytery Actions and materials related to the February 2024 Stated Meeting.

10. Attended November, December, January, and February meetings of Administrative Transition Team. All meetings were conducted on Zoom.
11. Prepared materials for Leadership Team meetings on November 21 and December 19, 2023, the joint Leadership Team/Committee Chair Retreat January 16, 2024 and February 20, 2024. All meetings were conducted on Zoom.
12. Prepared completed minutes for Leadership Team meetings held in November, December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024.
13. Prepared draft docket for February Stated Meeting and held a Docket Planning Meeting, January 9, 2024, via Zoom with PMRV Moderator, PMRV Vice Moderator, Moderator of Leadership Team, and chair of Worship Committee.
14. Attended and participated in all Administrative/Moderator Team meetings held in November, December, January, and February.
15. Participated in Association of Mid-Council Leaders twice monthly virtual gatherings.
16. Participated in monthly Synod calls.
17. Participated in Executive Reference checks as necessary.
18. Participated in Zoom meeting with Mighty Clerks of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies on Monday, January 29, 2024.
19. Scheduled and participated in Zoom Boundary Training conducted by Rev. Deb DeMeester, Synod of Lakes and Prairies on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.
20. Attended Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) meeting held on February 8, 2024.
21. Provided information to Rev. Murice Brian Long regarding installation scheduled at Peace Presbyterian Church on February 10, 2024.
22. Continued ongoing communication with Synod representatives as needed.
23. Updated information for Synod related to staff and committee contacts.
24. Continued ongoing communications with PNCs, Pastors, Clerks, and church officers as requested.
25. Continued communications with PMRV staff regarding various Presbytery needs and questions.
26. Participated in monthly Zoom meeting with COM Moderator and Vice Moderator.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk