

## PRESBYTERY OF MISSOURI RIVER VALLEY

The Presbytery of Missouri River Valley held a special called meeting via Zoom on May 8, 2024. The meeting was convened with prayer at 5:32 PM by the Moderator, Rev. Matt Coplen.

Patricia Shipley, stated clerk, assured the moderator of the presence of a quorum. The roll is attached to these minutes. **[Attachment 1]**

There were no new teaching elder members. There were no new ruling elder commissioners. There were no corresponding members to be seated.

Commissioners were reminded that the only business that can be conducted at the PMRV Special Meeting is the sole item on the posted docket.

### Decisions

The Presbytery took the following action:

1. Motion made by Rev. Dr. Michael Elliott on behalf of the Stewardship of Resources to approve the appointment of an Administrative Commission to assist with the sale of the Shelby, Iowa Presbyterian church. The Administrative Commission members and its charge is as follows:

### **The Commission on Ministry through the Stewardship of Resources Committee submits the following recommendation:**

Upon the request of the congregation of Shelby Presbyterian Church of Shelby, Iowa, by vote at their Congregational Meeting on April 28, 2024, the Presbytery approves the sale of real property and approved interiors of Shelby Presbyterian Church and establishes an Administrative Commission to work with the session to carry out the sale of all real estate and approved interiors.

Members of the Commission shall be: Rev. Gary Eller, Moderator; Rev. Sally Carlson; Rev. Rick Sleyster; Elder Bonnie Brown (First/Omaha); Elder Michael O'Bradovich (PCM); Elder Deb Rosenow (Shelby); Elder Grace Mills (Shelby)

The Administrative Commission shall have the following powers:

- Under the Form of Government, Chapter IV (G-4.0203 and G-4.0204) of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), all property of the Shelby Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Therefore, the Administrative Commission of Presbytery, appointed May 8, 2024, is authorized to arrange for the appropriate disposition of real and personal property, including the sale of real estate after consultation with the Presbytery's Stewardship of Resources Committee.
- Facilitate the sale of all real and personal property, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to an approved buyer of all real property known to be in the possession of Shelby Presbyterian Church.
- Proceeds from all sale of real and inventories of the Shelby Presbyterian Church after appropriate bills have been paid shall be retained in by the congregation and the session of Shelby Presbyterian Church.

- To manage and secure access to the property which shall include verification of liability insurance coverage and posting of “Do Not Enter” signage on all entrances of the building until ownership is rightfully transferred to a new owner.
- To assist in executing a deed search and updated abstract of the property is acquired prior to sale closure.
- To assist in the acquisition of all legal documents necessary to close the property sale.
- To assist in the writing of a purchase agreement which affords congregation members access to the property until closure on the sale of the property.
- To assist gathering all information necessary for Presbytery’s approval of the sale of the property which shall include the legal description of the property, purchase price, name of the buyer, and any other relevant information as required by Stewardship of Resources.
- To consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have concerning the disposition of equipment, memorials, and other property of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, and from the date of this action to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the Presbytery.
- As its final act the Administrative Commission will make a final report on the property sale to Presbytery which will:
  - 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

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.

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Matt Coplen at 5:47 PM.

Patricia Shipley, Stated Clerk

Marilyn Puett, Recording Clerk

Attachments:

1. Roll of the Presbytery

### 5/8/2024 Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley via Zoom

#	Vote	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Role
1	1	Bonnie	Brown	FPC Omaha	Eld
2	1	Marie	Browning	Carson	Eld
3	1	Sally	Carlson	Minister Member	Min
4	1	Pamela	Clark	Oakland Sharon	Eld
5	1	Matt	Coplen	FPC Plattsmouth	Min,LT,CC
6	1	Tricia	Dillon Thomas	OPSF	Min
7	1	Gary	Eller	FPC Omaha	Min
8	1	Mike	Elliott	FPC Bellevue	Min
9		Nicole	Geiler	PMRV	Vis
10	1	Suzanne	Gorhau	Carson & Oakland Sharon	Min
11	1	Carolyn L	Grice	New Life Pres	Min
12	1	Vicki	Hallberg	Bethany	Eld
13	1	Regina	Jeanpierre-Bryant	New Life Pres	Eld,LT
14	1	Robert	Keefer	Minister Member	Min
15	1	Lowell	Knauss	Minister Member	Min
16	1	Brian	Long	Peace Presbyterian Church	Min
17	1	Richard	McClure	United Trinity	Eld
18	1	Gregg	Miller	Ft Calhoun Pres	Min
19	1	Brenda	Norton	PCM	Eld
20	1	Pam	Otto	PCOC	Eld
21		Marilyn	Puett	PCM Recording Clerk	Vis
22	1	Nancy	Ross-Hullinger	Bethany & Gethsemane	Min
23	1	Pat	Shipley	PMRV	LT
24	1	Marshall	Zieman	PCOC	Min

13 Vote - Ministers/Commissioned Pastors

8 Vote - Elder Commissioners

Vote - Committee Chair/Leadership Team

1 Vote - Stated Clerk

22 Vote - TOTAL number of persons eligible to vote

24 TOTAL in attendance

\*Every church gets one (1) elder commissioner vote

\*Ministers and Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP/CRE) get one (1) vote each

\*Every Committee Chair (LT) gets one (1) vote (even if their church has a commissioner vote)

\*Stated Clerk gets one (1) vote