

## **Presbytery of Missouri River Valley**

### **DIGEST OF ACTIONS: 2024**

Compiled by Stated Clerk Nancy Ross-Hullinger from Presbytery Minutes

Date in parentheses cites minutes of meeting

#### **I. Teaching Elder Members Added to the Roll**

- A. Approved the transfer of Rev. Jon Noble from Homestead Presbytery, if the way be clear. (2/22, 8/17)
- B. Approved Rev. Aaron White for membership in Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, if the way be clear. (2/22, 8/17) Moved from Missouri Union
- C. Approved the Rev. Murice Brian Long for membership in Presbytery of Missouri River Valley moved from New Covenant Presbytery (2/22)
- D. Approved by E-vote Rev. Karen Moritz from Homestead Presbytery

#### **II. Teaching Elder Members Removed from the Roll**

- A. Approved the dismissal of Rev. Jon Sloan to Homestead Presbytery. (8/17)
- B. Approved the dismissal of Rev. Paul Masters to North Central Iowa Presbytery.
- C. Approved the dismissal of Rev. Leah Elrod to North Central Iowa Presbytery.
- D. Approved the dismissal of Rev. Chet Mason (death).

#### **III. Other Actions with Respect to Inquirers, Candidates and Teaching Elder Members**

- A. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Cindy Harvey and Presbyterian Church of the Master from January 1, 2024-December. 31, 2024. Terms: 20 hours/week. Effective Salary: Cash-\$28,800; Pulpit Supply rate per Sunday-\$180. Professional allowance \$1000. Paid Continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). The agreement may be terminated upon thirty day written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion. (2/22)
- B. Approved the Pastoral Call between Peace Presbyterian Church, Omaha, NE and Rev. Murice (Brian) Long of New Covenant Presbytery commencing January 15, 2024. Terms: Full time. Salary: Cash-\$40,000; Housing Allowance-\$35,000; Effective Salary \$75,000. Full medical pension, disability, and death benefit coverage-\$29,250. 12 weeks of Family Medical Leave. Continuing Education-\$2,000 annually. Professional Expenses which include Mileage reimbursement-\$2,000. Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually, which includes four Sundays. Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually, which includes two Sundays (cumulative to six weeks. Moving expenses up to \$10,000 with proof of receipt. The call was issued on November 19, 2023. The congregational meeting issuing the call was moderated by Rev. Jon Sloan. (2/22)
- C. Approved the dissolution of the call between Faith United Church, Sidney, Iowa, and Rev. Leah Elrod effective December 31, 2023. Rev. Elrod will receive salary at current level, Board of Pension benefits, and use of the manse January 1-March 31, 2023. (2/22)

- D. Approved Commissioning of Elder James Carroll to serve the Lord's Supper for Crossroads Connection should a Minister of Word and Sacrament not be available. (2/22)
- E. Approved the dismissal of Rev. Matthew Johnstone to Donegal Presbytery. (2/22)
- F. Accepted the Interim Pastor Exit Report of Rev. Gary Eller/Presbyterian Church of the Master. (2/22)
- G. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Bethany Presbyterian Church/Council Bluffs, Iowa, from January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024. Terms: 19 hours/week. Effective Salary: Cash-\$29,244; Contribution to Fidelity Fund -\$12,000 Effective Salary \$41,244. Professional reimbursements Travel at IRS rate-\$500; Continuing Education reimbursement \$1200. Paid vacation of four (4) weeks and two (2) weeks study leave annually (including Sundays). In 2024-2 months, Sabbatical Leave from July 8-September 7, 2024. A Sabbatical Leave Contract was included with the Temporary Pastoral Relationship. The agreement may be terminated upon thirty days written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion.
- H. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Pastor Marcia Cline and Trinity Presbyterian Church/Clarinda, Iowa, from January 1, 2024-December. 31, 2024. Terms: Full time. Effective Cash Salary-\$45,093.84; Effective Salary \$45,093.84. Retirement-\$5174.75. Professional reimbursements: Travel at IRS rate-\$1000; Continuing Education reimbursement \$1000. Books \$200. Paid vacation of four (4) weeks annually (including Sundays) plus 2 extra Sundays. Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays) The agreement may be terminated upon thirty day written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion. (2/22)
- I. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Carolyn Grice and New Life Presbyterian Church from February 1, 2024-December. 31, 2024. Terms: 19 hours/week. Cash Salary-\$1200; Housing Allowance-\$25640; Deferred Compensation \$7,183,80; Effective Salary \$26,840. Professional reimbursements: Travel at IRS rate-\$1200; Continuing Education reimbursement \$671. Paid vacation of four (4) weeks annually (including Sundays). Paid Continuing Education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). The agreement may be terminated upon thirty days' written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion. (2/22)
- J. Approved Installation Commission for Rev. Murice "Brian" Long which includes Rev. Matt Coplen, Rev. Jon Sloan, Elder David Friedli (Murray), Elder Judi Crick (Faith/LaVista), and Elder Steve Brosz (Peace/Elkhorn). Installation date and location: Saturday, February 10, 2024. 10 a.m. at Peace Presbyterian Church, Elkhorn, Nebraska. (2/22)
- K. Approved Kathy Padilla (West Hills) as a Ruling Elder eligible for Commissioning, per Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommendation. (2/22)
- L. Approved moving Rev. Dwight Williams to Retired status effective January 31, 2024. (2/22)
- M. Affirmed validated ministries of Rev. Sarah James, Chaplain, Children's Hospital/Omaha; Rev. Robert Rose, Air Force Chaplain; Rev. Shelli Latham,

- Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation and Rev. Tricia Dillon Thomas, Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, and Rev. Martha Slocombe, Creighton University for 2024. (2/22)
- N. Approved serving of the Lord's Supper during Presbyterian Pilgrimage events, Calvin Crest retreats, worship at Crossroads Connection when officiated by a PC(USA) minister or Commissioned Ruling Elder, Protestant Worship at Creighton University, and Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation retreats. (2/22)
- O. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. Suzanne Gorhau and Riverside Parish (Oakland-Sharon and Carson Presbyterian Churches) from February 1, 2024-December. 31, 2024. Terms: 30 hours/week. Cash Salary-\$3,600; Housing Allowance-\$40,400; Effective Salary \$44,000. Board of Pensions: pension, disability, death benefit only, \$4,400. Professional reimbursements: Travel at IRS rate-\$1000; Continuing Education reimbursement \$5,000. Paid vacation of four (4) weeks annually (including Sundays). Paid Continuing Education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). The agreement may be terminated upon thirty days written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion. (2/22)
- P. Approved Elder Brian Morhardt, Underwood Hills, for placement on the Pulpit Supply list. (2/22)
- Q. Approved the removal of Rev. Steven Niles from the Pulpit Supply list at his request. (2/22)
- R. Approved Elder Regina Jeanpierre-Bryant to become an inquirer under care of PMRV.
- S. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Rev. James Crapson and College Springs Presbyterian Church from January 1, 2024-December. 31, 2024. Terms: 19 hours/week. Effective Salary: Cash-\$33,432; Housing allowance \$9,000; Effective Salary \$43,432. Professional reimbursement-travel at \$0.67/mile; other professional reimbursement \$624. Paid Continuing education leave of two weeks annually (including Sundays). The agreement may be terminated upon thirty day's written notice by either party or by the Missouri River Valley Presbytery at their discretion. (4/13)
- T. Approved the Pastoral Call between Presbyterian Church of the Master, Omaha, NE and Rev. Aaron White of Missouri Union Presbytery commencing April 8, 2024. Terms: Full-time. Salary: Cash-\$30,000; Housing Allowance-\$43,200; Deferred Compensation-\$4,800 Effective Salary \$78,000. Full medical pension, disability, and death benefit coverage-\$30,420; Family dental \$1,723.32. 12 weeks of Family Medical Leave. Continuing Education-\$1,500 annually. Professional Expenses which include: Mileage reimbursement-\$2,000; 403 B employer match \$4,800; SECA Reimbursement \$5,967, Mobile phone \$200. Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually, which includes four Sundays. Paid continuing education leave of two weeks annually, which includes two Sundays (cumulative to six weeks. Moving expenses up to \$5,000 with proof of receipt. The call was issued on November 19, 2023. The congregational meeting issuing the call was moderated by Rev. Cindy Harvey. (4/13)
- U. Approved Rev. Jon Noble's placement on the Pulpit Supply list. (4/13)

- V. Approved Rev. Brian Wohlhutter, ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, to administer the Sacrament of Communion at the United Church of Avoca. (4/13)
- W. Approved appointment of Rev. Jon Noble as Moderator for Florence Presbyterian, Omaha, NE. (4/13)
- X. Approved Al Zimmerman to administer the Sacrament of Communion for Faith/LaVista on May 5, 2024. (4/13)
- Y. Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between New Horizon Presbyterian Church and Rev. Paul Masters effective April 7, 2024. (4/13)
- Z. Approved Rev. Leah Elrod to retired status and Member-At-Large of PMRV. (4/13)
- AA. Approved Temporary Pastoral Relationship between Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church and Rev. Scott Christianson for April 1-December 31, 2024. Terms: 14 hours/week; lead worship 3 Sundays/month; provide pastoral care; plan and moderate the session and congregational meetings; perform other administrative duties as requested by the session; teach 2 Stated Meeting April 13, 2024 Gethsemane Presbyterian Church Council Bluffs, Iowa 1 intergenerational class per month. Cash salary--\$0; Housing and utility allowance \$16,595 (for nine months); Effective Salary \$16,595. Professional reimbursement expenses: \$200 for books, supplies, miscellaneous. Paid vacation of one week in 2024 (including Sunday). (4/13)
- BB. Approved Robert Keefer as Moderator of Florence Presbyterian Church Session. (8/17)
- CC. Approved Sally Carlson as Moderator for New Horizon Presbyterian Church Session. (8/17)
- DD. Approved Sally Carlson as Moderator for Missouri Valley Session. (4/13)
- EE. Approved exit interview team of Elder David Friedli, Elder Bonnie Brown, Elder Vicki Hallberg, and Rev. Gary Eller for the retiring Reverend Rick Sleyster. (8/17)
- FF. Accepted and approved Reverend Gary Eller Interim reports from First Presbyterian/Omaha. (8/17)
- GG. Approved Kathy Padilla's commission to West Hills – will put her commissioning on the docket for August 17, 2024 Presbytery meeting. (8/17)
- HH. Approved removal of Linda Reffert from pulpit supply list (temporary) while she recovers from a broken hand. (8/17)
- II. Approved examination for ordination of Joshua Garry to serve as Associate Pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Cross. (8/17)
- JJ. Approved Rev. Jay Cline as Moderator of the Shenandoah and Essex Presbyterian Churches.
- KK. Approved those who have been trained as RE to be commissioned to serve communion within the presbytery bounds.
- LL. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of Rev. Michael Elliott and First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Nebraska. Last Sunday 9/1/24, using unused vacation and study leave for retirement date of 9/30/2024. 1) A meeting of the congregation is called for June 23 immediately following worship. At this meeting, the congregation will act on Pastor Mike's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue effective September 30th, 2024. 2) Pastor Mike's last Sunday to preach will be September 1. He will be on

vacation through the end of September but will be available for funerals and pastoral emergencies. His formal retirement date will be September 30, 2024 3) Session voted to engage Linda Reffert, and she accepted, to serve as pulpit supply between Pastor Mike's retirement until an interim pastor is hired. (8/17)

- MM. Approved the dissolution and retirement of Rev. Rick Sleyster and First Presbyterian Church Shenandoah and Essex Presbyterian. Retirement on 5/31/24. (8/17)
- NN. Approved Reverend Mike Elliott's exit interview by Care Team. (11/7)
- OO. Approved Linda Reffert's Temporary Pulpit Supply Contract with First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. 19 hours, \$6,916 salary. (11/7)
- PP. Approved Bob Sieck to moderate Neola (11/7)
- QQ. Approved the Ordination/Installation Commission for Josh Garry for 11/03/24 at the Presbyterian Church of the Cross 4:00 p.m.: Rev. Matt Coplen (TE); Rev. Gregg Miller (TE); Rev. Marshall Ziemann (TE); Cheryl Miller (RE – Ft. Calhoun); Keith Allen (RE-PCOC-PNC); Sherri Session (RE-PCOC-PNC); Rev. Fred Garry – Presbytery of the Coastlands, New Jersey; Rev. Zoe Garry – Presbytery of Southern Louisiana. (11/7)
- RR. Approved Transitional Pastor Reports from Reverend Dr. Gary Eller at First Presbyterian Church Omaha. (11/7)
- SS. Approved Reverend Mike Elliott for the Pulpit Supply List beginning October 1, 2024. (11/7)
- TT. Approved the 2025 Minimum Effective Salary document (11/7)
- UU. Approved the Installation Commission for Aaron J. White 3:00 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of the Master: Rev. Matt Coplen (TE); Rev. Carolyn Grice (TE); Rev. Marshall Ziemann (TE); Rev. Cindy Harvey (TE); Bonnie Brown (RE – FPC Omaha) Tom Burg (TE – Presbyterian Church of the Master); Rev. Chris Peters (TE – Homestead Presbytery) (11/7)
- VV. Approved Vicki Hallberg as Vice Moderator (11/7)
- WW. Approved Andy Hammer as Kathy Padilla's mentor (11/7)
- XX. Approved removing Sally Carlson from pulpit supply list as of 12/31/24 (11/7)
- YY. Approved TPR of Gary Eller and FPC Omaha for 2025; Full time; Cash Salary \$33,000; Housing \$49,000; Effective Salary \$82,000; BoP Additional Benefits \$9,840; SECA \$6,273; IRS Mileage \$2,200; CE \$1,500; Other \$1,000; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave. (11/26)
- ZZ. Approved renewing validated ministries for 2025:
  - Shelli Latham (OPSF)
  - Sarah James (Hospital Chaplain)
  - Robert Rose (Military Chaplain)
  - Martha Slocombe (Creighton Chaplain)
  - Nicole Riebe (Creighton Professor)
  - Tricia Dillon Thomas (OPSF) (11/26)
- AAA. Approved Worship and Spirituality Committee to serve Lord's Supper at clergy worship services in 2025. (11/7)

- BBB. Approved that “Interim” be removed from the Stated Clerk position title and that a vote be taken at the November Presbytery meeting to elect and employ Nancy Ross-Hullinger for a 3-year term as Stated Clerk of PMRV. We would further request that if she is elected, the Transition Task Force be dismissed. If she is not elected, the Task Force would need to be re-activated to determine a next course of action.
- CCC. Approved Jessica Schoepner and Regina JeanPierre-Bryant continue as Inquirers.
- DDD. Approved Linda Reffert completed her CRE training and ready to be commissioned to First Presbyterian Bellevue.
- EEE. Approved the following RE to continue in the Lay Academy-Jackie Marcum Missouri Valley, David McBride, First Omaha
- FFF. Approved Tim Owen to begin the Lay Academy after ordination and installation as an elder at First Shenandoah.
- GGG. Approved Exam Readers for 2025 Elder, Sam Rennick and Rev. Brian Long.

#### **IV. Actions with Respect to Congregations**

- A. Approved Presbyterian Church of the Cross Mission Discernment Profile (MDP) for an Associate Pastor and allow posting of the MDP. (2/22)
- B. Approved the forming of an Administrative Commission to assist in the sale of church property of Shelby Presbyterian. The congregation will retain all proceeds of the sale; the congregation is not dissolving. COM will offer names to the Moderator of Presbytery to be appointed to the Commission and the calling of a special meeting to approve the Commission and its tasks. (2/22)
- E. Authorized the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee for First Presbyterian/Omaha upon the request from them and pending receipt of the results of Holy Cow discernment. (2/22, 8/17)
- F. 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. (5/18 SM, 8/17)

- G. Approved the sale of Manse by Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clarinda, IA North sixty two (62) feet of the west one hundred fifty (150) of block two (2) of Johnson's Addition to the City of Clarinda, Page County, Iowa. Deed #4134

Information: Buyer pre-approved. Sale price \$147,500 – close June 28, 2024. The plan is to put the \$ in a CD or other related fund, for future use if the congregation gets a pastor that needs housing. (6/19 SM)

- H. Approved First Presbyterian Church/Omaha Discernment findings and report. (8/17)
- I. Approved the Discernment Report from First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. (11/7)
- J. Approved FPC Bellevue Congregational Discernment process document
- K. Approved New Horizon Presbyterian Church’s Mission Discernment Profile (MDP).
- L. As required by our Standing Rules, annual review of rolls and registers occurred June 10, 11, 12 and 13, via four Zoom meetings and one in person. Session minutes and records reviewed were January 1- December 31, 2023. Clerks are required to review registry and minutes annually. Thank you to the clerks who attended the review and got their minutes/records in on time. Shooting for 100% in 2025!

Results of the review are listed below:

1. *Minutes approved without exceptions:*

Avoca, United Church  
Bellevue:  
    Anderson Grove  
    First  
Carson  
Carter Lake  
Clarinda:  
    Trinity  
    Westminster  
College Springs  
Council Bluffs,  
    Bethany  
    Gethsemane  
Elkhorn:  
    Peace  
Fort Calhoun  
LaVista, Faith  
Murray  
Neola  
Oakland, Sharon

Omaha:  
Church of the Cross,  
Discovery,  
Dundee,  
First,  
Florence,  
Faithful Shepherd,  
Hope,  
New Life,  
West Hills,  
Plattsmouth,  
Red Oak  
    First  
Sidney, United Faith  
Villisca  
Walnut

2. *Minutes approved with minor exceptions:*

Council Bluffs:  
    Westminster

Omaha:  
Church of the Master  
Underwood Hills

3. *No minutes reviewed:*

Council Bluffs:  
    New Horizon

Omaha:  
    Korean

Essex  
Hamburg  
Missouri Valley

Mt. View  
Red Oak – Center Ridge  
Shelby  
Shenandoah

4. *Registers approved without exception:*

Avoca, United Church  
Bellevue:  
    Anderson Grove  
    First  
Carson  
Clarinda:  
    Trinity,  
    Westminster  
College Springs  
Council Bluffs:  
    Bethany,  
    Gethsemane,  
    Westminster  
Elkhorn, Peace  
Fort Calhoun,  
La Vista – Faith,  
Murray  
Neola,  
Oakland, Sharon

Omaha:  
    Church of the Cross  
    Church of the Master  
    Discovery  
    Dundee  
    Faithful Shepherd  
    First  
    Florence  
    Hope  
    New Life  
    West Hills  
Plattsmouth  
Red Oak  
Sidney  
Villisca  
Walnut

5. *Registers approved with minor exception:*

Omaha:  
    Underwood Hills,

6. *No Registry reviewed:*

Carter Lake,  
Hamburg, United Trinity,  
Missouri Valley,  
Council Bluffs:  
    New Horizon

Omaha:  
    Korean  
    Mt. View  
Red Oak:  
    Center Ridge  
Shelby  
Shenandoah

7. *The following minutes have not been reviewed in at least three years:*

Council Bluffs:  
    New Horizon  
Omaha: Korean

Red Oak – Center Ridge  
Shelby

**V. Policy Decisions**

Approved the process for training and authorizing Ruling Elders to officiate the Lord's Supper. Presbytery of Missouri River Valley (approved by COM 6/25/24)

G-3.0301 b. provide that the sacraments be rightly administered... "Authorizing and training specific ruling elders to administer or preside at the Lord's Supper when it deems it necessary to meet the needs for the administration of the Sacraments."

W-3.0410 Responsibility for the Lord's Supper "It is appropriate that a presbytery authorize and train ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper in the event of the absence of pastors."

Ruling Elders – Training and Authorization for commissioning to serve the Lord's Supper

1) Endorsement by Session  
2) Two-year training through the Academy and completion of all classes  
3) Once done with training and certificate received: examined as to personal faith, motives for commissioning preparation of a worship service with communion for critique by COM certificate of completion of boundary training, which includes the topic of sexual misconduct, and child sexual abuse prevention training with recertification at least every thirty-six months. Presbytery approves what meets the criteria for these two requirements.

4) The commission will be for a specific term (not to exceed 3 years) can be renewed

5) Commission will be reviewed annually by COM

6) RE would report directly to COM Moderator on a monthly basis – report to include where Lord's Supper was served during that month.

7) A Minister of Word and Sacrament will be assigned as mentor and supervisor

8) Commissioned by Presbytery for Presbytery service. (8/17)

## **VI. Other**

A. The Presbytery's annual report to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies has been submitted.

B. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly has been submitted. PMRV began 2024 with 42 churches and ended 2024 with 41 churches following the dissolution of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

PMRV began 2024 with 72 minister members. One death was reported during the year. Three ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. One minister was ordained. Two ministers were received from within the denomination. Thus, PMRV ended 2024 with 71 minister members.

C. The Presbytery holds property insurance and liability insurance, as required by the Constitution. (G-3.0112)

D. Election of officers and committees in the Presbytery were made at the meetings on 2/22 and 11/7 2024.

E. Approved the nominations from the nominating committee, no nominations were made from the floor. The following were elected 2/22/24 by unanimous vote.

### **Commission on Ministry**

- Elder Erica Wagner, Hope, 2026
- Elder Lauren Ruhe, Faithful Shepherd, 2025

### **Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

- Rev. Brian Long, Peace Pastor, 2026

### **Faith Education & Leadership Development**

- Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, Carson Oakland-Sharon Pastor, 2025

- Elder Jim Gaines, Gethsemane, 2026

**Personnel**

- Elder Shari Dillehay, Bethany, 2024

**Worship & Spirituality**

- Rev. Michael Harvey, Neola Pastor, 2026

- F. Approved the nominations from the nominating committee, no nominations were made from the floor. The following were elected 11/7/24 by unanimous vote.

### **Vice Moderator**

- Elder Ricky Holbert, First Presbyterian, Bellevue, 2025

### **Commission on Ministry**

- Rev. Jon Noble Retired, 2027
- Elder, Vicki Hallberg, Bethany, Council Bluffs, 2027
- Rev. Stephen Niles Retired, 2027
- Elder Keith Allen Church of the Cross, Omaha, 2027
- Rev. Caryn Sparr-Pedersen, Red Oak, 2027

### **Commission on Preparation for Ministry –**

- Rev. Jodi Filipi Retired, 2027
- Elder, Mike Molacek, Hope, 2027

### **Faith Education and Leadership Development –**

- Elder, Ricky Holbert, First Bellevue, 2027
- Rev. Aaron White, Presbyterian Church of the Master, 2027
- Elder Lynda Shafer, Faith LaVista, 2027

### **Worship and Spirituality –**

- Rev. Bob Keefer, Retired, 2027

### **Mission and Evangelism**

- 2 elder spots, no nominations

### **Personnel**

- Elder Pam Otto, Church of the Cross 2027
- Elder Shari Dillehay, Bethany, Council Bluffs, 2027

### **Social Justice and Peacemaking –**

- Elder, Steve Burgess West Hills, 2027
- Elder Sandy Hanna PCM, 2027
- Elder Kevin Bushnell, Dundee 2027

### **Stewardship of Resources**

- Rev. Mike Elliott Retired, 2027
- Elder Rudy Wang, Korean Church, 2027
- Rev. Jay Cline Westminster, Clarinda, 2027

### **Self Development of People –**

- Elder Pat Tooles-Dyer, New Life, 2027
- Elder Pat Shipley, Villisca 2027

### **Commissioner to Synod**

- Rev. Sarah Dickinson, Discovery 2027

### **Commissioner to GA (2026) –**

- Elder JoAnn Murtha, Plattsmouth

- G. Approved the authorization of a broader audit of 2023 in 2024. Presbytery cash only audit with balance sheets.
- H. Approved the inclusion of a Worship and Spirituality Committee member as a non voting member of Leadership Team
- I. Approved the stated clerk transition task force – application, timelines, compensation.
- J. Approved the dockets for stated Meetings of February 22, April 13, August 17, and November 7.

- K. Approved giving the Arabic Fellowship a six month notice that funding for the Arabic Fellowship will cease as of June 30, 2025 and that the Arabic Fellowship would receive a monthly stipend check sent to Pastor Emad Tawadrous of \$333 on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month January-June totaling \$2,000. (10/15, 11/7)
- L. Approved the theme for 2025 – Good News Life and finding ways to fulfill our mandate in the Book of Order G-3.0101 “Councils exist to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ. We will seek ways to be radically helpful to our pastors and congregations.