

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS LIFE!
Presbytery of Missouri River Valley: Regular Stated Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2026, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

An Orientation of New Ruling Elder Commissioners was led by FELD rep, TE Rev. Suzanne Gorhau at 5:00 p.m.

Worship: GATHERING FOR THE FAITHFUL WORK OF THE PRESBYTERY

- At 5:30 p.m. Moderator, RE Ricky Holbert opened the regular stated meeting with prayer.
- We were called to worship by TE Rev. Andy Hamer and TE Rev. Mike Geiler and moved into a song of invitation *Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons) #726*. We shared in a prayer of confession.
- A quorum was established by Stated Clerk, TE Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger. There were no new Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word & Sacrament), there were 4 new Ruling Elder Commissioners; and 2 Corresponding Members; Audrey Richert and Craig Huffmann were seated.
- Announcements:
 - FELD Training for Elders, Deacons, Clerks – February 28, 10-2 at New Horizon by TE Rev. Suzanne Gorhau.
- No new business was introduced.
- Vice Moderator, TE Joyce Faltis Serenil led the body in the Administrative Covenant 2026 and shared with us a mnemonic device to remember the elements of our covenant – Pray, Act, Accept, Stewards – PAAS – the Easter egg dying company!
- A video of Nicaragua children saying thank you for the school uniforms was shared. This is the 15th year of our partnership.

WORSHIP: PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- TE Rev. Andy Hamer read Scripture: Luke 4:18-19. TE Rev. Bob Keefer presented the theme of Proclaiming the Lord's Favor.
- We were sent to break out rooms (4-5) and discussed:
 - What do you understand the year of Lord's favor to be?
 - In what ways is the Church called to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor?

The responses from the groups:

- The Year of the Lord's favor is about returning possessions to owners, about forgiving debts, about leveling the playing field. The church proclaims this with pantries and clothing giveaways and other forms of mission.
- Our calling is to announce Good News: God wants everyone to have a fair shake, all should be free. God does it, but we must cooperate to make it happen.
- The year of the Lord's Favor - slaves free, property back to its original owners - shoutout to the year of Jubilee in the OT.
 - Reverting, restoring, returning to our full humanity in relationship with God and others.
 - Everybody gets their chance/fair shake again.
 - To feel God's favor, people are necessary. It's on us to partner with God - part of our calling. The favor is on everybody, and in our culture of winners and losers we have a hard time imagining that everybody can experience that favor/abundance.

- Freedom
 - just practices
 - restoration of the land/property:
 - rebalancing - not holding on to the things we don't need.
 - land acknowledgment
- The year of the Lord's favor is at once Jubilee/now/Christ's proclamation of Good News; our call as the Church is to bear witness to that Truth, to live out the example that Christ set for us, and bring it to others.
- Room 1: at the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is calling us to be aware again of God's creation, and calling for a new season which he is part of, where we learn anew ways to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God. God's view of righteousness is different from that which we might be used to. Breaking old cycles, and coming into a new age where we are manifesting God in the world.
- The year of the Lord's favor points to the idea the kingdom of God is here now. We can be agents of bringing the Lord's kingdom to earth now. We are called to be hopeful, not despairing. Wherever you are today, Jesus offers a different way. Choose empathy, kindness and love. You don't have to believe messages of the world like consumerism, power, fame. The favor of the Lord is an alternative way.
- The year of the Lord, although rooted in the Jubilee, is also about daily access, through Christ, to grace, restoration, and liberation. These are messages the Presbytery can reiterate regularly to our pastors and elders for emphasis in ministry.
- The year of Lord's favor: can be whatever year someone is blessed in ways that the passage describes. Was time that Jesus ushered in--time of God extending grace. How church proclaims it" mission in community, alleviating poverty and suffering, proclaim in a message that is received as good news by those who are disadvantaged by this world's standards (the poor)
- We sang: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* #761
- A wonderful time of Thanksgiving remembering those who have died in the faith
- TE Rev. Matt Coplen explained the Offering: Invitation for churches to give to local school lunch programs – report school and \$ amount to Stated Clerk by 4/1/26. These are the responses:
- FPC Bellevue donated \$600 to defray student lunch debt: The Mission Committee unanimously approved a proposal to send \$300 each to LeMay Elementary and Bellevue East HS to help defray student lunch debt.
- New Horizon raised \$2,935 to help offset school lunch debt for students in the Lewis Central School District
- FPC Plattsburgh collected \$1,639 and will be donating it to the Plattsburgh Community Schools lunch debt program.
- Bethany Presbyterian Church collected \$432 to be used for unpaid school lunches. They are donating the money to Rue School in Council Bluffs.

DECISIONS BEFORE US

- TE Rev. Jay Cline asked for two reports to be removed to be discussed 1) Leadership Team's concurrence with Overtures from Homestead D-7.09 and D-7.0901 and request for Authoritative Interpretation on D-7.0901. 2) Commission of Care report.
- The Consent Agenda was approved which included:
 - Minutes of November 6, 2025 Stated Meeting
 - Received Reports from Committees, Commissions, Leadership Team, Administrative Team, Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Stewardship of Resources
 - Items removed:
 1. TE Rev. Matt Coplen explained that concurring with the overtures did not provide a vote on whether we affirmed or declined the overture. The Leadership Team felt like it was a discussion that should be had by a committee at General Assembly. We were just concurring that it should be discussed.
 2. There was quite a discussion on the order of how COM/CPM were working out the combining of the 2 commissions. RE David Friedli spoke on behalf of the commissions that we were working at living into a new way.
- **Why a Commission of Care?**
 - Because it is important. Of 40 churches in Missouri River Valley Presbytery, 19 have full time, ordained and installed pastors, 11 have temporary/part time pastoral relationships with ordained pastors, and 10 rely solely on pulpit supply and Presbytery-appointed Moderators. There are 38 other retired ordained pastors in the Presbytery, 6 Certified Ruling Elders, 4 validated ministries—ordained pastors serving in roles such as chaplains or in related fields, and 6 individuals classified as inquirers or candidates in the process of becoming ordained pastors or certified ruling elders.
 - Our polity requires the Presbytery to care for each of those individuals, supporting them in their lives—"care for the caregivers", as you will.
 - Additionally, there are currently three churches in our Presbytery actively engaged in the process to call a pastor, and one other that will begin quite soon.
 - Because it is necessary. At one point last year, the Commission on Ministry had 10 active members out of 18 spots designated by the Presbytery. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry lacked a full slate of members and had difficulty establishing a quorum to conduct meetings.
 - A series of discussions took place between the Stated Clerk and the leadership of both Preparation for Ministry and Commission on Ministry. We saw where our work overlapped and could better serve the Presbytery by sharing duties and resources to create the Commission of Care...one entity that would encompass ministry in our Presbytery from the time someone felt a first call to enjoying being retired.
 - Last year, the Nominations Committee was faithful and amazing to bring the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry up to full capacity. There are many new faces serving who will help carry out the tasks before us, including more frequent communication with churches and church leaders, supporting retirees, guiding those who are studying to become ordained or commissioned, and leading churches through the Pastor Nominating/Calling process.

- So, 3. This is efficient. More hands, lighter workload. Guiding and assisting those at all levels of ministry in hopes of strengthening the connections between the “Presbytery” and ministry at the local level. In the past, communication between local ministry and the Presbytery came when there was a problem or when a vacancy occurred. The Commission OF Care, not the Commission ON Care, wants to change that.
- We intend to operate on a structure of co-moderators and a vice moderator, and of course our Stated Clerk attends every meeting. Our January meeting of the assembled group was extremely successful.
- We are “living into it” as we speak, carving out the ways the “two shall become one”, and when we are ready, including having a manual of operations completed, we will bring this to a vote of the Presbytery.
- David Friedli COM moderator provided a moment of thankfulness for the ministry of TE Rev. Bill McConnell whose last Sunday is 2/22 and will be retiring on 2/28/26 from Murray, he and his wife will be moving to Pennsylvania.
- A brief time of Reflection in break out groups focused on the The Four Words – Sources of Strength - Calling, Connection, Creativity, Courage for 2026 – The word for this quarter and tonight’s meeting was *Calling*

WORSHIP: RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

- TE Rev. Aaron White led us in the Lord’s Supper, closing this time with a song *Jesus Calls Us* #720
- Moderator RE Ricky Holbert gave a few closing remarks.
- Benediction was given by Vice Moderator, RE Joyce Faltis Serenil. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 with the Benediction.

The Next Stated Meeting of PMRV: May 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Location TBD

Stated Clerk – Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger

Attachments

1. Roll
2. 2025 Necrology Report
3. Committee/Commission/Leadership Team/Admin Team Reports
4. Stated Clerk Report & Overtures
5. Financial Statements
6. 2025 Digest of Actions

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Present	Vote?	First Name	Last Name	Church/Organization Name	Role
1	1	David	Friedli	Commission on Ministry	CC
1	1	Marcia	Cline	Trinity Presbyterian Church	CRE
1	1	Keith	Allen	PCOC	Eld
1	1	Joel	Brady	Mount View Pres	Eld
1	1	Anne Marie	Browning	Riverside Presbyterian Parish	Eld
1	1	Mike	Charleston	Discovery	Eld
1	1	Janice	Francis	Westminster Clarinda	Eld
1	1	Kathleen	Keefer	PCM	Eld
1	1	Angie	Madden	Faith Pres	Eld
1	1	JoAnn	Murtha	FPC Plattsmouth	Eld
1	1	Chris	Olson	Dundee Pres	Eld
1	1	Karen	Severson	Peace Pres	Eld
1	1	Robert	Sieck	Bethany Pres	Eld
1	1	Patricia	Tooles-Dyer	New Life Pres	Eld
1	1	Jennifer	Wiehe	Underwood Hills Pres	Eld
1	1	Joyce	Faltis-Serenil	Discovery	LT
1	1	Ricky	Holbert	FPC Bellevue	LT
1	1	Becky	Balestri	Faith	Min
1	1	Brianne	Christiansen	FPC Omaha	Min
1	1	Jay	Cline	Westminster Clarinda	Min
1	1	Matt	Coplen	FPC Plattsmouth	Min
1	1	Sarah	Dickinson	Discovery	Min
1	1	Joshua	Garry	PCOC	Min
1	1	Michael	Geiler	Hope Pres	Min
1	1	Suzanne	Gorhau	Riverside Presbyterian Parish	Min
1	1	Carolyn L	Grice	New Life Pres	Min
1	1	Andy	Hamer	West Hills Church	Min
1	1	Cindy	Harvey	PCM	Min
1	1	Robert	Keefer	PMRV Minister Member retired	Min
1	1	Brian	Long	Peace Pres	Min
1	1	Rachelle	McCalla	New Horizon	Min
1	1	William	McConnell	Murray Pres	Min
1	1	Richard	Meyer	PMRV Minister Member retired	Min
1	1	Karen	Moritz	Underwood Hills Pres	Min
1	1	Stephen	Niles	Fort Calhoun Pres	Min
1	1	Judith	Pistole	PMRV Minister Member retired	Min
1	1	Robert	Rose	USAF	Min
1	1	Nancy	Ross-Hullinger	Bethany/Gethsemane Churches	Min
1	1	Rick	Sleyster	PMRV Minister Member retired	Min

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1	1	Martha	Slocombe	FPC Bellevue	Min
1	1	Aaron	White	PCM	Min
1	1	Paul	Williams	Anderson Grove Pres	Min
1	1	Dwight	Williams	PMRV Minister Member retired	Min
1		Erin	Clark	New Life Pres	Vis
1		Nicole	Geiler	PMRV Staff	Vis
1		Ardys	Hansum	PCOC	Vis
1		Craig	Huffman	Calvin Crest	Vis
1		Regina	Jeanpierre-Bryan	New Life Pres	Vis
1		Audrey	Richert	NE Pres Fdn	Vis

49	TOTAL in attendance
43	TOTAL eligible to vote

6	NO VOTE - Visitors
27	Vote - Ministers/Commissioned Ruling Elders (Min or CRE)
13	Vote - Elder Commissioners (Eld)
3	Vote - PMRV Committee Chair/Leadership Team (LT)
	Vote - Stated Clerk (SC - if not counted elsewhere)
43	VOTE - TOTAL number of persons eligible to vote

- *Every church gets one (1) elder commisioner 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

2025 PMRV Necrology Report (Presbytery Meeting)

Precious in Your sight, O God, is the death of Your faithful ones. Psalm 116:15

Church Name	Title	First Name	Last Name	Death
PMRV Minister Member	Rev.	William "Bill"	Denny	2/20/2025
PMRV Minister Member	Rev.	Ernest "Ernie" LeRoy	Gutha	1/18/2025
Anderson Grove Presbyterian Church	Elder	Lowell	Iske	10/5/2025
Bethany Presbyterian Church	Elder	Duwayne	Doty	9/11/2025
Bethany Presbyterian Church	Elder	Cathy	Tichy	4/5/2025
Carter Lake Community Presbyterian Church	Elder	Sandra J	Caddell	7/29/2025
Discovery Presbyterian Church	Elder	Ann	Thompson	5/9/2025
Discovery Presbyterian Church	Elder	Duane	Tunnyhill	1/18/2025
Dundee Presbyterian Church	Elder	Ronald	Niederhaus	10/16/2025
Faith Presbyterian Church	Elder	Steven	Ernst	10/16/2025
Faith Presbyterian Church	Elder	Margaret	Hermansen	5/24/2025
Faith Presbyterian Church	Elder	Barbara	Rooker	5/16/2025
Faith Presbyterian Church	Elder	William	Wollenhaupt	3/20/2025
Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church	Elder	Lloydette	Carruthers	3/2/2025
First Presbyterian Church Bellevue	Elder	Wendy	Fenster	9/30/2025
First Presbyterian Church Essex	Elder	Mary Lou	Johnson	6/21/2025
First Presbyterian Church Essex	Elder	George W.	Ross	3/9/2025
First Presbyterian Church Missouri Valley	Elder	Kathryn	Brandon	10/16/2025
First Presbyterian Church Missouri Valley	Elder	Greg	Hancock	8/25/2025
First Presbyterian Church Omaha	Elder	Kathy	Arenz	12/3/2025
First Presbyterian Church Omaha	Elder	Mary	Mahoney	12/27/2025
First Presbyterian Church Plattsmouth	Elder	Betty	Fisher	1/10/2025
First Presbyterian Church Plattsmouth	Elder	Larry	Henry	9/12/2025
First Presbyterian Church Plattsmouth	Elder	Steve	Wehrbein	9/10/2025
First Presbyterian Church Shenandoah	Elder	Iris	Morrison	4/19/2025
First Presbyterian Church Villisca	Elder	Elizabeth (Betty)	Goettsch	4/2/2025
First Presbyterian Church Walnut	Elder	Avis	Mortensen	8/30/2025
First Presbyterian Church Walnut	Elder	Gloria	Walter	5/30/2025
Hope Presbyterian Church	Elder	Judy	Bruening	12/15/2025
Hope Presbyterian Church	Elder	David	Klostermeyer	11/19/2025
Hope Presbyterian Church	Elder	Donald	Klostermeyer	5/16/2025
New Horizon Presbyterian Church	Elder	Calvin D.	Dorsett	6/14/2025
New Life Presbyterian Church	Elder	Ruth	Thomas	12/5/2025
New Life Presbyterian Church	Elder	Geneva	Wyatt	6/2/2025
Peace Presbyterian Church	Elder	Barbara	Fitzwater	11/9/2025
Presbyterian Church of the Cross	Elder	Rebecca	Fritz	11/5/2025
Presbyterian Church of the Cross	Elder	Verta	Pugh	12/12/2025
Presbyterian Church of the Cross	Elder	Francis	Watt	2/19/2025
Presbyterian Church of the Master	Elder	Carol	Smith	6/29/2023
Red Oak Presbyterian Church	Elder	Sherman Merrill	Allen	7/5/2025
Red Oak Presbyterian Church	Elder	Faye	Brandstetter	8/3/2025
Red Oak Presbyterian Church	Elder	Deloris	Geist	8/23/2025
Red Oak Presbyterian Church	Elder	Phyllis	Stebbins	5/8/2025
Riverside Presbyterian Parish	Elder	Barbara	Grubbs	3/10/2025
Shelby Presbyterian Church	Elder	Bonnie	Eggerss	9/18/2025
Shelby Presbyterian Church	Elder	Peggy	Klahn	10/29/2025
Shelby Presbyterian Church	Elder	Thomas	Rihner	3/16/2025
Trinity Presbyterian Church	Elder	Janiece	Hamilton	5/15/2025

**PMRV Stated Clerk, Commission, and Committee Reports
For Stated Meeting, February 12, 2026, via Zoom**

From the Stated Clerk – submitted by Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger

See *Stated Clerk Report* and *2025 Digest of Actions* in posted presbytery materials

From Leadership Team – submitted by Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger

The Presbytery's Moderator Team met with the Leadership Team and other committee chairs on January 20th for training and orientation for the new year. Part of the training was our 2026 vision, phrase, and curriculum.

We invite the whole presbytery across 2026 to...

- **Proclaim the Good News Life** (theme)
- **Be Radically Helpful** (BOO G-3.0101)
- And each quarter consider a word of strength: **CALLING, CONNECTION, CREATIVITY, COURAGE**

**Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center – submitted by Craig Huffman,
Executive Director**

Happy New Year! As Calvin Crest begins a new year, our 68th as an important strand in the spiritual fabric of this area, we are blessed to welcome Calvin Friedli, our new Maintenance Director, to the team. Calvin, not named for his current employer, has been called to serve in this role and step into the shoes of Bob Pokorny who will retire in late April after 26 years of service and ministry.

As the Board of Directors meets every other month, we are seeking to expand and develop the ways that we impact the call of others. Through summer camp, we see that God calls children, youth and young adults into a life of service and faith development. Through hosting retreats, we see individuals live into their calls in significant ways. And the summer staff and year-round staff continue to serve and develop their calls as well.

In 2025, Calvin Crest received two significant estate gifts from individuals who understood the impact of camp ministry on the Christian Education landscape. Those gifts, wisely stewarded, will provide resources for this ministry to continue. We are grateful for those two individuals, and the many individuals, churches, organizations and foundations that support Calvin Crest in significant ways throughout the year.

Commission of Care (COC) – submitted by David Friedli, Moderator

David Friedli, Co-Moderator df68409@gmail.com

Brian Long, Co-Moderator falcorre@aol.com

A merging of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry and the Commission on Ministry has created the COC, the Commission **of** Care.

Not the Commission **ON** care, because that would mean we know a lot about it but someone else does it. In contrast, we are the Commission **OF** care because **WE** do it. Serving Inquirer to CRE, to Teaching Elder, to Ruling Elder, to Session, to Congregation, COC's mission is "to support ministry in the Presbytery."

Please let us know how we can support your ministry.

Business of interest

Attachment 03

1. The Commission 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.
2. The Commission has continued to support established Pastor Nominating Committees in these churches:
 - Dundee Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor
 - Ft. Calhoun Presbyterian Church
 - Shenandoah/Essex Presbyterian Churches
3. Temporary Pastoral Relationship and Pastor Compensation forms for 2026 are being received and approved. Session clerks are urged to submit them as soon as possible.
4. Approved three instances of PMRV members to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
5. Approved moderators for church Sessions.
6. Approved Keith Allen and Brian Long as Exam readers.
7. Directed the COC Interview Team to proceed with any necessary interviews.
8. The Care Team format has been restructured to include the work of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.
9. We welcomed new members to COC at an in-person meeting in January.
10. CPM and COM manuals are being combined and revised to reflect the work of the Commission of Care.
11. Thank you to those who attended the COM Christmas luncheon. We are open to suggestions of how this can reach even more pastors and staff.
12. The Commission recommends listening to this podcast from NPR's On Point program. It addresses the effects of church closings on the congregation and surrounding community.
<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2025/12/22/whats-lost-when-churches-close>

Faith Education Leadership Development (FELD) – submitted by Rev. Aaron White, chair

Members: Ricky Holbert, Jim Gaines, Nicole Reibe, Lynda Shafer, Darlene Trotter, & Aaron White

- FELD welcomes new committee members Nicole Reibe and Darlene Trotter!
- FELD also expresses its gratitude to Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, who has just completed her term of service as our chair!
- The “Good News Life” Church Leader Training event is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 (March 7 snow date), from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at New Horizon Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs. For more information, including all of the topics being covered and to register, please visit <https://www.pmr.org/ninja-forms/655369/>.
- The theme for the August, 2026 Ministry Leaders Retreat is “Being Church in Today’s World.” The retreat will be led by Susan Stabile.
- FELD is thankful for Rev. Suzanne Gorhau, who is providing New Commissioner Training for the February 2026 presbytery meeting.
- FELD continues to review Faith Education and Leadership Development Scholarship Applications, as they are received, and to grant requests, when appropriate and when funds are available to do so. To apply, please visit <https://www.pmr.org/ninja-forms/45dgt/>.

Mission and Evangelism – Rev. Matt Coplen, chair

No report

Nicaragua Partnership – submitted by Rev. Robert Keefer



Our partners in La Concepción, Nicaragua have distributed the uniforms and packets for the 2026 school year! This picture shows the recipients wearing their uniforms and displaying their backpacks. In January 2027 we intend to have a delegation from our Presbytery present to be part of the distribution. Your support of the Nicaragua partnership can help with the preparation of packets or travel expenses for our delegation or both! For more information, contact Bob Keefer (keefe.r.robert@gmail.com) or Josh Widman (josh.widman@gmail.com).

Nominating Committee – submitted by RE Al Zimmerman

The Nominating Committee met several times in the 4th quarter and filled almost all of the vacant positions on commissions and committees.

Personnel Committee – Rev. Richard Meyer, chair

No report

Self-Development of People – Rev. Carolyn Grice, chair

No report

Stewardship of Resources (SOR) – submitted by Rev. Jay Cline, secretary

SOR met on November 19, 2025.

1. The committee received the Treasurer's Report
 - a. October Income was \$36,337
 - b. October Expenses were \$17,837
 - c. Net year-to-date loss was \$2,667
2. The committee renewed two CDs at the best current rate.
3. The committee approved the Leadership Team request that \$3,000 from the sale of the Presbytery building be used for staff bonuses.
4. The sale of the Presbytery building closed on November 12. The Presbytery received \$280,475.25. \$275,000 of the sale will be distributed based on a recommendation from the Mission Committee. The Stated Clerk requested a \$50 monthly stipend for Hope and West Hills for the use of their space.
5. Insurance is being refigured according to current needs.
6. PMRV Stewardship Letter will be composed by Jay Cline, SOR Chair.
7. The committee seeks to have the 2023 and 2024 Presbytery financials reviewed by a special committee in early 2026.

SOR met on January 28, 2026.

1. The committee received the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. December Income was \$50,869.
 - b. December Expenses were \$23,700.
 - c. Net year-to-date Income was \$301,435.
2. The 2026 officers are
 - a. TE Becky Balestri, Chair
 - b. TE Jay Cline, Secretary

3. The committee received new members: Becky Balestri (Teaching Elder, Faith) and Cheri Witmuss (Co-opted, Clarinda Trinity)
4. The building has been removed from the insurance.
5. The committee appointed a special committee to review the Presbytery's financials for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Members of the special committee are
 - a. Cheri Witmus, Financial Secretary, Clarinda Trinity
 - b. Sue Rehwaldt Hays, Financial Secretary, Clarinda Westminster
 - c. Joeline Carper, Ruling Elder, Clarinda Westminister

Social Justice and Peacemaking – submitted by Rev. Carolyn Grice, chair

Our guest speaker was Joy Netter from the Community Health Alliance. She explained the work of the organization and focused on suicide prevention.

It provides services for the following:

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| ❖ Crisis services | ❖ Peer and Family Supports |
| ❖ Mental health and substance use | ❖ Care Coordination |
| ❖ Youth and young adults | ❖ Re-Entry services |
| ❖ Rehabilitation, employment, and community support | ❖ Housing |
| ❖ Primary care | ❖ Social Security orientation |
| | ❖ Dental services are pending |

Joy shared the work done in each of the areas and then discussed suicide prevention. She provided a powerful testimony of her personal experience, having attempted it three times, the latest being in 1998. Her focus is working with youth.

The two main takeaways are first, be cognizant of feelings because they direct our behavior; and second, have a trusted relationship with at least one reliable adult.

Kevin provided an update on the Palestine Mission Network.

Worship and Spirituality Committee – submitted by Rev. Mike Geiler, chair

The PMRV Worship & Spirituality Committee has focused on two worship planning projects:

- Midday Prayer Service on February 4, 2026
- PMRV stated meeting on February 12, 2026

We continue to host *Theology on Tap* on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30am at the Brazen Head Irish Pub. We also have been asked to produce a survey for A/V and tech team volunteers in our presbytery to assess what tools and processes our churches use for livestreaming worship services. We would create the survey, distribute it to PMRV churches, compile the results and facilitate a gathering to go over the data and connect these volunteers with each other for community and mutual support.

Our committee has also been asked to review a worship resource called *Firebird Spirit*. This resource produces worship aids for congregations who may find themselves without a musician, worship leader or preacher for a given Sunday. Videos, liturgy, sermons, music and bulletins are curated and can be purchased as a kit for a congregation to use so they don't feel like they are scrambling to put something together for their people.

We continue to count it an honor to be part of PMRV, provide meaningful worship gatherings and be helpful in furthering the ministry of Christ in our community and in the world.

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley
Report of the Stated Clerk – TE, Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger

In the meeting information is a Digest of Actions for all the items needed recorded for 2025, that is my full report. But, in addition at our 1/20/26 Leadership Team Meeting/Training we voted to concur with two overtures from Homestead Presbytery going before the 227th General Assembly – Amending D-7.09 & D-.70901, and a Request for Authoritative Interpretation. The vote for concurrence is included in the minutes from the 1/20/26 Leadership Team Meeting. When you vote to accept the reports, you too are concurring with the overtures. These would be easy to overlook.

If a Presbytery is wanting to amend the constitution (make changes in the Book of Order) they need at least one Presbytery to concur with their overture. And that begins the long process – of making sure it is in to GA in a timely manner – there are required amount of days, it will go to a committee at GA, that committee will approve or disprove of the amendment, it can be approved or disapproved on the floor of GA, and after that if approved returns to the Presbyteries for a vote (which means we could see it again in 2027)

As you read the amendment, I wanted to point out that what is in brackets and underlined are additions to the current D-7.09, and what is in brackets and struck through is what is to be deleted.

Commission of Care (COM & CPM working toward one commission)

1/27/2026

- Approved Jody Filipi as secretary
- Approved COM minutes from 11/25/2025.
- Approved request from Fremont Presbyterian Church (Homestead Presbytery) for these pastors to labor outside the bounds of PMRV to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion on these dates:
 - Nicole Riebe – March 1, 2026
 - Jody Filipi – April 2, 2026 (Maundy Thursday) and April 5, 2026, Easter Sunday
- Approved Temporary Pastoral Agreements (TPR): (summaries)
 - Marcia Cline/Trinity Clarinda
Full time, \$50,000 CS; \$13,750 BOP; \$1,000 travel; \$4,000 continuing education; \$200 book allowance; 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education; 6-week paid sabbatical.
 - Carolyn Grice/New Life Omaha
19 hours/week; \$28,400 housing; \$8,400 deferred compensation; \$1,500 travel; \$710 continuing education; (4 weeks vacation 2 weeks continuing education)
 - Paul Williams/Anderson Grove/Bellevue
15 hours/week; \$6,000 CS; \$17,200 housing; \$8,000 mission work reimbursable; \$2,000 travel; \$1,420 Continuing education (professional development); 2 weeks vacation/”personal time” in (4-week time period max); 2 weeks continuing education (professional development), 6 weeks without pay for mission work/travel, 60-day termination.
 - Karen Moritz/Underwood Hills Omaha

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14 hours/week; \$22,180 CS; \$100 per month reimbursable expenses; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks continuing education.

- Nancy Ross-Hullinger/Bethany/Gethsemane/Council Bluffs
19/15 hours week; \$29,244/\$23,320 CS; 0/\$11,000 housing; \$13,200 Fidelity; \$550/0 travel; \$1,200/0 continuing education; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks continuing education, (time) June 25-July 2, 2026, General Assembly.
- Suzanne Gorhau/Riverside Presbyterian Parish, Carson/Oakland
30 hours per week; 3 Sunday's a month; ES \$47,600; Pension, Disability, Death 10% \$4,760; Travel \$1000; Continuing Education \$5,000; 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education.
- Approved dissolution of pastoral relationship between Bill McConnell and Murray Presbyterian Church, January 18, 2026, Congregational Meeting.
- Approved retirement status of Bill McConnell on February 28, 2026.
- Approved Suzanne Gorhau to Moderate Murray Presbyterian Church Session beginning March 2026.
- Approved Ordination Exam Readers for May 2026 – Keith Allen (RE) and Brian Long (TE)
- Verified the Interview Team of: Keith Allen, Jody Filippi, Marshall Ziemann, Pam Otto, Linda Reffert. Jody will gather the Interview Team.
- Received Thank you note from Becky Balestri.

OVERTURE
From
Homestead Presbytery
To
227th General Assembly (2026)

Request for Authoritative Interpretation

RECOMMENDATION

The Homestead Presbytery respectfully overtures the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to issue an Authoritative Interpretation regarding the Church Discipline D-7.0901 on Allegations of Sexual Abuse:

What does the phrase “misuse of ordered ministry” include? Should it also be relevant to other forms of misconduct?

RATIONALE

In a recent disciplinary case, the Permanent Judicial Commission of Homestead Presbytery was called upon to reckon with a case of misuse of ordered ministry. Since “misuse of ordered ministry” was listed in D-7.0901 as a sole condition to support an allegation of sexual abuse, the PJC wrestled with this definition of sexual abuse given the circumstances of this particular case.

Homestead Presbytery has attempted to parse out this issue with our overture amending D-7.0901 of the Church Discipline.

The phrase “misuse of ordered ministry” is only used in the Book of Order in this one context of Allegations of Sexual Abuse; but is that the only context in which misuse of ordered ministry is relevant? Can it not be used for cases of financial abuse or abuse of power and authority or other actions contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

Therefore, we feel it important to seek formal clarification on what “misuse of ordered ministry or position” includes within our Church Discipline. We respectfully request an Authoritative Interpretation to guide our understanding.

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OVERTURE
From
Homestead Presbytery
To
227th General Assembly (2026)

Recommendation to Amend D-7.09 and D-7.0901

RECOMMENDATION

The Homestead Presbytery overtures the 227th General Assembly (2026) to direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall D-7.09 and D-7.0901 be amended as follows:

(Text to be added is [in brackets and underlined]. Text to be deleted is ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~).

These sections would read as follows:

D-7.09: ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL [MISCONDUCT] ~~[ABUSE]~~

D-7.0901 - Sexual [misconduct] ~~[abuse]~~ as stated in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Sexual Misconduct Policy and Its Procedures (2013) is a violation of the role of anyone called upon to exercise integrity, sensitivity, and caring in a trust relationship, is a misuse of authority and power that breaches Christian ethical principles, and takes advantage of the vulnerability of persons who are less powerful to act. Sexual misconduct is, therefore, antithetical to the gospel call to work as God's servant and violates the mandate to protect the vulnerable from harm. Sexual Misconduct is a comprehensive term which includes but is not limited to (a) sexual abuse defined as any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to any person under the age of 18 years or anyone without the capacity to consent, or any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, ~~[or]~~ intimidation ~~[or misuse of ordered ministry or position]~~, (b) sexual assault, (c) sexual harassment, and (d) sexual malfeasance.] Sexual [misconduct] ~~[abuse]~~ is contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and is therefore always [a misuse of ordered ministry or position] and an offense for the purpose of discipline.

RATIONAL

Section D-7.09 (ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE) addresses the manner in which allegations of “sexual abuse” are to be addressed. Allowing “misuse of ordered ministry” to be the sole criteria in identifying a behavior as sexual abuse opens the door for behaviors that would be more appropriately classified as sexual misconduct to be labeled as sexual abuse – a damaging label for the accused and one which limits opportunity for negotiated agreements.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) Sexual Misconduct Policy and Its Procedures (2013) defines “sexual abuse” by quoting the then current *Book of Order*, D-10.0401c (quoted wording identical to the *Book of Order* 2025-2027, D-7.0901). The Policy identifies “sexual abuse” as just one of several situations falling under the umbrella of sexual misconduct. Section II of the document lists and defines specific situations that fall under this umbrella including child sexual abuse, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and sexual malfeasance.

Of concern is the manner in which D-7.0901 defines “sexual abuse”:

“ . . . any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to any person under the age of 18 years or anyone without the capacity to consent, or any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or misuse of ordered ministry or position.”

With this definition, “misuse of ordered ministry or position” may be used as the sole criteria to label a situation as “sexual abuse.” A definition for “sexual conduct” is not provided.

“Sexual abuse” is not a casual term. In the medical and legal realm, the term has a specific and dramatic meaning. 18 U.S. Code 2242 (<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/2242>) gives this definition of sexual abuse –

Whoever . . . knowingly—

(1) causes another person to engage in a sexual act by threatening or placing that other person in fear (other than by threatening or placing that other person in fear that any person will be subjected to death, serious bodily injury, or kidnapping);

(2) engages in a sexual act with another person if that other person is—

(a) incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct; or

(b) physically incapable of declining participation in, or communicating unwillingness to engage in, that sexual act; or

(3) engages in a sexual act with another person without that other person’s consent, to include doing so through coercion;

or attempts to do so, shall be fined under this title and imprisoned for any term of years or for life.

The American Psychological Association defines “sexual abuse” as:

“Any nonconsensual or exploitive sexual behavior or activity imposed on an individual without their consent. Although the term typically is used with reference to any sexual contact between adults and children, sexual abuse can also occur in any relationship of trust.” (American Psychological Association. <https://dictionary.apa.org/sexual-abuse>). 11-15-2023.

Sexual harassment and sexual malfeasance are forms of sexual misconduct that would not likely be legally defined as sexual abuse but would be examples of “misuse of ordered ministry” and therefore subject to disciplinary proceedings.

It is of interest to note that “misuse of ordered ministry” occurs nowhere else in the Book of Order (2025) other than as part of the definition of sexual abuse.

CONCERNS:

If the accused is found to be guilty of an allegation of sexual abuse, the verdict of “guilty of sexual abuse” becomes public to the Presbytery and is included in the Presbytery Minutes (D-9.0102b). To be identified as a sexual abuser has severe psychological, social and professional consequences that are damaging. This is of concern in situations when the only element of the behavior in question that satisfies the definition of “sexual abuse” as stated in D-7.0901 is “misuse of ordered ministry.”

Therefore, Homestead Presbytery overtures that the wording of D-7.09 be amended to read “Allegations of Sexual Misconduct and that D-7.0901 be amended to (a) identify sexual abuse as one condition under the more comprehensive term of Sexual Misconduct, (b) move “misuse of ordered ministry” from the definition of “sexual abuse” and include it as an offense under the comprehensive umbrella of sexual misconduct as a behavior “contrary to the Scriptures. . . and therefore an offense for the purpose of discipline.”

Perhaps the more comprehensive concepts of “sexual misconduct” and “misuse of ordered ministry” could also be incorporated into other sections of Church Discipline.

This approach is in keeping with D-1.01, “Preamble to Church Discipline,” that states:

The power that Jesus Christ has vested in his Church, a power manifested in the exercise of church discipline, is one for building up the body of Christ, not for destroying it, for redeeming, not for punishing. It should be exercised as a dispensation of mercy and not of wrath, so that the great ends of the Church may be achieved, that all children of God may be presented faultless in the day of Christ (D-1.01).

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Presbytery of Missouri River Valley
Continuing Accounts
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Acct Description</u>	<u>Begin Balance Jan 1</u>	<u>Receipts YTD</u>	<u>Disbursements YTD</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2095.03	Net Assets		\$ 0.00	(1,800.00)	
2095.05	Pantry	0.00	2.00	(2.00)	0.00
2095.11	Desig TE & Candidate Assist	15,355.43	0.00	(5,300.00)	10,055.43
2095.19	Peacemaking	11,135.69	1,391.75	(500.00)	12,027.44
2095.20	In/Out Clearing	875.00	0.00	(875.00)	0.00
2095.28	National Youth Events	21,549.98	11,059.71	(28,583.62)	4,026.07
2095.29	Youth Ministry	25,040.48	0.00	(2,082.30)	22,958.18
2095.31	Resource Center	(371.56)	0.00	(119.84)	(491.40)
2095.321	Restricted Church Developm	8,291.71	2,486.71	0.00	10,778.42
2095.34	Nicaragua Partnership	3,956.25	10,495.95	(12,000.00)	2,452.20
2095.37	Self Development of People	240.23	0.00	0.00	240.23
2095.42	Sudanese Working Group	176,343.20	1,800.00	(25,000.00)	153,143.20
2095.44	HELP	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00
2095.45	Calvin Crest	0.00	877.00	(877.00)	0.00
2095.52	Crossroads Connection	375.00	2,030.00	(2,030.00)	375.00
2095.531	PDA Grants	24,711.36	0.00	0.00	24,711.36
2095.532	Disaster Relief Local NE & I	9,356.94	500.00	0.00	9,856.94
2095.56	Wheeler Memorial Undesign	0.00	5,307.34	0.00	5,307.34
2095.68	Westminster Omaha Sale	56,834.05	0.00	0.00	56,834.05
2095.69	Westminster Omaha Bequest	3,507.57	3,630.71	0.00	7,138.28
	Totals		\$ 39,831.17	(79,419.76)	
	<u>Other Non-budgeted accounts</u>				
	Mission Giving Account	16,222.40	\$ 151,020.35	(155,059.88)	12,182.87
	Totals	16,222.40	\$ 151,020.35	(155,059.88)	12,182.87

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to</u>	<u>Percen</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>
	<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>t of</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
			<u>Bgt</u>		
<u>INCOME</u>					
4001 Per Capita Receipts	\$ 6,459.20	\$ 192,797.92	102.18	\$ 188,684	199,259
4002 Per Capita - Prior Year	0.00	6,446.40	0.00	0	5,842
4011 Presbytery Mission Receipts	6,800.76	63,277.44	97.35	65,000	67,859
4101 Synod Support	1,666.68	10,000.08	100.00	10,000	10,000
4801 Interest Income	4,101.39	27,608.85	115.04	24,000	31,407
4805 Gain/(Loss) on Invmnt Real	111,851.91	111,851.91	0.00	0	99,624
4810 Gain/(Loss) on Invmnt Unre	74,524.10	74,524.10	0.00	0	101,173
4900 Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	717	0
4901 Transfer from Reserves	2,083.37	25,000.00	100.00	25,000	25,000
4910 Sale of Building	(156,591.24)	121,439.81	0.00	0	0
	<u>50,896.17</u>	<u>632,946.51</u>	201.96	<u>313,401</u>	<u>540,164</u>
Total Budgeted Income	\$ 50,896.17	\$ 632,946.51	201.96	\$ 313,401	540,164
<u>PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES</u>					
Higher Governing Bodies					
5000 GA Per Capita	\$ 0.00	\$ 52,769.12	100.00	\$ 52,769	51,342
5010 Synod Per Capita	0.00	26,774.00	100.00	26,774	28,815
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>79,543.12</u>	100.00	<u>79,543</u>	<u>80,157</u>
Subtotal					
	0.00	79,543.12	100.00	79,543	80,157
Presbytery					
5100 Moderator's Expense	500.00	500.00	100.00	500	0
5110 Committees & Council Exp	0.00	395.45	19.77	2,000	408
5120 Good News Grants 2025	0.00	67,450.00	0.00	0	0
5140 Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0
5150 Audit Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0
5170 Presbytery Travel	1,139.63	2,546.63	254.66	1,000	963
	<u>1,639.63</u>	<u>70,892.08</u>	1,575.38	<u>4,500</u>	<u>1,371</u>
Subtotal					
	1,639.63	70,892.08	1,575.38	4,500	1,371
The Presbytery Office					
5205 Building Rental	0.00	200.00	0.00	0	0
5210 Utilities/Staff Home Office	98.95	3,158.47	105.28	3,000	3,104
5230 Building Repair & Mainten	0.00	1,785.04	71.40	2,500	2,231
5240 Insurance	1,841.50	6,509.85	86.80	7,500	5,718
5251 Office Supplies	225.74	1,517.13	505.71	300	1,002
5252 Postage	1,017.28	1,240.86	413.62	300	915
5253 Telephone	(3.02)	2,380.35	95.21	2,500	2,615
5254 Office Equipment Maint &	109.00	2,430.96	162.06	1,500	2,111
5259 Misc Office Expense	162.11	199.94	66.65	300	21
	<u>3,451.56</u>	<u>19,422.60</u>	108.51	<u>17,900</u>	<u>17,717</u>
Total	3,451.56	19,422.60	108.51	17,900	17,717

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Year to</u>	<u>Percen</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>
		<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>t of</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
				<u>Bgt</u>		
Personnel						
6602	Wages- Stated Clerk	3,493.10	40,106.10	102.14	39,266	15,581
6603	Salary- Office Coordinator	2,635.34	31,624.08	100.00	31,624	30,118
6605	Wages - Interim Stated Cler	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	12,404
6607	Wages - Accounting Assista	847.02	7,854.63	62.27	12,613	9,114
6621	Off Cord - Pension & Cafet	658.88	7,906.56	100.01	7,906	7,530
6622	FICA	763.12	6,317.74	98.90	6,388	5,142
6623	Office Coordinator Cont. Ed	275.00	275.00	91.67	300	300
6624	Account. Assist. Cont. Educ	0.00	0.00	0.00	200	0
6625	SC Prof & Reimbursed Exp	100.00	400.00	10.00	4,000	1,549
6626	Adm. Asst. Expense	100.80	100.80	33.60	300	345
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	Total	8,873.26	94,584.91	92.19	102,597	82,083

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Percen t of Bgt</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>	
Communication						
5330	Presbytery Web Site	205.00	2,460.00	98.40	2,500	2,515
	Total	205.00	2,460.00	98.40	2,500	2,515
	Total Per Capita Expenditur	14,169.45	266,902.71	128.91	207,040	183,843
MINISTRIES EXPENDITURES						
Social Justice and Peacemaking						
5410	Education & Interpretation	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300	342
5430	Israel Palestine Mission(IP)	0.00	109.21	21.84	500	0
	Total	0.00	109.21	6.07	1,800	342
Faith Education and Leadership Development						
5520	Camp Scholarships	0.00	1,200.00	54.05	2,220	(3,130)
5530	Education & Educators' Sup	0.00	278.52	19.34	1,440	614
5555	Calvin Crest Camp & Confe	5,000.00	20,000.00	100.00	20,000	20,000
5560	Resource Center Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0
5570	Educational Ministry Events	170.54	1,670.54	83.53	2,000	0
5575	Leadership Development (A	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,280	0
	Total	5,170.54	23,149.06	81.40	28,440	17,484
Youth Ministry						
5540	Youth & Young Adult Wor	1,468.18	2,393.48	47.87	5,000	2,263
5580	Youth National Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000	4,980
5585	Presbyterian Youth Workers	0.00	48.55	24.28	200	0
	Total	1,468.18	2,442.03	23.94	10,200	7,243
Mission						
5440	Nicaragua Partnership	0.00	1,000.00	100.00	1,000	0
5750	Pby Mission Pgm-Mini Gra	200.00	3,200.00	53.33	6,000	5,971
5773	HELP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	5,000
5776	Crossroads Connection	500.00	2,000.00	100.00	2,000	2,500
5778	World Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,071	0
6130	Sudanese & ME Ministry	2,083.50	25,002.02	100.01	25,000	25,002
6150	Matthew 25	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000	3,449
	Total	2,783.50	31,202.02	84.17	37,071	41,922

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley

Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Percen t of Bgt</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Last YTD</u>
Committee on Ministry					
6010 Education/Voc Assist/BG C	0.00	96.60	1.92	5,020	42
6050 COM Events	83.99	83.99	24.70	340	80
5420 Emergency Fund	(392.00)	(994.14)	(292.39)	340	(1,479)
Total	(308.01)	(813.55)	(14.27)	5,700	(1,357)
Evangelism & Discipleship					
6120 Sudanese Fellowship	416.67	5,000.04	50.00	10,000	5,000
6140 Arabic Fellowship	0.00	2,000.00	50.00	4,000	5,000
Total	416.67	7,000.04	50.00	14,000	10,000
Preparation for Ministry					
6210 Candidates	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500	2,595
6230 Lay Pastors	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500	2,500
6240 CPM Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0
Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500	5,095
Spirituality, Theology and Worship					
6310 Program Resources	0.00	0.00	0.00	150	77
6340 Spirituality/Theology/Wors	0.00	1,520.15	101.34	1,500	1,350
Total	0.00	1,520.15	92.13	1,650	1,427
Total Ministries Expenditur	9,530.88	64,608.96	60.74	106,361	82,156
Total Expenditures	23,700.33	331,511.67	105.78	313,401	265,999
Net Income	\$ 27,195.84	\$ 301,434.84		\$ 0	274,165

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2025

		This Year	Last Year
		<u>ASSETS</u>	
<u>Cash and Investments</u>			
1001	Premier Bank-Checking	\$ 17,080.84	20,948.81
1010	Premier Bank-Money Market	615,851.64	398,845.89
1106	CD #1 @ Dundee Bank	114,000.64	108,351.64
1107	CD#2 @ Dundee Bank	112,999.58	107,400.19
1120			1,392,346.41
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	Current Assets		2,027,892.94
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
1510	Presbytery Office Building	0.00	152,955.46
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	Fixed Assets	0.00	152,955.46
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	Total Assets	\$	2,180,848.40
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<u>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</u>			
<u>Designated Continuing Accounts</u>			
	Continuing Accounts	\$ 319,412.74	357,201.33
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	Total Designated Accounts	319,412.74	357,201.33
<u>Other Liabilities</u>			
<u>Mission Giving Liabilities</u>			
	Mission Liabilities	12,182.87	16,222.40
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	Total Mission Giving Account	12,182.87	16,222.40
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	Total Liabilities	331,595.61	373,423.73
<u>Equity</u>			
2095.03	Net Assets		1,533,261.60
	Net Income	301,434.84	274,163.07
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	Total Net Assets		1,807,424.67
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	Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	2,180,848.40
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Attachment 05

Per Capita Report

Printed on: 1/15/2026 For the Period of January 01, 2025 thru December 31, 2025

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Period Total</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>	<u>Pledge Remains</u>
Avoca, United	\$1,428.00	\$1,428.00	\$1,428.00	0.00
Bellevue, First PC	\$9,506.40	\$9,506.40	\$9,506.40	0.00
Carson, Carson PC	\$816.00	\$816.00	\$816.00	0.00
Carter Lake Community Church	\$734.40	\$734.40	\$734.40	0.00
Council Bluffs, Bethany	\$2,815.20	\$2,815.20	\$2,815.20	0.00
Council Bluffs, Gethsemane PC	\$2,162.40	\$2,284.80	\$2,284.80	(122.40)
Council Bluffs, New Horizon	\$7,588.80	\$7,588.80	\$7,588.80	0.00
Clarinda, Trinity PC	\$3,345.60	\$3,345.60	\$3,345.60	0.00
Clarinda, Westminster PC	\$3,672.00	\$3,672.00	\$3,672.00	0.00
College Springs Presbyterian Church	\$693.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	693.60
Elkhorn, Peace	\$5,467.20	\$5,467.20	\$5,467.20	0.00
Essex, Presbyterian Church	\$1,713.60	\$1,917.60	\$1,917.60	(204.00)
Fort Calhoun Presbyter Church	\$5,589.60	\$5,589.60	\$5,589.60	0.00
Hamburg, United Trinity	\$1,060.80	\$530.00	\$530.00	530.80
La Vista, Faith PC	\$4,773.60	\$4,772.60	\$4,772.60	1.00
Missouri Valley, First PC	\$1,917.60	\$3,835.20	\$3,835.20	(1,917.60)
Murray, United PC	\$3,100.80	\$3,100.80	\$3,100.80	0.00
Neola, First PC	\$2,080.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	2,080.80
Oakland, Sharon PC	\$1,101.60	\$1,101.60	\$1,101.60	0.00
Omaha, Anderson Grove PC	\$2,448.00	\$2,488.80	\$2,488.80	(40.80)
Omaha, Church of the Cross	\$28,927.20	\$28,927.20	\$28,927.20	0.00
Omaha, Discovery	\$6,120.00	\$6,120.00	\$6,120.00	0.00
Omaha, Dundee	\$19,257.60	\$19,257.60	\$19,257.60	0.00
Omaha, Faithful Shepherd PC	\$4,080.00	\$4,080.00	\$4,080.00	0.00
Omaha, First PC	\$11,138.40	\$11,138.40	\$11,138.40	0.00
Omaha, Florence PC	\$1,142.40	\$935.36	\$935.36	207.04
Omaha, Hope PC	\$11,424.00	\$11,424.00	\$11,424.00	0.00
Omaha, Korean Presbyterian Church	\$3,060.00	\$3,264.00	\$3,264.00	(204.00)
Omaha, Church of the Master	\$11,464.80	\$11,464.80	\$11,464.80	0.00
Omaha, Mt View PC	\$1,224.00	\$1,224.00	\$1,224.00	0.00
Omaha, New Life PC	\$2,284.80	\$2,284.80	\$2,284.80	0.00
Omaha, Underwood Hills PC	\$1,632.00	\$1,632.00	\$1,632.00	0.00
Omaha, West Hills PC	\$10,485.60	\$10,486.20	\$10,486.20	(0.60)
Plattsmouth, First	\$4,406.40	\$4,406.40	\$4,406.40	0.00
Red Oak, Center Ridge PC	\$326.40	\$326.40	\$326.40	0.00
Red Oak Presbterian Church	\$4,569.60	\$4,569.60	\$4,569.60	0.00
Shelby, First PC	\$1,591.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,591.20
Shenandoah, First PC	\$4,773.60	\$4,773.60	\$4,773.60	0.00
Sidney, United Faith Church	\$1,428.00	\$1,428.00	\$1,428.00	0.00
Villisca, First PC	\$1,917.60	\$1,917.60	\$1,917.60	0.00
Walnut, First PC	\$4,528.80	\$9,057.60	\$9,057.60	(4,528.80)
Grand Total:	\$197,798.40	\$199,712.16	\$199,712.16	\$-1,913.76

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Remittance Summary

Church	For the Period of										Pledge Remaining	
	GA	Syn	Synod	Desig Pby	Unbgt Pby	Sel'd GA	Theol Educ	Denom Offerings	ECO	Disaster		
Avoca, United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bellevue, First PC	5,000	2,500	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	2,612	630	0	0
Carson, Carson PC	0	2,500	0	0	0	240	0	0	1,662	0	1,305	0
Carter Lake Community Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarinda, Trinity PC	5,015	0	1,000	0	1,500	0	1,500	0	1,440	2,030	500	0
Clarinda, Westminster PC	5,000	1,250	1,250	0	1,250	0	240	0	2,894	0	0	1,250
College Springs Presbyterian Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Bluffs, Bethany	300	75	75	0	150	0	0	0	1,035	0	0	0
Council Bluffs, Gethsemane PC	0	0	0	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council Bluffs, New Horizon	9,000	2,063	2,063	0	4,125	0	0	0	4,255	0	0	750
Elkhorn, Peace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Essex, Presbyterian Church	0	88	87	0	175	0	0	0	170	0	0	0
Fort Calhoun Presbyterian Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamburg, United Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Vista, Faith PC	7,300	1,800	0	0	4,500	0	500	0	12,835	0	0	0
Missouri Valley, First PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray, United PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	277	0	0	0	0	0
Neola, First PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland, Sharon PC	0	3,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,062	0	0	0
Omaha, Anderson Grove PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	890	0	0	0
Omaha, Church of the Cross	40,000	18,200	5,420	0	16,380	0	0	0	8,778	0	13,046	0
Omaha, Church of the Master	11,500	3,500	2,000	0	6,000	0	0	0	5,108	0	3,700	0

Presbytery of Missouri River Valley Remittance Summary

Church	For the Period of 01/02/2025 thru 12/31/2025												
	Pledge	GA	Syn	Synod Desig	Pby	Desig Pby	Unbgt Pby	Sel'd GA	Theol Educ	Denom Offerings	ECO	Disaster	Pledge Remaining
Omaha, Discovery	15,300	3,825	3,825	0	7,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha, Dundee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,205	0	0	0
Omaha, Faithful Shepherd PC	4,992	917	917	0	1,835	0	0	0	100	2,063	0	0	1,223
Omaha, First PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha, Florence PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	40	0	0	0
Omaha, Hope PC	5,000	1,562	1,250	0	2,187	0	1,980	0	0	3,054	0	0	0
Omaha, Korean Presbyterian ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha, Mt View PC	500	0	0	0	0	250	750	0	0	1,165	0	0	0
Omaha, New Life PC	500	125	125	0	250	0	0	0	0	748	0	0	0
Omaha, Underwood Hills PC	0	240	240	0	480	0	0	0	0	597	0	0	0
Omaha, West Hills PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plattsmouth, First	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Red Oak Presbyterian Church	2,000	500	0	0	1,500	0	1,200	750	0	0	0	1,000	0
Red Oak, Center Ridge PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	0	0
Shelby, First PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shenandoah, First PC	9,639	2,410	2,410	0	4,820	0	1,019	0	0	2,288	0	0	0
Sidney, United Faith Church	0	180	180	0	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villisca, First PC	1,000	250	250	0	500	0	0	0	0	777	0	0	0
Walnut, First PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total:	123,546	45,035	21,091	0	59,162	250	8,206	750	1,100	56,979	2,660	19,551	

**Report of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley
DIGEST OF ACTIONS 2025**

I. FOR THE RECORD

- A. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly has been submitted. PMRV began 2025 with 41 churches and ended 2025 with 40, with the merger of Carson and Oakland/Sharon to create Riverside Parish. PMRV began 2025 with 73 minister members. Two deaths were reported during the year. One minister left for another denomination, and one minister was removed. Three ministers were dismissed to other presbyteries. Three were received from other presbyteries. Thus, PMRV ended 2025 with 69 minister members.
- B. Minutes of the Presbytery since March 1998 are currently on hand at West Hills Presbyterian Church.
- C. All earlier minute volumes have been deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA.
- D. All records of church closings, churches moved to another denomination, PJC cases, history of the Synod of Nebraska, were deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society at the time of the office sale in November 2025.
- E. The Presbytery holds property insurance and liability insurance, as required by the Constitution (G-3.0112) for the copier at Hope, records at West Hills, and staff working virtually.
- F. 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 2024 – TE Nick Dougherty, TE Bob Keefer, RE Bob Sieck (Bethany)
Class of 2022 – TE Becky Balestri, TE Deena Candler, RE Rana Johnson (Church of the Cross)
Class of 2020 – TE Dwight Williams, RE Jason Bottlinger (Dundee Presbyterian)
RE Jim Campbell (New Horizon)
- G. Review of PMRV 2024 Minutes by Synod of Lakes and Prairies was held May 8-9, 2025, The Minutes were found to be in order with minor exceptions.
- H. The rolls and records review were reported at the August 16, 2025 meeting. Additional Churches turning in their records/rolls for review: Missouri Valley records were approved with exceptions relating to policies needed reviewed and implemented. Rolls were approved without exception. Mt. View sent minutes that had not been reviewed and no rolls – they were not approved.
- I. Correspondence and Clerk activity:
 - 1. All correspondence has been answered and forwarded, as needed.
 - 2. Consulted with Committees, Commissions, Sessions, and Presbytery members as requested or as contacted.
 - 3. Contacts were made with Presbytery churches with active Pastor Nominating Committee's in place to connect them with a COM member for training.
 - 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 January 28, 2025, February 25, 2025, April 22, 2025, June 24, 2025, August 26, 2025, September 23, 2025, October 28, 2025, November 25, 2025, there was no December meeting.
 - 7. Clerk Training was held on Tuesday March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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8. Completed and submitted all 2025 OGA Mid Council Reports and Statistical reports required from the Presbytery.
9. Prepared Digest of 2025 Actions and materials related to the February 2026 Stated Meeting.
10. Attended monthly Administrative Team Meetings/Moderator Team Meetings
11. Attended monthly Leadership Team Meetings.
12. Prepared Leadership Team materials and minutes.
13. Prepared draft dockets for Presbytery meetings and met with Moderator/Docket planning group.
14. Participated in Association of Mid-Council Leaders and Association of stated clerks virtual gatherings.
15. Assisted clerks with annual statistical reports, and minutes reviews.
16. Monthly staff meetings with Nicole and Tina
17. Ongoing and updating of resources for clerks and presbytery members.
18. Attend pastor zooms when able
19. Vicki Hallberg (Bethany) served as Recording Clerk in 2025.

Calls, emails, face-to-face, zoom, texts, to connect with whoever needs me

5/3/25 Recommendation:

With respect to **redress of imbalance:**

1. 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.
2. Of the 71 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 37 teaching elders in attendance at Presbytery meetings.**
3. We automatically expect 41 ruling elders commissioned by their sessions. In addition, we have (1) ruling elder serving as an officer, (2) ruling elders serving as chairs of standing committees and one (1) ruling elder commissioned to particular service who also serves dual roles. Thus, by Bylaws III. B. 2 & 3 and D, **we can expect 45 ruling elders to participate in meetings of Presbytery.**
4. 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 2025.

The Stated Clerk reports and recommends that the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley does not need to redress imbalance from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026.

Leadership Team:

At each meeting during the year the agenda and consent agenda were approved, and reports accepted from committee/commissions/treasurer/stated clerk.

1/21/25

1. Approved communion for Leadership Team events for 2025
2. Approved December 12/17, 2024, minutes
3. Approved February 13, 2025 Presbytery Docket

4. Approved Code of Conduct: Cover Letter/Final Document

2/17/25

1. Screening of redlining documentary film “Divisible” April 8, 2025. It was recommended and approved that Mission Committee be a co-sponsor of this event.

3/18/25

1. Approved SOR Grants: Woohoo!

Budget for 2024 was underspent by \$60,000 and collected \$12,000 more than budgeted for an end of year \$70,000 surplus! SOR proposed and LT approved that we offer this money for the use of our congregations to support their day-to-day operations.

Proposed and approved that LT set aside \$70,000 to be disbursed as \$2,000 grants to our congregations to use as they desire. A simple grant request form will be used for any church desiring these funds only indicate how the funds will be used.

SOR recommended and LT approved that the grants be used for help with BOP dues, issues with the physical plant and maintenance of the church, sound system issues, purchase of music or curricula and any other direct concrete need that the congregation may have.

SOR recommended and LT approved that these funds NOT be used for the support of mission activities that the congregation nor be directly given to mission partners. SOR recommended and LT approved that the funds be inwardly focused on congregational support and not outwardly focused mission. Once ample time has been given for all churches to respond, any additional funds will be made available for further distribution until no funds remain.

2. Discussed the Amendments to the Constitution from the 226th GA placed before LT for recommending to Presbytery an affirmative or negative vote at the May 3, 2025 stated meeting: 24-H, 24-I, 24-J, 24-K, 24-L, 24-M – LT voted to recommend to Presbytery to affirm. SJOP, Worship and Spirituality, COM, CPM also recommend affirmative votes on the Amendments they were assigned: 24-A, 24-B, 24-C, 24-D, 24-E, 24-F, 24-G. The only vote that was not unanimous – was 24-C, which had a 6/3 vote to affirm by COM.
3. SOR requested that the Leadership Team create a Task Force to work on a plan of action to close the physical building of the Presbytery office - APPROVED. Suggested: Moderator, SOR, Mission representative, staff-Nicole, Trudy Meyer.

4/15/25

1. Offering Recommendations were approved for 2025:
 - a. May 3 – Crossroads Connection
 - b. August 16 – Calvin Crest – brush mower
 - c. November 6 – Bellevue Food Pantry
2. Approved the Presbytery docket for May 3, 2025
3. Approved the Task force for looking into possible sale of Presbytery Office.
 - Mike Elliott (SOR), Rebecca Nichol (Mission), JD Georlett (At Large), Shari Dillehay (Personnel), Nicole Geiler (staff)
 - Mike Elliott is willing to gather the group but doesn’t want to commit to moderator. Nancy will give him everyone’s information and the directives.

No May meeting

6/17/25

1. We revised and approved the Guide to Hosting Presbytery to be more accurate.

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2. Approved the 2026 Presbytery template.
3. Approved a request from the Building Task Force to have a **special Presbytery meeting on July 15 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss the desire to start the work of selling the Presbytery office.
4. Approved providing an opportunity for those who attended Triennium to spend the night Friday night and share their experience at Presbytery on the 16th. Presbytery will cover their stay and food. (Could be a Good News Grant – if not all churches choose to take advantage of Grant)

7/15/25

1. Approved Docket for PMRV meeting at Calvin Crest August 16, 2025
2. Received an update from task force regarding sale of Presbytery office (called meeting to follow at 5:30)
3. Matt Coplen will serve on Task Force for selling Presbytery office (replacing Rebecca Nichol from Mission)
4. Approved \$3,500 for SOR Presbytery property clean up
5. In June we approved \$6,000 left from \$70,000 from Good News Grants to pay for Triennium attendees to stay overnight at Calvin Crest, paying for meals and rooms
6. And whatever \$ are left after \$3,500 for Presbytery property clean up; and Triennium attendees at Calvin Crest for August meeting; will go toward the mower needed at Calvin Crest.

8/19/25

1. Draft of Budget for 2026 was reviewed, SOR will continue to work on it
2. Presbytery Per capita is not going up! GA \$11.26, Synod \$5.50, PMRV \$23.34
3. FELD asked for a decision to be made as to where funding will come from for the Retreat on the Friday prior to the August Presbytery meeting. This year FELD did not use their \$ so it will come from there.
4. A recommendation was made and approved to take the idea of creating a .95 account for future retreats to the Building Task Force as they discern how to spend the money from the sale.

9/16/25

1. Approved per capita \$40.80
2. Approved financial review guidelines from SOR

10/21/25

1. Approved the 11/6/25 Presbytery docket
2. Approved the PMRV Vision for 2026
3. Approved FELD Church officer training

11/18/25

1. Personnel recommended staff: Tina, Nicole and Nancy each be given \$1,000 bonus for all the work done to get the Presbytery office closed. SOR will figure out where money is to come from. Approved.

No December meeting

COM 1/28

Com Action Items January 28, 2025

1. Approved minutes of the November 26, 2024 meeting
2. Affirmed Electronic Vote(s)
 - a. E-vote to approve Rev. Karen Moritz into PMRV membership (11-0)
 - b. E-vote to approve First Presbyterian Church Omaha Mission Discernment Form (12-0)
 1. Remove Ernie Gutha from PMRV (deceased 1/18/25)

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2. Approve TPR of Paul Williams and Anderson Grove for 2025; Part time; cash salary \$6,000; Housing \$19,200; mission fund for reimbursable expenses related to mission work per year (accumulating to 3 years); Professional Development \$1,342 (per year accumulating to 3 years); travel at IRS recommended rate (.67 per mile); professional development leave – 2 weeks per year; vacation 6 weeks per year – to be taken in increments of 4 consecutive weeks or less. Vacation requests for more than 4 consecutive weeks will be considered by session or case by case basis; mission/work travel – 4 weeks leave without pay; terminated by either party with 60 day written notice.
 3. Approve TPR of Suzanne Gorhau's and Cason & Oakland/Sharon Presbyterian Church's for 2025; 30 hours; 3 Sunday's a month; Housing \$42,400; deferred comp \$3,600; TES \$46,000; pension, disability, death \$4,600; IRS \$.655 - \$1,000; CE \$5,000; 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks study leave including Sundays.
 4. Approve TPR (Interim) of Mike Harvey and New Horizon Presbyterian Church for 2025; Full time; \$48,000 IRS rate - \$804; Prof Ex \$400; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.
 5. Approve TPR of Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Bethany Presbyterian Church for 2025; part time 19 hours; cs \$29,244; Fidelity 13,200; IRS \$500; CE \$1,200; four weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.
 6. Approve Transitional Pastor TPR of Laura Rasmussen and Shenandoah Presbyterian Church; Full time January 5-May 4, 2025 (min 35 hours a week); CS \$4,000 a month; housing rental (TBD); BoP coverage for Medical and Pension; \$40 cell phone coverage; 2 weeks paid leave; mileage reimbursement for SPC related events; \$200 allowance for coffee, meals, etc, with congregants to use at Laura's discretion; \$150 allowance for supplies for the office, Always With Us, etc... to use at Laura's discretion
 7. Approve Temporary Supply TPR of Jim Crapson and College Springs Presbyterian Church; Part time 19 hours; CS \$33,432; Manse All \$3000, Housing (Utilities) \$6,000; 4 weeks vacation;
 8. Approved TPR of Carolyn Grice and New Life Presbyterian Church for 2025
19 Hours a week; Cash Salary \$1,200; Housing \$26,740; Deferred Comp: \$8,382.15;
Total Effective Salary \$36,322.15; IRS Mileage \$1,200; CE \$700; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave;
 9. Approved TPR of Linda Reffert and First Presbyterian Church Bellevue for 2025
\$20,748 (\$21,235) ES; IRS Mileage; Prof development \$531; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.
 10. Approve Gary Ellers's Quarterly reports – October, November, December 2024. (attached)
 11. Approve Interim Quarterly report – Linda Reffert, FPC Bellevue (attached)
 12. Approve Interim quarterly report – Mike Harvey, NH (attached)
 13. Approve 2025 Communion: Great Plains Pilgrimage, Calvin Crest, Omaha Presbytery Seminary Foundation, Creighton University
 14. Linda Reffert volunteered to be the new Interview Team Coordinator (replacing Pam Otto)
- Additional Action Items
15. We are looking for ways to move Susan Smith (lay pastor at Carter Lake, serving there for the past 10 years) into a temporary supply position by taking classes, engaging with a mentor, etc. (no Worship & Sacrament classes completed yet). More to come!
 16. Reviewed Care Teams and their Leaders
 17. Moderator needed at Missouri River Valley
 18. Moderator needed at Underwood Presbyterian Church (May 2025)

19. 5. A one-hour special COM meeting for PNC overview training is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 4pm via ZOOM

COM Action Items 2/25

Approved minutes 1/28/25

Approved Marcia Cline TPR with Clarinda Presbyterian Church: Full Time; Cash Salary \$45,093.84; Full BOP, Total Effective Salary \$45,093.84; IRS Mileage \$1,000; CE \$1,000 + \$200 book; 4 weeks vacation including Sundays; 2 weeks study leave.

Approved PMRV Separation Agreement

Electronic vote – Approved Dundee APNC

COM – no meeting March

COM Action Items 4/22/25

Approved minutes 2/25/25

Approved Nancy Ross-Hullinger TPR with Gethsemane Presbyterian Church; part time 12-15 hours per week, 4-5, Total Effective Salary - \$34,320; 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks study leave.

Approved transfer of Lori Robinson to Southern Kansas Presbytery

Approve transfer of Deena Candler to ECO

Approved Interim Pastor Quarterly Reports

*Gary Eller, First Presbyterian Church Omaha (attached)

*Linda Reffert, First Presbyterian Church Bellevue

Approved membership of Rev. Judy Pistole into Presbytery of Missouri River Valley from New Covenant Presbytery

Approved to revise Terms of Call and TPR forms to include ***“unless negotiated otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the BOP Church Leaders Package.”***

Approved revisions/corrections to the PMRV Commission on Ministry Policy Manual (attached)

*Affirmed Electronic Vote(s)

Reverend Brianne Christiansen, March 3, 2025 to First Presbyterian Church of Omaha August, 2025.

COM Action Items 5/27/25

Approved minutes 4/25/25

Affirmed and Approved electronic votes (5/16/25 & 5/20/25) for Rev. Rachelle McCalla and New Horizon Presbyterian Church CB

Approved Interim Quarterly Reports – Mike Harvey (NH), Linda Reffert (FPC Bellevue), Gary Eller (FPC Omaha)

Approved Rev. Gary Eller Exit Report (FPC-Omaha)

Approved Rev. Gary Eller to labor outside the bounds of PMRV to serve FPC Bristol, TN Holston Presbytery.

Dismissed Rev. Gary Eller from COM with gratitude

Approved Rev. Richard Meyer to moderate the session meeting of FPC Omaha on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

COM Action Items 6/24/25

Approved minutes 5/27/25

Approved CRE Report by Al Zimmerman

Approved Reverend Richard Meyer to moderate any additional Session meetings of First Presbyterian Church Omaha until August 1, 2025

Discussed & approved moving forward with a temporary pastoral relationship form for Rev. Laura Rasmussen and her relationship with Shenandoah/Essex Presbyterian Church (hybrid format via internet)
Approved Jay Cline to Moderate Shenandoah/Essex Presbyterian Church during the absence of Laura Rasmussen.

COM Action Items 8/26/25

Approved Minutes 6/24/25.

Approved Reverend Jon Noble as Moderator of Ft. Calhoun Presbyterian Church

Dismissed Tricia Dillon Thomas to Presbytery of Southern New England

Dismissed Gregg Miller to Glacier Presbytery

Approved and appointed Matt Coplen as new mentor for Linda Reffert, CRE (Mike Elliott leaving Presbytery)

Approved Rachelle McCalla Pastoral Call to New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Council Bluffs, IA: \$35,500 Cash Salary, \$35,500 Housing, Effective Salary \$71,000; Board of Pensions \$18,460; Continuing Education \$1,775; moving one time expense \$5,000; \$6,000 difference from family to single BoP split 50/50 between cash and housing paid monthly; four weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave;

Approved Bill Switzer Temp Supply Contract with Walnut 2025; Cash Salary \$57,531; Deferred compensation \$14,400; additional benefits: \$4,299; travel/mileage \$1,800

Discussed/resolved the request by Rev. Robert Ludrick to be member of PMRV. Not reinstated by Grace Presbytery, matter is resolved/ended. PMRV cannot accept into membership. Will not approve addition to Pulpit Supply.

Approved Laura Rasmussen to serve communion at FELD retreat

Discussed Pulpit Supply list: Verified list. Linda Reffert, Scott Christensen, Bob Seik, Judy Pistole on the list.

Approved Installation Commissions:

Rev. Brianne Christiansen:

October 5, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. @ First Presbyterian Church – Omaha

TE Matt Coplen (Moderator); TE Martha Slocombe – FPC Bellevue; Becky Balestri – Faith Presbyterian Church – La Vista; RE Jennie Wiehe – Underwood Hills; RE Amy Rodie – FPC Omaha; Rev. Scott Christiansen – Retired RCA.

Rev. Martha Slocombe

October 26, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. @ First Presbyterian Church – Bellevue

TE Matt Coplen (Moderator); TE Brianne Christiansen – FPC Omaha; TE Nick Dougherty – Faithful Shepherd - Omaha; RE Tom Blazek – FPC Bellevue; RE Lauren Ruhe – Faithful Shepherd - Omaha

Rev. Dr. Rachelle McCalla

November 16, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. @ New Horizon Presbyterian Church – Council Bluffs

TE Matt Coplen (Moderator); TE Becky Balestri – Faith Presbyterian Church;

TE Rev. Mike Harvey - Retired; RE James McCalla – Trinity Presbyterian Church – Clarinda; RE Teena Kern – New Horizon Presbyterian Church – Council Bluffs; Rev. Barbara Todd – Dakota Presbytery

September Meeting quorum not present.

These items were approved by E-votes 10/1/25:

Approved 2026 Minimum Effective Salary

Approved Martha Slocombe Pastoral Call to First Presbyterian Church, Bellevue NE: Cash Salary \$50,000; housing allowance \$25,000 – Effective Salary \$75,000; BoP \$19,500; Professional Expense \$1,000; Mileage \$1,400; Continuing Education \$1,200; cell phone \$800, no moving expenses; 4 weeks vacation; 2 weeks study leave.

Approved Ft. Calhoun discernment

Approved Al Zimmerman's CRE Report

COM Action Items 10/28/25

No minutes from September 23rd, 2025 due to lack of quorum

Affirmed Electronic Vote(s):

- Approved Minimum Effective Salary Guidelines
- Approved Rev. Martha Slocombe/First Presbyterian Bellevue terms of call
- Approved Pam Otto and Judi Crick to lead Ft. Calhoun discernment
- Approved Al Zimmerman CRE quarterly report

Approved *revised* Minimum Effective Salary Guidelines

Accepted Kathleen Keefer's resignation from COM, with much gratitude for her service and work

Accepted Linda Reffert, CRE Pulpit Supply report. She has filled the pulpit at Murray, Gethsemane, and Minden IA UCC.

Accepted Bob Sieck CRE report. Bob has been moderating the Session at First Presbyterian Church, Neola.

COM Action Items 11/25/25

Approved minutes 10/28/25

Affirmed Electronic Vote ○ Approved (via E-vote on November 11th, 2025) Reverend Sally Carlson to labor outside the bounds of PMRV to administer the sacrament of baptism and to moderate a congregational meeting at Clarkson New Zion Presbyterian Church on November 16, 2025 (Homestead Presbytery).

Approved Reverend Mike Harvey to labor outside the bounds of PMRV. Will continue moderating Avoca as long as they agree.

Approval of Validated Ministries

- Shelli Latham (OPSF)
- Sarah James (hospital chaplain at Children's)
- Robert Rose (military chaplain)
- Nicole Riebe (Creighton professor)

Discussed possible interim for Ft. Calhoun ○ 19 hours or less ○ Temporary pastor relationship ○ Pastor and the Session have not met - no details yet ○ Expect an E-vote in early December

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

CPM Action Items 3/20/25

- Brian Long and Doug Bogenhagen will be Spring 2025 ordination exam readers.

- Nick Dougherty was elected as clerk to the CPM

CPM Action Items 4/11/25

- Approved moving Regina Jeanpierre-Bryant from *Inquirer* to *Candidate* and to allow her to schedule her ordination exams when ready.

CPM Action Items meeting 11/15/25

- Annual consultations with Jessica. She is about 60% done with her Master's degree. She continues to take one course at a time through Fuller theological seminary. Leaderwise evaluation is next step.
- Annual consultation with David. David indicated that he believes he is done with The Academy. This will require a follow up by the CPM chair for verification. David was told the next steps he needs to complete including a sermon and exegesis work for the CPM, a statement of call, Leaderwise, and boundaries training before a final assessment can be made.
- Proposed merger of the CPM and COM was discussed.

Stated Clerk, Rev. Nancy Ross-Hullinger