

Presbytery of Great Rivers  
**ASSEMBLY MINUTES**  
February 18, 2020

**STATED MEETING**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers met in Stated Meeting February 18, 2020 at First Federated Church's Life Together Center at 9:30 am. The meeting was called to order, opened with prayer and song by Moderator Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle. The purpose of the meeting was for worship. Moderator Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle led the meeting in worship and the transaction of business. An offering was collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing in the amount of \$638.00

Acknowledgment of Native American Heritage of the Assembly Site: We meet today on the land of the Peoria, Meskwaki, Miami, Sauk, and Oceti Sakowin.

We were welcomed to the Assembly meeting by Moderator Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle and by Rev. Frosty Krummel, the pastor of the host church, First Federated Church.

Moderator Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle opened the meeting with prayer at 9:37am.

**QUORUM & ROLL**

The roll was established by registration. The Moderator declared that a quorum was present with the roll established per registrations as follows: ' A ' = Absent ' EX ' = Excused

CITY & CHURCH	TEACHING & RULING ELDERS	ELDER COMMISSIONERS	OR ALTERNATES
A=Absent E=Excused		SERVING CHURCHES 40	38
Adair, West Prairie	A.....	Mr. Jeremy Westlake	N/A
Aledo, College Ave		<b>Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> listing)	<b>Lance Slavish</b>
Aledo, Sunbeam		<b>Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> listing)	<b>Jean Harfst</b>
Alexis, Norwood	A.....	CLP Gary Pullen	N/A
Athens, Indian Point		<b>CLP Sandi Woodard</b>	N/A
Bartonville, Trinity	A.....	Rev. Steve Barch	<b>Dottie Loudy</b>
Biggsville, United		<b>CLP Kathie Whitson</b>	<b>Marilyn Simmons</b>
Bloomington, Saint. Luke		<b>Rev. Andrew Gifford</b>	<b>John Otto</b>
Bloomington, Second	A.....	Rev. Treighton Haddon	<b>Ruth Ellen Gabor</b>
		<b>Rev. Elissa Bailey</b>	<b>Tom Young</b>
Bushnell, First	A.....	Rev. Mark Merrill	N/A t
Buffalo Hart		VACANT	N/A
Canton, First		<b>Rev. Sterrett Collins</b>	<b>Terry Frame</b>
Carlinville, Federated	A.....	Rev. Megan Biddle	N/A
Carrollton, First	A.....	Vacant	N/A
Carthage, First	A.....	Rev. Joy Ridge	N/A
Carthage, Fountain Green	A.....	Mr. Mark Hanson	N/A
Chatham, Chatham	A.....	Rev. James Reitz	N/A
Chenoa, First		VACANT	N/A
Clayton, First	A.....	Rev. Kay Daniel	N/A
Clinton, Clinton		<b>Rev. Paul Stroup</b>	N/A
Coal Valley, First		<b>Rev. Tim W. Snart</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Listing)	N/A
Danvers, First	A.....	Rev. Tim Mitchell	N/A
Delavan, First		<b>Rev. Jean Sparks</b>	N/A
Divernon, First	A.....	Rev. Steve Smith	N/A
E. Moline, First	EX	Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood	N/A

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Edwards, Korean.....	<b>Rev. Dan (Hyaekwang) Kim</b> .....	N/A
Elmwood, First .....A.....	Rev. Marla Bauler (1 <sup>st</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Eureka, Eureka.....	<b>CLP Bob Montgomery</b> .....	<b>Norma Foley</b>
Farmington, First.....	<b>Rev. Andy Sonneborn</b> .....	<b>Crystal Gomes</b>
Galesburg, First.....	VACANT.....	<b>Susan Rinehart</b>
Geneseo, First.....	<b>Rev. Tim Doty</b> .....	<b>Barbara Asay</b>
Green Valley, First.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Greenview, United.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Hamilton, Bethel.....A.....	CLP Robert Wagner.....	N/A
Ipava, United.....	<b>CLP Dan Colvin</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Listing).....	<b>Dean Bidney</b>
Jacksonville, First.....	<b>Rev. Jonathan Warren</b> .....	<b>Dave Truesdale</b>
Kirkwood, Westminster.....A.....	CLP Pam Moore.....	<b>Milli Chandler</b>
Knoxville, First.....A.....	Rev. Ken Shedenhelm.....	<b>Curtis Palmer</b>
LeRoy, First.....	<b>Rev. Annie McMillan</b> .....	<b>Naomi Chaplin</b>
Lewistown, First.....	<b>CLP Penny Frame</b> .....	<b>Rick Hoffman</b>
Lincoln, First.....	<b>Rev. Adam Quine</b> .....	N/A
Macomb, First.....	<b>Ms. Erin Marth</b> .....	<b>Gene Miller</b>
Macomb, Scotland Trinity.....	<b>CLP Dan Colvin</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Mason City, United.....EX.....	Rev. Charlotte Poetschner.....	N/A
Media, Community.....A.....	CLP Phil Cooper.....	N/A
Middletown, First.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Milan, First.....A.....	Rev. Dale Dykstra.....	N/A
Monmouth, Faith.....	<b>Rev. Brandon Ouellette</b> .....	N/A
Monmouth, Sugar Tree.....A.....	Rev. Daniel Ott.....	N/A
Morton, First.....	<b>CLP Mike Claver</b> .....	N/A
Mt. Sterling, Mt. Sterling.....A.....	Mr. Richard Young.....	N/A
Nauvoo, First.....A.....	Mr. Mark Anderson.....	N/A
New Windsor, United.....A.....	Rev. Mark Bedford.....	N/A
Niota, Appanoose Faith.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Normal, First.....	<b>Rev. Matt Wilcox</b> .....	<b>Marilee White</b>
<b>Kathy Gillespie</b>		
Normal, New Covenant.....EX.....	Rev. Robert W. Ryder.....	N/A
Normal, New Covenant.....EX.....	Rev. Susan M. Ryder.....	N/A
Oneida, United.....A.....	Rev. Linda Baldwin.....	<b>Larry Lawson</b>
Orion, Beulah.....	<b>Rev. Tim Snart</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Pekin, First.....	Rev. Samuel Gibb.....	N/A
Peoria, First Fed.....	<b>Rev. Forrest Krummel</b> .....	N/A
Peoria, United.....	<b>Rev Deb Avery</b> .....	<b>Charlotte Cronin</b>
<b>Debbie Hanson</b>		
Peoria, Westminster.....A.....	Rev. Denise Clark Jones.....	<b>Peggy Bragg</b>
Perry, Perry.....A.....	Rev. John Nelson.....	N/A
Petersburg, Central.....	<b>CLP Stephanie McCullough</b> .....	<b>Steven Territo</b>
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale.....	<b>Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee</b> .....	<b>Peggy Williams</b>
Quincy, Ellington.....A.....	Mr. Ron Cox.....	N/A
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton.....	<b>Rev. Harry Losey</b> .....	<b>Randy Chard</b>
Rio, Rio.....	<b>Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Rock Island, Broadway.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Rock Island, Gloria Dei.....	<b>Rev. Drew Nagle</b> .....	N/A
Rock Island, Good Shepard.....	<b>Rev. James Benson</b> .....	<b>James Bertelsen</b>

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Rock Island, South Park.....A.....	Rev. Blake Severson.....	N/A
Rushville, First.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Seaton, Center.....	<b>Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing) .....	N/A
Springfield, First.....	<b>Rev. Susan Phillips</b> .....	<b>Mike Orr</b>
Springfield, Hope.....	<b>Rev. Charles S. Goodman</b> .....	<b>LaCleta Hale</b>
Springfield, Knox.....A.....	Rev. Paula Carmichael.....	N/A
Springfield, Korean.....	<b>Rev. Jaechul Kim</b> .....	N/A
Springfield, Third.....A.....	Rev. John Shear.....	N/A
Springfield, Westminster.....	<b>Rev. Blythe Kieffer</b> .....	<b>Carolyn Swanson</b>
Springfield, Westminster.....	<b>Rev. Trajan McGill</b> .....	<b>Kathy Germeraad</b>
Springfield, Westminster.....	<b>Rev. Christian Choi</b> .....	<b>Jim Kincaid</b>
Stronghurst, Stronghurst.....A.....	Mr. Phillip Cooper.....	<b>Don Fry</b>
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	<b>Rev. Joanne Hinds</b> .....	N/A
Viola, United.....A.....	Rev. Matt Downey.....	N/A
Virden, First.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Virginia, First.....A.....	Rev. Marcia Forman.....	N/A
Virginia, Sangamon.....	<b>Mr. Carl Wiggins</b> .....	N/A
Warsaw, First.....	<b>CLP Diane Ludington</b> .....	<b>Paul Casady</b>
Washington, Washington.....	<b>Rev. Linda Philabaun</b> .....	<b>Melody Wisemen</b>
White Hall, First.....	CLP Kirby Ballard.....	N/A
Woodhull, United.....	<b>Rev. Cheyanna Losey</b> .....	N/A
Woodson, Unity.....A.....	Rev. Robert Kerr.....	N/A
Yates City, Faith.....A.....	Rev. Marla Bauler (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	<b>Mary Watts</b>

VALIDATED, AT LARGE, HONORABLY RETIRED, MINISTERS PRESENT . TOTAL: 10

Rev. Beth Hamilton, VM  
 Rev. Jessica Hawkinson, VM  
 Rev. Kathy Mitchell, HR  
 Rev. Joyce Chamberlin, HR  
 Rev. Randall Saxon, HR  
 Rev. Cheryl Lunday, HR  
 Rev. Darwin Smith, HR  
 Rev. Rick Tindall, HR  
 Rev. Jennifer Sakata, M@L  
 Rev. Laura Reason, M@L

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL: 02

*(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)*  
 Bill Harfst  
 Carol Sleeth

MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 02

*(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)*  
 Linda Miller  
 Susan Sawers

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 04

Julie Bruninga, COM  
 Merle Fox, COM  
 Roy Wehrle, CPM  
 Rev. David Terrinoni, Blackhawk Presbytery

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 03  
Rev. John Campbell  
Kathy Goranson  
Allan Wallace

PRESBYTERY STAFF TOTAL: 03  
Rev. Ryan Landino  
Patti Parrish  
Sabrina McGrath

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 102

### **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

- Rev. Dave Terrinoni, Blackhawk Presbytery, was introduced but a vote was not officially called to seat this corresponding member.
- Rev. Sara Dingman, Synod Exec, attended the meeting after the start but a vote was not officially called to seat this corresponding member.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Introduction of new Minister Members, new Ruling Elder Commissioners, New commissioners were introduced from their tables.

- Rev. Debra Avery was introduced as the new called and soon to be installed pastor at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. She was only on her second day on the job.

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

- The Assembly **MSA** the Docket with no changes.

### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

- **MSA** that all written reports be entered into the permanent minutes.
- **MSA** the Omnibus Motion which contained the Stated Clerk's Report (Appendix A), Lead Presbytery for Transformation Report (Appendix B), and the Bills and Overtures Committee Report (Appendix C).
- **Nominating Committee Report (Appendix D)**  
The Nominating Committee Report was given by vice chair, Rev. Annie McMillian.  
**MSA** the following slate:
  - Elder Julia Bruninga, COM, class of 2022, first term
  - Rev. Kay Daniel, COM, class of 2022 first term
  - Elder Charlie Minert, CPM, class of 2022, first term
  - Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala, Synod Commissioner, class of 2022, first term.
  - There were no additional nominations from the floor.

### **VISIONING DISCUSSION**

LPT Rev. Ryan Landino led the Assembly in a visioning discussion. Each round table was its own group for its discussion. Time was given for the following conversations:

- Discussing our technical and adaptive parts of our work.
- The technical and adaptive work of the Presbytery.
- What our outcomes look like, not just our inputs!
- A group will gather to look at the info that was collected as each table was asked to take notes.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Elder Diane Ludington asked members of the assembly to consider signing up to help with Worship. There was a sign-up sheet.
- Rev. Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk, thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and gave an update post injury.

- Elder Mary Watts spoke about the Wilderness Christian Camp
- Rev. Lonna Lee from Farmingdale Pres spoke about a Jigsaw Puzzle contest their PW was having.
- Rev. Jonathan Warren asked if there were members who were planning to attend the NEXT conference.
- Rev. Joyce Chamberlain had ink to give away.
- Rev. James Benson from Good Shephard said the church was celebrating their 25 years as a merger church on March 1.
- Rev. Drew Nagle said there was still furniture to give away from the Sherrard Church closing.
- Rev. Debra Avery announced her installation service to be held on April 26

### **WORSHIP**

Moderator Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle led the community in worship with the message and the Scripture reading from John 4:3-42. Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle spoke to how could both the Samaritans and the Jews be the same and talk with one another when they are clearly so different? Jesus pushes beyond these boundaries. No longer is it about mountain worship vs. temple worship. Jesus showed what the woman had that she could offer that HE needed. It was the other way around then normally perceived. She had the power here. What does this tell us about our relationship with God? God has so much to give us, but he still asks of us. She is valued – Jesus first reveals here who he is. The Samaritan faith grows because they have seen and heard. Are we willing to break down what separates us? See Jesus as living water? We can come to be a new committee.

### **ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT** (Appendix E)

The Report of the Administration Team was given by vice chair, Rev. Joyce Chamberlin.

- MSA the following Ebersolt Fund 2020 distribution:

Indian Point United Presbyterian Church, Athens	\$2,321.05
United Presbyterian Church, Greenview	\$2,321.05
Central Presbyterian Church, Petersburg	\$2,321.05
Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, Tallula	\$2,321.05
<u>Total Funds Available for Distribution:</u>	<u>\$9,284.20</u>
- The treasurer's report was presented.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT** (Appendix F)

The report of the Leadership Team was given by Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle

- The Synod Grant Fund: The Presbytery of Great Rivers received a grant from the Synod of Lincoln Trails from the sale of Synod properties as well as a Synod Grant for Transformation. The Leadership Team is responsible for the disbursement of these funds. A task force of the Leadership Team was formed to review prior disbursements and recommend future disbursements.
- The Leadership Team approved the following recommendations of the Grant Task force:
  - \$13,173 now be available for grants to participate in Transitional Pastor Training
  - \$20,000 be made available for coaching needs for both MSW and CLP person with the following parameters: Up to 6 sessions and up to \$1,000 per grantee through the Presbyterian Coach Network (PCN) \$10,000 be made available for grants for racism trainings and conferences (up to \$300 per individual/up to \$600 per church, for pastors and elders, priority given to those who have not received this particular grant) Matthew 25: After discussion on what it means to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery, it was approved to declare that the Presbytery of Great Rivers is a Matthew 25 Presbytery.
- 2020 Presbytery Assemblies:

Offerings will be taken up at 2020 assemblies for the following:

  - February 18: One Great Hour of Sharing
  - June 2: Pentecost Offering
  - August 29: Peace and Global Witness Offering
  - November 14: Christmas Joy Offering
  - Keynote Speakers:
    - February 18: Ryan Landino on visioning discussions
    - August 29: Molly Casteel – Committee on Representation
  - Preachers:

February 18: Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle

June 2: Rev. Ryan Landino

August 29: Rev. Matthew Wilcox

November 14: Communion will be served

**MSA** the following as members of the Administrative Commission for Green Valley:

- Rev. Forrest Krummel, Peoria – First United
- Elder Carrol Lewis, Delavan – First
- Elder Gary Davis – Lincoln – First
- Rev. Marla Bauler, Elmwood-First
- Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, Peoria – Westminster

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT** (Appendix G)

The Committee on Ministry report was given by Elder Kathie Whitson.

- **MSA** Stronghurst Presbyterian church to allow Scott Postle and Virginia Ross to serve another term on the Session as elders.
- **MSA** Knox Presbyterian in Springfield allow Janet Boastick to serve another term as Deacon
- **MSA** First Presbyterian Church of Rushville to allow Jim Divitt to serve another term on the Session as an elder.
- **MSA** Gloria Dei United Presbyterian Church, Rock Island allow Alan Bishop and Debbie Hayes to serve another term on the Session as elders.
- **MSA** First Presbyterian in Lewistown to allow Bob Hazzard and Ellie Toomer to serve another term on the Session as elders and Marianne Hayes to serve another term as a Deacon
- **MSA** First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo needs an Administrative Commission to assist them with the closing date in June 2020.
  1. To dissolve the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church at the request of the congregation.
  2. To provide for the continuing spiritual and pastoral care of the remaining members of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church after dissolution.
  3. To transfer members of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church to other congregations and to provide for pastoral care for those who do not wish to or are unable to transfer their membership.
  4. To grant letters of dismissal to members for those who have not found a new church after a period of one year.
  5. To take possession of all real and personal property of Nauvoo Presbyterian Church along with all records of the congregation and to oversee transfer of all real property and accounts to the Presbytery at the time of dissolution.
  6. To ensure that bills are paid, the property is maintained and secured, and adequate insurance coverage is in place at the time of dissolution and after dissolution.
  7. To consult with the Session or its representatives regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment, memorials, and other property, honoring them where possible and to retain such for future use at the discretion of the Presbytery.
  8. To act as agents of the Presbytery of Great Rivers in negotiations for and/or to conclude the sale of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church if building is not sold at the time of dissolution.
  9. In consultation with the Presbytery of Great Rivers Administration Team, and in accordance with the team's procedures, approve sale of any property of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church prior to dissolution.
  10. To assert the claim of the Presbytery of Great Rivers to any property of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church, whether known or not known at this time, or property which may come, as beneficiary of a will or trust, not known at this time.
  11. To transfer to the Stated Clerk for forwarding to the Presbyterian Historical Society all official records of the congregation. Other historical records shall be transferred to the stated clerk for storage or transfer to PHS at the clerk's direction.
  12. To complete any additional tasks necessary to close the corporation of the church.
  13. To see that the long life and faithful history of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church is suitably celebrated in a service of worship and at a meeting of the Presbytery.

In undertaking these actions, the Administrative Commission shall be sensitive to the memory, heritage, and concerns of the members of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church. The Administrative

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Commission shall invite members of the Nauvoo Presbyterian Church to participate in its work with voice but without vote. Membership in this Administrative Commission shall be by appointment of the Moderator of the Presbytery. This Administrative Commission shall report its actions to a future stated meeting of the Presbytery of Great Rivers. It shall provide the Presbytery (through the Committee on Ministry) with interim reports semi-annually and their warrant shall conclude with the completion of the above delegated tasks.

#### **VISIONING TEAM REPORT** (Appendix H)

The Visioning Team report was given by chair Rev. Jonathan Warren

- Elder Judy Helms gave a presentation about the use of the Mission Initiative Grant they received at United in Peoria for their Butterfly Day Program.
- Rev. Joyce Chamberlin gave a report about the Bucks for Blessings grant they received at First in Milan for the Community Dinner
- Shared Mission Grants were awarded to the following:
  - LUX Theological Program, Monmouth College  
In 2019, the committee gave \$26,000 (the remaining 2019 visioning funds) to the Monmouth College LUX Theological Program. We are very excited about this vital program for our Presbytery – it is one of three across the country. Many of the students who attend this program are becoming leaders in our churches, some attending the Young Adult Volunteer program, and a few are considering calls into ministry or non-profit work. We encourage churches and/or individuals to consider giving to this program so they can receive the entire sustainability Lily matching grant of \$225,000.
  - Bucks for Blessings: First Presbyterian received \$1,000 for their Movie In The Park program.

The following were nominated to serve on the Administrative Commission for Nauvoo: **MSA**

Rev. Joy Ridge, First - Carthage

Elder Don Fry, Stronghurst

Elder Tom Bertucci, First- Warsaw

The next Presbytery Assembly meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at First Federated Life Together Center

Appendix A  
Stated Clerk's Report

Stated Clerk's Report

Recommended action to the floor of Presbytery:

THAT THE STATED CLERK'S REPORT BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN BE ADOPTED.

**1. MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED, DISMISSED, HONORABLY RETIRED, REMOVED, OR DECEASED**

THAT the following minister(s) be received:

Rev. Debra Avery from San Francisco Presbytery  
Rev. Matthew Downey from Whitewater Valley Presbytery

THAT the following minister(s) be listed as Honorably Retired:

- Rev. Darwin Smith, effective January 1, 2020
- Rev. Dr. Laura Brookens Reason effective March 1, 2020
- Rev. Gary Elg effective January 1, 2020

THAT the following minister(s) be Dismissed:

- Dismiss Rev. Beth Wagner to the Chicago Presbytery
- Dismiss Rev. Bonita Clark Quandt to Grand Canyon Presbytery

THAT the following minister(s) be Removed from Rolls:

N/A

Deceased:

N/A

**2. CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS**

THAT the following commissions be dismissed, having completed its work:

- Dismiss with thanks the commission to oversee the commissioning of Kirby Ballard as Commissioned Lay Pastor of the White Hall-First on November 10, 2019
- Dismiss with thanks the commission to oversee the commissioning of Diane Ludington as Commissioned Lay Pastor of the United Presbyterian Churches of Warsaw, Illinois and Keokuk, Iowa on September 29, 2019 at 6:00 pm
- Dismiss with thanks the Commission to oversee the Commissioning of Stephanie McCullough to the Center Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, IL on September 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

**3. PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

- A complaint of misconduct has been received and an investigative committee has been formed.

**4. SESSION RECORDS REVIEW**

The following churches completed their 2019 Session Records Review

Aledo, College Avenue  
Aledo, Sunbeam United  
Biggsville, United  
Bloomington, Second  
Bloomington, St. Luke  
Buffalo Hart, Buffalo Hart  
Bushnell, First United  
Canton, First



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Carlinville, Federated  
Carthage, First United  
Chenoa, First  
Clinton, Clinton  
Coal Valley, First  
Delavan, First  
East Moline, First  
Elmwood, First  
Eureka, Eureka  
Geneseo, First  
Greenview, United  
Ipava, Ipava  
Jacksonville, First  
Kirkwood, Westminster  
Knoxville, First  
Lewistown, First  
Lincoln, First  
Macomb, First  
Mason City, United  
Milan, First  
Monmouth, Faith United  
Monmouth, Sugar Tree Grove  
Morton, First  
New Windsor, New Windsor  
Normal, First  
Normal, New Covenant  
Oneida, United  
Orion, Beulah  
Pekin, First  
Peoria, United  
Peoria, Westminster  
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale  
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton  
Rio, Rio  
Rock Island, Broadway  
Rock Island, Good Shepherd  
Seaton, Center  
Springfield, First  
Springfield, Hope  
Springfield, Knox  
Springfield, Third  
Springfield, Westminster  
Viola, United  
Virginia, Sangamon Valley  
Washington, Washington  
White Hall, First  
Woodhull, United  
Yates City, Faith United

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Request from First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown for waiver to extend additional term for ruling elders Bob Hazzard and Ellie Toomer and deacon Marianne Hayes.
- Request from Knox Presbyterian Church in Springfield for waiver to extend additional term for Deacon Janet Boastick.
- Request from First Presbyterian Church in Rushville for waiver to extend additional term for Jim Divitt be approved to serve an additional term on the session.

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- Request from Stronghurst Presbyterian, Stronghurst waiver to extend additional term for Scott Postle and Virginia Ross be approved to serve another term on the session as elders.

Appendix B  
Lead Presbyter's Report

Lead Presbyter for Transformation Report

As your Lead Presbyter, I am so grateful for the many endeavors you have undertaken, the dreaming, the innovations, and the new relationships you are building in real time! I am surrounded by good people living so faithfully into doing wonderful ministry together, and I see you and appreciate your labor.

Every new year comes with a sense of hope, a time of promise, an opportunity to create something new. Among our questions now is: where are we going? At the last assembly, I introduced many of you to an image for our presbytery, a sign that says, "Road Ends 500 Feet", but more intriguingly hints at unknown terrain beyond. Soon, our current model for doing ministry as a presbytery will no longer be viable (3-4 years by some counts). This will mean that our presbytery will need to go "off-road," with new, fleeter structures with a more agile sense of maneuverability and responsiveness, so that we can navigate unknown terrain without losing our identity and central compass that drives our mission. I have been so blessed to experiment ideas, hone questions, test conversations, and co-create discussions with you. I am especially grateful for the Visioning, Administration, and Leadership Teams for being willing testing labs and conversation partners.

We are now prepared to bring some questions that we believe will begin to create the blueprints of where we need to go next. There will be three particularly, each meant to dismantle an assumption: 1) moving from public values to illuminating the hidden operative values, 2) moving from finding the right answers to asking the right questions, and 3) more articulately naming the outputs of our ministry together. Consider these figures (pp. 171-172 from Rendle's

Quietly Courageous: Leading the Church in a Changing World). They describe how every congregation (or presbytery!) has a life cycle—I've heard elsewhere it typically lasts eighty years—that needs to be reinitiated to remain viable. Considering how many churches are older than eighty years, you can count how many lifecycles we've gone through! The lifecycle starts with Visioning, then builds a Structure, then provides the Ministry, then begins to decline when Ministry becomes less effective and you enter into a time of Nostalgia. Later, Polarization can set in, and then Death. Rendle believes (and I agree) that we are at the stage of Nostalgia, looking to the past to reclaim lost effectiveness. When we consider when we were last "thriving," most memories put us around the 1950s, which was seventy years ago, which can only mean we are due for another restart. However, the kneejerk reaction for vitalization is to go back to the Structure stage first (a few assemblies ago, we talked about Simon Sinek's Start with Why: this is the danger of jumping to the "how" without doing the work of "why.") In truth, to restart an organization's lifecycle, we need to go to the beginning into the Visioning stage. This is how we begin to lead ourselves into a new cycle of viability and effectiveness for another 80 years, into a new day on new terrain. This is our theology of death and new life preached on Easter and starts with something very vulnerable and precious before it grows into a movement, like what we just preached on Christmas.

And that is what we plan to do. At this next assembly, there will be important Visioning discussions you will not want to miss. We will collate data from your responses, and that will help us determine where we go next as a presbytery beginning to practice moving "off-road" on new terrain. We will need your presence at this meeting: we cannot move forward as a presbytery without you. If all goes well, this will culminate into whatever structures or models that will most closely empower us to meet our missional goals, and ensure that the ministry of our 92 churches is not disrupted, especially in events of crisis and transition.

I am honored to lead you in these conversations, conversations that have not been the first in our presbytery and will not be the last, every one making us more agile to move into the future, even as the fog lifts over new terrain and the way becomes clearer, even if the future is unclear for now. If you want to read ahead to get a headstart on the conversation, feel free to read or review Gil Rendle's Quietly Courageous or the first chapters of The Practice of Adaptive Leadership by Heifetz, Grashaw, and Linsky.

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Ultimately, whatever path we make, it will be something we will have the opportunity to co-create together with the faith that God is with us. I am so blessed to do this holy work with you!

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Appendix C  
Bills and Overtures Report

The Committee on Bills and Overtures met on Wednesday January 28 to consider an overture. The outcome was a decision not to bring the overture to the assembly for concurrence.

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Appendix D  
Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee met on January 15, 2020.

The following action was taken that requires action by the assembly:

**MSA** to recommend that RE Julia Bruninga be elected to the Committee on Ministry effective immediately, for the class of 2022.

**MSA** to recommend that Rev. Kay Daniel be elected to the Committee on Ministry effective immediately, for the class of 2022.

**MSA** to recommend that RE Charlie Minert be elected to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry effective immediately, for the class of 2022.

The following from the meeting does not require action by the assembly:

Annie McMillan was elected vice chair for 2020.

Meeting dates for 2020 were set as the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 but 1:30 in February and March.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to discussion of steps to be taken in the effort to fill the open positions.

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Appendix E  
Administration Team Report

Due to not having a have quorum present at the Admin meeting dated January 14<sup>th</sup> the meeting had to be canceled.

In the absence of not having a meeting the following e-votes had to be taken to allow the day to day business of Great River Presbytery to continue.

First e-vote: approval for Distribution of the Ebersolt Funds in 2020

Indian Point United Presbyterian Church, Athens .....	\$2,321.05
United Presbyterian Church, Greenvew .....	\$2,321.05
Central Presbyterian Church, Petersburg .....	\$2,321.05
Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, Tallula .....	<u>\$2,321.05</u>

Total Funds Available for Distribution .....

	<u>\$9,284.06</u>
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Admin needed to approve this distribution as we have done every year so it can be brought forward for approved by Assembly in Feb.

Second e-vote: was taken to approve the transfer of funds to the checking account from some of our investment's accounts. This action needed to take place so that we can have enough money in our checking account to pay our bills.

BALANCE SHEET

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS  
CURRENT TO PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019

<b>Assets</b>	<b>December 2018</b>	<b>December 2019</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Cash			
Checking and Cash Management Account	\$ 279,897	\$ 211,935	\$ (67,962)
Investments	640,378	720,517	80,139
Lease Deposit	2,499	-	(2,499)
Mortgage Note Receivable	-	-	-
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	5,045	-	(5,045)
Total Assets	\$ 927,818	\$ 932,452	\$ 4,633
 <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
Liabilities			
Liabilities Payable	\$ (92)	\$ -	\$ 92
Pass Thru Liabilities	9,508	9,553	45
Prepaid Mission & Per Capita	-	445	445
Total Liabilities	\$ 9,416	\$ 9,999	\$ 583
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	\$ 804,257	\$ 811,086	\$ 6,828
Designated			
Springfield Fifth Disposition	-	-	-
Presbytery Leaders Support	8,876	8,876	-
Presbyter Relocation	10,000	10,000	-
Total Designated	\$ 18,876	\$ 18,876	\$ -
Temporarily Restricted			
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 3,369	\$ 9,495	6,126
Peacemaking	10,076	13,312	3,236
Synod Pastor Support Grants	8,003	4,253	(3,750)
Synod Transformation Grant	70,604	62,214	(8,389)
Ministers Temporary Disability	3,110	3,110	-
Hands & Feet Scholarships	107	107	-
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$ 95,269	\$ 92,491	\$ (2,778)
Total Net Assets	\$ 918,402	\$ 922,453	\$ 4,051
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 927,818	\$ 932,452	\$ 4,633



INCOME STATEMENT

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS  
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS  
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE  
YEAR TO DATE Dec 31, 2019

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita	\$ 208,182	\$ 215,737	\$ 7,555	96%
Mission	68,648	75,000	6,352	92%
Trust Clause Payments	12,216	12,200	(16)	100%
Total Congregational Support	<u>\$ 289,046</u>	<u>\$ 302,937</u>	<u>\$ 13,907</u>	<u>95%</u>
Investment Income	80,395	30,000	(50,395)	268%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 369,441</u>	<u>\$ 332,937</u>	<u>\$ (36,488)</u>	<u>111%</u>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	<u>2,777.83</u>			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ 6,125			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	3,236			
Other Receipts	-	-		
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 9,361</u>			
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 381,580</u>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 115,078	\$ 120,155	\$ 5,077	96%
Bridge Presbyter	-	\$ -	\$ -	-
Stated Clerk	13,438	13,150	(288)	102%
Senior Administrative Assistant	61,011	62,366	1,355	98%
Accountant	22,039	15,000	(7,039)	147%
CLP Coordinator	5,354	8,180	2,826	65%
Workers Compensation Insurance	643	1,200	557	54%

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Total Salaries and Related Expenses	\$ 217,563	\$ 220,051	\$ 2,488	99%
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 26,995	\$ 21,500	\$ (5,495)	126%
Office Operations and Supplies	24,296	20,300	(3,996)	120%
Depreciation Expense	5,045	2,000	(3,045)	252%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	\$ 56,336	\$ 43,800	\$ (12,536)	129%
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	3,044	3,500	456	87%
Audit Fee	6,950	7,150	200	97%
Moderator Training	2,293	1,000	\$ (1,293)	229%
Assembly Meetings	4,326	4,000	\$ (326)	108%
Per Capita Shortfall	22,678	13,000	(9,678)	174%
Payroll Service	1,530	1,600	70	96%
Legal Fees	-	6,000	6,000	0%
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	\$ 40,821	\$ 36,250	\$ (4,571)	113%
Meeting Expense - All Teams	\$ 3,499	\$ 5,400	\$ 1,901	65%
Program Expenses				
Committee on Ministry	\$ 11,855	\$ 12,200	\$ 345	97%
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	-	500	500	0%
Visioning Grants (includes 2019 Triennium)	69,082	70,000	918	99%
Continuing Education Grants	2,556	5,000	2,444	51%
Presbytery Events	916	2,000	1,084	46%
Pastoral Care	-	1,500	1,500	0%
Illinois Conference of Churches	-	500	500	0%
Total Program Expenses	\$ 84,409	\$ 91,700	\$ 7,291	92%
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 402,628	\$ 397,201	\$ (5,427)	101%
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	3,750	-		
Interfaith Working Group	3,389	-		
Ministers' Temporary Disability	-	-		
Transitional Training	5,000	-		
	\$ 12,139	\$ -		
Total Expenses	\$ 414,767	\$ 397,201	\$ (17,566)	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	\$ (33,187)	\$ (64,264)	(31,077)	

PER CAPITA AND MISSION

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS  
SHARED MISSION AND PER CAPITA SUPPORT BY CHURCH  
YTD THROUGH Dec 31, 2019

CHURCH	MISSION			PER CAPITA		
	2019 PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEGGE	2019 DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ADAIR - WEST PRAIRIE			-	718.62	718.62	-
ALEDO - COLLEGE AVENUE			-	3,798.42	2,848.83	949.59
ALEDO - SUNBEAM			-	787.06	1,640.00	(852.94)
ALEXIS - NORWOOD		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	3,079.80	3,079.80	-
ATHENS - INDIAN POINT		600.00	(600.00)	1,163.48	1,163.48	-
BARTONVILLE - TRINITY	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,950.54	1,950.54	-
BIGGSVILLE - UNITED		749.82	(749.82)	3,798.42	343.10	3,455.32
BLOOMINGTON - SECOND	-		-	29,189.66	28,094.64	1,095.02
BLOOMINGTON - ST LUKE UNION	-		-	4,037.96	4,037.96	-
BUFFALO - BUFFALO HART		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	2,703.38	2,703.38	-
BUSHNELL - FIRST			-	3,148.24	3,148.24	-
CANTON - FIRST			-	3,866.86	3,866.86	-
CARLINVILLE - FEDERATED	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	1,676.78	1,676.78	-
CARROLLTON - FIRST			-	1,266.14	1,266.14	-
CARTHAGE - FIRST			-	2,874.48	2,874.48	-
CHATHAM			-	6,262.26		6,262.26
CHENOA - FIRST	100.00	1,000.00	(900.00)	1,026.60	1,026.60	-
CLAYTON - FEDERATED			-	239.54	239.54	-
CLINTON	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	3,490.44	3,490.44	-
COAL VALLEY - FIRST		50.00	(50.00)	5,509.42	5,509.42	-
COOKSVILLE - UNION FEDERATED			-	410.64		410.64
DANVERS - FIRST		400.00	(400.00)	5,680.52	5,680.52	-
DELAVAN - FIRST		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	1,984.76	2,000.00	(15.24)
DIVERNON - FIRST			-	1,437.24		1,437.24
EAST MOLINE - FIRST		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	4,825.02	4,825.02	-
EDWARDS - KOREAN			-	1,711.00	1,711.00	-
ELMWOOD - FIRST			-	3,729.98		3,729.98
EUREKA			-	1,026.60	1,026.60	-
FARMINGTON - FIRST	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	3,798.42	1,349.52	2,448.90
FOUNTAIN GREEN - CARTHAGE UNITED			-	2,258.52		2,258.52
GALESBURG - FIRST			-	9,478.94	3,591.50	5,887.44
GENESE0 - FIRST	3,756.00	3,756.00	-	4,585.48	4,585.52	(0.04)
GREEN VALLEY - FIRST			-	1,300.36		1,300.36
GREENVIEW - UNITED			-	1,676.78	1,676.78	-
HAMILTON - BETHEL			-	1,745.22		1,745.22

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IPAVA - UNITED			-	1,574.12	1,574.12	-
JACKSONVILLE - FIRST	16,000.00	15,999.80	0.20	14,543.50	14,543.50	-
KIRKWOOD - WESTMINSTER		2,400.00	(2,400.00)	1,711.00	1,711.00	-
KNOXVILLE - FIRST	-	1,275.00	(1,275.00)	1,916.32	1,916.32	-
LEROY - FIRST			-	5,543.64	5,543.64	-
LEWISTOWN - FIRST			-	2,155.86	2,155.86	-
LINCOLN - FIRST		3,500.00	(3,500.00)	4,961.90	4,961.90	-
MACOMB - FIRST		7,806.97	(7,806.97)	11,053.06	8,189.72	2,863.34
MACOMB - SCOTLAND TRINITY			-	2,018.98	1,800.00	218.98
MASON CITY - UNITED	-	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	3,079.80	3,079.80	-
MEDIA - U P COMMUNITY	-		-	410.64		410.64
MIDDLETOWN - FIRST			-	513.30	512.00	1.30
MILAN - FIRST		1,200.00	(1,200.00)	4,927.68	4,927.68	-
MONMOUTH - FAITH UNITED			-	8,041.70	8,041.70	-
MONMOUTH - SUGAR TREE GROVE	958.16	200.00	758.16	889.72	889.72	-
MORTON - FIRST			-	752.84	752.84	-
MT STERLING - P C OF CHRIST			-	1,095.04	1,095.04	-
NAUVOO - FIRST			-	581.74	581.74	-
NEW WINDSOR - UNITED		1,985.00	(1,985.00)	5,475.20	5,475.20	-
NIOTA - APPANOOSE FAITH			-	2,155.86		2,155.86
NORMAL - FIRST		24,960.00	(24,960.00)	16,151.84	16,151.88	(0.04)
NORMAL - NEW COVENANT		400.00	(400.00)	718.62	719.00	(0.38)
ONEIDA-FIRST		650.00	(650.00)	650.18	650.18	-
ORION - BEULAH			-	2,087.42	2,087.42	-
PEKIN - FIRST			-	3,011.36	3,011.36	-
PEORIA - FIRST FEDERATED			-	13,243.14	13,243.13	0.01
PEORIA - UNITED		1,740.00	(1,740.00)	17,041.56	11,006.95	6,034.61
PEORIA - WESTMINSTER	7,200.00	7,200.00	-	4,996.12	4,996.00	0.12
PERRY			-	410.64	410.64	-
PETERSBURG - CENTRAL		4,000.00	(4,000.00)	3,353.56	3,354.00	(0.44)
PLEASANT PLAINS - FARMINGDALE		1,280.00	(1,280.00)	3,114.02	2,335.52	778.50
QUINCY - ELLINGTON MEMORIAL		2,000.00	(2,000.00)	3,319.34	3,319.34	-
REYNOLDS - HAMLET PERRYTON			-	2,361.18	2,258.52	102.66
RIO			-	3,353.56	2,218.16	1,135.40
ROCK ISLAND - BROADWAY			-	2,087.42	2,087.42	-
ROCK ISLAND - GLORIA DEI			-	855.50	855.50	-
ROCK ISLAND - GOOD SHEPHERD		3,055.85	(3,055.85)	6,433.36	6,433.36	-
ROCK ISLAND - SOUTH PARK			-	5,783.18	5,783.18	-
RUSHVILLE - FIRST			-	1,129.26	1,129.26	-
SEATON - CENTER		110.00	(110.00)	2,053.20	390.00	1,663.20

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SHERRARD - COMMUNITY			-	1,026.60	1,026.60	-
SPRINGFIELD - FIRST			-	9,342.06	9,342.06	-
SPRINGFIELD - HOPE		3,300.00	(3,300.00)	3,832.64	3,832.64	-
SPRINGFIELD - KNOX			-	1,266.14	1,266.14	-
SPRINGFIELD - KOREAN UNITED			-	718.62	718.62	-
SPRINGFIELD - THIRD	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	6,364.92	6,364.92	-
SPRINGFIELD - WESTMINSTER	17,000.00	17,000.00	-	38,600.16	38,600.16	-
STRONGHURST			-	718.62	718.62	-
TALLULA - ROCK CREEK			-	2,703.38		2,703.38
VIOLA - UNITED		6,640.00	(6,640.00)	2,155.86	4,171.85	(2,015.99)
VIRDEN - FIRST			-	1,129.26		1,129.26
VIRGINIA - FIRST			-	3,182.46		3,182.46
VIRGINIA - SANGAMON VALLEY			-	1,471.46	1,471.46	-
WARSAW - FIRST	-		-	2,977.14	2,977.14	-
WASHINGTON			-	4,174.84	4,174.84	-
WHITE HALL - FIRST			-	1,026.60	1,026.60	-
WOODHULL - UNITED		4,000.00	(4,000.00)	4,517.04	4,517.04	-
WOODSON - UNITY			-	342.20		342.20
YATES CITY - FAITH UNITED	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,916.32	1,916.32	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55,214.16</b>	<b>135,458.44</b>	<b>(80,244.28)</b>	<b>379,260.26</b>	<b>328,442.92</b>	<b>50,817.34</b>

Appendix F  
Leadership Team Report

The Leadership Team met on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 with the following actions taken and motions recommended:

**Synod Grant Funds**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers received a grant from the Synod of Lincoln Trails from the sale of Synod properties as well as a Synod Grant for Transformation. The Leadership Team is responsible for the disbursement of these funds. A task force of the Leadership Team was formed to review prior disbursements and recommend future disbursements. The Leadership Team approved at this meeting the following recommendations of the Grant Task force, that:

- \$13,173 now be available for grants to participate in Transitional Pastor Training
- \$20,000 be made available for Coaching needs for both Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Lay Pastors with the following parameters: up to 6 sessions and up to \$1000 per grantee through The Presbyterian Coach Network (PCN).
- \$10,000 be made available for grants for Anti-racism Trainings & Conferences (up to \$300 per individual / up to \$600 per church, for pastors and elders, priority given to those who have not received this particular grant)

Requests for these grants may be sent to the Presbytery office. Any further documentation necessary will be requested and the grant requests forwarded to the committee or team that oversees the grant requested.

**Becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery**

After discussion on what it means to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery it was approved to declare that the Presbytery of Great Rivers is a Matthew 25 Presbytery.

**Information on 2020 Presbytery Assemblies:**

- These offerings will be taken up at 2020 Assemblies indicated:
  - February 18, 2020: One Great Hour of Sharing
  - June 2, 2020: Pentecost Offering
  - August 29, 2020: Peace and Global Witness Offering
  - November 14, 2020: Christmas Joy Offering
- The following keynote speakers have been confirmed for 2020 Assemblies:
  - February 18, 2020 – Ryan Landino – Important Visioning Discussions for the Presbytery
  - August 29, 2020 – Molly Casteel – Committee on Representation
- The following Preachers have been confirmed for 2020 Assemblies:
  - February 18, 2020 – Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle, Moderator
  - June 2, 2020 – Rev. Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation
  - August 29, 2020 – Rev. Matthew Wilcox, host Pastor
- Communion will be celebrated at the November 14, 2020 assembly

**Motion recommended for action:**

- That the following names be approved as members of the Administrative Commission for Green Valley: Rev. Forrest Krummel, Peoria-First Federated; Elder Carol Lewis, Delavan-First; Elder Gary Davis, Lincoln-First; Rev. Marla Bauler, Elmwood-First; Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, Peoria-Westminster.

Appendix G  
COM Report

Committee on Ministry has had three meetings since the last Assembly meeting in November 2019. We have shared meals together and enjoyed milk & cookies at our December meeting.

We have continued our practice of worshipping at the start of our meetings. We have felt a better connection and find working together easier as a result. Each month has been chosen by those who would like to share and lead us. Every time has been meaningful to us all. A practice of praying for our transitional churches by name and those individuals who are in need of prayer are included. Time is also taken mid-meeting to name gratitude's to help keep the morale of the meeting positive.

November meeting highlights

- Approved for commissioning services for CLP's
- Reviewed transitional churches statuses
- Approved several contracts
- Appointed super moderators for First Presbyterian, Galesburg and United Presbyterian, Greenview
- Approved MIF for First Presbyterian, Milan
- Changed the date for the November 2020 meeting to November 10<sup>th</sup>

Motion for GRP from November meeting -

- Stronghurst Presbyterian, Stronghurst request GRP approve their petition to allow Scott Postle and Virginia Ross be approved to serve another term on the session as elders.
- Knox Presbyterian, Springfield request GRP approve their petition to allow Janet Boastick to serve another term as deacon.
- First Presbyterian, Rushville request GRP approve their petition to allow Jim Divitt to be approved to serve another term on the session as elder.

M/S/P to recommend to PGR approval of waiving G.-2.0404.

December meeting highlights

- Assigned ministry partners for 2020
- Shared information between outgoing ministry partners with new partners
- Changed the date for the August 2020 meeting to August 18<sup>th</sup>

Motion for GRP from December meeting -

There were no motions coming out of this meeting.

January 2020 meeting highlights

- Began internal training of committee of the COM handbook
- Assigned members to sub-committees
- Approved several terms of call and contracts for 2020
- Reviewed transitional church statuses
- Heard report from Ministry Partner Kathy Mitchell regarding next steps for First Presbyterian, Normal
- Discussed the decision of First Presbyterian, Nauvoo to close in June 2020
- Approved request from Rev. Julie Wells Blythe MSW to be designated as engaged in Specialized Ministry during her tenure at Lutheran Child & Family Service.
- Reviewed and distributed new Ministry Partner Brochures to be mailed to individual churches throughout the Presbytery.

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Motion for GRP from January meeting -

- Gloria Dei United Presbyterian, Rock Island request GRP approve their petition to allow Alan Bishop and Debbie Hayes be approved to serve another term on the session as elders.
- First Presbyterian, Lewistown request GRP approve their petition to allow
  - Bob Hazzard and Ellie Toomer be approved to serve another term on the session as elders.
  - Marianne Hayes to be approved to serve another term as deacon

M/S/P to recommend to PGR approval of waiving G.-2.0404.

- A request from COM on behalf of First Presbyterian, Nauvoo to create an Administrative Commission to assist them with a closing date in June 2020.

Report on referral back to COM RE Hyaekwong Kim

There was nothing new to report as of the January 28, 2020 meeting.

The Committee celebrates with newly Honorably Retired members of our Presbytery Dr. Rev, Laura B. Reason, United Presbyterian, Peoria; Rev. Darwin E. Smith validated ministry; Dr. Rev Gary Elg, Scotland Trinity Macomb

The Committee celebrates receiving into Great Rivers Presbytery: Rev. Treighton Haddon, Second Presbyterian, Bloomington; Rev. Debra Avery, United Presbyterian, Peoria; Rev Matt R. Downey, United Presbyterian, Viola

The Committee also celebrates with newly commissioned Commissioned Lay Pastor Dan Colvin at Scotland Trinity and Ipava Presbyterian Churches.

This concludes the report for the Committee on Ministry for the January Assembly

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Whitson, Elder/CLP  
COM Chair

*EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY*

*The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church's membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, geography, or theological conviction. There is, therefore, no place in the life of the Church for discrimination against any person. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership. No member shall be denied participation or representation for any reason other than stated in this Constitution. (F-1.0403)*



## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Move to form an Administrative Commission for The First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo:

1. To dissolve the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo at the request of the congregation.
2. To provide for the continuing spiritual and pastoral care of the remaining members of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo after dissolution.
3. To transfer members of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo to other congregations and to provide for pastoral care for those who do not wish to or are unable to transfer their membership.
4. To grant letters of dismissal to members for those who have not found a new church after a period of one year.
5. To take possession of all real and personal property of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo along with all records of the congregation and to oversee transfer of all real property and accounts to the Presbytery at the time of dissolution.
6. To ensure that bills are paid, the property is maintained and secured, and adequate insurance coverage is in place at the time of dissolution and after dissolution.
7. To consult with the Session or its representatives regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment, memorials, and other property, honoring them where possible and to retain such for future use at the discretion of the Presbytery.
8. To act as agents of the Presbytery of Great Rivers in negotiations for and/or to conclude the sale of the building of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo if said building is not sold at the time of dissolution.
9. In consultation with the Presbytery of Great Rivers Administration Team, and in accordance with the team's procedures, approve sale of any property of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo prior to dissolution.
10. To assert the claim of the Presbytery of Great Rivers to any property of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo, whether known or not known at this time, or property which may come, as beneficiary of a will or trust, not known at this time.
11. To transfer to the Stated Clerk for forwarding to the Presbyterian Historical Society all official records of the congregation. Other historical records shall be transferred to the stated clerk for storage or transfer to PHS at the clerk's direction.
12. To complete any additional tasks necessary to close the corporation of the church.
13. To see that the long life and faithful history of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo is suitably celebrated in a service of worship and at a meeting of the Presbytery.

In undertaking these actions, the Administrative Commission shall be sensitive to the memory, heritage, and concerns of the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo.

The Administrative Commission shall invite members of the First Presbyterian Church of Nauvoo to participate in its work with voice but without vote.

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Membership in this Administrative Commission shall be by appointment of the Moderator of the Presbytery.

This Administrative Commission shall report its actions to a future stated meeting of the Presbytery of Great Rivers. It shall provide the Presbytery (through the Committee on Ministry) with interim reports semi-annually and their warrant shall conclude with the completion of the above delegated tasks.

Appendix H  
Visioning Team Report

**At our Assembly Meeting**

- A brief presentation by Judy Helms from United Presbyterian, Peoria, IL, for the Butterfly Day Program, which received Mission Initiative Funds in 2019.
- A brief presentation by HR Rev. Joyce Chamberlin of the First, Milan's Community Dinner, which raised funds for a local food pantry, using the Bucks for Blessings grant.

**Shared Mission Grants**

- There are several shared mission grants available for your church to apply to this year (see second page of report). **Please help us by sharing the shared mission grants description with your church staff, session, deacons, etc.** At the Presbytery assembly, there will be copies available for you to share.
- We determined at our last meeting that our current grant process needs tweaking, so we will be reviewing this process at our next meeting and keep the Presbytery informed of any changes made.
- Two-thirds of visioning budget will continue to go toward current grants, and one-third of our budget will go toward experimental, outside-the-box grants. For the new grants we will be setting up parameters, so please be prepared for seed grant parameters by our next Assembly meeting.

**Shared Mission Grants Awarded** The following applications were reviewed and approved:

- **Lux Theological Program, Monmouth College**
  - In 2019, we gave \$26,000 (the remaining 2019 visioning funds) to the Monmouth College Lux Theological Program. We are very excited about this vital program in our Presbytery – it is one of three across the country. Many of the students who attend this program are becoming leaders in our churches; some attending the Young Adult Volunteer program, and a few are considering calls into ministry or non-profit work. We encourage churches and/or individuals to consider giving to this program, so they can receive the entire sustainability Lily matching grant of \$225,000. You can contact The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life of Monmouth College.
- Bucks for Blessings
  - \$1,000 – *Movie in the Park* for First, Farmington.

**Presbytery e-Newsletter**

We encourage all staff, active elders, clerks and church members in the Presbytery to sign up for the e-Newsletter and follow the Presbytery of Great Rivers [Facebook](#) page. Please include the following sentence in your bulletin announcements:

God is doing great things in Presbyterian churches all around us. Sign-up for the Presbytery of Great Rivers e-Newsletter at [www.greatriverspby.org/newsletter](http://www.greatriverspby.org/newsletter)

**AVAILABLE SHARED MISSION GRANTS**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers Visioning Team is excited about how God is working in congregations across the Presbytery. There are several shared mission grants available for your church to apply to this year. Please help by sharing this with your church staff, session, deacons, etc.

**Worship Initiative Grant**

(Uniting in Worship) The Visioning Team wants to encourage churches to take worship to the community and find ways to worship outside their buildings. To that end, a \$500 grant is offered to churches that develop a plan to take worship outside the church.

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### **Mission Initiative Grant**

The new Mission Initiative Funding Application (**MIFA**) is for projects and programs that represent a mission initiative for a church and may be granted for \$5,000 for the 1st year. The project may be funded for a lesser amount for two additional years as explained in the guidelines.

### **Bucks for Blessings Grant**

(Partnering in Mission) A Bucks for Blessings is available for up to \$1,000 for each PGR member church who partners with another congregation to do something that is a blessing for their community. The partner church does not need to be a PGR member. If the partner is PGR, and the project budget warrants, then the PGR partner may also apply for a grant, too.

### **Church Consulting Grant**

(Risking in Ministry) The Visioning Team wants to encourage churches to engage the services of church consultants that will help congregations identify and live into their mission, vision, and values and/or identify a transformation process. To that end, a grant of up to \$2,500 is offered to churches who employ an approved church consultant.

### **Sabbatical Grant**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers' Visioning Team has approved a new Sabbatical Grant program aimed at helping pastors and churches with the cost of a sabbatical. The PGR Sabbatical Grant is available to PGR pastors currently serving a church who are planning a Session approved sabbatical. Pastors may request up to \$2000 to help with sabbatical related expenses, and up to \$500 to help the church with expenses related to the pastor's absence during the sabbatical.

### **For grant applications: [www.greatriverspby.org/mission](http://www.greatriverspby.org/mission)**

Please send grant applications 2 weeks prior to 2020 Visioning Team meetings, which are currently scheduled:

March 19, May 12,

August 11, and October 20.

We want to help you through the grant process.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Presbytery office (309) 683-6980,

or Visioning Team Vice-Chair, Carol Sleeth [cisleeth@comcast.net](mailto:cisleeth@comcast.net) or (309) 692-2595.