

**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS**

Assembly meeting  
June 8, 2019

**STATED MEETING**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers met in Stated Meeting June 8, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in Macomb, IL at 10 AM. The meeting was called to order with the acknowledgment of the Indigenous Peoples Heritage of the Assembly Site. Today we meet on the land of the Peoria, Meskwaki, and Sauk. The meeting continued with prayer and song led by Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra. The purpose of the meeting was for worship. Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra led the meeting in worship and the transaction of business. An offering was collected for the Pentecost Offering in the amount of \$605.00.

We were welcomed to the First Presbyterian Church in Macomb by their pastor, Rev. Erin Marth. She gave us welcoming greetings as well as general instructions that we would need throughout the day.

**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 SERVING CHURCHES	ELDER COMMISSIONERS OR ALTERNATES
A=Absent E=Excused		
Adair, West Prairie	A.....Mr. Jeremy Westlake	N/A
Aledo, College Ave.	A.....Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (1 <sup>st</sup> listing)	N/A
Aledo, Sunbeam	..... <b>Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> listing)	N/A
Alexis, Norwood	A.....CLP Gary Pullen	N/A
Athens, Indian Point	A.....CLP Sandi Woodard	N/A
Bartonville, Trinity	A.....Rev. Steve Barch	N/A
Biggsville, United	..... <b>CLP Kathie Whitson</b>	N/A
Bloomington, Saint. Luke	A.....Rev. Andrew Gifford	N/A
Bloomington, Second	A.....Rev. Kathy Stoner Lasala	Tom Young
Bushnell, First	..... <b>Rev. Elissa Bailey</b>	
Buffalo Hart	.....VACANT	John Hawkins
Canton, First	..... <b>Rev. Sterrett Collins</b>	Terry Frame
Carlinville, Federated	A.....Rev. Megan Biddle	N/A
Carrollton, First	A.....Kirby Ballard	N/A
Carthage, First	..... <b>Rev. Joy Ridge</b>	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	..... <b>Rev. Kay Daniel</b>	N/A
Clinton, Clinton	..... <b>Rev. Paul Stroup</b>	Leland Wright
Coal Valley, First	A.....Rev. Tim W. Snart (1 <sup>st</sup> Listing)	N/A
Danvers, First	A.....Rev. Tim Mitchell	N/A
Delavan, First	..... <b>Rev. Jean Sparks</b>	Carrol Lewis
Divernon, First	A.....Rev. Steve Smith	N/A
E. Moline, First	..... <b>Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood</b>	Denise Maxwell
Edwards, Korean	..... <b>Rev. Dan (Hyaekwang) Kim</b>	N/A
Elmwood, First	..... <b>Rev. Marla Bauler</b>	N/A
Eureka, Eureka	..... <b>CLP Bob Montgomery</b>	Norma Foley
Farmington, First	..... <b>Rev. Andy Sonneborn</b>	N/A
Galesburg, First	EX ....Rev. Shawn Smith	N/A

Geneseo, First.....	<b>Rev. Tim Doty</b> .....	Barbara Asay
Green Valley, First .....	VACANT .....	N/A
Greenview, United.....	VACANT .....	N/A
Hamilton, Bethel.....	A.....CLP Robert Wagner.....	N/A
Ipava, United .....	<b>Rev. Gary Elg</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Listing).....	Dean Bidney
Jacksonville, First.....	<b>Rev. Jonathan Warren</b> .....	Merle Fox
Kirkwood, Westminster .....	A.....CLP Pam Moore.....	N/A
Knoxville, First.....	A.....Rev. Ken Shedenhelm .....	N/A
LeRoy, First.....	<b>Rev. Annie McMillan</b> .....	Naomi Chaplin
Lewistown, First .....	<b>CLP Penny Frame</b> .....	N/A
Lincoln, First.....	<b>Rev. Adam Quine</b> .....	Julia Kasa
Macomb, First .....	<b>Ms. Erin Marth</b> .....	Linda Miller
Macomb, Scotland Trinity.....	<b>Rev. Gary Elg</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing) .....	N/A
Mason City, United.....	EX ...Rev. Charlotte Poetschner .....	N/A
Media, Community .....	A.....CLP Amy Booker Hirsch .....	N/A
Middletown, First .....	VACANT .....	N/A
Milan, First.....	A.....Rev. Joyce Chamberlin .....	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 .....	<b>Rev. Mark Bedford</b> .....	N/A
Niota, Appanoose Faith.....	VACANT .....	N/A
Normal, First.....	EX ...Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord .....	Kathryn Gillespie
Normal, First.....	<b>Rev. Matt Wilcox</b> .....	
Normal, New Covenant .....	A.....Rev. Robert W. Ryder .....	N/A
Normal, New Covenant .....	A.....Rev. Susan M. Ryder .....	N/A
Oneida, United .....	A.....Rev. Linda Baldwin .....	Larry Lawson
Orion, Beulah .....	A.....Rev. Tim Snart (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Pekin, First .....	A.....Rev. Samuel Gibb .....	N/A
Peoria, First Fed.....	<b>Rev. Forrest Krummel</b> .....	N/A
Peoria, United .....	<b>Rev. Laura Reason</b> .....	Debbie Hanson
Peoria, Westminster.....	A.....Rev. Denise Clark Jones.....	N/A
Perry, Perry .....	A.....Rev. John Nelson.....	N/A
Petersburg, Central.....	<b>Ms. Diane Ludington</b> .....	N/A
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale ....	<b>Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee</b> .....	Peggy Williamson
Quincy, Ellington .....	A.....Mr. Ron Cox .....	N/A
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton .....	EX ...Rev. Harry Losey .....	N/A
Rio, Rio.....	<b>Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	N/A
Rock Island, Broadway .....	VACANT .....	Brian McMasters
Rock Island, Gloria Dei .....	<b>Rev. Drew Nagle</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> listing) .....	Ken Flack
Rock Island, Good Shepard.....	<b>Rev. James Benson</b> .....	James Bertelsen
Rock Island, South Park.....	<b>Rev. Blake Severson</b> .....	N/A
Rushville, First.....	VACANT .....	N/A
Seaton, Center .....	A.....Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing).....	Marcia Duncan
Sherrard, Community .....	<b>Rev. Drew Nagle</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing) .....	Joseph Schurr
Springfield, First .....	a .....Rev. Susan Phillips .....	Mike Orr
Springfield, Hope.....	<b>Rev. Charles S. Goodman</b> .....	LaCleta Hale

Springfield, Knox .....	A.....	Rev. Paula Carmichael .....	N/A
Springfield, Korean.....	A.....	Rev. Jaechul Kim .....	N/A
Springfield, Third .....	EX .....	Rev. Joe Eby .....	N/A
Springfield, Westminster .....	A.....	Rev. Blythe Kieffer .....	Jim Kincaid
Springfield, Westminster .....	A.....	Rev. Trajan McGill.....	N/A
Springfield, Westminster .....	A.....	Rev. Christian Choi .....	N/A
Stronghurst, Stronghurst .....	A.....	Mr. Phillip Cooper.....	Don Fry
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	A.....	Rev. David Daniel .....	N/A
Viola, United.....	A.....	Rev. Matt Downey .....	Dick Whittington
Virden, First.....		VACANT .....	N/A
Virginia, First .....	A.....	Rev. Marcia Forman.....	N/A
Virginia, Sangamon.....	A.....	Mr. Carl Wiggins .....	N/A
Warsaw, First .....	A.....	CLP Dan Colvin .....	N/A
Washington, Washington .....		<b>Rev. Linda Philabaun</b> .....	Susan Proffitt Cox
White Hall, First.....		VACANT .....	N/A
Woodhull, United.....	EX .....	Rev. Cheyanna Losey.....	N/A
Woodhull, United.....		<b>CLP Sheila Sheer</b> .....	Teresa Ehlers
Woodson, Unity.....	A.....	Rev. Robert Kerr .....	N/A
Yates City, Faith.....		<b>Rev. Marla Bauler</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Listing) .....	N/A

VALIDATED, AT LARGE, HONORABLY RETIRED, MINISTERS PRESENT . TOTAL: 05

Rev. Teri Ott, Validated Ministry  
 Rev. Darwin Smith, Validated Ministry  
 Rev. Mark Merrill, Honorably Retired  
 Rev. Randy Saxon, Honorably Retired  
 Rev. Carolyn Weber, Honorably Retired

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL: 0  
*(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)*

MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 01  
*(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)*  
 Gary Terpstra

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 02  
 Ken Green, Board of Pensions  
 Roger Mixer, COM

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 05  
 Kathy Goranson, Geneseo-1<sup>st</sup>  
 Beth Kincaid, Springfield-Westminster  
 Mary Jo Mays, Peoria-United  
 Sherrill Mixer, Rock Island, South Park  
 Gene Miller, Macomb-1<sup>st</sup>

PRESBYTERY STAFF TOTAL: 01  
 Rev. Ryan Landino

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 72

Introduction of new Minster Members of the Presbytery:  
Rev. Joy Ridge in Carthage  
Rev. Andy Sonneborn in Farmington

Introduction of new Ruling Elder Commissioners took place.

**MSA** to seat corresponding members Synod Exec Rev. Sara Dingman, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley and Board of Pensions Area Representative Rev. Ken Green.

There were two participants on ZOOM: Admin Chair Elder Julio Garcia and Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala.

The Assembly **MSA** the Docket with the following change, The Annual Ethics Training will be conducted by Becky Hobson.

### **OMNIBUS MOTION**

**MSA** to approve the omnibus motion that included the Stated Clerk's report. Appendix A

**MSA** that all written reports be entered into the permanent minutes.

### **THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT** Appendix B

Elder Julio Garcia

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**MA** that to Presbytery of Great Rivers allow First Presbyterian Church of East Moline to grant an easement to the City of East Moline and to negotiate with the City of East Moline regarding the fair value for the purchase of this easement. The church owns a lot across the street from the church on the south side. The city would like to extend the easement on the south end of that Property for the installation of a new sewer line.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

No motions from the floor. The approved slate was as follows:

Elder Gary Terpstra, term 2, class of 2020

Rev. Mark Merrill, term 2, class of 2021

Rev. Chuck Goodman, term 1, class of 2021

Rev. Annie McMillan, term 1, class of 2021, chair

Elder Marcia Duncan, term 1, class of 2019

Rev. Charles Cunningham, term 1, class of 2019

Elder Charles Morris term 1, class of 2019

Elder Treasurer Bill Strawbridge was instrumental in the move of the offices in all of the needs that took place and we give great thanks for his work.

## **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT**

Rev. Matt Wilcox

A special thank you given by Matt and on behalf of his family as Caitlin had been hospitalized following a traumatic blood clot in her brain. A word of thanks for all the ways that this body supported the Wilcox family.

The committee continues to support and help persons through the various process for which people seek to serve the church.

Our Presbytery needs to present three names to be Ordination Exam Readers for the exams to be read during Feb. 3-7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 1 RE, 1TE, and 1 Alt needed to read exams.

## **LEAD PRESBYTER FOR TRANSFORMATION** Appendix C

Rev. Ryan Landino

Presentation: "Start With Why" by Simon Sinek. 18 minute Ted Talk to speak about the why. He is speaking about business organizations. People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it. Why do our churches do what we do? Got together in small groups to talk about the why of our work? Invited to play a game by going further with the whys.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Acknowledgement was made about Group Publishing's Roar VBS and the need to see the racial insensitivities located within the curriculum.
- Farmingdale looking at taking a pilgrimage to Israel. If you are interested, see Rev. Lonna Lee.
- Monmouth College has started an outreach with a local men's incarceration center. More who would like to participate are welcome to do so.
- Illinois Conference of Churches will be having their annual meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be on ministerial associations.
- Morton Presbyterian will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- PDA has been in touch with the Presbytery about any needs we might have with tornadoes or rising flood waters. If anyone knows of ways we can help or have church damage, please let LPT Ryan Landino know so that we can work to get the help that is needed.
- Introduction to PC(USA) Special Pentecost Offering with "Sixty Second Sermon" video featuring the United Church of Woodhull.
- Greetings were given from the Synod by the Rev. Sara Dingman, the Synod Exec. September 21-25 12 people from synod will go to training for Next Church in Baltimore. June 15 applications will be up. July 15 is the application deadline. We are having a synod wide coaching event in Bloomington November 3-5. SOLT is investing \$75,000 for these two programs.
- A report was given by Rev. Ken Green on the 4 New Initiatives from BoP

## **THE VISIONING TEAM REPORT** Appendix D

Chair Rev. Jonathon Warren

Broadway, Rock Island spoke about their work and their Urban Farm Internship and the way it benefits those in need.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT** Appendix E

CLP Kathie Whitson

**MSA** that elders Bruce Johnson and Don Jacobs be granted a waiver/exemption on term limits for service on the session of First Presbyterian Church of Chenoa. Annual Ethics Training was provided by Becky Hobson. Becky Hobson gave a presentation on what it means to be a mandated reporter and how to report suspected abuse. She gave an opportunity for questions. As elders, deacons, and MWS's, we are all mandated reporters. It is not an option. It goes against our Book of Order and it is against the law. You are not the investigator. If you suspect, you call! If someone tells you that you do not need to call, don't listen to them.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rev. Annie McMillian.

She reported there were still open slots that needed to be filled.

### **THE LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT** Appendix F

Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle, the Moderator Elect.

- Rev. Drew Nagle gave a report on the current status of the Cooksville Administrative Commission.
- Rev. James Benson gave a report on the Sherrard Task Force. **MSA** to convert the Sherrard Task Force to an Administrative Commission, as requested by the task force.

The assembly adjourned at 2:04 pm.

The next Stated Presbytery Assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at First Federated in Peoria, IL.

Appendix A  
Stated Clerk 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:

The Rev. Joy Ridge from Kendall Presbytery

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

Rev. Anna Saxon retirement effective March 1, 2019.

Rev. Joyce Chamberlain

THAT the following minister(s) be Dismissed:

None

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

None

Deceased:

None

**2. CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS**

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

- Dismiss with thanks the installation commission for the Rev. Andy Sonneborn who was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Farmington on May 5, 2019 at 4 PM.
- Dismiss with thanks the installation commission for the Rev. Tim Snart who was installed as pastor of the Beulah Presbyterian Church in Orion, Illinois on April 28, 2019 at 3 PM.

**3. BILLS & OVERTURES**

See Attached

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Request from First Presbyterian Church in Chenoa for waiver/exempt from term limits for session elders.

**4. STATISTICAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**2018 Presbytery Statistical Report  
Presbytery of Great Rivers**

Prior Active Members	<b>11083</b>	Adjusted membership	<b>11083</b>
<b><u>Gains</u></b>		<b><u>Losses</u></b>	
Certificate	<b>55</b>	Certificate	<b>48</b>
Youth Professions	<b>59</b>	Deaths	<b>248</b>
Professions & Reaffirmations	<b>125</b>	Deleted for any Other Reason	<b>385</b>
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>Total Ending Active Members</b>			<b>10641</b>

**Baptisms**

Presented by Others	53
At Confirmation	26
All Other	17

**Average Weekly Worship Attendance**

Female Members	4247
Friends of the Congregation	6195
Ruling Elders on Session	1181
Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	583
	47 / 29

**Age Distribution of Active Members**

25 & Under	1118
26 - 40	1358
41 - 55	1344
56 - 70	2238
Over 70	3390
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>9448</b>

**People with Disabilities**

Hearing impairment	437
Sight impairment	152
Mobility impairment	496
Other impairment	270

**Christian Education**

Birth - 3	164
Age 4	82
Kindergarten	97
Grade 1	104
Grade 2	101
Grade 3	108
Grade 4	124
Grade 5	106
Grade 6	135
<b>Total Christian Education</b>	<b>3814</b>

Grade 7	81
Grade 8	107
Grade 9	99
Grade 10	74
Grade 11	82
Grade 12	70
Young Adults	176
Over 25	1622
Teachers/Officers	482

**Racial Ethnic**

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	42
Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	9
Black/African American/African	72
White	9369
Middle Eastern/North African	0
Multiracial	32
Hispanic/Latino-a	26
<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>9550</b>

**Financial Data**

Annual Income	18,940,629
Annual Expenses	14,935,225

Mission Expenses	1,497,360
Personnel Expenses	8,416,337

Appendix B  
Administration Team Report / Financials

May 2 Meeting

- A quorum was present.
- Rev. Joyce Chamberlain gave the opening prayer.
- Opening remarks given by Chair Elder Julio Garcia.
- Stated Clerk Rev. Elissa Bailey gave a brief introduction on what some of the various tasks are when serving on the Admin team.
- MSA to approve the January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes.
- There was no correspondence
  - Moving
    - The move went well. The costs were \$760 and part of that was for the movers themselves.
    - There were some costs that we would have accrued regardless.
    - The resent is less at our new location. The costs of the construction went as expected and is divided into 12 payments.
  - As the Synod Transformation Grant money is spent, Bill Strawbridge needs to be informed so that accurate record can be kept. Also, before the money is spent, contact should be made with Bill to ensure that the funds are correctly listed.
  - Investments have gone up.
  - Additional Financial info will be attached in finance report.
  - We are currently looking like we are on track with our expenses and income. The increase in the investments have helped the overall revenue.
  - MSA to pay Amy Gardner to do three separate church treasurer's training. This will not to exceed \$1,500.
    - Information will be sent out to churches to participate. Amy will send out a bullet point list of the information that was covered.
  - The audit was postponed until after the move but now will be starting. We have a contract with Suzanne L. Hogge of Eck, Schafer & Punke.
  - Expense vouchers: These are must be submitted within 60 days of when the expense is paid or incurred by the individual. These definitely have to be in by the end of the year so that they show correctly in the budgeting.
  - Insurance: we have updated the insurance since our move.
  - If we are going to use any part of the new building, we must schedule in advance. Patti does the scheduling and the building is used at other times.
  - MSA to receive the financial report.
- Nominating Committee Report:
  - The nominating committee report was presented with the slate that will be at the next Presbytery meeting.
    - Elder Gary Terpstra, term 2, class of 2020
    - Rev. Mark Merrill, term 2, class of 2021
    - Rev. Chuck Goodman, term 1, class of 2021
    - Rev. Annie McMillan, term 1, class of 2021, chair
    - Elder Marcia Duncan, term 1, class of 2019
- Sherrard Presbyterian Church Report
  - They are hoping to have their closing worship service being June 9<sup>th</sup>. They will close the building on 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - There is a buyer who wishes to purchase the building for a martial arts studio.
  - They would like to sell the building for \$7,000.
  - They currently have \$15,000 in liquid assets.
  - They would ask that the liquid assets and the monies received from the sale of the building or any property such as stained glass windows would be held for their continued ministry that includes the kid's club.

- The new buyer is willing to allow the kid's club to continue to be held in the building even after the sale.
- MSA to recommend to the Presbytery that Sherrard Presbyterian Church on June 30<sup>th</sup> with their last worship service being June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- MSA to endorse the plan for the sale of the building and to use the liquid assets of Sherrard Presbyterian Church as well as the monies that will be received from the sale of property to be used for their continued ministry that includes the kid's club.
- MSA to recommend to the Presbytery for the Task Force to become an AC to deal with the details of the closing.
- Correspondence from Rev. Marla Bauler
  - Green Valley Presbyterian Church is in need of help in the closing process.
- Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island
  - Local Symphony looking for space.
    - MSA to form a sub-committee to study needs and lessons learned to establish procedures on closing congregations and selling church buildings and properties. Those who will be on the sub-committee:
      - Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala
      - Elder Julio Garcia
      - Rev. Chuck Goodman
- Finance Sub-Committee will be meeting at 10:30am on the date of the next Admin meeting. The next meeting is July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Cooksville Union Church Report:
  - They have been operating on their own for a while. The person they report as their pastor cannot be located.
- MSA to say a very special Thank You to Bill Strawbridge who carried us through the move.

#### Actions items for Assembly

- Need to elect Nominating Committee right away in the morning.
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#### May 30, 2019 Meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer Rev. Kathy Stoner Lasala

1. Motion to the Presbytery of Great Rivers that Sherrard Presbyterian Church (Sherrard IL) close on June 30, 2019 with their last worship service being June 9, 2019. **M/S/A**
2. Motion to the Presbytery of Great Rivers that they endorse the plan for the sale of the Sherrard Presbyterian Church (Sherrard IL) building to Robert and Christine Beshear in the amount of \$7,000.00 and for closing of the sale to take place on or about July 1, 2019. **M/S/A**
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5. The Administration team presents the following slate of candidates for the Nominating committee to be approved by Presbytery. **M/S/A**
  - Elder Marcia Duncan, term 1, class of 2019
  - Rev. Charles Cunningham, term 1, class of 2019
  - Elder Charles Morris term 1 class of 2019
  - Elder Gary Terpstra, term 2, class of 2020
  - Rev. Mark Merrill, term 2, class of 2021
  - Rev. Chuck Goodman, term 1, class of 2021
  - Rev. Annie McMillan, term 1, class of 2021, chair

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Joyce Chamberlin.

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

<b>Assets</b>	<b>March 2018</b>	<b>March 2019</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Cash			
Checking and Cash Management Account	\$ 216,630	\$ 283,989	\$ 67,359
Investments	790,849	685,890	(104,959)
Lease Deposit	2,499	2,499	-
Mortgage Note Receivable	6,376	-	(6,376)
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	1,040	5,045	4,005
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Total Assets	\$ 1,017,394	\$ 977,423	\$ (39,971)
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<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
Liabilities			
Liabilities Payable	\$ (368)	\$ 98	\$ 466
Pass Thru Liabilities	13,422	11,886	(1,536)
Total Liabilities	\$ 13,054	\$ 11,983	\$ (1,071)
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Net Assets			
Unrestricted	\$ 892,871	\$ 851,995	\$ (40,876)
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Designated			
Springfield Fifth Disposition	7,657	-	(7,657)
Presbytery Leaders Support	10,000	8,876	(1,124)
Presbyter Relocation	-	10,000	10,000
Total Designated	\$ 17,657	\$ 18,876	\$ 1,219
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Temporarily Restricted			
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 377	\$ 3,369	\$ 2,992
Peacemaking	7,539	10,076	2,537
Synod Pastor Support Grants	11,382	8,003	(3,379)
Synod Transformation Grant	71,404	69,904	(1,500)
Ministers Temporary Disability	3,110	3,110	0
Hands & Feet Scholarships	-	107	107
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$ 93,812	\$ 94,568	\$ 756
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Total Net Assets	\$ 1,004,340	\$ 965,440	\$ (38,900)
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,017,394	\$ 977,423	\$ (39,971)

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

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita	\$ 53,126	\$ 215,737	\$ 162,611	25%
Mission	15,588	75,000	59,412	21%
Trust Clause Payments	3,847	12,200	8,353	32%
Total Congregational Support	<u>\$ 72,561</u>	<u>\$ 302,937</u>	<u>\$ 222,023</u>	<u>24%</u>
Investment Income	45,614	30,000	(15,614)	152%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 118,175</u>	<u>\$ 332,937</u>	<u>\$ 206,409</u>	<u>35%</u>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	<u>2,398</u>			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ 648			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	293			
Other Receipts	-	-		
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 941</u>			
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 121,514</u>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 27,989	\$ 120,155	\$ 92,166	23%
Bridge Presbyter	-	\$ -	\$ -	-
Stated Clerk	1,974	13,150	11,176	15%
Senior Administrative Assistant	15,105	62,366	47,261	24%
Accountant	4,396	15,000	10,604	29%
CLP Coordinator	1,870	8,180	6,310	23%
Workers Compensation Insurance	968	1,200	232	81%
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	<u>\$ 52,302</u>	<u>\$ 220,051</u>	<u>\$ 167,749</u>	<u>24%</u>
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 5,431	\$ 21,500	\$ 16,069	25%
Office Operations and Supplies	5,023	20,300	15,277	25%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	<u>\$ 10,454</u>	<u>\$ 41,800</u>	<u>\$ 31,346</u>	<u>25%</u>
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	-	3,500	3,500	0%
Audit Fee	-	7,150	7,150	0%
Moderator Training	-	1,000	\$ 1,000	0%
Assembly Meetings	2,222	4,000	\$ 1,778	56%
Per Capita Shortfall	-	13,000	13,000	0%
Payroll Service	366	1,600	1,234	23%
Legal Fees	-	6,000	6,000	0%
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 2,588</u>	<u>\$ 36,250</u>	<u>\$ 33,662</u>	<u>7%</u>

Meeting Expense - All Teams	\$ 985	\$ 5,400	\$ 4,415	18%
Program Expenses				
Committee on Ministry	\$ 330	\$ 12,200	\$ 11,870	3%
Committee on Preparation for Ministry		500	500	0%
Visioning Grants	1,400	70,000	68,600	2%
Continuing Education Grants		5,000	5,000	0%
Presbytery Events	-	2,000	2,000	0%
Pastoral Care		1,500	1,500	0%
Illinois Conference of Churches		500	500	0%
Interfaith Working Group	*	-	-	-
Transitional Training	*	-	-	-
Total Program Expenses	\$ 1,730	\$ 91,700	\$ 89,970	2%
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 68,059	\$ 395,201	\$ 327,142	17%
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	-	-	-	
Interfaith Working Group	3,339	-	-	
Ministers' Temporary Disability	-	-	-	
	\$ 3,339	\$ -		
Total Expenses	\$ 71,398	\$ 395,201	\$ 323,803	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 50,116	\$ (62,264)	\$ (112,380)	

## Appendix C Lead Presbyter Report

What is a presbytery? While we can probably unpack a lot of historical and technical definitions, one of the most insightful and honest insights I have picked up along the way is this: we define our life together as we do it. So if we define presbytery by the way we live out being a presbytery, then I daresay that at our core, we are a community of churches, accountable to each other and strengthened by the presence of one another. I am reminded by 1 Corinthians 12:26: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." None of this is really new, but rallying around our common purpose and then tending to how we live out our lives in beloved community is the locus of our joy and being.

When I served this presbytery as one of the moderators before I stepped into this role as Lead Presbyter for Transformation, the five town halls we held across our presbytery yielded precious insight about our needs: we wanted better communication, (re)built trust, closer relationships, and a clearer sense of purpose. Almost a year into this work, I am discovering that the expressions of those needs were resounding truthful, for they were not only our truths, but on a more macro level, they express the essential components that make any community a community. So, we were not only communicating our awareness that we need to do this work in community, but that we wanted to be a community. Communication, trust, relationship, and purpose are the critical DNA that make us a presbytery, a community of churches. We are a community of churches, accountable to each other and strengthened by the presence of one another.

There were two major areas of transformation we have been managing my first year in this role. The first is working together as a new staff, not only with a brand new presbytery leader, but in coming into a great appreciation for the unseen impact that our previous accountant Amy Gardner had behind the scenes, effects that would seem to have been the work worthy of three hired positions. I am quite pleased with the way we have managed the transition, with a special shout-outs to Bill Strawbridge, our new Treasurer and Sabrina McGrath, our new accountant. We are committed to regularly check in with our whole staff and each other to refine the way we operate to make sure we are running as smoothly, responsively, and sustainably as we can.

The second major transformation has been moving our office space out of Pioneer Park and into the Life Together Center of First Federated Church. This was done after a careful needs assessment led by the Administration Team, and then seeking what best fits our needs. It has been about a month and a half since our move and so far it is serving us quite well! It has put us in closer proximity to our other meetings, and it is more edifying knowing our office expenses are going into the mission of one of our own churches.

When I started, I mentioned we will experience some changes in our life together as a community of churches, some of it structural, but mostly cultural—the change we sense and feel, the change that takes time, the change that comes as trust deepens and community tightens. Much of this is to recognize that so much transitional work has already been done, namely under the leadership of Felipe Martinez, yet it is up to us to make sure that it does not remain unfinished. Much of this means living into the values we have already committed to and having confidence in ourselves that already have all the tools in us and among us necessary to do our work.

I am so grateful for the rhythm of this work and our partnership together. In spite of a challenging winter that restricted travel all over west and central Illinois, I had a travel schedule filled with blessings, relationships, and new learnings that I bring back with me to share. For example, we have excellent synod colleagues who are doing great work, the fruits of which were enjoyed by delegates from our Committees on Ministry and Preparation for Ministry at the end of March at a special training and event for sharing best practices. I was able to spend a week in California with a class of other presbytery leaders carefully honing our skills and focus, followed by attending a week of the art of transitional ministry with four of our presbytery colleagues in St. Louis. I was joined by half a dozen members of this presbytery at the 20th annual White Privilege Conference in Iowa (where some of our PCUSA national leaders had a presenting role). I have also been blessed to serve on the Racism Truth and Reconciliation Special Committee for the denomination as an expression of my own service and discipleship. I'm also thankful for your prayers while I was thrown

off balance in March by a mild health scare that is now being managed. Every experience is a chance to encounter God's love and embody grace.

We will continue to strive together. And as we adapt, respond to today's challenges, and serve faithfully, we will continue to thrive together. We will try. We will experiment. We will risk. We will fail. We will check in on each other. We will learn. We will try again. We will grow. We will change. We will support one another along the way.

I am so blessed to do this holy work with you!

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Appendix D  
Visioning Team Report

*During the June Assembly there will be a short presentation from Broadway Presbyterian Church, Rock Island about their Urban Farm Internship and Jardin de Dios this summer. The goal of the Rock Island Urban Farm is: to grow free-to-pick, organically-grown, heirloom fruits and vegetables, for the entire Rock Island Community; and to encourage residents to grow their own produce close to home.*

**Grants Awarded** The following Grant Applications were reviewed and approved:

- **Bucks for Blessings:**
  - \$1,000 - First, Knoxville with four other churches will partner to collect and distribute food and toiletries for Christmas.
  - \$1,000 - First, Milan with four other churches will host a Community Dinner, which will serve as a fundraiser for the Milan Christian Assistance Fund.
  - \$1,000 - College Avenue, Aledo with Viola Presbyterian Church will offer a bed and breakfast for the people displaced by the flood and relief workers coming to the area
  - \$810 - Broadway, Rock Island, with Estudios Biblicas En El Hogar will partner together to make a Jardin de Dios (Garden of God) where they will grow food, process and prepare Hispanic dishes to serve and sell to the public.
- **Sabbatical Grant:** \$744 - Rev. Mark Bedford and \$375 - New Windsor Presbyterian Church to enter a time (July 1-28) of private retreat, teaching and writing a Bible study curriculum called "Good vs. Evil – Movie Heroes and Villains and Biblical Ethics" With hopes to create a curriculum that other teachers can lead in Sunday school and Bible study classes.
- **Consulting Grant:** \$2500 matching grant for College Avenue, Aledo and Ministry Architects.
- **Mission Initiative Grants (MIFA)**
  - \$5,000 matching grant for Broadway, Rock Island; An Urban Farm Internship
  - \$2860 matching grant for Center, Seaton; Seaton Center Fun Day to support Parks, Food Pantry, Crisis Center. Throughout the year the church will provide touch points with partnering organizations and the community.

**Additional Items -**

- As per our bylaws, Visioning wants to spend this year (2019) to cast a vision and creating a plan to implement the vision. Much of the vision casting work has been done in our Presbytery, but with transitions in leadership we haven't had the chance to implement and follow-through in important transformation work. We feel like we could take advantage of Synod grants to help us in consultant/coaching as a Presbytery-wide effort. The Leadership team has directed us to work with Lead Presbyter for Transformation, Ryan Landino to work out details and to include a budget proposal. If anyone has interest or input, please contact Visioning Chair [jwarren@firstpresja.org](mailto:jwarren@firstpresja.org) or Vice-Chair Carol Sleeth [cisleeth@comcast.net](mailto:cisleeth@comcast.net)
- We're proud of the number of grants we received so far from our Presbytery and the exciting visioning and transforming work ahead!
- Our team presently has openings for three elders and one minister of the Word and Sacrament. If you or someone you know has interest in serving as a visioning leader, please contact the nominating committee.

Appendix E  
COM Report

**Motion: COM recommends that elders Bruce Johnson and Don Jacobs be granted a waiver/exemption on term limits for service on the session of First Presbyterian Church of Chenoa.**

COM has approved the use of funds given by the Synod of Lincoln Trails to reimburse the registration and shared housing fees to the MALT "Art of Transitional Ministry" course weeks one and two for any minister member or CLP of the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

COM wants to recognize the retirement of Rev. Anna Saxon.

Appendix F  
Leadership Team Report

The Leadership Team met on May 21, 2019, with the following results. No action is required of the assembly.

- Lead Presbyterian for Transformation Ryan Landino spoke about Adaptive Leadership. Ryan presented comments from *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: tools and tactics for changing your organization and the world*, by Heifetz, Crashow, and Linksy, 2009. Discussion ensued on the requirements and challenges of exercising both technical and adoptive leadership to the team's work for the presbytery.
- Action was taken designating the offerings to be received at the remaining assemblies of 2019:
  - June 8 – the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering
  - September 10 – the PGR Theological Education Fund
  - November 9 – the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering
- Communion will be celebrated at the September 10 Assembly at Peoria First Federated Church.
- Evaluation comments received at the February 26 Assembly at Washington Five Points were discussed, looking toward improvement of future assemblies.
- An Assembly Worship Task Force was created to handle planning of worship-related matters for future assemblies. It will be chaired by the moderator-elect and be accountable to the Leadership Team.
- We will provide Zoom participation at the June 8 Assembly for those who sign up ahead of time. **We solicit volunteers to serve as onsite “virtual microphone monitors” for future assemblies.** Those persons will receive training.
- The members of the Sherrard Task Force were named by the moderator:
  - Teaching Elders: James Benson, chair, Joyce Chamberlain, Blake Severson, and Becky Sherwood
  - Ruling Elders: Keith Clement, Roger Mixer, and Iona Schnowske

**REQUIRING ACTION OF THE ASSEMBLY:**

A motion is needed to convert the Sherrard Task Force to an Administrative Commission, as requested by the task force. As an Administrative Commission, it would have the power to conclude the following actions:

1. To dissolve the Sherrard-Community Presbyterian Church.
2. To provide for the continuing spiritual and pastoral care of the remaining members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard.
3. To transfer members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard 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 Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard along with all records of the congregation and to oversee transfer of all real property and accounts to the Presbytery.

6. To ensure that bills are paid, the property is maintained and secured, and adequate insurance coverage is in place.
7. To ensure that assets given for the benefit of continued ministry in Sherrard are properly housed with a congregation or council for said benefit.
8. 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.
9. To act as agents of the Presbytery of Great Rivers in negotiations for and/or to conclude the sale of 201 3rd Street, Sherrard, IL 6128.
10. To assert the claim of the Presbytery of Great Rivers to any property of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard, 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 Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard is suitably celebrated in a service of worship.

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

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

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