

Presbytery of Great Rivers
Stated Meeting August 12th, 2017

We are called to share Christ's love by partnering in service, uniting in worship, and risking in ministry.
~Presbytery of Great Rivers Vision Statement

STATED MEETING

The Presbytery of Great Rivers met in a Stated Meeting August 12th, 2017 at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois at 10:00 am. The assembly was welcomed to Monmouth by the Rev. Dr. Teri Ott who serves as the chaplain on the college. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator CLP Sue Sawers. The purpose of the meeting was for worship. Moderator CLP Sue Sawers opened the Presbytery meeting and led the transaction of business. An offering was collected for the Great Rivers Presbytery Seminary Scholarship Program in the amount of \$519.

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

Introduction of new Teaching Elders:

- Rev. Susan Phillips, 1st Presbyterian Springfield, IL
- Rev. Alex Lysdahl, Chaplain at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, IL

New Ruling Elders were introduced.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The Presbytery voted to seat corresponding member(s):

- Rev. Sara Dingman, Transitional Synod of Lincoln Trails Executive
- Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds, Honorably Retired, Chicago Presbytery, PGR Bridge Presbyter
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Motion, seconded and approved to accept corresponding members.

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 st listing)	Sharon Chandler
Aledo, Sunbeam	.....CRE Sue Shike	N/A
Alexis, Norwood	.....Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (1 st Listing)	Julie Olson
Athens, Indian Point	.....CRE Sandi Woodard	N/A
Bartonville, Trinity	E.....Mr. Steve Barch	N/A
Biggsville, United	.....VACANT	Larry Sterrett
Bloomington, Saint. Luke	E.....Rev. Andrew Gifford	John Otto
Bloomington, Second	E.....Rev. Christian Johnson	Ruth Gabor
	.....Rev. Kathy Stoner Lasala	Tom Young
Bushnell, First	.....Rev. Elissa Bailey	Kathie Whitson
Canton, First	E.....Rev. Tim Bauler	N/A
Carlinville, Federated	.....VACANT	N/A
Carrollton, First	A.....Kirby Ballard	N/A
Carthage, First	.....VACANT	N/A
Carthage, Fountain Green	A.....Mr. Mark Hanson	N/A
Chatham, Chatham	A.....Rev. James Reitz	N/A
Chenoa, First	.....VACANT	Marcia Wahls
Clayton, First	.....Rev. Kay Daniel	N/A
Clinton, Clinton	E.....Rev. Stephen Hill	N/A
Coal Valley, First	A.....Rev. Tim W. Snart	N/A

Danvers, First.....	A.....	Rev. Kathy Mitchell	Cynthia Wurmnest
Delavan, First		Rev. Jean Sparks	Verbie Hoffman
Divernon, First.....	A.....	Rev. Steve Smith	N/A
E. Moline, First	A.....	Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood.....	N/A
Edwards, Korean.....		VACANT	N/A
Elmwood, First	E.....	Rev. Marla Bauler	N/A
Eureka, Eureka		VACANT	N/A
Farmington, First.....	A.....	Rev. Linda Philabaun	N/A
Galesburg, First.....	E.....	Rev. Shawn Smith.....	N/A
Geneseo, First.....		Rev. Ryan Landino	Barbara Asay
Green Valley, First	A.....	CRE Charles Houston.....	N/A
Greenview, United.....		CRE Stephanie McCullough	Kaitlyn McCullough
Hamilton, Bethel.....	A.....	Mr. Robert Wagner.....	N/A
Ipava, United		VACANT	N/A
Jacksonville, First.....	E.....	Rev. Rev. Jonathan Warren.....	N/A
Kirkwood, Westminster		CRE Pam Moore	Janet Shauman
Knoxville, First.....	A.....	Rev. Matthew Hansen.....	Virginia Kasser
LeRoy, First.....		Rev. Tim Doty	Naomi Chaplin
Lewistown, First		CRE Penny Frame	N/A
Lincoln, First.....		Rev. Adam Quine	N/A
Macomb, First	E.....	Rev. Mark Merrill	N/A
Macomb, Scotland Trinity.....		Rev. Gary Elg	Dave Monninger
Mason City, United		Rev. Charlotte Poetschner	Barb Rodgers
Media, Community	A.....	Mr. Phillip Cooper (1 st listing)	N/A
Middletown, First		VACANT	N/A
Milan, First.....	A.....	Rev. Joyce Chamberlin	N/A
Monmouth, Faith	A.....	Rev. Charles Cunningham	Lorna Blackford
Monmouth, Heritage.....	A.....	Rev. Harold Long	N/A
Monmouth, Sugar Tree		Rev. Daniel Ott	N/A
Morton, First.....	A.....	CRE Mike Claver.....	N/A
Mt. Sterling, Mt. Sterling.....	A.....	Mr. Richard Young	N/A
Nauvoo, First.....	A.....	Mr. Mark Anderson.....	N/A
New Windsor, United		Rev. Mark Bedford	N/A
Niota, Appanoose Faith.....		VACANT	N/A
Normal, First.....		Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord	Jacquelyn Hansing
Normal, First.....	A.....	Rev. Matt Wilcox	
Normal, New Covenant	A.....	Rev. Robert W. Ryder	N/A
Normal, New Covenant	A.....	Rev. Susan M. Ryder	N/A
Oneida, United	A.....	Rev. David Pyell	Larry Lawson
Orion, Beulah	A.....	Rev. Beth Hamilton	N/A
Pekin, First		Rev. Samuel Gibb	William Huls
Peoria, Bethel.....	A.....	Mr. Tim Mitchell.....	N/A
Peoria, First Fed.....		Rev. Forrest Krummel	N/A
Peoria, First Fed.....		Rev. Zach Lysdahl	
Peoria, United		VACANT	N/A
Peoria, Westminster.....		Rev. Denise Clark Jones	N/A
Perry, Perry	A.....	Rev. John Nelson	N/A
Petersburg, Central.....	A.....	Ms. Diane Nolley	N/A
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale		Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee	N/A
Quincy, Ellington	A.....	Mr. Ron Cox	N/A
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton		Rev. Harry Losey	Randy Chard
Riverton, Buffalo Hart.....		Rev. Mary E. Jessup	Mike Thompson
Rio, Rio.....		Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (2 nd Listing) ..	N/A
Rock Island, Broadway		VACANT	N/A
Rock Island, Gloria Dei		Rev. Drew Nagle (1 st listing).....	Ken Flack

Rock Island, Good Shepard.....	Rev. James Benson	James Bertelsen
Rock Island, South Park.....	Rev. David Esche	Roger McKee
Rushville, First.....	VACANT	N/A
Seaton, Center	A.....Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (2 nd Listing)....	Marcia Duncan
Sherrard, Community	Rev. Drew Nagle (2 nd Listing).....	Evelyn Schafer
Springfield, First	Rev. Susan Phillips	N/A
Springfield, Hope.....	Rev. Charles S. Goodman	N/A
Springfield, Knox	A.....Rev. Paula Carmichael	N/A
Springfield, Korean.....	A.....Rev. Jaechul Kim	N/A
Springfield, Third	Rev. Joe Eby	N/A
Springfield, Westminster	A.....Rev. Blythe Kieffer	N/A
Springfield, Westminster	A.....Rev. Trajan McGill.....	N/A
Stronghurst, Stronghurst.....	A.....Mr. Phillip Cooper (2 nd Listing)	Don Fry
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	A.....Rev. David Daniel	N/A
Viola, United.....	A.....Rev. Jack Brown	N/A
Virden, First.....	CRE Susan Sawers	Peggy McDonald
Virginia, First	A.....Rev. Marcia Forman.....	N/A
Virginia, Sangamon.....	A.....Mr. Carl Wiggins	N/A
Warsaw, First	CRE Dan Colvin	N/A
Washington, Washington	VACANT	N/A
White Hall, First.....	Rev. Johannes Poetschner	N/A
Woodhull, United.....	Rev. Cheyanna Losey.....	N/A
Woodson, Unity.....	A.....Rev. Robert Kerr	N/A
Yates City, Faith.....	E.....Rev. Marla Bauler (2 nd Listing).....	Mary Watts

VALIDATED, AT LARGE, HONORABLY RETIRED, MINISTERS PRESENT . TOTAL: 08

Rev. Dale Bolton (HR)	Rev. Teri Ott (Validated Ministry)
Rev. Cheryl Lunday (HR)	Rev. Darwin Smith (Validated Ministry)
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Weber (HR)	Rev. Paul Spalding (Validated Ministry)
Rev. Alexandra Lysdahl (Validated Ministry)	Rev. Almut Spalding (Validated Ministry)

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL: 03

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)

Craig Mousty	Bill Oppen	Kent Wurmnest
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MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 03

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)

- *CRE Sue Sawers, Moderator
- *Rev. Ryan Landino, Moderator Elect
- Gary Davis
- Mike Orr

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 02

- Rev. Sara Dingman, Synod of Lincoln Trails
- Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds, Presbytery of Chicago

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 18

Paul Stroup (inquirer)	Linda Duncan	John Marshall
Jenny Hardin (Candidate)	Carolyn Garcia	Ginny McKee
Nancy Ashbaugh	Julio Garcia	Sherrill Mixer
Kathryn Bell	Bruce Johnson	Barb Olson
James Briscoe	Debra Johnson	Karen Peterson
Karen Sams Davis	Carrrol Lewis	Vicki Young

PRESBYTERY STAFF

TOTAL: 02

Amy Gardner

Patti Parrish

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

100

OPENING BUSINESS

Moderator-Elect Rev. Ryan Landino led the assembly in the following business:

MSA to approve the docket.

MSA the omnibus motion which included reports from the Stated Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, and Leadership Team.

CLP Sandi Woodard, Personnel chair, introduced the Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds who will be serving PGR as a temporary, part-time bridge presbyter as we search for our next transitional general presbyter.

Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds spoke about the work that he expects to be doing in the months to come, the work that he seeks to be vital for us and for the many prayer requests and needs of our Presbytery. We look forward to the work that we will be doing together.

WORSHIP

Worship began with a Call to Worship and the hymn "Here In This Place."

TOWN HALL MEETINGS CONTINUED

The Leadership Congress group was called forward and each member was given a number. Each person in the assembly had been assigned a number upon their arrival. The Leadership Congress gave 30 minutes for continued conversation regarding who we are as a Presbytery, where we are heading, and what is needed, by grouping people together for additional conversation.

VISIONING TEAM REPORT ([Appendix A](#))

Visioning team chair, Rev. Joe Eby presented the team's report and introduced the mission fair that will be taking place during the lunch hour. Those who had received the various grants through the Presbytery last year and this year, were invited to present a display about the mission they funded.

MSA to receive the visioning team report.

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS PRESENTATION

Rev. Sara Dingman, the Transitional Synod Executive, brought greetings from the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Sara spoke to the wonderful work that our Presbytery is doing and joyfully handed the Presbytery a check for \$10,000 to be used as we see fit.

NOMINATING REPORT:

MSA to receive the nominating report.

WORSHIP CONTINUED:

The Rev. Dr. Teri Ott led the assembly in worship with a meditation based off Exodus 3:1-14. Teri spoke about the long history and tradition in the PCUSA that is education. She spoke about the importance of being people who learn so that we can be a part of conversations that lead us to teach and continue to learn. Rev. Jessica Hawkingson led the assembly in the prayers of the people.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Presbytery of Great Rivers was presented a plaque for the moneys and work donated towards the building of the Habitat for Humanity home in the Springfield area.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Drew Nagle, presented the committee's report. He reported that the committee needed to name the Ordination Exams readers at their next meeting and would be taking volunteers, especially ruling elders.

Examination of Inquirer Brandon Ouellette to move to candidacy. (Questions pertaining to candidate's sense of call – Christian Faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking ministry – allowed at this examination.)

Brandon was invited forward and examined by the assembly. The motion was made by the committee to approve Brandon Ouellette to the candidacy phase in preparation of ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The examination was arrested and approved. The motion was sustained and approved. The constitutional questions were asked by the Moderator and a charge was given.

The remainder of the report was received through a motion, second, and approval vote.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT (Appendix B)

Administration Team Chair, Rev. Chuck Goodman presented the report.

MSA to approve the selling of the First Presbyterian Church of Chenoa's building to the Christ Community Church of Gridley for the cost of \$1. Chuck led the assembly in prayer.

MSA to approve the Milan Presbyterian Church taking out a mortgage for a new boiler just over \$92,000. There will be rebates to reduce the cost considerably.

MSA to approve the selling of the Bethel Presbyterian Church for \$1 to the congregation that has been using their building.

The committee also approved new check signers and is close to having the budget ready to go for the assembly.

MSA to receive the rest of the report.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT (Appendix C)

COM RE Kent Wurmnest spoke to the COM report.

MSA to move that the Rev. Zach Lysdahl be moved from Temporary Supply to Associate Pastor at the First Federated Church in Peoria, IL. This was approved with a $\frac{3}{4}$ approval vote.

Motion to move to dissolve the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Their last Sunday will be October 2nd and their dissolving will take place at the end of that worship service. The motion was withdrawn by chair Kent Wurmnest.

MSA to receive the rest of the report.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT (Appendix D)

There is one change to our bylaws. MSA to change the by-laws to include the immediate past moderator will serve on the leadership team for one year following their term as Moderator. Change will be found in Article IV section 1 and Article VII Section 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Moderator led the new business.

MS to form a committee on representation. The motion was defeated.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no more new business, Moderator-Elect TE Ryan Landino called for a motion for adjournment with closing worship at 3:06 pm. The motion was made, seconded and approved. The next meeting will be a called Meeting on September 19, 2017 at 10:00 am at First Federated church in Peoria, IL to discuss the hiring of a transitional presbyter.

Appendix A
VISIONING TEAM REPORT

MSA the Mission Initiative Funding application from Bloomington Second for their weekly summer arts ministry which will run from July 19-September 13. The sustainability of this project was discussed. \$5,000 was granted.

MSA a Bucks for Blessings grant from the First Federated Church of Clayton for the August 3rd School Fair conducted by the twenty-three area CFCAC supporting churches plus several area businesses, organizations, and individuals. Dental exams, physicals, immunizations, vision screenings, and haircuts are provided, as well as school supplies, backpacks, and gym shoes. 436 students were served in 2016. The \$1,000 grant will be used to purchase gym shoes.

MSA a Bucks for Blessings grant from Farmington to fund its joint July 30-August 3 Vacation Bible School with the Baptist Church and the Yates City PC. \$1,000 was granted.

MSA a \$500 Bucks for Blessings grant application from Ipava to conduct a joint VBS.

MSA a Bucks for Blessings grant from First United Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. This \$1,000 grant will be used to purchase food and supplies for the multichurch-sponsored Food Pantry in Knoxville.

MSA a Worship Initiative Grant application from First United Presbyterian Church in Knoxville for a July 2 jointly sponsored outdoor worship service with Community Bible Church. The offering received that day will be given to the local Habitat for Humanity. \$500 was granted.

MSA a Bucks for Blessings grant from Macomb Scotland Trinity Presbyterian Church which sponsored a joint Vacation Bible School with the Industry Assembly of God Church. \$1,000 was granted.

MSA the Mission Initiative Funding application from Media Community United Presbyterian Church for \$3,000 to be used for the Operation Backpack program which is administered through the Family Outreach Community Center program in Media.

MSA the Church Consulting Grant application for Peoria First Federated Church. \$2500 was granted for the church to work with The Effective Church Group.

MSA a Bucks for Blessings grant application from Knox Presbyterian Church in Springfield. \$1,000 was granted to purchase fabric and sewing supplies to make clothing which will be donated to the Women's Missionary Clothing Outreach for distribution worldwide.

MSA a Worship Initiative Grant application from White Hall to purchase needed wireless microphones for worship at the Roots youth center. \$500 was granted.

Appendix B
ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT

- Section 1 Responsibilities: The Presbytery shall have an Administration Team. As directed by the Presbytery Assembly, it shall manage the finances and personnel of the . Presbytery to assure achievement of the goals.
- The Administration Team will:
- a. Be responsible for budget and finance, trustee, audit and personnel functions.
 - b. Will appoint, pending the approval of the Presbytery Assembly, persons to fill vacancies temporarily in Presbytery-elected positions.
 - c. Will report at each regular meeting of the Presbytery every item of business transacted. Its decisions shall be immediately operative wherever power has been conferred, but such decisions may be reviewed and reversed by the Presbytery.
 - d. Be responsible for administering the review of session records, preparing the proposed annual calendar, and other administrative matters not lodged elsewhere.
 - e. Selecting the Chair of Personnel, who is a member of Administration Team.
 - f. Approve the recommendations of Personnel Committee, the annual review and evaluation of the work and financial compensation of all staff members and the financial compensation of the Stated Clerk.
 - g. Maintenance of the current staffing rationale for the Presbytery and current position descriptions for staff positions authorized by the Presbytery Assembly.
 - h. Receive and approve the review of personnel policies from Personnel Team, to insure compliance with General Assembly and Synod directions.
 - i. The nomination of persons as required for administrative positions other than the General Presbytery which is to be conducted in accordance with provisions of the manuals of the presbytery of Great Rivers.
 - j. In conjunction with the Leadership and Visioning Team, regular review of the functional relationship between the Presbytery's structure and its mission.
- Section 2: Membership NO CHANGES
- Section 3: Corresponding Members NO CHANGES
- Section 4: Meetings NO CHANGES
- Section 5: Quorum NO CHANGES
- Section 6: Trustees: The Administration Team will serve as a board of trustees with the following responsibilities:
NO CHANGES IN a.
- Section 7: Delegation of Duties. NO CHANGE

Appendix C
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

APRIL 25, 2017

Alexandria Lysdahl - M/S/A Certified ready to accept a call pending satisfactory theological interview. Rev. Becki Weltmann, Rev. Denise Clark Jones, and Rev. Chip Roland to perform the theological interview.

Cathy Whitson - M/S/A recommendation to rescind writing the exegesis paper for both the old and new Testament as she will need to take the classes as there are no exemptions.

M/S/A COM member and CRE Point Person meet with session prior to taking any CRE candidate under care to outline their responsibility to that person.

Carthage-First (Don Fry): Mission Study in dropbox. M/S/A electing PNC. They are to utilize PCUSA minister or one in corresponding denomination. Carthage had neutral pulpit for Interim pastor at Macomb; Don explaining the search process to session; Need moderator for May session meeting & congregational meeting

Clinton: MIF in dropbox. M/S/A

Monmouth-Heritage (Marla Bauler): Alan Finnan arranged for a conference call with Sue Sawers, Kent Wurmnest, Shawn Smith, Steven McKinney Whitaker, Charles Goodman, Marla Bauler and himself. After much discussion, it was agreed that this matter of the Missionary Baptist pastor Harold Long leading the charge to have the church leave the denomination needed to be discussed by COM as a whole. Marla sent their Clerk of Session an email stating that due to the many ministry events of the season, PGR reps would meet with them at their May 10th meeting. **THIS WAS DONE AS COM AS A WHOLE**: Committee moved to remove Harold Long as Moderator – M/S/A. Stays in place as preacher, pastoral duties, communion etc. Different moderator during this time of transition; we should look for reliable pulpit supply as well as moderating during their time of exploration. Elyssa Bailey volunteered to moderate the May meeting; letters to be sent to Harold Long and to Clerk of session from COM chair informing them of this decision; Marla to write the letter and have Kent sign.

Number Crunchers

Following TOC/Contracts approved:

Mark Merrill-Macomb, First
Rev. Beth Hamilton -Orion, Beulah
Rev. Zach Lysdahl - Peoria, First Federated
Rev. Harry Losey - Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton
Rev. Denise Clark Jones - Peoria, Westminster

Rev. Jason Carter Release received a call to be the next senior pastor of Trinity Wellsprings Church of Satellite Beach, Florida (www.trinitywellsprings.com) which is a part of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. M/S/A to release Rev. Jason Carter to the ECO Denomination.

To provide communion services for First Presbyterian of Chenoa on a reliable basis during their period of discernment, A request was made by Rev. Chip Roland, Chenoa's Ministry Partner, that we approve two elders, trained by Rick Tindall to perform the sacrament as needed for the next 12 months. Those elders are Marcia Wahl, clerk of session and Bruce Johnson, session member. M/S/A

MAY 23, 2017

Motion passed to approve the Omnibus Motion as follows:

- Motion to dismiss Rev. Thomas Nelson to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
- Motion to approve receiving Rev. Susan Phillips from the Winnebago Presbytery into the Presbytery of Great Rivers. (Pastoral call was approved Feb. 28)
- Motion to waive the BOP dues for Biggsville-United.
- Motion to approve the commission to commission Penny Frame as CRE at Lewistown, First on June 11, 2017 at 3:30pm
Sue Sawers-Moderator
Rev. Dr. Andy Gifford, Bloomington-St. Luke
Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Peoria-First Federated
Rev. Rebecca Weltmann, Washington
Elder Sherrill Mixer, Rock Island
Elder Robert Hazzard, Lewistown

Motion passed to ratify the following e-votes:

- Motion approved to eliminating the United Presbyterian Church in Peoria associate pastor position effective January 31, 2017.

People (Deacons)

- M/S/A to dismiss Rev. Hannah Dreitcer to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery effective June 4, 2017
 - Kathy Whitson on path, found a biblical online alternative class at Union Seminary. M/S/A to allow Kathy Whitson to take the alternative class in the fall.

Alexis-Norwood (Dean Bidney): M/S/A financials and mission study.

Carthage-First (Don Fry): M/S/A to receive Rev. Cathy Allen into the Presbytery from Blackhawk Presbytery.

Warsaw-First (Don Fry): M/S/A mission study. M/S/A request to form a PNC.

M/S/A Motion to hold regional PNC training meetings. Rev. James Benson to organize, contact Rev. Beth Wagner for material.

Number Crunchers - M/S/A the following:

- Rev. Chip Hardwick TOC
- Contract between Rev. Cathy Allen and Carthage-First.
- Contract between Rev. Kyung Hun Lee and Edwards-Korean
- Contract between CRE Dan Colvin and Warsaw-United
- Contract between CRE Sandi Woodard and Athens-Indian Point
- Contract between Diane Nolley and Petersburg-Central

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion - Need job description for CRE position before approving contract. M/S/A 1 opposed
- M/S/A to appoint Rev. Shawn Smith as their ministry partner.
- M/S/A to authorize vice moderator to call a special meeting with the session of Peoria-United.

Special Meeting June 5, 2017

MSA to take back up off the table the motion from the previous meeting.

MSA to motion to approve the contract between Karen Miller and UPC.

MSA to approve the commission for the commissioning service of Karen Miller on June 18, 2017. CRE Sue Sawers will be the commissioning moderator.

MSA that the commissioning be limited based on the job description provided by UPC.

MSA to remove Shawn Smith as UPC's ministry partner and have Kent Wurmnest be the ministry partner.

MSA that at the next meeting we look at the job description of the moderator of COM.

JUNE 27, 2017

M/S/A to extend Harold contract 3 months

M/S/A to grant an exception to wave the compensation guidelines for Ruling Elder Robert Montgomery. Eureka to submit new contract.

M/S/A to approve the continuing education grant for Rev. David Daniel in the amount of \$582.75.

M/S/A to grant permission for Rev. Forrest Krummel to attend Week 1 of Transitional Training.

M/S/A to grant permission for CRE Mike Claver to moderate session at United-Peoria.

M/S/A to appoint Rev. Elissa Bailey as moderator for Heritage-Monmouth

M/S/A to dismiss the Rev. Stephen McKinney Whittaker to the Presbytery of Carlisle.

M/S/A to dismiss the Rev. Patricia Stetson Warning to the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks.

M/S/A to dismiss the Rev. Hannah Dreitcer to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery.

M/S/A to recommend that the Rev. Zach Lysdahl be moved from Temporary Supply (158) to Associate Pastor (151)

M/S/A the commission to ordain Alexandra Lysdahl as Chaplain at Unity Point Proctor Hospital in Peoria on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at the United Presbyterian Church in Peoria at 2:00 pm.

Commission Members

Elder Sue Sawers, Moderator

Rev. Becki Weltmann, Washington Presbyterian Church, Washington

Rev. Forrest Krummel, First Federated Church, Peoria

Rev. Zachary Lysdahl, First Federated Church, Peoria

Elder Alan Willadsen, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Peoria

Elder Lori Hartshorn, United Presbyterian Church, Peoria

Elder Nancy Amos, First Federated Church, Peoria

Corresponding Members:

Rev. Susan Krummel, Blackhawk Presbytery

Rev. Lindsey "Izzy" Rhodes, RCA

Rev. Anastasia Bonczyk, RCA

Ms. Kathy Baldwin, First Federated Church, Peoria

Ms. Alexis Kombwa,

M/S/A to add Amy Booker-Hirsch to our pulpit supply list.

M/S/A that Diane Luddington become a ruling elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Danvers and starts the CRE process.

Number Crunchers - M/S/A to approve the following:

- Contract between Rev. Paula Carmichael and Knox Presbyterian Church-Springfield
- Contract between Rev. Kay Daniel and First Federated-Clayton
- Contract between Rev. Linda Philabaun and First Presbyterian Church-Farmington
- Contract between Rev. Laurence (Tim) Doty and First Presbyterian Church-Leroy
- 2017 TOC for Rev. Christian Johnson, Second Presbyterian Church-Bloomington
- Parish Associate contract between Rev. Dale Bolton (HR) and Rock Island-Good Shepherd.

Appendix D
LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The PGR Leadership Team met with the Administration Team on May 5th to discuss a different approach to setting budget for our presbytery. After much debate and exchange of information, we decided to have Personnel Committee join us on May 24th for further discussions. This enhanced team shared vital information with each other, including appropriate uses for the Pastor Support Grant funds from Synod and possible uses for the remaining funds from our Synod Transformation Grant. The budget offered by the Admin Team at our August Assembly is the result of these meetings.

The usual arrangements for our August 12 at were also discussed. A Discernment Team for Heritage Monmouth has been working toward a Gracious Separation agreement between that congregation and the presbytery. We decided to continue the tradition of designating the offering from our summer Assembly Meeting to the support and care of our Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry.

Leadership Team members have been deeply involved in the town-hall meetings throughout the presbytery. They are listening to all of you and sharing the gist of these conversations with the rest of us so we can make decisions that reflect the needs and wants expressed throughout the entire presbytery. (More detail about the Leadership Congress meetings and the town-hall meetings can be found in the Moderator's Report for August 12th Assembly.) We set parameters for our Assembly discussion time at Dahl Chapel at Monmouth College. It is important for the Leadership Team to be clear about where the presbytery is in our current process regarding securing professional leadership for Great Rivers. We want assembly input on job descriptions/expectations/title and measureable benchmarks and goals for our new leader. We set in motion a Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery for September 19 at 10 am at First Federated Church of Peoria for the purpose of deciding these things, and electing a Search Committee to begin the next phase of our process.

I want to personally thank each member of the Leadership Team for all the extra work and support they have been offering on our behalf: Chuck Goodman, Administration; Sandi Woodard, Personnel; Kent Wurmnest, COM; Joe Eby, Visioning; Drew Nagle, CPM, Gary Davis, Treasurer; Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk; and Ryan Landino, Moderator-Elect. I also want to thank our devoted staff persons Any Gardner and Patti Parrish, AND our Interim Synod Exec Sara Dingman, all of whom have gone above and beyond in the last three months. THANK YOU ALL!

In Christ,
Sue Sawers, Moderator
Leadership Team Chair