

Presbytery of Great Rivers
 Called Assembly Meeting
 September 19, 2017 at 10am
 First Federated Church, Peoria, IL

Moderator CRE Sue Sawers called the meeting to order at 10:02am. The purpose of the meeting is to vote of the job description for the Lead Presbyter of Transformation and to vote on the slate of nominations for the search committee and any related items to the search committee.

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
	38	13

A=Absent E=Excused

Aledo, College Ave.....	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle
Alexis, Norwood	Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (1 st Listing)
Athens, Indian Point.....	CLP Sandi Woodard
Bloomington, Saint. Luke	Rev. Andrew Gifford
	Elder Commissioner John Otto
Bloomington, Second	Elder Commissioner David Strand
	Elder Commissioner Tom Young
	Elder Commissioner Martha Miller
Bushnell, First	Rev. Elissa Bailey
Clayton, First	Rev. Kay Daniel
Clinton, Clinton	Rev. Laurie Hill
Coal Valley, First	Rev. Tim W. Snart
Delavan, First	Rev. Jean Sparks
	Elder Commissioner Nancy Hopkins
Galesburg, First.....	Rev. Shawn Smith
Geneseo, First.....	Rev. Ryan Landino
Jacksonville, First.....	Rev. Rev. Jonathan Warren
LeRoy, First	Rev. Tim Doty
Lewistown, First	CRE Penny Frame
Lincoln, First.....	Rev. Adam Quine
Mason City, United.....	Rev. Charlotte Poetschner
Milan, First.....	Rev. Joyce Chamberlin
Normal, First.....	Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord
Oneida, United	Elder Commissioner Larry Lawson
Orion, Beulah	Rev. Beth Hamilton
Pekin, First	Elder Commissioner William Huls
Peoria, First Fed.....	Rev. Forrest Krummel
	Rev. Zach Lysdahl
Peoria, Westminster.....	Rev. Denise Clark Jones
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale	Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton	Rev. Harry Losey
Rio, Rio.....	Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (2 nd Listing)
Rock Island, Gloria Dei	Rev. Drew Nagle (1 st listing)
Rock Island, Good Shepard.....	Rev. James Benson
	Elder Commissioner James Bertelsen
Rock Island, South Park.....	Rev. David Esche
	Elder Commissioner Sherrill Mixer
Seaton, Center	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (2 nd Listing)
Sherrard, Community	Rev. Drew Nagle (2 nd Listing)

	Elder Commissioner Evelyn Shaefer
Springfield, First	Rev. Susan Phillips
Springfield, Hope.....	Rev. Charles S. Goodman
	Elder Commissioner LaCleta Hall
Springfield, Korean.....	Rev. Jaechul Kim
Springfield, Third	Rev. Joe Eby
Springfield, Westminster	Rev. Blythe Kieffer
	Elder Commissioner Brad Swanson
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	Rev. David Daniel
Virден, First.....	CRE Susan Sawers
Warsaw, First	CRE Dan Colvin
White Hall, First.....	Rev. Johannes Poetschner
Woodhull, United.....	Rev. Cheyanna Losey
	Elder Commissioner Janet Strickland
Yates City, Faith.....	Elder Commissioner Mary Watts

VALIDATED, AT LARGE, HONORABLY RETIRED, MINISTERS PRESENT TOTAL: 04

Rev. Cheryl Lunday (HR)
 Rev. Sterrett Collins (Validated Ministry)
 Rev. Teri Ott (Validated Ministry)
 Rev. Chip Roland (Validated Ministry)

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL: 01

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)
 Bill Opper

MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 03

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)
 *CRE Sue Sawers, Moderator (See Virден)
 *Rev. Ryan Landino, Moderator Elect
 Gary Davis

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 01

Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds, Presbytery of Chicago

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 01

Elder Gary Terpstra

PRESBYTERY STAFF TOTAL: 02

Amy Gardner
 Patti Parrish

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 61

- Moderator-Elect Rev. Ryan Landino opened with meeting with prayer.
- Moderator CRE Sue Sawers began the meeting with asking new ministers of the word and sacrament to introduce themselves along with any new ruling elders.
- **MSA** to seat corresponding member Rev. Robert Reynolds, Chicago Presbytery, currently serving as GAP Presbyter of Great Rivers Presbytery.
- The assembly sang the opening hymn – “Spirit of the Living God”, led by Chuck Goodman, complete with hand motions.
- Sue spoke to the two purposes of the called meeting as stated at the beginning of the minutes and in the notification of the calling of the meeting that was sent to members of the Presbytery and the churches.

- Motion to approve the job description, no second needed as it came from committee: approved with the following amendments:
 - MSA to amend the job description by moving the following from under the section of physical demands to under the section named “Standard Elements for All Exempt, Supervisory Positions”
 - The Lead Presbyter for Transformation must be able to attend denominational events/workshops when appropriate.
 - MSA to remove all remaining bullet points under physical demands and not have a category called “Physical Demands.”
 - MSA to add the statement at the end of the job description stating:
 - “This Presbytery is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 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 the discrimination against any person. The Presbytery 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)
 - MSA to change all occurrences of “he or she” to “they” in the job description.
 - The follow was a motion that was seconded but defeated by a 22-31 vote:
 - To change point 5 under qualifications to read as follows:
 - Capacity to juggle multiple demands and administrative needs in a complex system, *including digital communication*.
 - Amendment to amendment defeated by major majority to add the word promoting to state: including *promoting* digital communication.
 - MSA to call the question.
 - MSA to call the question for the vote on the job description.
- Rev. Bob Reynolds read to the assembly the scripture reading Romans 12:2-5.
- Motioned, no seconded needed as it came from committee, to approve the nominating committee report for the search committee for the Lead Presbyter for Transformation.
 - MSA to change the number of members of the search committee to eight from seven.
 - Additional nominations were asked for from the floor.
 - CRE Penny Frame was nominated.
 - MSA to close nominations.
 - Vote was taken by paper ballot with the following result and the slate was approved:
 - Elder Gary Davis, Lincoln: Yes – 57, No – 1
 - Elder Kevin Lueschow, Elmwood: Yes – 56, No – 1, Abstention – 1
 - Elder Kathie Whitson, Bushnell: Yes – 56, No – 2
 - Rev. Cheyanna Losey, Woodhull: Yes – 58, No – 0
 - Rev. Teri Ott, Monmouth: Yes – 58, No – 0
 - Rev. Chip Roland, Peoria: Yes – 57, Abstention – 1
 - Rev. Jonathan Warren, Jackson: Yes – 56, No – 2
 - CRE Penny Frame: Yes – 44, No – 12
- The assembly sang “Spirit of the Living God” with Chuck leading us with hand motions.
- Moderator-Elect Rev. Ryan Landino declared adjournment and closed the meeting in prayer at 11:39am.