

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
 Assembly Minutes
 November 9, 2019

STATED MEETING

The Presbytery of Great Rivers met in Stated Meeting November 9, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, IL at 10:03AM. The meeting was called to order, opened with prayer and song 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 Peace and Global Witness Special Offering through the PCUSA and PMA in the amount of \$387.00.

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

We were welcomed to the Assembly meeting by Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra and by Rev. Jonathan Warren, the pastor of the host church, First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jonathan Warren spoke about the history of the church, for which they were celebrating the weekend of our Presbytery meeting.

Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra opened the meeting with prayer at 10:09am.

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 29	ELDER COMMISSIONERS OR ALTERNATES 27
A=Absent E=Excused		
Adair, West Prairie	A.....Mr. Jeremy Westlake	N/A
Aledo, College Ave.....	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (1 st listing) ...	Lance Slavish
Aledo, Sunbeam.....	Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (1 st 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.....	CLP Kathie Whitson	Marilyn Simmons
Bloomington, Saint. Luke	A.....Rev. Andrew Gifford.....	John Otto
Bloomington, Second.....	A.....Rev. Treighton Haddon	Tom Young
Bushnell, First	Rev. Elissa Bailey	Shelly Gant
Buffalo Hart	VACANT	John Hawkins
Canton, First.....	Rev. Sterrett Collins	Terry Frame
Carlinville, Federated	A.....Rev. Megan Biddle.....	N/A
Carrollton, First.....	A.....Vacant	N/A
Carthage, First	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	Rev. Kay Daniel	N/A
Clinton, Clinton	Rev. Paul Stroup	Sharon Sjams
Coal Valley, First	A.....Rev. Tim W. Snart (1 st Listing)	N/A
Danvers, First.....	A.....Rev. Tim Mitchell.....	N/A
Delavan, First	Rev. Jean Sparks	Carrol Lewis
Divernon, First.....	A.....Rev. Steve Smith	N/A
E. Moline, First	EXRev. Rebecca A. Sherwood	N/A

Edwards, Korean.....		Rev. Dan (Hyaekwang) Kim	N/A
Elmwood, First	A.....	Rev. Marla Bauler (1 st Listing).....	N/A
Eureka, Eureka		CLP Bob Montgomery	Norma Foley
Farmington, First		Rev. Andy Sonneborn	N/A
Galesburg, First.....		VACANT	N/A
Geneseo, First.....		Rev. Tim Doty	Susan Schafer
Green Valley, First		VACANT	N/A
Greenview, United.....		VACANT	N/A
Hamilton, Bethel.....	A.....	CLP Robert Wagner.....	N/A
Ipava, United		Rev. Gary Elg (1 st Listing)	N/A
Jacksonville, First.....		Rev. Jonathan Warren	Dave Truesdale
Kirkwood, Westminster		CLP Pam Moore	Janet Shauman
Knoxville, First.....	A.....	Rev. Ken Shedenhelm	N/A
LeRoy, First.....		Rev. Annie McMillan	N/A
Lewistown, First		CLP Penny Frame	N/A
Lincoln, First.....	A.....	Rev. Adam Quine	N/A
Macomb, First	A.....	Ms. Erin Marth	N/A
Macomb, Scotland Trinity.....		Rev. Gary Elg (2 nd 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.....		VACANT	N/A
Monmouth, Faith	A.....	Rev. Brandon Ouellette.....	N/A
Monmouth, Sugar Tree	A.....	Rev. Daniel Ott.....	N/A
Morton, First	A.....	CLP 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	A.....	Rev. Mark Bedford	N/A
Niota, Appanoose Faith.....		VACANT	N/A
Normal, First.....	A.....	Rev. Matt Wilcox	Kathryn Gillespie
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	Larry Lawson
Orion, Beulah	A.....	Rev. Tim Snart (2 nd Listing).....	N/A
Pekin, First		Rev. Samuel Gibb	N/A
Peoria, First Fed.....	EX	Rev. Forrest Krummel	N/A
Peoria, United	EX	Rev. Laura Reason	Debbie Hanson Mary Jo Mays
Peoria, Westminster.....		Rev. Denise Clark Jones	N/A
Perry, Perry	A.....	Rev. John Nelson	N/A
Petersburg, Central.....		VACANT	N/A
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale	A.....	Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee	N/A
Quincy, Ellington	A.....	Mr. Ron Cox	N/A
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton	EX	Rev. Harry Losey	N/A
Rio, Rio.....		Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (2 nd Listing) ..	N/A
Rock Island, Broadway		VACANT	N/A
Rock Island, Gloria Dei		Rev. Drew Nagle	Ken Flack
Rock Island, Good Shepard.....		Rev. James Benson	James Bertelsen
Rock Island, South Park.....		Rev. Blake Severson	N/A

Rushville, First.....	VACANT	N/A
Seaton, Center	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (2 nd Listing) .	Marcia Duncan
Springfield, First	Rev. Susan Phillips	N/A
Springfield, Hope.....	EX ...Rev. Charles S. Goodman	LaCleta Hale
Springfield, Knox	Rev. Paula Carmichael	Jacqueline Stites
Springfield, Korean.....	EX ...Rev. Jaechul Kim	N/A
Springfield, Third	Rev. Joe Eby	N/A
Springfield, Westminster	Rev. Blythe Kieffer	Alan Wallace
Springfield, Westminster	A.....Rev. Trajan McGill.....	Kathy Germeraad
Springfield, Westminster	Rev. Christian Choi	Jim Kincaid
Stronghurst, Stronghurst.....	A.....Mr. Phillip Cooper.....	N/A
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	A.....VACANT	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	CLP Diane Ludington	N/A
Washington, Washington	A.....Rev. Linda Philabaun	Bill Strawbridge
White Hall, First.....	VACANT	N/A
Woodhull, United.....	A.....Rev. Cheyanna Losey.....	N/A
Woodson, Unity.....	A.....Rev. Robert Kerr	N/A
Yates City, Faith.....	A.....Rev. Marla Bauler (2 nd Listing)	N/A

ON ZOOM: (counted above)

Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle, College Ave and Seaton Center
 Elder Marcia Duncan, Center
 Elder Lance Slavish, College Ave
 Elder Dick Whittington, Viola
 Rev. Blake Severson

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

Rev. Almut Spalding, VM
 Rev. Jessica Hawkinson, VM
 Rev. Chip Roland, VM
 Rev. Siobhan Warren, M@L
 Rev. Gerald Boutelle, HR
 Rev. Joyce Chamberlin, HR
 Rev. Kathy Stoner-Lasala, HR
 Rev. Dr. Carolyn Weber, HR

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL:

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)
 N/A

MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 02

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)
 Elder Gary Terpstra
 Elder Mike Orr

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 0

Merle Fox-COM
 Chais Roseland, Ohio Valley Presbytery

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 06

Mary Fox
Kathy Goranson
Frank Lasala
Tim McGee
Mike Paddock
Mag Paddock
Cathy Strawbridge

PRESBYTERY STAFF TOTAL: 01

Rev. Ryan Landino

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 73

INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduction of new Minister Members of the Presbytery.
- Rev. John Shear was recognized as a new Minister Member of the Presbytery. He is the new called and installed at Third Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL.
- Introduction of new Ruling Elder Commissioners. New commissioners were introduced from their tables.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

MSA to seat corresponding members: Rev. Chris Roseland, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

The Docket was adopted 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 and the Report of the Leadership Team.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY

Report from the Presbyterian Mission Agency by Rev. Chris Roseland. Certificates were given out to Trinity in Bartonville, First Pres Delevan, Federated Church Carlinville, First Pres of Knoxville, New Winsor, New Winsor, First United Monmouth, First Pres Springfield, Gloria Dei Rock Island, Good Shepherd Rock Island, South Park Rock Island, Washington Pres, First Pres Galesburg, First Pres Lincoln, First Pres Macomb, Farmingdale Pleasant Plains, Westminster Peoria, First Pres Normal, Hope Pres Springfield, First Pres Virden.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra, chair of Nominating Committee:

The following slate was presented:

- Elder Diane Ludington as moderator elect of the presbytery for 2020.
- Elder Bill Strawbridge as treasurer of the presbytery for 2020.

Committee on Ministry

Elder Kathie Whitson for a second term and as chair, class of 2022.

Rev. Joanne Hinds for a first term, class of 2022.

Rev. Kathy Mitchell for a first term, class of 2022.

Rev. Joy Ridge for a first term, class of 2022.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Elder Sheila Sheer for a second term, class of 2022.

Elder Jim Strickland for a first term, class of 2022.

Visioning Team:

Elder Stephanie McCullough for a first term, class of 2022.

Elder Lance Slavish to a second term, class of 2022.

2020 Commissioners to General Assembly:

Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle
Rev. Chuck Goodman
Elder Diane Ludington
Elder Penny Frame
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Kaitlyn McCullough

2020 Alternate Commissioners to General Assembly:

Rev. Matt Wilcox
Rev. Drew Nagle
Elder Kathie Whitson
Elder Julio Garcia

There were no additional nominations from the floor. **MA** the slate as presented.

WORSHIP

Dr. Timothy L McGee, Chaplain/Assistant Professor of Religion, Illinois College and Rev. Jonathan Warren, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville preached the Word. The Scripture reading was from Acts 10:25-34 and the sermon title was "The Holy Spirit is Loose."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rev. Dr. Kathy Stoner-Lasala: Rev. Linda Baldwin has published her first volume of her trilogy. It is titled: Even in Death, Love Pursues Us.
- Rev. Joyce Chamberlain spoke about a table of book give aways!
- Rev. Susan Phillips – Springfield area pastors who ordered calendars – she has them. With a few extras. Also, First Pres in Springfield hosted a concert on behalf of the Presbyterian Illinois Home.
- Rev. Carolyn Weber – becoming trained in healing touch spiritual practitioner.
- Rev. Sam Gibb – Pekin Presbyterian Church has been looking for solar panels and have found an opportunity to do so without paying for the panels themselves. This was in the newsletter as well a couple of years ago and will be run again.
- Elder Merle Fox – tomorrow at 4pm the Presbytery is invited to Kirby Ballard's commissioning service at White Hall.

ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT

Elder Julio Garcia.

- Nominated for the nominating committee
MA and there were no additional nominations from the floor:
Elder Gary Terpstra, class of 2020, chair, and term 2
Elder Julio Garcia, class of 2022, term 1
Rev. Richard Johnson, class of 2020, term 1
Marcia Duncan, class of 2022, term 2
- **MA** that First Presbyterian Church is able to proceed with the selling of their Manse as the way has been made clear.
- Second reading of the By-Law change: **MA**
Article VIII, Section 6, a #2: Change to: Administration Team Approve or disapprove requests from local churches dealing with loans, purchases of property and sales and then report to the Presbytery.
- The following change to the Manual of Operations was presented: **MA**
Personnel Policy: Section III Part 16. Remove the first paragraph and replace with the following:
Part-time staff members, including both salaried and hourly employees, are those who are employed to work less than the full weekly schedule. All part-time employees are eligible for the following:

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Rev. Drew Nagle

- Move that the Presbytery of Great Rivers confirm the following actions: **MA**
 1. To dissolve the union relationship of the Union Church of Cooksville. Action to dissolve with effective date September 17, 2019 and report through the Presbytery Clerk to the General Assembly.
 2. To dissolve the First Presbyterian Church of Cooksville. Action to dissolve with effective date September 17, 2019 and through the Presbytery Clerk report to the General Assembly.

BILLS AND OVERTURES REPORT

Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra **MA**

- The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the Presbytery of Great Rivers vote NOT to concur with the following overture, with the addition of comments:
- Shall G-3.0303(c) be amended as follows: [Text to be added is shown as italic.]
- G-3.0303(c) Relations with Sessions
- C. establishing minimum compensation standards *including provisions for severance payments* for pastoral calls and Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators within the presbytery.
- Add the following comment:

The General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission case that is referenced in the rationale of this overture is from one of our own churches, and as such, we the presbytery have a unique relationship with this overture. Because we are the presbytery from which the original precedent is cited, our concurrence may communicate a different importance than other concurring presbyteries. We understand that the church involved in the original GAPJC case has not been involved in the creation of this overture, and we had the opportunity to speak with a representative of the church who was involved in the original case. We acknowledge the pain that was experienced through the process of this GAPJC case and its lasting repercussions. Even though the final decision sided with the church, the events of the GAPJC case changed the narrative of the relationship between the West Prairie Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of Great Rivers, and there remains a lack of a sense of closure from these events. We believe it is a privilege and a responsibility to honor all of our churches and to work to repair broken relationships in our community. Since there is no path to “abstain” from a vote (abstaining is tantamount to a no vote), we recommend extending a no vote in the spirit of abstaining as a gift of grace to the church so impacted by this case, and if a process of healing remains available to us, this may be a possible step towards achieving it. At the same time, we trust that the merits of the broader implications of the goals of this overture should be faithfully discerned by other presbyteries, and if the way be clear, our commissioners can take it up in earnest at the next General Assembly. Our churches are the presbytery, and we recommend choosing to side in solidarity with our presbytery, as a presbytery. We recommend that we do not concur with this overture.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

CLP Kathie Whitson

- **MA** to allow First Presbyterian Church of Geneseo to waive G-2.0404 and allow Joan Crider and Diane Hartsock to serve another term of 3 years as Deacons after their current 6 years expires at the end of 2019.
- **MA** to add the following policy to the COM manual of operations:
Section II: Part 8 - Scheduled Communion in Local Church

Communion is to be served in the local church during worship as authorized by the session and administered by a minister of the Word and Sacrament. The Book of Order also allows Trained Ruling Elders to administer the Sacraments in limited conditions. Most churches schedule communion to be served on a regular basis and at other special times during the year. Then the pastor (minister of Word and Sacrament or Commissioned Ruling Elder) of a local church is not available on a Sunday when communion is scheduled, the following is suggested.

This does not apply to the celebration of home communion served by ruling elders and/or deacons, please refer to BOO W-3.0414, third paragraph.

1. The best solution is for session to change the day Communion is served to a day the pastor is available.
 2. The next choice would be to have a minister of Word and Sacraments (properly authorized) preach and administer the Sacraments on the day scheduled.
 3. When these two suggestions are not readily available, the Book of Order allows the presbytery to authorize and train ruling elders to administrate the Lord's Supper in the absence of pastors (W-3.0410). Great Rivers Presbytery will use the following guidelines for this practice:
 - a: In consultation with the COM Ministry Partner, a session may request ruling elders be trained to Administer Communion.
 - b: COM, if they so agree, will arrange for the proper training by a Minister of Word and Sacrament. This training will include but not limited to the theology of the Sacrament, the liturgy of communion and hands on rehearsal.
 - c: The request to COM for elders by name to be trained and the names of elders trained, the date(s) of the training and who did the training must be entered in regular session minutes.
 - d: COM will authorize the trained elders to serve communion in their local church in the absence of the minister and report this authorization to presbytery.
 - e: This authorization is valid for three years but may be renewable.
 4. Home Communion may be celebrated by two or more people in ordered ministry as described in W-3.0414. This is not subject to the above guidelines.
- **MA** for the Presbytery of Great Rivers to form an Administrative Commission for Green Valley to assist them in the process of dissolution & distribution of assets. Documentation has been gathered and shared in the committee's Dropbox file. Current action being taken: 1) Lead Presbyter Rev Ryan Landino and Rev Christian Choi are working together to verify and conduct a Mid-Level Council background & credential check. 2) Requested and received polity advice from Rev Tim Cargill, GA Stated Clerk for clear understanding and interpretation of Book of Order G - 2.0505a(2) and its potential application in this instance. Copy of the email communication has been placed into the COM Dropbox file. 3) Rev Sterrett Collins will communicate and work with Hyaekwong Kim to ensure that he is enrolled to participate in ordination exams to be offered in January/February 2020.
 - At this time, there is no motion coming from the committee to the Assembly on this matter. It is hoped to have all ready for the scheduled February 2020 Presbytery Assembly meeting.
 - Everything is better with PIE!!!! Pies were given as a thankfulness to the following rotating off COM this year: James Benson, Dean Bidney, Roger Mixer, Susan Phillips, Chip Roland, Leland Wright.

VISIONING TEAM REPORT

Rev. Jonathan Warren

- A video presentation from the Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey of United Church of Woodhall about her Sabbatical from June through August. The Sabbatical allowed for for the congregation and me to rest, reflect, and renew their commitment to being a part of this worshipping community. There were several parts to her sabbatical which included connecting with family, attending a spiritual health conference, journaling, reading and play.
- The Rev. Jessica Dawson will share a short video clip about the Theological Lux program.
- A slideshow presentation about the Florida Mission Trip to the Florida Panhandle in October Some members of the team will be able to attend the Assembly to speak to their experiences during breaks and over lunch.
- Continuing Education
\$320 for the Rev. Dr. Linda Philabaun of Washington, to go to a retreat center in Stockton, IL.
- Bucks for Blessings
\$1,000 to Hamlet Perryton, Reynolds to start a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group

- \$1,000 to United Church of Oneida for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Mission Initiative Fund
 - \$2,640 – United Presbyterian, Peoria: supplemented the final amount for Peoria’s Butterfly Day,
 - \$2,300 – First, Milan, Milan on the MOVE transportation grant.
 - \$5,000 Second, Bloomington for the Compassion Center for the Arts.
- Lux Theological Program, Monmouth College. After significant discussion and discernment about the Monmouth College Lux. Theological Program funding request. After receiving a sustainability Lily matching grant of \$225,000, they requested our team funding to help this important program. The visioning Team is pledging the remaining funds of 2019 to go to the Lux Theological Program of Monmouth College. The amount will likely be \$25,000-30,000. 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.

LEAD PRESBYTERY FOR TRANSFORMATION REPORT

Rev. Ryan Landino.

- Ryan spoke about how quickly the culture around current models of transformative ministry is changing. Conversation continues about adaptive and technical leadership and how we need to work to distinguish the two.
- Ryan gave a new metaphor. Road ends in 500 ft. If we are going to fast and are not ready, we will get into emergency road as we hit the breaks and suffer. Or we can look at the need to recognize it and stop now, look at what it would be like to go off road, figure out what we need to keep, dismantle, cast aside, or take with us. Who needs to be a part of that process?

MODERATOR REPORT

Moderator Elder Gary Terpstra

- Thanksgiving by Gary for his time that he has served as the Moderator Elect and Moderator.

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF THE PRESBYTERY

- Presentation of Retirement Certificates
 - Rev. Anna Saxon
 - Rev. Joyce Chamberlain
 - Rev. Lawrence Gaylord
 - Rev. Dr. Tim Bauler
 - Rev. Dr. Joe Eby
 - Rev. Gary Elg
- Presentation of Ordination Anniversary Certificates

Rev. Richard Watts	Sixtieth
Rev. William G. Schlobohm	Sixtieth
Rev. James P. Uttley	Fifty-Fifth
Rev. William E. Brown	Fiftieth
Rev. Gregory J. Meyer	Forty-Fifth
Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord	Fortieth
Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jessup	Fortieth
Rev. Gary Elg	Fortieth
Rev. Brent Mitchell	Fortieth
Rev. Dr. Paul S. Spalding	Fortieth
Rev. David Esche	Fortieth
Rev. Gordon Jones	Fortieth
Rev. Laurence Timothy Doty	Thirty-Five
Rev. Dr. Almut M. Spalding	Thirty-Five
Rev. Harold W. Losey	Thirty-Five
Rev. Jaechul Kim	Thirtieth
Rev. Susan M. Ryder	Thirtieth
Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood	Thirtieth
Rev. Dr. Carolyn B. Weber	Thirtieth

Rev. Tim W. Snart	Thirtieth
Rev. Anna C. Saxon	Thirtieth
Rev. Robert W. Ryder	Thirtieth
Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee	Twenty-Fifth
Rev. Alice Davenport	Twenty-Fifth

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPARTING TEAM LEADERSHIP

- Annie McMillian – Nominating Committee Chair
- Sandi Woodard – Personnel Chair
- Shawn Smith – COM chair
- Gary Terpstra – Moderator

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND MODERATOR ELECT FOR 2019

- Moderator Elect Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle was installed as the Moderator of Great Rivers for the next year. Elder Diane Ludington was installed as the Moderator Elect for the next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- **MSA** to nominate for the Administration Team - Elder Tom Young – nominated for a class of 2022, term 1.
- **MSA** to nominate for the Visioning Team - Elder Katheryn Gillispie for the Visioning Team, class of 2022, term 1, First Presbyterian Church of Normal and to nominate for the Administration Team – Elder Pam Moore, class of 2022, term 1.

The assembly adjourned at 3:10pm.

The next Presbytery Assembly meeting will be held Tuesday February 18th, 2020 at First Federated Church, Peoria.

Appendix A

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. John Shear from the Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery
- Rev. Treighton Haddon from the Mission Presbytery

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

N/A

THAT the following minister(s) be Dismissed:

- Motion to dismiss Rev. Carl Anderson to Denver Presbytery in Denver Colorado
- Motion to dismiss Rev. Stephen Hill to New Covenant Presbytery in Houston, Texas

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 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

N/A

4. SESSION RECORDS REVIEW

The following churches have completed their 2019 Session Records Review:

Biggsville – United Presbyterian Church
Carlinsville – Federated Church
Coal Valley – First Presbyterian Church
Ipava – Ipava Presbyterian Church
Jacksonville – First Presbyterian Church
Kirkwood – Westminster Presbyterian Church
Lincoln – First Presbyterian Church
Mason City – United Presbyterian Church
Milan – First Presbyterian Church
Monmouth – Sugar Tree Grove Pres. Church
New Windsor – New Windsor Pres. Church
Peoria – United Presbyterian Church

Pleasant Plains – Farmingdale Pres. Church
 Springfield – Knox Presbyterian Church
 Springfield – Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Viola – United Presbyterian Church
 Washington – Washington Pres. Church
 Williamsville – Buffalo Hart Pres Church

5. CORRESPONDENCE

First Presbyterian of Geneseo request GRP approve their request to allow Joan Crider and Diane Hartsock to serve another term of 3 years as Deacons after their current 6 years expires in 2019. Another model exists in the Book of Order, please refer to congregation for discussion. **M/S/P to recommend to PGR approval of waiving G.-2.0404**

6. Bills & Overtures

B&O met on November 1 to discuss the possibility of concurring with an overture. See B&O report for more information.

7. ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Richard Watts	June 28, 1959	Sixtieth
Rev. William G. Schlobohm	July 19, 1959	Sixtieth
Rev. James P. Uttley	May 15, 1964	Fifty-Fifth
Rev. William E. Brown	June 8, 1969	Fiftieth
Rev. Gregory J. Meyer	June 16, 1974	Forty-Fifth
Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord	January 25, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jessup	June 1, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Gary Elg	June 17, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Brent Mitchell	June 24, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Dr. Paul S. Spalding	September 23, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. David Esche	October 21, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Gordon Jones	December 9, 1979	Fortieth
Rev. Laurence Timothy Doty	February 12, 1984	Thirty-Five
Rev. Dr. Almut M. Spalding	May 6, 1984	Thirty-Five
Rev. Harold W. Losey	July 22, 1984	Thirty-Five
Rev. Jaechul Kim	March 25, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Susan M. Ryder	May 14, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Rebecca A. Sherwood	July 9, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Dr. Carolyn B. Weber	August 27, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Tim W. Snart	October 15, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Anna C. Saxon	October 29, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Robert W. Ryder	November 12, 1989	Thirtieth
Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee	September 18, 1994	Twenty-Fifth
Rev. Alice Davenport	October 15, 1994	Twenty-Fifth

8. HONORABLY RETIRED IN 2019

Rev. Anna Saxon
 Rev. Joyce Chamberlain
 Rev. Lawrence Gaylord
 Rev. Dr. Tim Bauler
 Rev. Dr. Joe Eby
 Rev. Gary Elg

Appendix B

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

The Leadership Team met on October 29, 2019, with the following results. No action is required of the assembly.

The bulk of the meeting time was used to explore the way forward for the presbytery, following the presentation on our long-term future led by the Administration Team and Treasurer Bill Strawbridge at the September 10. Lead Presbyter for Transformation Ryan Landino led the Visioning Team at its quarterly meeting and then the Leadership team October 29 in what he calls "Visioning Conversations on Next Steps" ,based on his reading and research on adaptive change. Future assemblies will build on these conversations as our future unfolds. Said here before but it bears restatement: God has richly blessed us with all the tools and resources we need to navigate these waters, and his love and grace will undergird us in the future as it has in the past.

Evaluation comments received at the September 10 assembly at First Federated were distributed and discussed. Problems with the microphones were prominent in the comments, and we are expending efforts to improve the number and placement of mics at future assemblies.

We will provide Zoom participation at the November 9 Assembly for those who sign up ahead of time. As this is written, one remote site has been established. Personnel were identified who might serve as virtual microphone monitors on-site at this assembly, but it remains to find a volunteer(s) to handle the task on an ongoing basis, as virtual participation becomes a more regular part of the assembly.

The list of sites and dates for 2020 assemblies remained pending as of the September 10 assembly. The list was finalized and posted to the PGR website the following week. The dates are: February 18, 2020 at First Federated/Peoria, June 2 at First Federated, August 29 at First PC/Normal, and November 14 at First PC/Milan. Subsequently the various teams have also set their meeting dates for 2020.

Since the September 10 assembly: Moderator Gary Terpstra was again able to attend significant events in the life of PGR and its churches. These events are a blessing as the moderator represents the presbytery in a unique way, and in this case participated in the life of East Iowa Presbytery as well. Diane Ludington was commissioned in a unique service on September 29 (on the Keokuk bridge!) to serve the First United Presbyterian Church in Warsaw Illinois and United Presbyterian Church in Keokuk Iowa. Gary also attended the commissioning of Stephanie McCullough to Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg on September 15.

Appendix C

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

At our October 1, 2019 Admin meeting a special guest, Tim Clark, spoke about the highlights that have been going on with our investments accounts. He spoke to the difficulty that has occurred over the last year in the economy and the anxiety that is happening with investors.

- This year has been better from a performance standpoint as the markets continue to hold us in the last quarter.
- While there had been some higher growth areas, we are finding these are slowing down.
- Unemployment levels are decreasing which helps the economy as well.
- There are indicators to show that there is a recession that could be coming. Usually, the recession begins around 15-18 months after the indicators are present. There is time to make adjustments.

We had a discussion as to the importance of the Admin Team's responsibility to nominate the nominating committee members. We all agreed that by the November 9 assembly we would make it a very priority to submit candidates for assembly approval.

Bill gave the treasurer's report

- Unpaid per capita continues to cause a hardship for the Presbytery.
- While some of our assets look up, there is still a deficit.
- Salaries are remaining fairly consistent.
- The office cost added more for the time being.
- As far as budget expenses go, we are right about where we expected we would be.
- There is a need for a data base, especially for Patti's work. The two that seemed to be the best across other Presbyteries are IN-C and POMA.
 - o **MSA** to sign up with POMA for our data base.

What comes next as to where we go as a Presbytery. The admin committee agreed that coordination with the other Presbytery committee had to commence as soon as possible to develop a plan of action, and that Ryan should be the point of contact for all of us.

2020 Admin meeting are:

- Jan. 14, 2020: 11am-4pm
- April 29, 2020: 11am-4pm
- July 7, 2020: 11am-4pm
- Oct. 1, 2020: 11am-4pm

Admin Team Chair
Julio Garcia

Appendix D

BILLS & OVERTURES

On establishing the authority of Presbyteries to define severance plans for installed ministers

The Presbytery of Beaver-Butler overtures the 224rd General Assembly (2020) to direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall G-3.0303(c) be amended as follows: [Text to be added is shown as italic.]

G-3.0303 Relations with Sessions

c. establishing minimum compensation standards including provisions for severance payments for pastoral calls and Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators within the presbytery.

Rationale for Overture from Beaver/Butler Presbytery 8/27/19

In 1993 the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission ruled in the case Saurbaugh v. the Presbytery of Great Rivers that “The *Book of Order* does not give the presbyteries power to require congregations to pay compensation upon dissolution of pastoral relationships.” (Remedial Case 206-13,11.094 attached)

In subsequent years the church has maintained that while a presbytery can have guidelines and policies concerning severance for ministers at the dissolution of a pastorate, the presbytery has no authority to enforce those policies.

This overture seeks to remedy that omission in the *Book of Order* by making explicit the authority of presbyteries to create and enforce severance policies by linking that authority to the power to set minimum wages and approve calls.

The overture does not attempt to set a national severance policy, but to clarify the presbytery’s relationship to both the session and the minister during times of transition.

Additional Notes not part of the rationale but sent from the originators of the overture:

This overture seeks to clarify the role of COMs in our denomination when it comes to authority on severance. The Book of Order does not speak specifically about this issue. An authoritative Interpretation over 25 years ago sided with the local congregation in severance for a pastor. The presbytery had recommended 6 months and the congregation gave the pastor three months. Presbyteries currently set minimum salaries, participation in the Board of Pensions, vacation and continuing education time, however under the past interpretation presbytery cannot enforce any severance.

My concern is for financial care of pastors and their families. There are unhealthy, toxic sessions and congregations who do not provide a sufficient financial safety net for pastors who leave involuntarily. Pastors are not entitled to “unemployment.”

I want to make it very clear that I am NOT SPEAKING about a scenario when a pastor is guilty of misconduct. Each COM has its own policy concerning these situations. This overture simply gives authority to local presbyteries to deal with each situation as it arises.

Appendix E

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Committee on Ministry has had two meetings since the last Assembly meeting in September 2019. We have shared potluck meals together for both those occasions to help reduce excess spending.

Over the past year, we have begun worshipping in our meetings as a regular practice. 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.

September meeting highlights

- Welcomed 3 new members, Drew Nagel, Andy Sonneborn & Christian Choi
- Approved for commissioning services for CLP's
- Discussed using Doodle to schedule theological fit interviews
- Approved the occasional use of Zoom for members unable to travel for the monthly meeting
- Re-arranged some ministry partners for better coverage of churches
- Started working on the accuracy of church information to help improve communication
- Reviewed transitional churches statuses
- Discussed proposed update to the COM handbook, action will be taken at the October meeting after everyone has had a chance to review the document

Motion for GRP from September meeting

- First Presbyterian of Geneseo request GRP approve their request to allow Joan Crider and Diane Hartsock to serve another term of 3 years as Deacons after their current 6 years expires in 2019. **M/S/P to recommend to PGR approval of waiving G.-2.0404.**

October meeting highlights

- Lead Presbyter for Transformation Rev Ryan Landino brought us a report of his time in Baltimore at the Mid-Council Summit. We worked on how we could respond in the positive of "Yes and..." to ministry opportunities.
- Reviewed together the steps for conducting background checks for potential candidates for churches in the search process.
- Fine-tuned and worked on final wording and draft of the update to the COM handbook
- Set the dates for meetings in 2020

Motion for GRP from October meeting

- Amendment to the handbook regarding CLP communion. (see attachment) M/S/A The amendment to the document. **M/S/A** To take to assembly in November for approval.
- **M/S/A** John Shear's Pastoral call to Springfield, Third. **M/S/A** to receive him as a member of the presbytery.
- **M/S/A** To recommend to the Presbytery of Great Rivers to form an administrative commission for Green Valley to assist them in the process of dissolution & distribution of assets.

Report on referral back to COM RE Hyaekwong Kim

- Documentation has been gathered and shared in the committee's Dropbox file. Current action being taken: 1) Lead Presbyter Rev Ryan Landino and Rev Christian Choi are working together to verify and conduct a Mid-Level Council background & credential check. 2) Requested and received polity advice from Rev Tim Cargill, GA Stated Clerk for clear understanding and interpretation of Book of Order G - 2.0505a(2) and its potential application in this instance. Copy of the email communication has been placed into the COM Dropbox file. 3) Rev Sterrett Collins will communicate and work with Hyaekwong Kim to ensure that he is enrolled to participate in ordination exams to be offered in January/February 2020.

At this time, there is no motion coming from the committee to the Assembly on this matter. It is hoped to have all ready for the scheduled February 2020 Presbytery Assembly meeting.

The Committee also celebrates with newly commissioned Commissioned Lay Pastors Diane Lundington of Warsaw United Presbyterian and Keokuk United Presbyterian in Iowa; Stephanie McCullough at Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg IL.

Kirby Ballard is the CLP at Carrollton. White Hall has now yoked with Carrollton and Kirby is now pastoring at both churches. A commissioning service for the addition of White Hall is scheduled for November 10th at First Presbyterian White Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted

Kathie Whitson
COM Chair

Appendix F

VISIONING TEAM REPORT

At our November Assembly Meeting:

- A video presentation from the Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey of United Church of Woodhall about her Sabbatical from June through August. The Sabbatical allowed for for the congregation and me to rest, reflect, and renew their commitment to being a part of this worshipping community. There were several parts to her sabbatical which included connecting with family, attending a spiritual health conference, journaling, reading and play.
- The Rev. Jessica Dawson will share a short video clip about the Theological Lux program.
- A slideshow presentation about the Florida Mission Trip to the Florida Panhandle in October. Some members of the team will be able to attend the Assembly to speak to their experiences during breaks and over lunch.

Visioning Process – The Rev. Ryan Landino, Lead Presbytery for Transformation, led our team through an all-day discussion on adaptive change. We were able to recognize shadow values/convictions that we tend to lean on, then we asked important questions (not looking for answers at this point), we named important outcomes; and shared conviction. We felt it was a meaningful approach because we were able to name some of the tendencies we lean on during change. While there were parts that were exciting about this process, we discovered that it was not easy. Therefore, we will need to be pastoral through this transformation process and make attempts to get everyone involved in this process. Therefore, we encouraged Rev. Landino to use this approach in other settings, including the Leadership Team. We pledged to be partners in this process, and we encourage others to participate in this meaningful process as it comes to our Presbytery.

Grants Awarded The following Grant Applications were reviewed and approved:

Continuing Education

- \$320 – for the Rev. Dr. Linda Philabaun of Washington, Pekin to go to a retreat center in Stockton, IL.

Bucks for Blessings:

- \$1,000 – To start a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) for Hamlet Perryton, Reynolds
- \$1,000 – Community Thanksgiving Dinner for the United Church of Oneida

Mission Initiative Fund:

- \$2,640 – After receiving \$1,000 from a General Assembly Grant, our Presbytery supplemented the final amount of United Presbyterian, Peoria's Butterfly Day.
- \$2,300 – Milan on the MOVE transportation Grant for First, Milan.
- \$5,000 – Compassion Center for the Arts at Second, Bloomington.

Lux Theological Program, Monmouth College:

• After significant discussion and discernment about the Monmouth College Lux Theological Program funding request. After receiving a sustainability Lily matching grant of \$225,000, they requested our team funding to help this important program. The visioning Team is pledging the remaining funds of 2019 to go to the Lux Theological Program of Monmouth College. The amount will likely be \$25,000-30,000. 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.

Appendix G

REPORT OF YOUR LEAD PRESBYTER FOR TRANSFORMATION

Many amazing things have happened a few short months since my last report, even amidst a heavy October travel schedule! We have had two beautiful outdoor and indoor commissioning services with Stephanie McCullough and Diane Ludington as pastors to the Presbyterian churches in Petersburg and Warsaw-Keokuk. We have seen the recent securing of pastoral leadership in both transitional and installed positions for the churches of Milan, Buffalo Hart, Second Bloomington, Bushnell, Petersburg, Warsaw-Keokuk, Rock Creek-Tallula, and Third Springfield. We have also celebrated anniversaries with the Woodhull and Danvers churches. There has been so much good work to recognize!

The most significant step forward in our transformation walk together however occurred at the last assembly on September 10th. The Administration Team presented a report clarifying our timeline of financial sustainability with our current model of serving God and each other as a presbytery, including a presentation of seven different possibilities of how we might continue our vital role of resourcing, supporting, equipping, and connecting our churches beyond five years. With approximately four years of sustainability remaining according to our current model, this gives us time to prepare and adapt. For now, we are committing to the “controlled descent” approach of saving expenses any way we can without disrupting our mission (ie: office move, virtual meetings, committee potlucks, etc.), while looking ahead at creating a “highway through the desert” into a new future together.

Here are some of the written comments that came out of your table discussions:

“I feel people are taking this seriously”

“I think we need to imagine new ways to be the church”

“I am grateful that these conversations are happening”

“I feel confident in the ability of our leadership. We will find the best solution moving forward”

“I think we are taking concrete steps finally”

“I am thankful for the thorough, careful work that was clearly done for this presentation. We needed to hear this”

“We think big changes are ahead”

“I feel overwhelmed, but there is time to adapt”

“I think we can work it out”

“I am cautiously optimistic”

So where do we go next? I present a new image as a visual metaphor for where we are as a presbytery:

It is a sign that says, “Road Ends 500 Feet,” with only undeveloped land beyond. Our current model was built to expect a set road with clear rules (reliance on a full-time presbytery leader, assumption of available reserves, etc.), but when those 500 feet of our current model ends in four years, our presbytery will be going “off road,” and we will need to find new ways of living into our promises to each other without the support and resources we’ve expected in the past. To help us in this venture, we have started and will continue holding a number of conversations, both in our committees and informally out and about our presbytery, around the following 1) What kinds of assumptions or unnamed values may we be unconsciously carrying? 2) What are the questions we *should* be asking right now? 3) What is the impact that we can articulate that we make as a community of churches? and 3) What covenants we can agree to make to each other in this venture? Above all, there is an opportunity to name the convictions we want to take with us “off road”, possibly expressed in the form of a Confession for our Presbytery 202X. As we tested these conversations, examples of some convictions that were named as a Leadership Team were “*We will be open, honest, and transparent,*” “*We take care of one another,*” and “*Everyone has seat at the table, with a voice, that is valued.*” This is just a start! What else should we name? We will continue to have more opportunities together to voice our shared dreams and convictions, for it is from these aspirations that we will be building our next sustainable model(s) upon. The Leadership Team has invited me to lead a conversation around these pieces at the February 18th assembly, which will be a great jumping-on point for our conversations together.

Ultimately, whatever path we make, whatever model it looks like, whether it is something familiar or whether it is something completely new, it will be something we will have the opportunity to co-create together. *I am so blessed to do this holy work with you!*

Ryan

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Presbytery of Great Rivers
DOCKET
November 9, 2019

The Mission of the Presbytery:
*"We are called to share Christ's love
by partnering in service,
uniting in worship,
and risking in ministry"*

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

Registration begins 9:00 AM

Optional Fellowship Time 9:30 -10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER 10:00 AM

INTROIT

Acknowledgement of Native American Heritage of the Assembly Site

Ecumenical Greeting

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalm 103)

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

Many: Bless God's Holy Name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Many: and do not forget God's benefits, who forgives all our iniquity, who heals all our diseases,

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Many: who redeems our life, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Many: who satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Bless the Lord.

Opening Prayer

(Based on Psalm 103)

LET US PRAY: Gracious God, with grateful hearts we gather to bring you praise. May your praises fill the whole earth. We are thankful for your mighty works, and for the tender care you give us. We praise you with our voices, our bodies, our instruments, ourselves. We join all of creation to give you praise. In the name of your Son, our Lord, **Amen.**

HYMN # 402 "How Lovely, Lord"

(from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

How Lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim you as my Lord
Than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings; no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
And from their life shall rivers of blessings overflow.

Establish the Roll and Corresponding Members

- Establish a quorum
- Introduction of new Teaching Elder commissioners
- Introduction of new Ruling Elder Commissioners at tables
- Introduction and seating of Corresponding Members

Approval of the Docket

Omnibus Motion RE Gary Terpstra
Stated Clerk's Reports and Leadership Team Report

PARTNERING IN MISSION

Report from the Presbyterian Mission Agency Chris Roseland

Report of the Nominating Committee (10 minutes) RE Gary Terpstra

UNITING IN WORSHIP 11:15 AM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Jesus Christ came to save sinners. We confess in the sure and certain knowledge that God's grace overflowed to us while we were yet sinners. In confidence let us confess our sins before God and one another:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. We look at a world undone by strife, torn by violence, separated by hatred. Yet you call us to walk the way of peace.

Forgive us, O Lord, for refusing to follow you on this path because the cost is too high, the direction too confusing, the conditions too harsh.

Forgive us our complacency. Grant us clarity of vision to see the light, And the strength to walk behind you. In the power of your Spirit we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Luke 1)

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

Many: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE # 581

Gloria Patri (from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

Glory be to the Father;

And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be;

World without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:25-34, 44-48

SERMON

“The Holy Spirit is Loose”

Dr. Timothy L. McGee, Chaplain/Assistant Professor of Religion, Illinois College

Rev. Jonathan Warren, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville

HYMN # 288

Spirit of the Living God” (from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

[repeat 2 more times]

CALL TO OFFERING

Sixty Second Sermon Video: “You Are A Child of God” and Introduction to the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

DOXOLOGY # 607

(from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Most loving and gracious God, we are thankful.

Many: We are thankful for your grace to us in Jesus Christ,

One: for your gift of the church in its global witness,

Many: for the capacity to give.

One: May these gifts help prepare the way of peace in our community around the world.

All: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN # 37 “Let All Things Now Living” (from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God our creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night

Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

LUNCH 12:15 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS 1:00 PM

(This is not a time for formal actions to be made by the assembly.)

RISKING IN MINISTRY

CURRENT BUSINESS 1:15 PM

Report of the Administration Team (45 minutes)
Report of the Treasurer
Report of the Personnel Team

RE Julio Garcia
RE Treasurer Bill Strawbridge
TE Ann Elyse Van Winkle

Report from the Cooksville Administrative Commission (5 minutes)

MWS Drew Nagle

Report of the Bills and Overtures Committee (15 minutes)

RE Garry Terpstra

Report of the Committee on Ministry (45 minutes)

RE Kathie Whitson

Report of the Visioning Team (12 minutes)

MWS Jonathan Warren

Report of the Lead Presbyter for Transformation (10 minutes)

MWS Ryan Landino

Report of the Moderator (3 minutes)

RE Gary Terpstra

Celebration of the Life of the Presbytery

Presentation of Ordination and Retirement Certificates

Acknowledgement of Departing Team Leadership

Installation of Moderator and Moderator Elect for 2019

HYMN # 69 "I am Lord of Sea and Sky" (from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

NEW BUSINESS 3:15 PM

(Not a time for announcements, this is a time for formal motions to be brought before the assembly.)

Blessing/Adjournment 3:30 PM

HYMN # 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (from the Glory to God Hymnal found in the pew)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel or kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The next Presbytery Assembly meeting will be held Tuesday February 18, 2020 at First Federated Church, Peoria

Our liturgy elements today are from PCUSA resources developed with use of our per capita giving.