

**Presbytery of Great Rivers
Stated Meeting November 14, 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 Stated Meeting November 14, 2017 at Five Points in Washington, Illinois at 9:30 am. The meeting was called to order, opened with prayer by Moderator Elder Sue Sawers. The purpose of the meeting was for Worship. Moderator Elder Sue Sawers opened the Presbytery meeting in prayer and led the transaction of business.

MSA the docket.

OPENING WORSHIP

The assembly was led in worship singing the hymn "For Everyone Born."

SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

Introduction of new Teaching Elders:

- Rev. Dr. Laura Reasons, Peoria United.
- Carna Peterson, Onieda
- Pastor Laurie Hill, Clinton
- Rev. Blake Severson, South Park, Rock Island.

New Ruling Elders were introduced.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The Presbytery voted to seat corresponding member(s):

- Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds of Chicago Presbytery, serving as the Presbytery's General Presbyter Bridge Consultant.

MSA 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 50	ELDER COMMISSIONERS OR ALTERNATES 44
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	CLP Sue Shike	Jean Harfst
Alexis, Norwood	Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (1 st Listing)...	N/A
Athens, Indian Point.....	CLP Sandi Woodard	N/A
Bartonville, Trinity	A.....Mr. Steve Barch	Edward Douglas
Biggsville, United	VACANT.....	Larry Sterrett
Bloomington, Saint. Luke	Rev. Andrew Gifford	John Otto
Bloomington, Second.....	A.....Rev. Christian Johnson.....	Ruth Gabor
.....	Rev. Kathy Stoner Lasala	Tom Young
.....	Mark Wylie
Bushnell, First	Rev. Elissa Bailey	Kathie Whitson
Buffalo Hart	Rev. Mary E. Jessup	Judy Shutt
Canton, First.....	Rev. Tim Bauler	Dixie Thompson
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.....	N/A
Clayton, First.....	E.....	Rev. Kay Daniel	N/A
Clinton, Clinton.....		Rev. Laurie Hill	Leland Wright
Coal Valley, First.....	A.....	Rev. Tim W. Snart.....	N/A
Danvers, First.....		Rev. Kathy Mitchell	N/A
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		Rev. Marla Bauler	N/A
Eureka, Eureka		CLP Bob Montgomery	Gerry Underwood
Farmington, First.....		Rev. Linda Philabaun.....	Patricia Welker
Galesburg, First	E.....	Rev. Shawn Smith	N/A
Geneseo, First		Rev. Ryan Landino.....	N/A
Green Valley, First	A.....	CLP Charles Houston	N/A
Greenview, United		CLP Stephanie McCullough	Connie Eimer
Hamilton, Bethel.....	A.....	Mr. Robert Wagner	N/A
Ipava, United.....		VACANT.....	Dean Bidney
Jacksonville, First.....		Rev. Jonathan Warren	Merle Fox
Kirkwood, Westminster	A.....	CLP Pam Moore.....	Janet Shauman
Knoxville, First.....	A.....	Rev. Matthew Hansen.....	Mary Dawson
LeRoy, First.....		Rev. Tim Doty	Naomi Chaplin
Lewistown, First		CLP Penny Frame	N/A
Lincoln, First.....	E.....	Rev. Adam Quine.....	Julie Kasa
Macomb, First		Rev. Mark Merrill	N/A
Macomb, Scotland Trinity	A.....	Rev. Gary Elg.....	N/A
Mason City, United.....	A.....	Rev. Charlotte Poetschner.....	N/A
Media, Community	A.....	Mr. Phillip Cooper (1 st listing).....	N/A
Middletown, First.....		VACANT.....	N/A
Milan, First.....		Rev. Joyce Chamberlin	N/A
Monmouth, Faith.....	A.....	Rev. Charles Cunningham.....	N/A
Monmouth, Sugar Tree	A.....	Rev. Daniel Ott.....	N/A
Morton, First.....		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		Rev. Mark Bedford	N/A
Niota, Appanoose Faith		VACANT.....	N/A
Normal, First.....		Rev. Lawrence R. Gaylord.....	Bob Beerup
		Rev. Matt Wilcox	
Normal, New Covenant.....		Rev. Robert W. Ryder	N/A
		Rev. Susan M. Ryder	N/A
Oneida, United	A.....	Rev. David Pyell.....	Larry Lawson
Orion, Beulah		Rev. Beth Hamilton	N/A
Pekin, First		Rev. Samuel Gibb	N/A

Peoria, First Fed	Rev. Forrest Krummel	N/A
Peoria, First Fed	Rev. Zach Lysdahl	
Peoria, United	Rev. Laura Reason	N/A
Peoria, Westminster.....	Rev. Denise Clark Jones	Sue Ellen Kirkwood
Perry, Perry.....	A..... Rev. John Nelson	N/A
Petersburg, Central.....	Ms. Diane Ludington	Beth Kinningham
Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale	Rev. Lonna Chang-Ren Lee	Wendy Volker
Quincy, Ellington	A..... Mr. Ron Cox	N/A
Reynolds, Hamlet Perryton	Rev. Harry Losey	George Fortner
Rio, Rio	Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle (2 nd Listing) ..	Dee Litchfield
Rock Island, Broadway	VACANT.....	Victoria Blair
Rock Island, Gloria Dei	Rev. Drew Nagle (1 st listing)	N/A
Rock Island, Good Shepard.....	Rev. James Benson	James Bertelsen
Rock Island, South Park	A..... Rev. Blake Severson	Roger McKee
Rushville, First.....	VACANT.....	N/A
Seaton, Center.....	Rev. Ann Elyse Van Winkle (2 nd Listing) .	Marcia Duncan
Sherrard, Community.....	Rev. Drew Nagle (2 nd Listing)	N/A
Springfield, First	Rev. Susan Phillips	David Sloat Don Ecklund
Springfield, Hope	E..... Rev. Charles S. Goodman	LaCleta Hall
Springfield, Knox.....	Rev. Paula Carmichael	N/A
Springfield, Korean	Rev. Jaechul Kim	N/A
Springfield, Third.....	Rev. Joe Eby	Tom Turnbull
Springfield, Westminster	Rev. Blythe Kieffer	Alan Wallace
	A..... Rev. Trajan McGill	Sally Godby
Stronghurst, Stronghurst.....	A..... Mr. Phillip Cooper (2 nd Listing)	Don Fry
Tallula, Rock Creek.....	E..... Rev. David Daniel	N/A
Viola, United.....	A..... Rev. Jack Brown	N/A
Virden, First.....	CLP Susan Sawers	Peggy McDonald
Virginia, First.....	A..... Rev. Marcia Forman	N/A
Virginia, Sangamon.....	A..... Mr. Carl Wiggins	N/A
Warsaw, First.....	A..... CLP Dan Colvin	N/A
Washington, Washington	Rev. Tim Mitchell	Bill Strawbridge
White Hall, First.....	Rev. Johannes Poetschner	N/A
Woodhull, United.....	Rev. Cheyanna Losey	Jan Strickland
Woodson, Unity.....	A..... Rev. Robert Kerr	N/A
Yates City, Faith.....	Rev. Marla Bauler (2 nd Listing)	Mary Watts

VALIDATED, AT LARGE, HONORABLY RETIRED, MINISTERS PRESENT . TOTAL: 09

Rev. David Esche, HR	Rev. Teri Ott, VM	Rev. Jennifer Sakata, M@L
Rev. Richard Johnson, HR	Rev. Chip Roland, VM	
Rev. Rick Tindall, HR	Rev. Sterritt Collins, VM	
Rev. Carolyn Weber, HR		
Rev. Henry Hein, HR		

ADMINISTRATION & VISIONING TEAM MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS TOTAL: 02

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)

Elder Craig Mousty, Admin Team
Elder Brian McMasters, Visioning Team

MODERATOR / MODERATOR ELECT OR PRIOR MODERATOR TOTAL: 05

(Not Listed Elsewhere - voting members of Presbytery)

*CRE Sue Sawers, Moderator
*Rev. Ryan Landino, Moderator Elect
Gary Davis
Elder David Eaton
Elder Anne Eaton

OTHERS PRESENT – Pby committee members/corresponding members (voice without vote) TOTAL: 05

Elder Gary Terptru
Elder Sherrill Mixer
Elder Roger Mixer
Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds, Presbytery of Chicago

OTHERS PRESENT - Ruling Elders, Visitors, Inquirers/Candidates (without voice/vote): TOTAL: 10

Pat Turnbull
Karna Peterson

Peoria-Bethel:

Ron Grim
Shelly Grim
Cindy Quine

Monmouth-Heritage:

David Lewis
Dorothy Long
Terry Scalf
Darlene Scalf
Dorothy Ferrenburg

PRESBYTERY STAFF TOTAL: 02

Amy Gardner
Patti Parrish

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 127

OPENINGBUSINESS

Stated Clerk's Report (Appendix A)

Stated Clerk Rev. Elissa Bailey presented the Stated Clerk's report. As Book of Order requires, the ruling of the Permanent Judicial Commission was read:

On October 30, 2017 the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of Great Rivers met to decide charges against the Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford, and have been found him guilty of the offense of failing to comply, and of going so far as to refuse to comply, with mandatory reporting rules of sexual abuse of a minor found in G-4.0302 of the Book of Order, and by such offense has acted contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

Therefore, the Permanent Judicial Commission, acting as the Presbytery of Great Rivers, in the name and authority of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), expressed its condemnation of this offense, and rebuked him. He is admonished to be more watchful and avoid such offense in the future. We urged him to use diligently the means of grace to the end that he may be more obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ. As a sign of his repentance, he will prepare and present a paper on the necessity of mandatory reporting at the next annual ethics training of the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

MSA the receiving of the Stated Clerk's report.

General Presbyter Bridge Consultant's Report

General Presbyter Bridge Consultant, Rev. Dr. Robert Reynolds gave a report on what has been happening in the Presbytery as he has been working. Referenced a Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes article that

spoke about “the world falling apart” and how often we feel that within the church. At times such as these, we are in the wilderness and it seems there is nothing we can do about it. We are called to love God even in the wilderness.

VISIONINGTEAMREPORT (Appendix B)

The report was given by Rev. Joe Eby. He spoke about the monies that are given out. Rev. Joyce Chamberlain spoke about the MIFA grant that the Presbyterian Church in Milan had received and the work it was doing.

Talent Grants were given out. Each church received \$200 to take back to their church and multiply and come back in August to share how they multiplied their talent grant.

MSA to receive the visioning team report.

Rev. Dr. Richard Johnson spoke about the 2018 Elder/Deacon training sessions that will be taking place and all Elders and Deacons will be invited to participate.

RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

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Rev. David A. Anderson	ordained July 30, 1972	45 years
Rev. George Joseph Cottay	ordained June 14, 1972	45 years
Rev. Richard L. Johnson	ordained June 12, 1972	45 years
Rev. John L. Florell	ordained May 1, 1967	50 years
Rev. Henry G. Hein	ordained June 27, 1962	55 years
Rev. David G. Bauer	ordained May 11, 1962	55 years
Rev. Kenneth A. Mortonson	ordained April 9, 1952	65 years

CONTINUINGINWORSHIP

Moderator Elect Rev. Ryan Landino lead the assembly in the prayer of confession and assurance of pardon.

CLOSURE OF PEORIA-BETHEL

Rev. Frosty Krummel spoke about the church and following the vote, led the assembly in prayer.

The Bethel Church in Peoria has served their community and congregants for generations and have done great work and for this, we rejoiced with them. They have now closed their doors as a PCUSA congregation. The church has been sold to a Baptist congregation that is worshipping there.

MSA the closure of Bethel Church in Peoria with thanksgiving.

DISSOLVING OF HERITAGE MONMOUTH

Rev. Drew Nagle presented the Dissolution Agreement. A time of liturgy followed the vote.

MSA to accept the Dissolution Agreement.

Moderator finds through the actions of this body that the dissolution be in effect.

Moderator Elect Rev. Ryan Landino offered prayer.

LUX SUMMER THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Rev. Dr. Teri Ott reminded the assembly that Monmouth College offers scholarships to Presbyterian students and they are offered a wonderful education both in the liberal arts and in what it means to be a Presbyterian.

Rev. Jessica Hawkinson spoke to the Lux Summer Theological Institute. The program is funded by the Lilly Endowment. The students read assignment and completed homework. They grew as a community and they worshipped together. Many of the students have already applied for the next summer. The theme the past year was based on food security or food insecurity. The next summer’s theme will be based on taking care of God’s world.

LEAD PRESBYTER FOR TRANSFORMATION SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT (Appendix C)

Elder Gary Davis gave an updated report on the process of the search committee.

Motioned and approved the MIF with the following corrections:

Second page – 1st question – to say, “partnering in service 10 PCUSA churches from

Springfield and surrounding areas.”

Third page – 2nd line – add Esther 3:1-8

MSA to receive the report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee report was given by Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey.

Motioned and approved the following slate with no additional nominations from the floor:

Administration Team

- Elder John Turnbull, Rock Island, 1st term, class of 2019.
- Elder Bill Harfst, Aledo Sunbeam, 1st term, class of 2020.
- Elder Julio Garcia, Milan, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Mark Merrill, Macomb, 2nd term, class of 2020

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- Elder Mary Watts, Yates City, 1st term, class of 2018
- Rev. Hans Poetschner, White Hall, 1st term, class of 2019
- Rev. Larry Gaylord, 1st term, class of 2019
- Elder John Marshall, Peoria, 1st term, class of 2020
- Elder Merle Fox, Jacksonville, 2nd term, class of 2020
- Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle, Rio & Alexis, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Sterrett Collins, Galesburg, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, Peoria Westminster, 2nd term, class of 2020
- Rev. Adam Quine, Lincoln, 2nd term, class of 2020
- Rev. Chip Roland, Peoria, 2nd term, class of 2020

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- Elder Sheila Sheers, East Moline, 1st term, class of 2019.
- Rev. Matt Wilcox, Normal, 1st term, class of 2020.
- Chair, Rev. Drew Nagle will serve until end of term in 2018.

General Assembly Commissioners (also on Bills and Overtures until 2020)

- Moderator Rev. Ryan Landino, Geneseo
- Moderator-Elect Elder Gary Terpstra, Springfield Hope
- Elder Sandi Woodard, Springfield
- Rev. Harry Losey, Hamlet-Perryton
- YAAD Fiona McGrath Nagle, Gloria Dei
- Alternate Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle, Rio & Alexis
- Alternate Rev. Darwin Smith, Quincy
- Alternate Elder Charles Morris, Normal
- Alternate Elder Karen Davis, Lincoln
- Alternate YAAD Cassie Dennis, Danvers

Illinois Christians Encountering Racism – no changes

Illinois Conference of Churches – no changes

Illinois Presbyterian Home

- Eunice DeCourcy
- Daniel W. Austin

Interfaith Committee – no changes

Moderator-Elect

- Elder Gary Terpstra, Springfield Hope

Personnel Committee

- Elder Penny Frame, Morton, 2nd term, class of 2020
- Elder Sandi Woodard, Springfield, 2nd term, class of 2020, will continue to serve as chair.

Permanent Judicial Commission

- Elder Kay Downey, Aledo College Avenue, class of 2023
- Elder Sheryl Essenburg, Springfield Hope, class of 2023

Synod Commissioners

- Elder Nate Rush, Carlinville, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Laura Reason, Peoria United, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Hans Poetschner, White Hall, 1st term, class of 2020

Treasurer

- Elder Gary Davis, Lincoln, ending 2018

Visioning Team

- Elder Vicki Blair, Rock Island, 1st term, class of 2018
- Rev. Jessica Hawkinson, Monmouth College, 1st term, class of 2018
- Elder Lorna Blackford, Monmouth Faith, 1st term, class of 2020
- Elder Carol Sleeth, Peoria First Federated, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Cheryl Lunday, member-at-large, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Alexandria Lysdahl, Peoria United, 1st term, class of 2020
- Rev. Jonathan Warren, Jacksonville, 2nd term, class of 2020
- Rev. Joe Eby will continue to serve as chair.

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

MSA the nomination committee slate.

MSA to receive the report.

BILLS AND OVERTURES REPORT (Appendix D)

The Bills and Overtures report was given by Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey. She presented one overture that this Presbytery had been asked to concur so that Central Nebraska Presbytery can send the overture to General Assembly.

MSA to concur with the overture and send to General Assembly.

MSA to receive the report.

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT (Appendix E)

Moderator-Elect Rev. Ryan Landino spoke to what a Committee on Representation would look like and how it would function. A task force is being formed.

A task force is being formed regarding how quorum is tabulated.

MSA to move two of our assembly meetings to Saturday. Much discussion was had. The motion passed 73-17.

MSA to receive the report.

NECROLOGY REPORT

<u>City</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>DOD</u>
Aledo	College Avenue	Richard Reinhart	06/21/16
		John Downey	11/05/16
Athens	Indian Point United	Florence Stringfield	04/01/16
Bartonville	Trinity	Fred Allen	01/22/16
Biggsville	United	Barbara Liston	09/22/16
Bloomington.....	Second	Paul R. Nelson	01/02/16
		Deborah Reed	03/30/16
		Charles W. Witte	04/10/16
		Ann K. Roop	12/10/16
Bloomington.....	St. Luke Union Church	Eleanor Jane Little	03/09/16
		Evelyn D. Thomas	03/13/16

		Mary E. 'Betsy' Larson	07/29/16
		Richard L. Rice	08/13/16
Buffalo Hart	Buffalo Hart	Evelyn Theobald	07/02/16
Bushnell	First United	Helen 'Pat' Stroops	02/23/16
		Sherold Brown	09/10/16
Canton	First	Vernon Garrets	05/09/16
		Marlow Hauber	03/24/16
		Mel Green	11/18/16
Carthage	First United	Robin Tomlinson	03/27/16
		Helen Latherow	05/12/16
Clayton	First Federated Church	Bill March	08/20/16
Coal Valley	First	Lois Mullen	07/21/16
Danvers	First	Philip Fleetwood	03/23/16
		Lois Todd	12/05/16
Elmwood	First	Diane Slone	06/30/16
		Kathy Shoop	10/08/16
Farmington	First	William T. Wilson	04/28/16
Galesburg	First	Richard Johnson	07/05/16
		M. Jane Johnson	08/13/16
Geneseo	First	Louise Rash	06/01/16
		Guy Eaves	06/29/16
		Carol Johnson	07/08/16
Green Valley	First	Joanne Runyon	01/26/16
		James Merle Woodrow	07/30/16
Greenview	United	Patricia Hudspeth Wood	08/19/16
Ipava	Ipava	Wayne Azbell	03/12/16
LeRoy	First	Kenneth Wilson	01/11/16
		Alfred Provasi	02/11/16
		Carol Russine Evans	02/25/16
		Mary Lou Flegel	08/28/16
Lincoln	First	Emory Clark Gaffney	07/05/16
Macomb	First	Andrea Bowen	04/09/16
		Paul Nollen	06/26/16
		Maurice Kellogg	10/31/16
Milan	First	Richard Sheese	03/04/16
		Gertrude McCall	01/11/16
		Fred Trulson	11/15/16
Monmouth	Faith United	Carol McCurdy	08/07/16
		Winnifred Weeks	10/05/16
		Mary Fleming	12/01/16
		Tammi Hottle	12/16/16
Morton	First	Herbert Max McCammon	12/17/16
Mt Sterling	Mt. Sterling Pres	Carlene Dixon	12/01/16
		Donald Newton	10/31/16
New Windsor	New Windsor	Douglas Skallberg	07/17/16
Normal	First	Katherine Stelle	05/20/16
		John Brue	06/12/16
Oneida	United	Audrey Swanson	04/26/16
		Darlene Lawson	11/14/16
Orion	Beulah	Maureen Bickel	09/28/16
Peoria	United	Lorraine Gift Bunker	02/25/16
		Clifford Hanson	11/02/16
		Jack Dixon	11/06/16
Peoria	Westminster	Fred Brotherson	02/14/16
		Thomas Cummings	04/20/16
Petersburg	Central	Betty Doyle	09/21/16
		Donna McDougall	03/07/16
Reynolds	Hamlet Perryton	Lee Gray	01/13/16

		Myra Brown.....	02/19/16
Rio	Rio	Delbert Litchfield	01/21/16
Rock Island.....	Broadway	Helen Frank	02/25/16
		Earl Clark	04/11/16
Rock Island.....	Good Shepherd	Sharon DeFrieze.....	01/24/16
Rock Island.....	South Park	Perry Mason	02/17/16
		Frank Brooks	03/31/16
		Ralph Smith, Sr.....	04/27/16
Seaton	Center	James Unsworth	04/06/16
Springfield.....	First	Fred Bayard Hoffman	08/21/16
Springfield.....	Hope	Mary Ann turner	07/30/16
		Larry Bennett	11/16/16
Springfield.....	Knox	Gene Eggleston	03/23/16
		Patricia Von De Bur	10/03/16
Springfield.....	Third	Donald E. Farley	12/12/16
Springfield.....	Westminster	Harry R. Bentsen	01/31/16
		Morris D. Cooper, Sr.....	12/18/16
		Philip C. Bradley, Jr.	06/27/16
		Kathleen G. Nenaber	05/30/16
Virginia.....	Sangamon Valley	John Chipman.....	10/21/16
Washington.....	Washington	Bill Rodgers	04/08/16
		Jean Keely	12/07/16
		Mary Rice.....	09/11/16
Yates City	Faith United	DuWayne Mathews.....	12/29/16

Prayer for Illumination and Sermon

Elder Barbara Asay preached on the parable of the vineyard workers all receiving the same amount. She spoke to the nature of us being the vineyard workers and receiving the grace of God, no matter when we began to follow.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Sandi Woodard presented the personnel committee report. She reported that Rev. Dr. Bob Reynolds is planning to extend his contract for an additional six months. Also, Sandi spoke to the first reading of the manual for personnel. People are invited to look over the updates and send any possible changes to Sandi. A special thank you to Patti and Amy who work so hard in the office!

MSA to receive the personnel committee report.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT (Appendix F)

Elder Kent Wurmnest presented the report. The only item for business was voting on the increase in effective minimum salaries which are as follows:

Level 1 – newly ordained pastors and those with less than 4 years experience: \$43,389

Level 2 – those with four or more years of ordained experience: \$46,717

CLP - \$34,710

MSA the effective minimum salaries.

MSA to receive the COM report.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT (Appendix G)

Rev. Drew Nagle presented the CPM report. An item for business was to approve the following slate for Ordination Exam readers:

February: Rev. Siobhan Warren, member-at-large

Elder Donella Hess-Grabill, New Covenant Community

May: Rev. Laurence Timothy Doty, LeRoy

Elder Sheila Sheer, Milan

Alternate, Rev. Forrest Krummel, Peoria First Federated

MSA the slate for ordination exam readers

MSA to receive the report.

CONTINUED WORSHIP

Recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.
Celebration of Holy Communion

ADMINISTRATION TEAM REPORT (Appendix H)

Rev. Mark Merrill presented the administration team report.

MSA the 2018 Presbytery budget.

MSA the following nomination committee slate with no additional nominations from the floor.

Rev. Cheyanna Losey, 2nd term, class of 2018, chair

Rev. Charles Cunningham, 1st term, class of 2019

Elder Nate Rush, 1st term, class of 2020

Rev. Johannes Poettschner, 1st term, class of 2020

Rev. Charlotte Poettschner, 1st term, class of 2020

MSA to receive the report

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Elder Gary Davis presented the treasurer's report.

MSA to receive the report.

CONTINUED WORSHIP

We were invited to share in thanksgiving and prayer by sharing three things we were thankful for and two ways we asked for God's help and guidance. Moderator-Elect Ryan Landino closed the time in prayer.

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND MODERATOR-ELECT

Moderator Elder Sue Sawers led the assembly in the installation of Rev. Ryan Landino as Moderator and Elder Gary Terpstra as Moderator-Elect.

NEW BUSINESS

MSA to elect Elder Diane Lovington as 1st term, class of 2020 to the COM.

MSA for the Presbytery to produce resources on what to do in the event of an active shooter. The Moderator will work on this.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no more new business, Moderator Ryan Landino called for a motion for adjournment with closing worship at 2:13pm. The motion was made, seconded and approved. The next Stated Meeting will be at Five Points in Washington, IL on February 20th, 2017.

APPENDIX A

SUPPLEMENTAL 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 ministers be received:

Rev. Susan Phillips from Winnebago Presbytery

THAT the following ministers be listed as Honorably Retired:

Rev. David Esche effective September 30, 2017

THAT the following ministers be Dismissed:

Transfer Rev. Ed Loper to SE Louisiana Presbytery

THAT the following minister be Removed from the Rolls:

NONE

Deceased:

None

2. CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

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

- Dismiss with thanks the commission to oversee the commissioning of Elder Robert "Bob" Montgomery as Commission Ruling Elder of the Eureka Presbyterian Church, Eureka, IL on September 17, 2017 at 4:30 pm.
- Dismiss with thanks the commission to install Rev. Susan Phillips as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield on October 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

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Rev. John L. Florell	ordained May 1, 1967	50 years
Rev. Henry G. Hein	ordained June 27, 1962	55 years
Rev. David G. Bauer	ordained May 11, 1962	55 years
Rev. Kenneth A. Mortonson	ordained April 9, 1952	65 years

4. PJC

- Report of PJC hearing

APPENDIX B

Visioning Team Report

Return of MIFA Grant Funds

Monmouth-Faith United returned \$7,045.76 from a 2016 MIFA Grant that is no longer a ministry of the church. Charles Cunningham, Temporary Supply and Lorna Blackford, Ruling Elder from Monmouth-Faith United were present to provide clarification and answer any questions. The funds were received and will be returned to the team's 2017 budget.

MIFA Grants

Carlinsville – Federated, \$2970.00 for 2nd year of Saturday Snacks – MSA

Milan – First, \$2,300 for 3rd year of Milan on the Move – MSA

Monmouth College Chaplain Program - \$5,000 for 1st year of Dinner and Devotion – MSA

Buck for Blessings

Geneseo-First, \$500 for Feeding the Needy (partnered with Woodhull-United) – MSA

Woodhull-United, \$500 for Feeding the Needy (partnered with Geneseo-First) – MSA

Rock Island-Good Shepherd, \$1,000 for VBS (partnered with South Park) – MSA

Rock Island-South Park, \$1,000 for VBS (partnered with Good Shepherd) – MSA

Worship Initiative

Mason City-United, \$500 for Sundaes Sunday Outdoor Worship/Fellowship – MSA

Consulting

Rock Island-Broadway, \$2,500 for consulting with Ministry Architects – MSA with Brian McMaster abstaining.

Sabbatical

Dan Ott (Monmouth-Sugar Tree Grove & Monmouth College), \$2,000 – MSA

Monmouth-Sugar Tree Grove will be advised of additional grants available to assist with pulpit supply and/or worship initiatives during Rev. Ott's sabbatical.

After the distribution of the above grants and the receipt of the grant refund, approximately \$30,275 remains in the Visioning Team's 2017 budget. The team discussed how to use the remaining funds. Discussion focused on three areas – hurricane response/relief, small grants to churches, and the need to assist the presbytery and churches in telling mission "success" stories locally and across the presbytery.

It was moved, seconded, and approved that the remaining 2017 funds be distributed as follows: \$20,000 will be given as \$200 "Talent Grants" to each PGR church and the chaplaincy programs at Blackburn, Illinois, and Monmouth Colleges. Churches and the colleges will be encouraged to multiply the talents in mission and share that story with the team and presbytery. The remainder will be used to support a PGR hurricane relief mission trip led by Carolyn Weber, with funds administered by Oneida-United, and as a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund.

The team noted the need for professional guidance/facilitation in helping the presbytery and churches become more adept at promoting the missions/ministries that are happening throughout the presbytery and intends to discuss using a portion of 2018 funds to do this.

2018 meeting dates were set as follows: January 9, April 10, July 10 and October 9, 2018

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jonathan Warren at 1:30 PM.

Submitted by,
Joe Eby, Chair

APPENDIX C

PGR Lead Presbyterian for Transformation search Committee Report

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our work. The Search Committee has been hard at work since September. We have had two in-person meetings, and one on-line meeting in the past two months. We have also completed a fair amount of work via e-mail and phone calls. We appreciate the work of our resource person, Synod Executive Sara Dingman. For support we are relying on the Synod's Administrative Assistant, Judy Johnson, and the Presbytery's Administrative Assistant, Patti Parrish. Their experience, ability, and hard work have made it possible for us to present to you today the completed Ministry Information Form.

The Search Committee has set the following schedule for the completion of our work:

- November 14, 2017 - receive approval of the MIF. The MIF will then be uploaded to the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) database
- November 15, 2017 - advertise in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, *The Christian Century*, Facebook, the Presbytery website, and contact the PCUSA seminaries with Doctor of Ministry programs. We also will ask those in the Presbytery to spread the word of our search
- February 28, 2018 - deadline for applicants to apply
- early March - the Search Committee reviews and ranks the applications
- early April - the Search Committee conducts in-person interviews
- May 8, 2018 assembly meeting - the Search Committee presents the candidate for examination

In keeping with our charge as a Search Committee, we realize that our process requires a considerable degree of confidentiality. To that end we will be happy to hear your questions but are unable to share who has applied for the position. Experience teaches that when applicants' names are revealed during the search, their current positions are often destabilized. By guaranteeing that their names will be treated with confidentiality, talented persons are more likely to apply. We thank everyone in advance for joining us in observing these boundaries.

We invite you to encourage individuals to apply for this position. You are uniquely qualified to help us find a person for this position. Please help us publicize this position with those whom you believe would be interested and well suited for this work. The job description and MIF will be on a special search page on our website <http://www.greatriverspby.org/>

The business we have for your approval is as follows:

- The Search Committee **moves** that the completed Ministry Information Form (MIF) be approved. No second is required. To review the MIF, see the link in the supplemental papers on the Presbytery's website.

In Christ's Service, Co-chairs: Gary Davis & Cheyanna Losey
Penny Frame, Kevin Lueschow, Teri Ott, Chip Roland, Jonathan Warren, Kathie Whitson

APPENDIX D

General Assembly Bills & Overtures Committee Report for GA 223

Our commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly reviewed an overture sent by Central Nebraska Presbytery (CNP) for our concurrence. The commissioners support concurrence for the purpose of allowing this item to be addressed at General Assembly in June 2018. None of the commissioners felt this was a pressing issue but recognized for some other presbyteries, congregations, and individuals this was a needed change to our denomination's practices. Recognizing we have the ability to allow this overture to be added to the business of General Assembly we move that this overture receive concurrence.

For more information about the Administrative Personnel Association you can visit their website at <http://pcusa-apa.org/>.

The overture and rationale from CNP is attached to this report.

In Christ,

Cheyanna Losey, chair
Mike Gizzi
Tim Snart
Karen Beshears
Nathan Null, YAAD

APPENDIX E

Leadership Team Report

Leadership Team (LT) has met regularly throughout this calendar year and serves as the PGR decision-making arm between assemblies. Having the chairpersons of major teams participate in these meetings is crucial for clear communication and cooperation among the various areas of presbytery. LT is working hard to increase communication and transparency. It is our goal to strengthen relationships and trust whenever possible. I have been grateful for the dedicated service of many of our team chairpersons. Here are some highlights of our last gathering.

LT continues to discuss the scheduling and location of presbytery assemblies. At its last meeting on October 19th, dates for presbytery assemblies for 2018 were set. They are:

February 20 (at Five Points, Washington)	Deadlines: <u>Print in office:</u> Jan 31,	<u>Docket:</u> Jan 24
May 8 (Location TBA)	<u>Print in office:</u> April 25,	<u>Docket:</u> April 18
September 11 (Location TBA)	<u>Print in office:</u> August 22,	<u>Docket:</u> Aug 15
November 13 (Location TBA)	<u>Print in office:</u> October 24,	<u>Docket:</u> Oct 17

LT is establishing a task force to continue the conversation begun at the Mid-Council Leaders' Gathering in St. Louis recently regarding Representation and Inclusion throughout the denomination. A Theology of Representation is at the core of this conversation.

LT is also establishing a small group (1 Minister of Word & Sacrament, 1 CLP and 1 Ruling Elder) convened by the moderator or moderator's appointee, to review and clarify Article VI, Section 5 of the Manual of Operations regarding how pastors serving churches in called or commissioned status are counted towards the Quorum for presbytery assemblies. [This was brought to the moderator's attention after the 'close quorum calls' we had at the August and September assemblies.]

LT is exploring interest in engaging a bus (or buses) from Great Rivers to the 2018 General Assembly in St. Louis from June 16-23. This would be a one-day visit to see how GA works and take advantage of the exhibit hall offerings.

My sincere thanks to each member of LT this year. In a presbytery our size, no one person (read that 'moderator') could possibly be on top of every issue in every committee and team. It takes all of us together to keep Great Rivers flowing smoothly.

In Christ,

Sue Sawers. Moderator

APPENDIX F

Committee On Ministry (COM) Report

COM Actions at its August 22 Meeting

Approved the following:

- A. **Request Assembly to dissolve the Peoria Bethel Presbyterian Church, understanding the church membership will be held by presbytery.**
- B. Pastoral dissolution between Rev. Rebecca Weltmann and Washington Presbyterian Church. Rev. Rebecca Weltmann moved to Member-at-Large status.
- C. Retirement of Rev. David Esche, effective September 30, 2017.
- D. Transfer of Rev. Ed Loper to SE Louisiana Presbytery.
- E. Amended COM Handbook to the effect that the COM Moderator will not be assigned as a Ministry Partner, unless the COM votes by 3/4th majority to temporarily suspend this rule.
- F. Set COM meeting dates for 2018 as follows:
 - January 23
 - February 27
 - March 20
 - April 24
 - May 22
 - June 26
 - July 24
 - August 28
 - September 25
 - October 23
 - December 4
- G. Resignation of Rev. Stephen Hill, Clinton Presbyterian Church.
- H. Temporary Supply Agreement between Rev. Tim Mitchell and Washington Presbyterian Church.
- I. Temporary Supply Agreement between Rev. Laurie Hill and Clinton Presbyterian Church.
- J. Transitional Contract between Rev. Dr. Laura Brookens Reason and United Presbyterian Church-Peoria.
- K. 2017 Terms of Call for Rev. Jaechul Kim, Springfield-Korean United Presbyterian Church.
- L. Authorized ruling elder, David Eyler, to perform a wedding at First Presbyterian Church, Galesburg, under the direction of Rev. Shawn Smith. David Eyler will be commissioned to Galesburg-First for this purpose only during a worship service for that purpose.

COM actions at its September 26, 2017 Meeting

- A. Approved the following:
- B. Clinton Presbyterian Church request to revise the compensation statement in their Ministry Information Form to increase the compensation from \$45,108 (presbytery minimum) to \$52,000.
- C. A commission to oversee the commissioning of Elder Robert "Bob" Montgomery as Commissioned Ruling Elder of the Eureka Presbyterian Church, Eureka, IL on September 17, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

- D. Definition of Part Time: Modify the **CONTRACT FORM _TRANSITIONAL-TEMP SUPPLY-CLP** to add 0-19 hours and 20-34 hours as part time work.
- E. Having completed Commissioned Lay Pastor course work, Gary Pullen was granted a waiver on the preaching class requirement. Rev. Charles Cunningham will continue as his mentor.
- F. James Elliott was granted special dispensation to serve an additional term as a member of the Springfield-Knox session, which was approved during their session meeting 9/17/17.
- G. \$4,000 was granted for Rev. Jaechul Kim, which is associated with a possible Shared Grant Application to the Board of Pensions.
- H. Received Rev. Susan Phillips from Winnebago Presbytery into the Presbytery of Great Rivers.
- I. Commission to install Rev. Susan Phillips as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield on October 8, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Commission is as follows
CLP/Elder Sue Sawers – Moderator
Rev. Chuck Goodman, Springfield-Hope
Rev. Lonna Lee, Pleasant Plains-Farmingdale
Rev. Adam Quine, Lincoln-First
Elder Sharon Miller, Springfield-Third
Corresponding Member – Laura Mariko Cheifetz, Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
- J. Covenant between Rev. Drew Nagle and the Community Presbyterian Church, Sherrard.
- K. Financials for Washington Presbyterian Church and authorized them to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Supplemental Committee On Ministry (COM) Report

COM Actions at its October 24 Meeting

Minimum Salary recommendations for 2018

Recommend assembly raise the minimum salary by 2%.

- LEVEL 1 - The total effective minimum salary for newly ordained pastors and those with less than 4 years' experience: \$43,389
- LEVEL 2 - The total effective minimum salary for pastors with four or more years of experience: \$46,717.
- CLP (full time) - The total effective minimum salary: \$34,710

APPENDIX G

SUPPLEMENTAL Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

For action:

1. To elect as readers for 2018 Standard Ordination Exams as follows:

February reading period

- Siobhan Warren, TE (Member-at-large)
- Donella Hess-Grabill, RE (New Covenant Community)

May reading period

- Laurence Timothy Doty, TE (LeRoy)
- Sheila Sheer, RE (Milan-First)
- Alternate – Forrest Krummel, TE (First Federated)

2. To receive the Report of CPM

- Jennifer Hardin completed her Annual Consultation
- Motion passed to continue the status as candidate for Jennifer Hardin.
- Motion passed to set the following dates for CPM meetings in 2018: 01-25, 05-24, 09-27.
- CPM reviewed the draft manual for Commissioned Lay Pastors and affirmed a role for CPM with respect to the preparation process of those interested in becoming CLPs.

APPENDIX H

Administration Team Report

September 11, 2017

MSA to cash out in whole the CD at Bank of Yates City and move the monies to South Side Bank in Peoria with the Presbytery being the recipients of the proceeds from the CD.

MSA to stay at current/set shared mission recommended rate for the Presbytery's shared mission giving. The current/set shared rates are:

52.5% going to PGR

5% going to Synod of Lincoln Trails

42.5% going to PMA

MSA to pay legal fees up to \$5,000 for the disciplinary case moving forward in the Presbytery. This request came from Rev. John Rickard, EP/Stated Clerk of Blackhawk Presbytery who is serving as the Stated Clerk for this particular case in our Presbytery. If there are additional costs beyond \$5,000, an e-vote of the committee will be required.

MSA to hold our next Admin meeting on Monday, October 2nd from 3-p.m. at the PGR office.

MSA to recommend the Lead Presbyter for Transformation's job description to the assembly for their approval, with much thanks to the Presbytery's Leadership Congress that has worked so hard on the job description and plans for moving forward.

October 2, 2017

MSA to ratify e-vote of approving the August 12th, 2017 Assembly Minutes.

MSA to add to the budget to pay the additional cost for the Presbytery's four General Assembly commissioners to have single rooms in 2018.

MSA to the Leadership Team to recommend that the Transformation Grant Funds be used to pay for the expenses of the Lead Presbyter for Transformation search committee starting with the expense of the leadership congress up to \$20,000.

MSA that Administration Team recommend to Personnel Committee to discuss necessary changes that may need to be made regarding personnel expenses; reviewing staff salaries and other personnel expenses for the 2019 budget.

MSA to approve the 2018 budget with amendments.

MSA to approve the Presbyterian Church of Denver's request to build a manse garage.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

As I review 2017 from the Moderator's chair, I realize what a full calendar we have had in Great Rivers! It has been a joy to visit so many churches and church-related institutions and to work with so many dedicated Presbyterians as we met the various challenges of this year.

We have come together in five Assemblies around the presbytery (2/14 in Washington, 5/13 in Rock Island, 8/12 in Monmouth, 9/19 in Peoria [special-called], and 11/14 in Washington. We have ordained and/or installed five Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Sam Gibb - Pekin; Jean Sparks - Delavan; Jessica Hawkinson - Monmouth College; Alex Lysdahl - Peoria United; and Susan Phillips, Springfield First). We have commissioned five Lay Pastors (Kirby Ballard - Carrollton; Penny Frame - Lewistown; Karen Miller - Peoria United; Bob Montgomery - Eureka; and Sheila Sheer - Orion-Beulah). We have welcomed several interim pastors. And, we have celebrated anniversaries with Green Valley (185 years) and Coal Valle (150 years.)

In March both Moderators and CLP Point Person Kathy Mitchell convened three lunches around the Presbytery (Macomb, Bloomington, and Galesburg) to listen to the needs of Lay Pastors within our bounds. In May our General Presbyter Alan Finnan announced his retirement effective June 30. This created an opportunity for Great Rivers to think about what kind of leadership it needs to move forward in a new time for the church. To help your leadership discern what is appropriate for such leadership, both Moderators convened four town-hall meetings in June. These were held around the Presbytery (Springfield, Milan, Peoria and Macomb) to listen to all of you as our presbytery seeks new directions for PGR.

Your presbytery leadership convened the usual rounds of Team meetings for Leadership, COM, CPM, Visioning, Administration, Personnel, Nominating, and Interfaith, and then convened three Leadership Congress meetings and extra Personnel Committee meetings as needed. You established a new Lead Presbyter Search Committee in September which has started its work. Rest assured that roads into Peoria from every direction have been smoking this entire year!

As your Moderator, I attended a Synod Workshop on 8/22, and participated in the usual committee meetings and conference calls throughout the year. I have also served on the Board of Directors of Kemmerer Village (a Presbyterian-affiliated residential home for troubled youth near Assumption) and on the Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee for the Central Illinois Presbyterian Build which happened this past spring. Dedication of this house was made possible through the hard work and cooperation of 12 Presbyterian churches (Athens Indian Point, Buffalo Hart, Carlinville, Chatham, Greenview, Farmingdale, Petersburg Central, Virden, and Springfield Hope, First, Third and Westminster), the Bucks for Blessings grants, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and students from Blackburn College and University of Illinois at Springfield. Our fund-raising also netted enough money to build two habitat houses in Bangladesh. What a fabulous experience for all concerned! And, I have just found out that our build inspired the local District of the United Methodist Church to take on sponsorship of a Habitat house this coming spring 2018!

As you can see, much has been happening within the bounds of Great Rivers this year. I want to thank each of you who serves on a committee or task force, who gives selflessly of time and talent to make PGR mission projects successful, and who continually keep us in prayer. So many hard-working Presbyterians without whom none of the above would happen! THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Moderator this year.

In Christ,

Sue Sawers, CLP