

Administration Team Report

April 2024

MSA to recommend the following to the Assembly for approval:

- **To approve the sale of the manse of First Presbyterian Church of Coal Valley.**

At their March 10, 2024 Congregational Meeting, First Presbyterian Church of Coal Valley approved the sale of their church manse located at 1703 East 3rd Street, Coal Valley be sold to Rev. Tim and Lori Snart in as is condition with a sale price of \$125,000.00.

- **To change our Shared Mission Giving apportionment for Presbytery from 52.5% to 75% and GA (Presbyterian Mission Agency) from 42.5% to 20%. The apportionment change would go into effect immediately.**

We saw the following shared mission giving comparison list of all the presbyteries in our synod. We reviewed all policies and manuals and the only place the percentages are listed are on our remittance form. Since our Synod has a large pool of investments/assets to draw from, we decided to keep it the same and only change the mission giving percentages of Presbytery and General Assembly (Presbyterian Mission Agency). Since we are only 1/3 of the year in, we recommend the Presbytery to make the change for the entire calendar year. This will not effect churches that specify the percentage of mission funds/pledge. If this passes, we will contact all churches and provide updated forms.

2023 Shared Mission Giving for Synod of Lincoln Trails Presbyteries			
Blackhawk	Presbytery 75%	Synod 5%	GA 20%
Chicago	Presbytery 70%	Synod 10%	GA 20%
Great Rivers	Presbytery 52.5%	Synod 5%	GA 42.5%
Ohio Valley	Presbytery 60%	Synod 10%	GA 30%
SE Illinois	Presbytery 75	Synod 5%	GA 20%
Wabash Valley	Presbytery 85%	Synod 5%	GA 10%
Whitewater Valley	Presbytery 75%	Synod 5%	GA 20%

For information:

Minutes Approved - We approved the PGR Assembly Minutes: November 18, 2023; February 20, 2024.

Property - Since selling/purchasing/leasing property needs to be handled in a timely matter Admin does not need to wait for a Presbytery Assembly meeting to help your church. Please complete the appropriate form www.greatriverspby.org/admin-forms and/or contact Admin Team Chair (see contact below).

Per Capita - We are very excited for the many churches who continue to give faithfully. Additionally, we are thrilled that several churches have made big strides in completing their per capita giving so far this year! We will be including Per Capita FAQs in our first quarter statements (please share with your session).

Recommended Book - Join Admin Team in reading Mark Elsdon's new book, *Gone for Good: Negotiating the Coming Wave of Church Property Transitions* (recommended by Lead Presbyter Ann Schwartz).

Board of Pensions - We will be working with Leadership Team in finding ways to help pastors and churches with the newly announced 2025 benefits plans www.seasonofrebuilding.pensions.org/

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