



STATED MEETING
Presbytery of Great Rivers
 COMPLETE DOCKET
 May 17th, 2022

The Mission of the Presbytery of Great Rivers:
*“We are called to share Christ’s love by partnering in service,
 uniting in worship, and risking in ministry”*

To access the meeting, you must pre-register by following the link below (see full instructions for virtual meeting etiquette under papers for this meeting on the presbytery website.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYuf-yrpzgiHdQLiMODyCbmyDJXYCuBg52L>

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

3:30 Sign-in to Zoom

4:00 Call to Order with Prayer MWS Chuck Goodman, Moderator

Acknowledging Native American Heritage of Gathering Sites MWS Elissa Bailey

Welcome and Instructions Moderator, Chuck Goodman

- Establish the Roll and Seat Corresponding Members
- Establishment of quorum
- Introduction and seating of first-time Teaching Elder commissioners
- Introduction of first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners
- Introduction of Corresponding Members

PARTNERING IN MISSION

4:10 Adoption of the Docket

Omnibus Motion

Motion to Enter All Written Reports into The Permanent Minutes:

Stated Clerk, Treasurer, CLP/CRE Coordinator, GAP Presbyter, Visioning, Committee on Accessibility, Representation and Equity (CARE)

RISKING IN MINISTRY

4:15 Stated Clerk’s Report

MWS Elissa Bailey

4:25 Gap/Bridge Presbyter

MWS John Rickard

4:30 Administrative Assistant

PGR Staff, Lindsay Zubal

4:35 **CURRENT BUSINESS** (*Reports are in the Assembly tab on the website.*)

- I. [Administration](#) RE Julio Garcia
 - Nomination for Nominating Committee Chair – MWS Andy Sonneborn
- II. [Nominating](#) RE Julio Garcia
 - Personnel Committee – RE Nena Visser, New Windsor (2025)
 - Committee on Ministry - MWS Paul Stroup – Clinton (2025)
RE Randy Sigler, Leroy First (2023)
- III. [Committee On Ministry \(COM\)](#) MWS James Benson
 - COM Manual Update
- IV. [Committee on Preparation for Ministry](#) MWS Maura McGrath Nagle
 - Lorna R. Blackford: Examination to be moved from Inquirer to Candidate
 - Mackenzie M. Jager:
 - 1) Request for a waiver of the congregational membership time requirement (req. $\frac{3}{4}$ vote); If approved, **then**
 - 2) Enroll Mackenzie M. Jager as an Inquirer.
- V. Visioning MWS Jessica Hawkinson

5:45 **NEW BUSINESS** - *This is not a time for announcements, but for introducing other business not previously docketed before the assembly.*

5:50 **TEN MINUTE BIO-BREAK**

Use this time also to gather the Lord's Supper communion elements.

UNITING IN WORSHIP

6:05 Call to Worship - Matt Wilcox

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

We proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

We are here to worship the God of life and wisdom.

God will send us out to serve.

Music – “They’ll Know We Are Christians” by Camp Stronghold

- 6:10 Scripture James 3:1-12 Diane Ludington
 Sermon “Who Will Teach?” CRE Diane Ludington, Prev. Moderator
- 6:30 Breakout Room Discussion (20) MWS Katie Styr
 1. What is something important our churches need to learn?
 2. How does your congregation proclaim the gospel in an average week?
 3. Where is God sending you this summer?
- 6:50 Moment in Ministry (5) Video Summer Camps, General Assembly, Synod School
- 6:55 Commissioning Service MWS Cheyanna Losey
- 7:05 Call to Offering Amy Rasing, Dir. of Development
 IL Presby Home Communities
- Giving link - <https://www.iphcommunities.org/donate>
- 7:15 Prayer of Dedication

SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE

- 7:20 Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper MWS Tim Snart
- 7:35 Sharing Good News
Please raise your virtual hand to be recognized, then unmute and briefly share your ministry’s good news!
- 7:45 Announcements
- 7:55 Benediction CRE Diane Ludington
- Musical Response “Benediction Song” from Camp Stronghold
- 8:00 Adjournment MWS Katie Styr, Moderator-elect

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- Commissioners: please turn in evaluation forms
 - The next Assembly is August 30th, 2022 at Hope PC, Springfield

Stated Clerk's Report

May 17th, 2022

The following are reported to the Assembly:

The following MWSs have been received:

- NA

The following have been ordained and listed as a member of the Presbytery:

- NA

The following have been temporarily transferred from other denominations while serving churches in the Presbytery of Great Rivers:

- NA

The following MWSs have been listed as Honorably Retired:

- Rev. Drew Nagle, 5/31/2022, from Rock Island, Gloria Dei

The following MWSs have been dismissed:

1. NA

The following MWSs have been removed from the rolls:

2. NA

The following MWSs have been transferred to the church triumphant in their deaths:

3. Rev. George Cottay, JR. Died on March 17, 2022

The following administrative commissions were trained:

- The Administrative Commission appointed to assist the four Rock Island churches.
- The Administrative Commission appointed to assist First Presbyterian Church in Bushnell.
- The Administrative Commission appointed to assist the Farmingdale Pleasant Plains Church.

The following congregations have completed and passed their Session Record Review:

Aledo, College Ave

Aledo, Sunbeam

Alexis, Norwood

Athens, Indian Point

Bloomington, Second

Bloomington, St. Luke

Bushnell, First United

Canton, First

Carlinville, Fed	Carthage, First
Chenoa, Chenoa	Clinton, First
Coal Valley, First	Delevan, First
Elmwood, First	Eureka, Eureka
Farmington, First	Galesburg, First
Ipava, Ipava	Jacksonville, First
Kirkwood, Westminster	LeRoy, First
Lincoln, First	Macomb, First
Mason City, First	Monmouth, Faith United
Morton, First	New Windsor, New Windsor
Normal, First	Oneida, United
Orion, Beulah	Pekin, First
Peoria, Westminster	Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale
Quincy, Ellington Memorial	Reynold, Hamlet Perryton
Rio, Rio	Rock Island, Gloria Dei
Rock Island, Good Shepherd	Seaton, Center
Springfield, First	Springfield, Hope
Springfield, Westminster	Stronghurst, Stronghurst
Viola, First	Virginia, Sangamon Valley
Washington, Washington	Woodhull, United
Yates City, Faith United	

2022 First Quarter Budget Narrative

Balance Sheet

Our Balance Sheet lists our assets and how they are dispersed into restricted and unrestricted funds. We normally list the one-year difference on our balance sheet, but I thought we should include what has happened since we closed the books in December 2021. While our checking account has increased because we haven't had many large expenses thus far in '21, our investments have decreased over \$52,000 from the year end 2021. We continually monitor the checking account balance to ensure ample cash to pay our expenses, especially when the markets are down.

Income Statement

Income (first quarter = 25% of year)

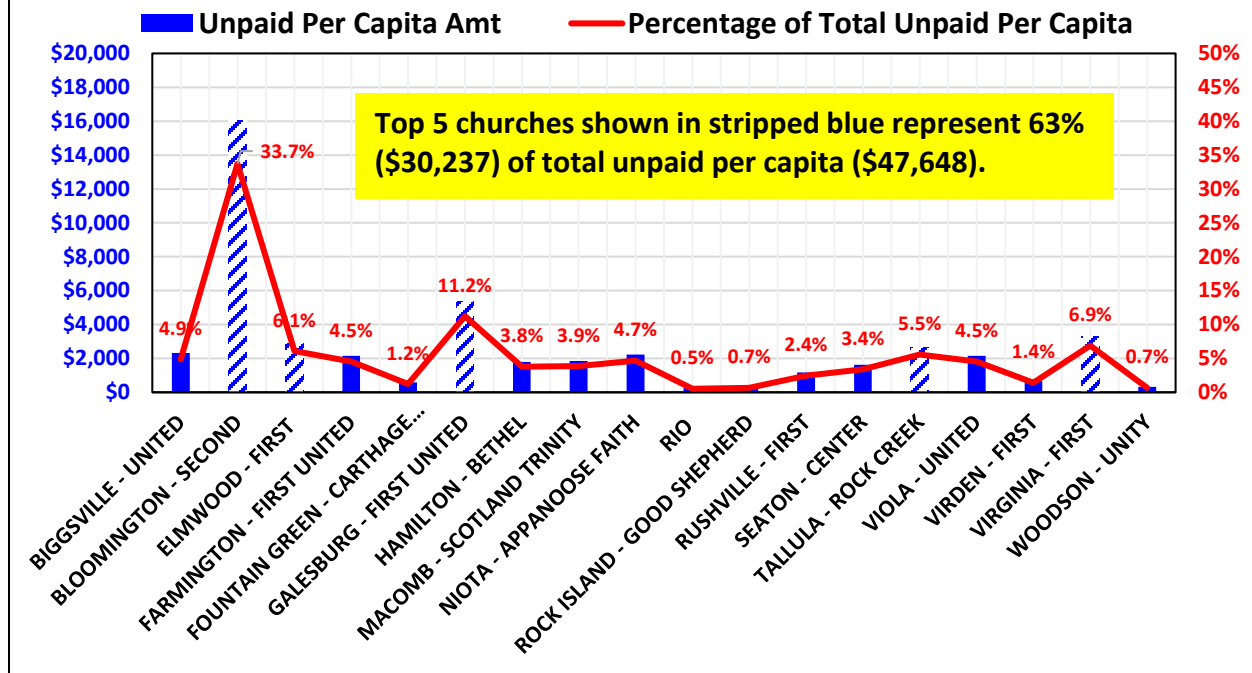
Our primary source of cash flow throughout the year is per capita, mission giving, and the trust clause payments. Our per capita remains at \$35.25 per member for 2022. With a presbytery membership of 9,714 our total per capita income should be \$342,418. Of this total, \$37,010 and \$87,232 is sent on to Synod and GA respectively, leaving \$218,176 for the presbytery.

You'll note we only budgeted \$185,452 or 85% of what we should receive (\$218,176). That has been the amount we have received from churches over the past 4-5 years. That difference represents \$32,726 in lost income to GRP. In addition, GRP pays the full amount owed to Synod and GA. When churches don't pay their full amount, that difference of \$18,637 results in an unpaid per capita expense to GRP. **The total impact on lost income and extra expense is \$51,363 of lost cash flow, each year!**

2022:

- While per capita is ahead of plan at 34% in the first quarter, 29% represents 2022 per capita giving and 5% represents 2021 completed per capita giving. (See graph below for the breakdown of unpaid per capita for 2021.)
- Mission giving is just below plan at 23%. However, our churches have given generously to the Presbytery Disaster Relief organization – more than \$85,000. Thank you for your generosity.
- As mentioned above, our investments are down from year end 2021 by more than \$52,000. While this does not represent a loss to our checkbook (unless we sell our securities), it does reflect negative impact on our assets.

2021 Unpaid Per Capita



Expenses

- Personnel costs are below plan because when we put the budget together, we assumed Ryan would be full time again in 2022. However, we have a contract with John for much less than Ryan's package.
- Office costs are close to what was budgeted. Those costs will decrease after April 1 because of the new lease we signed with FFC reducing our monthly rent from over \$1100 to \$350.

As can be seen there are very few other costs under Administration and Program expenses. We expect those cost to increase with the awarding of grants from Visioning and with invoices from Synod and GA for unpaid 2021 per capita.

While the bottom line shows us at a negative \$19,397 for revenue compared to expenses, if we adjust for the negative *investment income*, our actual cash flow is +\$37,739. That is why the checking account shows an increase compared to December 31, 2021, on the Balance Sheet.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Strawbridge

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
CURRENT TO PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE
AS OF March 31, 2022

Assets	March 2021	March 2022	Year on Year Increase/ (Decrease)	December 2021	2022 Increase/ (Decrease)
Cash					
Checking and CDs	\$ 227,757	\$ 203,216	\$ (24,542)	\$ 176,027	\$ 27,189
Investments	754,221	771,799	17,578	823,936	\$ (52,136)
Lease Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,480</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 984,458</u>	<u>\$ 977,495</u>	<u>\$ (6,963)</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,442</u>	<u>\$ (24,948)</u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets					
Liabilities					
Liabilities Payable	\$ 116	\$ -	\$ (116)	\$ -	\$ -
Pass Thru Liabilities	2,897	2,541	(356)	9,441	\$ (6,901)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,013</u>	<u>\$ 2,541</u>	<u>\$ (472)</u>	<u>\$ 9,441</u>	<u>\$ (6,901)</u>
Net Assets					
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 871,984</u>	<u>\$ 877,270</u>	<u>\$ 5,286</u>	<u>\$ 895,057</u>	<u>\$ (17,787)</u>
Designated					
Presbytery Leaders Support	-	-	-	-	-
Presbyter Relocation	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	\$ -
Total Designated	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Temporarily Restricted					
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 10,132	\$ 9,129	\$ (1,003)	\$ 9,129	\$ -
Peacemaking	16,066	19,786	3,719	19,786	\$ -
Synod Pastor Support Grants	1,701	1,701	-	1,701	\$ -
Synod Transformation Grant	67,146	52,652	(14,494)	52,912	\$ (260)
Ministers Temporary Disability	3,110	3,110	-	3,110	\$ -
Hands & Feet Scholarships	107	107	-	107	\$ -
Pastor Compassion Funds	600	600	-	600	\$ -
CLP Coordinator	600	600	-	600	\$ -
Total Temporarily Restricted	<u>\$ 99,461</u>	<u>\$ 87,684</u>	<u>\$ (11,777)</u>	<u>\$ 87,944</u>	<u>\$ (260)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 981,445</u>	<u>\$ 974,954</u>	<u>\$ (6,491)</u>	<u>\$ 993,001</u>	<u>\$ (18,047)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 984,458</u>	<u>\$ 977,495</u>	<u>\$ (6,963)</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,442</u>	<u>\$ (24,948)</u>

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE
YEAR TO DATE March 31, 2022

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
Support and Revenue				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita	\$ 62,366	\$ 185,452	\$ 123,086	34%
Mission	14,077	61,600	47,523	23%
Trust Clause Payments	3,847	11,500	7,653	33%
Total Congregational Support	<u>\$ 80,289</u>	<u>\$ 258,552</u>	<u>\$ 170,610</u>	<u>31%</u>
Investment Income	(52,136)	40,100	92,236	-130%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 28,152</u>	<u>\$ 298,652</u>	<u>\$ 262,846</u>	<u>9%</u>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	<u>(1,611)</u>			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ 330			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	781			
Other Receipts	500			
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 1,611</u>			
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 28,152</u>			

Expenses

Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 4,375	\$ 121,229	\$ 116,854	4%
Stated Clerk	6,421	19,170	12,749	33%
Senior Administrative Assistant	-	32,871	32,871	0%
Bookkeeper	5,888	22,839	16,951	26%
PT Admin Asst (Virtual) & CW	6,390		(6,390)	
CLP Coordinator	2,018	8,874	6,856	23%
Bridge Presbyter Salary	13,125		(13,125)	
Workers Compensation Insurance	215	900	685	24%
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	<u>\$ 38,433</u>	<u>\$ 205,883</u>	<u>\$ 167,450</u>	<u>19%</u>
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 3,273	\$ 14,924	\$ 11,651	22%
Office Operations and Supplies	5,430	16,525	11,095	33%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	<u>\$ 8,703</u>	<u>\$ 31,449</u>	<u>\$ 22,746</u>	<u>28%</u>

Expenses (continued)

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ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE
YEAR TO DATE March 31, 2022

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	-	3,300	3,300	0%
Audit Fee	-	-	-	
Moderator Training	-	1,250	\$ 1,250	0%
Assembly Meetings (PGR)	-	1,200	\$ 1,200	0%
Per Capita Shortfall	-	21,400	21,400	0%
General Assembly Delegates	-	2,000	2,000	0%
Payroll Service	385	1,600	1,215	24%
Legal Fees	-	100	100	0%
PGR Training (Elder/Deacon, Ldrshp)	-	750	750	0%
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 385</u>	<u>\$ 31,600</u>	<u>\$ 31,215</u>	<u>1%</u>
Meeting Expense - All Teams	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 900</u>	<u>\$ 900</u>	<u>0%</u>
Program Expenses				
Committee on Ministry	\$ 27	\$ 5,550	\$ 5,523	0%
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	-	250	250	0%
Visioning Grants	-	46,000	46,000	0%
Continuing Education Grants	-	3,000	3,000	0%
Presbytery Events	-	1,000	1,000	0%
Pastoral Care/Compassion Fund	-	1,000	1,000	0%
Illinois Conference of Churches	-	500	500	0%
Disaster Relief	-	-	-	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 27</u>	<u>\$ 57,300</u>	<u>\$ 57,273</u>	<u>0%</u>
Other Expenses				
Bank Fees & Expenses	3	100	97	3%
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>3%</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 47,550</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 279,585</u>	<u>15%</u>
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	-	-		
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 47,550</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 279,682</u>	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ (19,397)</u>	<u>\$ (28,580)</u>	<u>(9,183)</u>	
Cash Flow	<u>\$ 32,739</u>			

**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
SHARED MISSION AND PER CAPITA SUPPORT BY CHURCH
YTD THROUGH March 31 2022**

Thank You

CHURCH	MISSION			PER CAPITA		
	PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEGGE	DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ADAIR - WEST PRAIRIE			-	740.25		740.25
ALEDO - COLLEGE AVENUE			-	3,560.25		3,560.25
ALEDO - SUNBEAM	1,000.00	1000	-	564.00	564.00	-
ALEXIS - NORWOOD			-	1,868.25		1,868.25
ATHENS - INDIAN POINT	600.00	600.00	-	1,057.50	1,057.50	-
BARTONVILLE - TRINITY	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,233.75	1,233.75	-
BIGGSVILLE - UNITED			-	2,256.00		2,256.00
BLOOMINGTON - SECOND			-	24,604.50		24,604.50
BLOOMINGTON - ST LUKE UNION			-	3,736.50		3,736.50
BUFFALO - BUFFALO HART (left 8/24/21)			-	3,137.25		3,137.25
BUSHNELL - FIRST			-	2,573.25		2,573.25
CANTON - FIRST			-	3,137.25		3,137.25
CARLINVILLE - FEDERATED	500.00	1,621.50	(1,121.50)	1,621.50		1,621.50
CARROLLTON - FIRST			-	1,339.50	1,339.50	-
CARTHAGE - FIRST			-	2,749.50	2,749.50	-
CHATHAM		1,413.00	(1,413.00)	6,274.50	3,276.00	2,998.50
CHENOA - FIRST			-	669.75	669.75	-
CLAYTON - FEDERATED			-	282.00	282.00	-
CLINTON	2,500.00		2,500.00	4,124.25		4,124.25
COAL VALLEY - FIRST			-	5,851.50	5,851.50	-
DANVERS - FIRST			-	5,322.75		5,322.75
DELAVAN - FIRST	2,000.00	500.00	1,500.00	1,692.00	423.00	1,269.00
DIVERNON - FIRST			-	1,480.50		1,480.50
EAST MOLINE - FIRST		750.00	(750.00)	4,547.25	2,274.00	2,273.25
EDWARDS - KOREAN			-	1,339.50		1,339.50
ELMWOOD - FIRST			-	2,820.00	141.00	2,679.00
EUREKA			-	846.00		846.00
FARMINGTON - FIRST UNITED	600.00	150.00	450.00	3,595.50	916.50	2,679.00
FOUNTAIN GREEN - CARTHAGE UNITED			-	2,256.00		2,256.00
GALESBURG - FIRST UNITED			-	8,142.75		8,142.75
GENESE0 - FIRST			-	3,066.75		3,066.75
GREENVIEW - UNITED			-	1,233.75		1,233.75
HAMILTON - BETHEL			-	1,797.75		1,797.75
IPA VA - UNITED			-	1,656.75		1,656.75
JACKSONVILLE - FIRST		200.01	(200.01)	12,513.75	6,787.50	5,726.25
KIRKWOOD - WESTMINSTER			-	1,515.75		1,515.75
KNOXVILLE - FIRST			-	1,868.25		1,868.25
LEROY - FIRST			-	4,794.00		4,794.00
LEWISTOWN - FIRST			-	2,150.25		2,150.25
LINCOLN - FIRST		500.00	(500.00)	4,688.25		4,688.25
MACOMB - FIRST		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	9,059.25	2,220.78	6,838.47
MACOMB - SCOTLAND TRINITY			-	2,009.25	200.00	1,809.25
MASON CITY - UNITED	500.00	500.00	-	1,938.75	1,938.75	-
MEDIA - U P COMMUNITY			-	317.25	317.25	-
MIDDLETOWN - FIRST			-	493.50		493.50

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	PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEGGE	DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ADAIR - WEST PRAIRIE			-	740.25		740.25
MILAN - FIRST			-	4,512.00	4,512.00	-
MONMOUTH - FAITH UNITED			-	7,649.25		7,649.25
MONMOUTH - SUGAR TREE GROVE			-	1,057.50	264.38	793.12
MORTON - FIRST			-	740.25	740.25	-
MT STERLING - P C OF CHRIST			-	987.00	987.00	-
NAUVOO - FIRST **dis 11/14/20**			-	-		-
NEW WINDSOR - UNITED			-	5,217.00	4,500.00	717.00
NIOTA - APPANOOSE FAITH			-	2,220.75		2,220.75
NORMAL - FIRST	25,000.00	6,250.01	18,749.99	15,721.50	7,860.75	7,860.75
NORMAL - NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY	400.00		400.00	669.75		669.75
ONEIDA-FIRST		650.00	(650.00)	669.75		669.75
ORION - BEULAH			-	2,044.50		2,044.50
PEKIN - FIRST			-	2,538.00		2,538.00
PEORIA - FIRST FEDERATED			-	11,597.25	11,597.28	(0.03)
PEORIA - UNITED			-	14,170.50		14,170.50
PEORIA - WESTMINSTER		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	4,406.25		4,406.25
PERRY			-	423.00		423.00
PETERSBURG - CENTRAL		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	3,454.50	863.63	2,590.87
PLEASANT PLAINS - FARMINGDALE		400.00	(400.00)	3,172.50		3,172.50
QUINCY - ELLINGTON MEMORIAL			-	2,820.00		2,820.00
REYNOLDS - HAMLET PERRYTON			-	1,762.50	1,762.50	-
RIO			-	3,278.25		3,278.25
ROCK ISLAND - BROADWAY			-	1,374.75		1,374.75
ROCK ISLAND - GLORIA DEI		300.00	(300.00)	705.00		705.00
ROCK ISLAND - GOOD SHEPHERD		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	6,627.00	5,992.50	634.50
ROCK ISLAND - SOUTH PARK			-	5,957.25		5,957.25
RUSHVILLE - FIRST			-	1,163.25		1,163.25
SEATON - CENTER			-	1,903.50		1,903.50
SPRINGFIELD - FIRST	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	9,905.25	3,301.75	6,603.50
SPRINGFIELD - HOPE	3,300.00		3,300.00	4,265.25		4,265.25
SPRINGFIELD - KNOX ** closed 12/31/21**			-	705.00		705.00
SPRINGFIELD - KOREAN UNITED			-	1,551.00		1,551.00
SPRINGFIELD - THIRD	1,000.00		1,000.00	6,274.50		6,274.50
SPRINGFIELD - WESTMINSTER	17,000.00	2,834.00	14,166.00	36,096.00	6,564.00	29,532.00
STRONGHURST			-	528.75	528.75	-
TALLULA - ROCK CREEK			-	2,608.50		2,608.50
VIOLA - UNITED			-	2,009.25		2,009.25
VIRDEN - FIRST			-	669.75		669.75
VIRGINIA - FIRST			-	3,172.50		3,172.50
VIRGINIA - SANGAMON VALLEY			-	1,304.25	1,304.25	-
WARSAW - FIRST			-	3,066.75		3,066.75
WASHINGTON			-	3,243.00	3,243.00	-
WHITE HALL - FIRST			-	951.75		951.75
WOODHULL - UNITED			-	4,723.50	1,200.00	3,523.50
WOODSON - UNITY			-	317.25		317.25
YATES CITY - FAITH UNITED			-	1,656.75	1,656.75	-
Totals	59,400.00	29,668.52	29,731.48	342,418.50	89,121.07	253,297.43
					26%	

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PGR CLP/CRE Coordinator Report to the Assembly
April 28, 2022

The purpose of this report is to give the Assembly a summary of the work I have conducted so far as the CLP/CRE Coordinator.

Lent was a season, much like Advent, when my support was mostly prayer and not adding more meetings to the calendar. We enjoyed some lively monthly fellowship times, increased the sharing of personal prayer requests, and shared resources. We also began planning for our first in-person gathering which will take place this summer. As the school year winds down and we all find ourselves with a bit of empty space on the calendar I will be visiting our commissioned pastors in-person. I also plan to visit our trained-not-yet-serving-a-commission-ruling elders.

This calendar year I have been added to the Leadership Team and the weekly presbytery staff meetings. These meetings provide me the chance to offer support to our presbytery and gather information to answer the questions of our commissioned pastors.

I continue to be in conversation with my counterparts in other presbyteries for the purpose of learning if there are resources or information we can share. This has been an enlightening and joyful experience.

My big administrative project for this coming quarter is working to identify inconsistencies between the documentation I was given, the COM handbook, and the CPM handbook.

I attempted to keep track of all my hours for the first contract year. The contract allows for 120-180 hours/year. The total hours I worked from March 8, 2021 through March 7, 2022 were 128 hours, 59 minutes. Though vacation and continuing education time are not a part of my Coordinator contract, I did not work during my time off from United Church of Woodhull. I also did not meet a single commissioned pastor in-person, which means there was no travel time or expenses for the year. This will change for this contract year. I hope this offers a glimpse of the work the presbytery is paying me to complete.

If you have any interest in learning about the CLP/CRE training please contact me. We have a limited number of people on our list, and it would be helpful to increase that number.

I continue to offer my suggestion that we find a way to offer organized pastoral care to all our pastors, commissioned, at-large, validated ministers, retired, designated, and installed. The continued collegiality I witness between our commissioned pastors is a wonderful example of how we can strengthen our congregations, our leaders, this presbytery, and the whole church.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's Service.
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Administrative Committee Assembly Report

There were e-votes taken:

- 1- Approval: Andy Sonneborn nominated for chair of the Nominating Committee 2025
- 2- Approval: Final approval for Morton to close on sale.

A special meeting was held to approve Elissa Bailey Salary rate increase which was recommended by Personnel, please refer to the Personnel committee's report concerning this issue.

While presenting the normal Treasurer's report Bill spoke extensively on how the GRP budget is prepared by way of the Finance Sub-Committee and monitored by the staff and the Admin Committee.

Real Estate Issues:

The Rock Island consolidation of four churches is well on its way:

- 1- Broadway
- 2- Good Shepherd
- 3- Gloria Del
- 4- South Park

Morton has sold but will continue as a congregation in the existing church building

2022 Meeting Dates:

July 12, 2022 @10 am
September 27, 2022 @10 am

**MOTION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
NOMINEES TO THE APPROPRIATE PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS (PGR) POSITIONS**

Personnel Committee :

Nena Visser, New Windsor 2024

COM:

Rev. Paul Stroup, Clinton, 2024

Randy Sigler, Leroy First, 2024

**MOTION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE
FOLLOWING NOMINEE TO THE APPROPRIATE PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
POSITION**

(PGR)

Nominating Committee Chair

Andrew Sonneborn, 2024

Presbytery of Great Rivers
Committee on Ministry Report
17 May 2022

Committee on Ministry (COM) has had three meetings since the last Assembly meeting in February 2022. We continue to meet by Zoom and foresee this practice continuing.

We continue to worship together and to lift up the ministry of our congregations and minister members in prayer. Please let us know how we can be praying for you and your ministry.

Actions Taken

The committee has approved numerous Terms of Call and Contracts across the Presbytery. As these are approved, we are trying to return them in a timely manner. If your congregation has not returned an approved terms of call or contract for a pastor/CRE yet this year, please do so. A list of approved calls and contracts will be in the August report.

We have approved and are working on organizing a Presbytery-wide training for Ruling Elders in congregations who lack pastoral leadership who would like to serve communion for their congregation. It has been a while since this has happened, and we want to make this broadly available. Please watch for dates to be announced or contact your ministry partner to indicate interest.

Several changes were approved to the pulpit supply list, both removing and adding to the list. We welcome the Rev. Pam Laing to the list and commend her to you.

We have a transitions that have been approved:

Welcome to...

- Rev. Pam Laing from Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
- Rev. William McClean from Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois

Administrative Commission Report

The Administrative Commission (AC) for Pleasant Plains-Farmingdale has elected its officers and begun its work. It has worked on familiarizing itself with the history of its objectives and contacted relevant parties. It is presently working on its charges to complete the dissolution, negotiate the severance package, and call a congregation meeting to approve it.

Motions

On behalf of the COM, I move to approve the following update to the COM Manual: Section II, Part 4, Procedure for Calling a Pastor, D, 3, Steps in the Process:

- i. With the assistance of the COM Ministry Partner, PNC develops procedures and criteria for evaluating PIFs.
- ii. PNC develops **list of questions for either initial interview or as supplemental questions to be sent to candidates in whom they have a serious interest.**
- iii. Interviewing potential pastors
 - a. **A PNC, after receiving, reviewing PIFs, and determining which candidates it wishes to interview, may make initial contact with a potential candidate to determine availability and interest. The PNC may describe its process and schedule an electronic first interview, but not conduct an interview at the initial contact. At this point, the Lead Presbyter shall be notified of the PNC's contact and conduct a Presbytery to Presbytery clearance reference check. It is the MP's responsibility to facilitate and ensure this requirement is met.**

Rationale: The COM recognizes that the initial stages of receiving Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) requires ascertaining a basic level of interest and compatibility that does not necessarily entail a great deal of emotional commitment from either a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) or potential candidates and is not found in the PIFs themselves. As such, it is appropriate for PNCs to inquire via e-mail as to a potential candidate's availability and generate initial "boilerplate" questions that can be submitted to such candidates and returned to the PNC without needing to overburden the General/Executive/Lead Presbyter with a great number of requests for background checks.

The language in this change delineates that the Presbyter's involvement comes only once a face-to-face contact is desired. The net result of this change will be more ability for a PNC to sort available and compatible candidates, a reduction in the Presbyter's workload, and no loss to safety in the process.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. James A. Benson
Chair, COM

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

May 17, 2022

Lorna R. Blackford

Upon examination by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the committee finds that Lorna Renee Blackford has satisfactorily achieved the goals of the Inquirer phase of preparation and is now ready to be moved to Candidacy.

MOTION: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves to proceed with the examination of Inquirer Lorna Renee Blackford with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that Inquirer Lorna Renee Blackford be received as a candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament upon the successful completion of an examination by the assembly.

Background:

Lorna Renee Blackford was received as an Inquirer at the May 25, 2021 Presbytery Assembly and is a student at Dubuque Theological Seminary, projected to graduate in 2024.

Pertinent references from the Manual of Operations CPM handbook on moving from Inquiry to Candidacy:

II B 1. Admission to Candidacy an Inquirer becomes a Candidate by action of presbytery. At that time the Candidate formally agrees to accept the presbytery's supervision in her or his preparation for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments. The process of the candidacy phase can be as follows:

- a. An Inquirer shall apply to the presbytery through the session of his or her church and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to become a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments.
- b. The session shall confer with the Inquirer, review the evidence of the inquiry phase, and make recommendations to the presbytery through the Stated Clerk with respect to the Inquirer's application. The Stated Clerk shall communicate this information to the CPM moderator.
- c. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall confer with the Inquirer and review the evidence which indicates whether the Inquirer is ready to proceed to candidacy
- d. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall make a definite recommendation to the presbytery with respect to whether the Inquirer should be received as a Candidate. Presbytery shall act on every committee recommendation regarding application for candidacy.
- e The presbytery shall receive the report and recommendation of its committee and shall examine the Inquirer in person with respect to his or her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.
- f. If the examination is approved, the presbytery shall receive the Inquirer as a Candidate after the following manner. The moderator shall propose the following questions to the inquirer:
 - (1) Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments?
 - (2) Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?
 - (3) Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?
 - (4) Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments in the PCUSA?
- g. If these questions are answered in the affirmative, a brief charge shall be given, the Candidate's name shall be recorded on the presbytery's roll of Candidates, and the proceedings shall close with prayer.

Mackenzie M. Jager

Mackenzie Marie Jager, a member of the congregation has approached the session of the Clinton Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Illinois about becoming a Minister of the Word and Sacraments and has agreed with the session and with the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to explore the implications of this request. Understanding the time requirement for membership, the Committee on Preparation brings before the Presbytery on behalf of Mackenzie Marie Jager and the session of the Clinton Presbyterian Church a request for waiver of the membership time requirement as provided for in G-2.0610.

MOTION: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that the time requirement that an applicant shall be a member of the sponsoring congregation to be enrolled as inquirer be waived for Mackenzie Marie Jager.

Background and Rationale:

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is asking that the time requirement for membership in a sponsoring congregation be waived so that we may move that she be enrolled as an Inquirer under care of the presbytery today.

Presbytery of Great Rivers Bylaws, ARTICLE X- COMMITTEES

Section 3 Committee on Preparation for Ministry

a. Responsibilities. The Committee on Preparation for shall be responsible for responding to the goals and objectives and related matters which deal with enhancing and strengthening skills for the professional ministry and the performances of all duties required by the PCUSA Constitution (G3.0307).

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Handbook, version 2.1 p. 3

The presbytery, through the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), provides pastoral care, guidance, support and evaluation of Inquirers and Candidates.

Relevant Book of Order references:

G-2.0601 Nature and Purpose of Preparation

It is important that those who are to be ordained as ministers of the Word and Sacrament receive full preparation for their task under the direction of the presbytery. For this purpose, a presbytery shall enter into covenant relationship with those preparing to become ministers of the Word and Sacrament and with their sessions and congregations. This relationship shall be divided into the two phases of inquiry and candidacy.

G-2.0602 Time Requirements

To be enrolled as an inquirer, the applicant shall be a member of the sponsoring congregation, shall have been active in the work and worship of that congregation for at least six months, and shall have received the endorsement of the session of the sponsoring congregation. The inquiry and candidacy phases shall continue for a period of no less than two years, including at least one year as a candidate.

G-2.0610 Accommodations to Particular Circumstances

When a presbytery concludes there are good and sufficient reasons for accommodations to the particular circumstances of an individual seeking ordination, it may, by a three-fourths vote, waive any of the requirements for ordination in G-2.06, except for those of G-2.0607d. If a presbytery judges that there are good and sufficient reasons why a candidate should not be required to satisfy the requirements of G-2.0607d, it shall approve by three-fourths vote some alternate means by which to ascertain the readiness of the candidate for ministry in the areas covered by the standard ordination examinations. A full account of the reasons for any waiver or alternate means to ascertain readiness shall be included in the minutes of the presbytery and communicated to the presbytery to which an inquirer or candidate may be transferred.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION on Mackenzie M. Jager:

- was a candidate for ordination in the Christian Reformed Church

- graduated from Western Theological Seminary with an M. Div
- has taken a full year of Greek and Hebrew
- desires to be ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- became a member of Clinton Presbyterian Church-Clinton on March 20, 2022

MOTION: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that Mackenzie Marie Jager be enrolled as an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

Background and rationale:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Handbook, version 2.1 p. 3

“The preparation for ministry process is one of **continuing development**. By providing a supportive community in which the Inquirer or Candidate assumes increasing responsibility for decisions made throughout the process, it introduces him or her to skills for self-development, goal-setting and self-evaluation. The individual is encouraged to develop these skills into conscious, disciplined planning for personal and professional growth which should continue throughout his or her ministry.”