

Stated Clerk's Report

February 26th, 2022

The following are reported to the Assembly:

The following MWSs have been received:

- Rev. Susan Krummel from Chicago Presbytery

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:

- Pastor Tim Mitchell, Disciples of Christ, Washington, Washington starting 1/2/2022
- Pastor William Mitchell, American Baptist Church in the USA, First Federated Baptist/Presbyterian Church of Carlinville starting 1/2/2022

The following MWSs have been listed as Honorably Retired:

- Rev. Susan Krummel

The following MWSs have been dismissed:

- Rev. Ryan Landino to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery

The following MWSs have been removed from the rolls:

- NA

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

- NA

*The following commissions need to be dismissed, having completed its work:

- To be motioned: to dismiss ,with thanks, the Administrative Commission to dissolve Knox Presbyterian Church of Springfield, IL.

*The following correspondence has been received and needs to be voted upon:

- To be motioned for the following elders in the following congregations to be granted a waiver to extend terms on Session in accordance with G-2.0404 in the Book of Order:
 - Galesburg, First:
 - Elder Susan Reinhart to be granted the waiver to finish current term which will extend past the six year limit.

- Peoria, Westminster:
 - Elder Peggy Bragg, third consecutive term on Session.
- Rock Island, Gloria Dei:
 - Elder Ken Flack, fifth consecutive term on Session.
 - Additional rationale: there are 20 members with an average attendance of 11.
- Background and Rationale: Term limits were introduced in order to broaden participation within the life of the church. G-2.0404 which states “Ruling elders and deacons shall be elected to serve terms of no more than three years on the session of board of deacons, and may be eligible for reelection according to congregational rule. However, no ruling elder or deacon shall be eligible to serve more than six consecutive years...” Often, congregations (especially smaller congregations) struggle to have people who haven’t recently served to fulfill important work of ordered ministry, and after plenty of opportunity was given for other new members to fill into these vital roles. This action would provide an exception to the Book of Order and enable them to have the necessary leadership on their sessions to continue to have someone in the position of doing the work of ministry. (*simple majority vote*)

*PJC:

- An allegation of misconduct was received by a session in our Presbytery. The session voted on January 18th, 2022 to ask the Presbytery to assume original jurisdiction.
- On January 19th, 2022, at the Leadership Team Meeting, the Leadership Team voted to assume original jurisdiction according to the bylaws of the Presbytery of Great Rivers. This means the Presbytery will take over the disciplinary process of the allegation of misconduct.
- Therefore, the allegation of misconduct has been received, procedures have been followed, and an investigative committee has been formed.