Whom to Contact in the Presbytery of Great Rivers

June 2026

If you have questions, contact:

• Annual Statistical Reports	Elissa Bailey
• Audits and annual financial reviews (general info)	Annette Simmons, Sabrina McGrath
• Availability of docket for upcoming Presbytery assemblies	Brandy Walters
• Becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Board of Pensions eligibility, plans, costs	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Book of Order, Polity, Robert's Rules questions	Elissa Bailey
• Boundary training (requirements, opportunities)	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Buying, selling, leasing church property	Jonathan Warren, Joyce Chamberlin
• Calling a new pastor	Karol Schilling, Edwin Brinklow
• Church insurance coverage	Jonathan Warren, Joyce Chamberlin
• Clerk of session training, general questions	Elissa Bailey
• Communion training for elders in churches without pastors	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Conflict in your church	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Continuing education requirement for pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Covenant agreements with pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Current IRS mileage rates	Sabrina McGrath
• Damage/harm to our church or community due to natural disasters or violence	Lead Presbyter
• Directory password	Brandy Walters
• Electing/training a Pastor Nominating Committee	Karol Schilling, Edwin Brinklow
• Evaluation forms from recent Presbytery assembly	Brandy Walters
• Family Leave policy	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Housing allowance	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• How to report misconduct in our church	Elissa Bailey
• Is it time to close our church?	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Minimum salary requirements	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Mission grants	Chip Roland, Bob Montgomery
• Officer training for churches with no pastors	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Opportunities for service in the presbytery	Peter Galbraith
• Our pastor/pastor's family member is ill, has died	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Our pastor is leaving (taking a new call, retiring)	Karol Schilling, Edwin Brinklow
• Pastors of other denominations serving our churches	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Per capita amount for current year	Sabrina McGrath
• Personnel issues in your church	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Presbytery calendar (additions, changes)	Brandy Walters

• Presbytery directory (changes, additions)	Brandy Walters
• Presbytery newsletter (how to subscribe; when/how/what to submit for publication)	Brandy Walters
• Presbytery social media posts	Brandy Walters
• Presbytery website	Brandy Walters
• Pulpit supply (application, most recent list)	Brandy Walters
• Regional cohorts	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Reimbursement accounts for pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Resources/training for new church development new worshiping communities	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Sabbaticals for pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Session rolls, minutes, records	Elissa Bailey
• Sharing a pastor with another church	Karol Schilling, Edwin Brinklow
• Study leave requirements	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Submission of reports and slide content for upcoming Presbytery assemblies	Brandy Walters
• Terms of Call for called and installed pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Transitional (interim) ministry training	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Vacation requirements for pastors	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Validated ministries	Maura McGrath Nagle, Sarah Bishop
• Where do I send my Boundary training certificate?	Elissa Bailey
• Who can serve communion or baptize if no pastor?	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Who is our church's Ministry Partner?	Bill McLean, Kathy Mitchell
• Workers' Compensation insurance	Sabrina McGrath
• Writing a mission study	Karol Schilling, Edwin Brinklow
• Your congregation's shared mission giving payments	Sabrina McGrath
• Your congregation's per capita payments	Sabrina McGrath
• Setting up Zoom meetings for presbytery committees	Brandy Walters

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