



## Presbytery of Des Moines



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**DATE:** October 30, 2020

**TO:** Commissioners to the Special Called Meeting (October 10, 2020)

**FROM:** Rev. Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Minutes

You will find the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines held on October 10, 2020 by ZOOM following this letter. The Minutes may also be downloaded from the Presbytery website: <https://bit.ly/PDMStatedMeetings>. If you see additions, deletions, or corrections that need to be made, please send them to Stated Clerk Kristin Pike at the Presbytery office – 515-276-4991, or by email: [kpike@dmpresbytery.org](mailto:kpike@dmpresbytery.org).

**FORMATION OF THE ROLL**

The following commissioners and members were registered for this meeting (Present, Absent, Excused):

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>P/A/E</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>
Adair, First	Bob Zirkelbach	P	A
Allerton, United	Melanie Halferty	A	A
Ankeny	Eric Pasanchin	A	A
Ankeny (PA)	Sue Tomlinson	P	-----
Atlantic, First United	Rachelle McCalla	P	Lloyd Reeder
Audubon, First	Philip Beisswenger	A	A
Bedford, United	Vacant	-	A
Brooklyn, First	Bernard (Ben) Nti	A	A
Carlisle, Scotch Ridge	Christopher (Kip) Harris	A	A
Centerville, First	R.D. Blount	A	A
Chariton, First	Vacant	-	A
Clive, Heartland	P. Alex Thornburg	P	A
Clive, Heartland (PA)	Robert Houser	E	-----
Corning, First	Jessica Paulsen	P	L. Sue Selby
Creston, First	Cyntha Ripperger	A	A
Creston, Platte Center	Dolores Doench	E	A
Dallas Center, First	Nicole Wegele	A	Barb Britson
Deep River, United	Michelle Williamson	A	A
Des Moines, Central (2)	Wallace Bubar	A	Susan Stroope
Des Moines, Central (PA)	Annika Lister Stroope	P	A
Des Moines, Douglas Avenue	Vacant	-	A
Des Moines, First	Vacant	-	Kathy Smith
Des Moines, First Arabic	Ekram Kachu	A	A
Des Moines, Fort Des Moines	Vacant	-	A
Des Moines, Park Avenue	John W. Gilmore	A	A
Des Moines, Union Park	Don Elly	E	Joyce Rash
Des Moines, Westminster (3)	Scott Paczkowski	A	Christine Jensen
Des Moines, Westminster	William Ekhardt	P	Tom Daft
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Jan Scott	E	A
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Ken Arentson	E	-----
Des Moines, Westminster (PA)	Dick Kiefer	E	-----
Dexter, First	David Kincaide	P	Janet Grush
Diagonal, United	Gwen Trullinger	A	A
Earlham, First	Robert Waldron	P	A
Gibson, First	Bob Elgin, moderator	A	A
Greenfield, First	David Kincaide	P	Pam Kincaide
Grimes, First	Jessica Wietzke	A	A
Grinnell, First	Kirsten Klepfer	P	Char Ewan
Guthrie Center, First	Jolene James	P	A
Hartford, Community United	Kristin Pike	P	Ann Polito
<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>P/A/E</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>
Indianola, Trinity United	David Endriss	P	A
Johnston, St. Paul	Bill O'Connell	P	A
Knoxville, First	Ann Johnson	P	A

Lenox, United	Tim Maxa	P	A
LeRoy, First (United Trinity Parish)	Donna Murphy-Ceradsky	A	A
Lucas, First	Vacant	-	A
Malcom, First United	Bernard (Ben) Nti	A	A
Monroe	Ann Johnson	P	A
Mount Ayr, United	Mike Maddy	A	A
Newton, First	Meghan Davis-Brass	P	A
Newton, First (PA)	Linda Curtis-Stolper	A	-----
Newton, United	Donald Freeman	A	A
Oskaloosa, First	John White	A	Marilyn Vatter
Ottumwa, First	William Hornback	A	A
Ottumwa, Westminster	Vacant	-	A
Perry, First	Lynne Hanna	P	Dawn Parker
Sharpsburg	Tim Maxa	P	Kiley Sherwood-Pollard
Sigourney, First	Vacant	-	A
West Des Moines, Covenant	Nathan Williams	P	Jean Caster
West Des Moines, Covenant (PA)	Marcy Campbell	P	-----
Windsor Heights, Windsor	Shamaine Chambers King	P	Ron Grohe
Winterset, First United	Randal Lubbers	A	A

<b>OTHER PRESBYTERY MEMBERS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>P/A/E</b>
Kim Alten	HR	E
Doug Basler	At-Large	A
Jay Basler	HR	E
John Beran	HR	E
Ross Blount	HR	E
Peter Brantner	At-Large	E
Maricarmen Compos Castro	At-Large	P
Theron (Tom) Conrey	HR	E
Carl Cooper	HR	E
Hans Cornelder	HR	E
Jack DePond	HR	P
Ane K. Fitzgerald	Director, Harmony River Living Center, Hutchinson, MN	P
Barbara J. Gaddis	HR	P
Bruce Giese	HR	E
Nancy J. Gorsuch	HR	E
J. Mark Howland	At-Large	E
P. Calvin Hsu	HR	E
Claude J. Jones	HR	E
David Klanderman	HR	E
Elizabeth (Liz) Knott	HR	E
James Koopman	At-Large	A
Aaron J. Koskamp	HR	E
<b>OTHER PRESBYTERY MEMBERS</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>P/A/E</b>
Michelle E. Leaverton	At-Large	A
William (Bill) LeMosy	HR	E
Dawn M. Linder	At-Large	E

Za Thawng Lian	Mizo Church of Des Moines	P
Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy	St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Madrid & Plymouth UCC, Des Moines	E
Jane Martinez	At-Large	P
Ray D.E. McCalla	Atlantic, First Baptist	A
John McElroy	Australia, Mission Co-worker	E
J. Jeffrey Means	HR/Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center	E
Barbara Nish	HR	E
Beverly Modlin	Walnut Ridge Presbyterian Home, Clive	A
Dale T. O'Connell	HR	E
Linda D. O'Connell	HR	E
Craig N. Palmer	HR	E
Sara Speer Palmer	HR	E
Marvin D. Potter	HR	E
Nancy E. Profit	HR	E
John W. Reynolds, Jr.	HR	E
Sarai Schnucker Rice	HR	P
Kenneth (Ken) Rummer	HR	P
Elizabeth (Betty) Sandy	HR	P
Gregory C. Smith	HR	E
Ken Stuber	HR	E
Patricia J. Summers	HR	E
Barbara Tooker Todd	HR	E
Roger L. Todd	HR	E
Ronald L. Van Heukelom	HR	E
Erasmio Velez	HR	E
Lynn M. Williams	HR	E
Judy Winkelpleck	At-Large	P
Francis A. Younkin	HR	E

<b>VISITORS – CHURCH</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Clive, Heartland	Darca Boom
Dallas Center, First	Dennis Britson
Indianola, Trinity United	Betty Dyer, Presbytery Staff
West Des Moines, Covenant	Ann McGowan

<b>LAY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL</b>	
<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Ankeny	Sandy Wagener
Clive, Heartland	Carol Ferrell
Des Moines, Westminster	Polk Davison
	Roxanne Neary
Indianola, Trinity United	Joe Weinman
Presbytery Interim Executive Presbyter	Amgad Beblawi
<b>CORRESPONDING MEMBERS</b>	
Presbytery of Prospect Hill	Rebecca Brown
Presbytery of North Central Iowa	Nancy Beenken

MINISTERS (97 on roll)		ELDER COMMISSIONERS and OTHERS			
Present	31	Present	29	Total Present	81
Excused	49	Excused	0	Total Excused	49
Absent	17	Absent	39	Total Absent	56

**This meeting was held as part of a joint meeting of the three presbyteries that will share administrative staff as of January 1, 2021.**

**The purpose of this special joint meeting was to hear and act upon the Search Committee's recommendation of three candidates to serve as the administrative executives for the three presbyteries.**

*The joint meeting began at 9:30 a.m. with a Meet & Greet hosted by TE Ken Rummer, chair of the Search Committee charged with recommending candidates for the three administrative positions in our new tri-presbytery structure. At 10:13 a.m. the joint meeting was called to order and instructions were given regarding procedures for each presbytery to follow in their separate meetings.*

At 10:17 a.m. the meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines was called to order by Moderator, RE Sandy Wagener, who gave the opening prayer. A quorum of the presbytery was declared.

- It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the docket.
- In a separate motion, RE Polk Davison was approved to serve as clerk for this meeting.
- A motion was entertained to seat as corresponding members: RE Rebecca Brown from the Presbytery of Prospect Hill, RE Nancy Beenken from North Central Iowa Presbytery, and TE Deb DeMeester, Director of Leadership Development for the Synod of Lakes & Prairies and member of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. The motion passed.

*At 10:27 a.m., following these actions, our presbytery rejoined the tri-presbytery group meeting to hear a report from the Search Committee. Ken Rummer introduced the three candidates:*

- *TE Annika Lister Stroop, candidate for the position of Administrative Executive/Stated Clerk*
- *RE Amgad Beblawi, candidate for the position of Mission Executive*
- *TE Ian McMullen, candidate for the position of Pastor to the Presbyteries*

*Each candidate spoke about their call to serve, and there was a time for questions and answers. At the conclusion of this portion of the meeting, the presbyteries again separated into their individual meetings.*

At 11:14 a.m. the Presbytery of Des Moines was reconvened, and Sandy Wagener called upon Ken Rummer to make the motions.

- The first motion was to approve TE Annika Lister Stroop for the position of Administrative Executive/State Clerk. (No second was required, as this motion comes from the committee). A question was raised regarding relocation reimbursement, which was not included in Annika's compensation package. The answer given was that Annika will not be moving from her Des Moines residence. Ken repeated the motion, stating that this is a Call and an Election for Annika. The motion passed. It was stated that in this position, Annika will serve as the head of staff.
- The second motion was to approve RE Amgad Beblawi as Mission Executive. Sandy asked for

any questions, and hearing none, Ken reviewed the financial package. Ken repeated the motion, and the motion passed.

- The third motion was to approve TE Ian McMullen as Pastor to the Presbyteries. Sandy asked for any questions, and hearing none, Ken reviewed the financial package. Ken repeated the motion, and the motion passed.

Ken indicated that the topic of installation for these three individuals is still being discussed. Options are to hold one joint installation for all three, or separate installations for each. Ken also reported that the Search Committee will remain in place until the final two administrative support positions are filled.

*At 11:29 a.m. the joint meeting was reconvened, at which time Deb Demeester recognized the three presbytery moderators to each report on the tabulation of the votes. All three candidates, along with the terms presented, received unanimous approval from each presbytery. Following these reports, Sandy declared the election of our new leadership team. Sandy stated that our business was complete, and she closed the meeting with prayer at 11:35 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk