



**Meeting Packet
for the 512th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



May 15, 2018

***Hosted by
First Presbyterian Church
Oskaloosa, Iowa***

PROPOSED DOCKET**May 15, 2018**

8:30 a.m.	Registration Begins Fellowship and Refreshments	
9:30	Open Meeting	Midge Slater
	Opening Prayer	
	Statement of Quorum	
	Approve Docket	
	Appoint Parliamentarian	
	Appoint Recording Clerk	
	Approve Excused Absences	
	Seat Corresponding Members	
	Introduce First-Timers and Guests	
	Approve Consent Agenda	
9:40	Welcome by First Presbyterian Church	Don Stribling
9:45	Worship	Worship Task Group
10:45	Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report	Linda Curtis-Stolper
11:15	South Sudan Report	Rev. James Makuei Choul Presbyterian Relief and Development Agency
11:30	Presbytery Insurance Report	Angie Sink Lee Agency
11:45	Leadership Council Report #1	Alex Thornburg
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:00	Announcements	
1:10	Leadership Council Report #2	Alex Thornburg Jim Koopman
2:40	Congregational Health Task Force Report	Marcy Campbell
2:45	Older Adult Ministries Task Force Report	Marcy Campbell
2:50	Nominating Committee Report	Ann Polito
2:55	Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Report	Sharon Falck Barbara Tooker Todd
3:05	CROSS Ministries Report	Roberta Victor
3:10	Compassion, Peace and Justice Task Force Report	Meghan Davis
3:25	Stated Clerk's Report	Dave Hamilton
3:30	Other Business	
3:40	Adjournment and Benediction	Midge Slater

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CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

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The Congregational Health Task Force (CHTF) continues its work with our presbytery's churches.

The most exciting news continues to be the grassroots creation of the Small Church Roundtable which includes representatives from Des Moines: Douglas Avenue, First, Fort Des Moines, Highland Park, Park Avenue and Union Park. The group is working on thinking outside the box on how these churches can share ministry. (Please read the following summary by Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, meeting secretary.)

Task Force Members

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator (Ottumwa, First)

RE Susan Stroope (Des Moines, Central)

RE Marcia McAdoo (Ankeny)

RE Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster)

TE Adam Smith (Dallas Center, First)

RE Kathy Smith (Des Moines, First)

TE Pat Summers (HR)

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator

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Liaison Assignments

Polk Davison/Metro Central

Des Moines, Central
Des Moines, Douglas Avenue
Des Moines, Highland Park
Des Moines, Park Avenue
Des Moines, Union Park
Windsor Heights, Windsor

Polk Davison & Marcy Campbell

Creston, First

Marcy Campbell Metro West

Clive, Heartland
Dallas Center, First
Des Moines, First Arabic
Des Moines, Fort Des Moines
Grimes, First
West Des Moines, Covenant
Johnston, St. Paul
Perry, First

Susan Stroope/Metro South Central

Carlisle, Scotch Ridge
Hartford, Community United
Indianola, Trinity United
Knoxville, First

Kathy Smith/Southeast Corridor

Ankeny
Deep River United
Dexter, First
Gibson, First
Greenfield, First
Monroe
Oskaloosa, First
Sigourney, First

Pat Summers/South Central Corridor

Allerton, United
Centerville, First
Chariton, First
Grinnell, First
Leroy, First (United Trinity Parish)
Lucas, First
Newton, First

Marcia McAdoo/Metro North

Brooklyn, First
Des Moines, Westminster
Malcolm, First United
Newton, United
Winterset, First United
Des Moines, First

Vacant/Far Southeast Corridor

Ottumwa, First
Ottumwa, Westminster

(Adam Smith)/Far West Corridor

Adair, First
Atlantic, First United
Audubon, First
Earlham, First
Guthrie Center, First

Marcy Campbell/Southwest Corridor

Bedford, United
Corning, First
Creston, First
Creston, Platte Center
Diagonal, United
Lenox, United
Mount Ayr, United
Sharpsburg

Small Church Roundtable

May 15, 2018

The Presbytery of Des Moines Small Church Roundtable was held at 6:30 pm on May 3 at Douglas Avenue Church. Attendees:

Leslie Mettler (DM, First)
 Kathy Smith (DM, First, Congregational Health Task Force)
 Bradley Allen, Jeanne Haydon & Roger Schoelerman (DM, Douglas Avenue)
 Kathlene Tenickinck DeFoe, Jean Deeds & Jim Deeds DM, Highland Park)
 Lisa Peterson (DM, Park Avenue, Congregational Health Task Force)
 Carolyn Rogers & Joyce Rash (DM, Union Park)
 Rose Burnett & Yvonne Scott (DM, Fort Des Moines)
 Rev. Marcy Campbell, moderator (Congregational Health Task Force)
 Rev. Jim Koopman, interim general presbyter (Presbytery of Des Moines)
 Rev. Tim Maxa (Lenox, United & Sharpsburg)
 Rev. Hans Cornelder (Malcom, First United & Brooklyn, First)

Note: Multi-county tornado warning & announced healthcare concerns reduced size of gathering and was noted as excused.

Fort Des Moines and Park Avenue Churches provided refreshments. Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to new attendees. (Note: Lisa updated roundtable gathering the church previously yoked with Fort Des Moines Church was Carlisle, Scotch Ridge). Rev. Jim Koopman welcomed participants, convened the fifth roundtable meeting and opened with prayer, noting announced safety & healthcare concerns. Jim welcomed guests invited as professional resources (on topic of yoked churches) to this gathering.

Church Life Cycle and Visioning—

What Does “Shared Ministries” Bring to Small Churches?:

Revs. Tim Maxa and Hans Cornelder gave a brief presentation and proffered a Q&A session: Both teaching elders have only experienced yoked church environments and in rural settings. Each enumerated benefits for churches in creating collective and autonomous mission, outreach (including ecumenical connections) and ministry ventures within their communities. Both ably handled sincerely direct polity and logistical questions on financial management (pastoral compensation/benefits & church operational needs), ministerial relationship (independent and corporate teaching/ruling elder leadership) and pragmatic operations (time and skill allocation) of yoked-church ministries. Personally stated, each related the benefits for both churches and pastoral leadership as part of satisfied vocational calling to the Christ’s ministry. In conclusion, of the Q&A, both could encourage the gathering that the yoked-church arrangement was potentially a solution between similarly motivated small urban churches. Tim & Hans were thanked for their participation. The gathering turned to processing the presentation’s information.

Jim entertained a frank, open discussion on presentation information in light of present small church realities and visioning posture. Jim D. related HPPC connectional information to value of these gatherings. Present Presbytery representative answered additional questions from task force/committees experience and Presbytery operational structure. Jean inquired as to obtaining resources for Session needs. Jim and Joyce (moderator, Congregational Transition Task Force) provided information on processes for obtaining teaching elders or commissioned ruling elders (CRE) for pastoral leadership consideration, as well as particular expertise gleaned for other church needs. Discussion turned to

gaining resource from viable and/or larger metro area churches/pastors on extended ministry programs & context for discussion at future gatherings.

Small Church Updates:

Kathlene outlined the plans for the continued/periodic joint worship collaboration between DAPC and HPPC, furthering the podcast (sermon) May 6 will be from Lutheran Church of Hope. Additionally, HPPC will utilize the DM, Westminster podcast for May 13. Lisa will attend May 6 as support/representative from CHTF. Leslie will join for First's informational use. Discussion followed on availability/feasibility for use in other church scenarios and this will be addressed at the next meeting. HPPC and DAPC will again join for worship at DAPC May 27, to allow for the Burmese Methodist (Conference) to use the HPPC facilities for the weekend, as part of an outreach rental agreement. Yvonne reported Rev. Marcy Campbell had been instrumental in aiding FTDM's transitional pastoral needs in April. Rev. Don Elly will officiate at worship services with communion in the near future. Lisa reported positive and continued pastoral relationship with Rev. John Gilmore serving congregants at PAPC. Carolyn reported supportive status of relationship with Rev. Dr. Robert Cook at UPPC. Bradley and Roger gave a detailed update on DAPC Session and congregational work during pastoral vacancy.

Jim gave an encouraging summation of his understanding of small church progression to date. He reminded gathering to continue to have an understanding of "Who is your client, customer and target?" as viewed in direct relationship, focus and lens to The Kingdom of God and the mission directive of Christ for service in the world. He cited emulation of the work of the Early Church, and to address staff and resources that also gives room for growth. Discussion followed on maintaining/reclamation of missional values in our autonomous church areas. The gathering noted the evolutionary process of faith and action for church leadership since roundtable gathering conception. Attendees confirmed continuance of regular gathering. Lisa furthered work toward increased additional church inclusion in roundtables as beneficial to the constructs of all. Jim complimented gathered churches as being at a point toward action planning. He advanced the Presbytery would continue intentional assistance and resourcing for churches and sessions. Marcy asked attendees to be formulating discussion points on "Where do we go from here?" for the next roundtable meeting.

FTDM and HPPC Churches distributed informational flyer information on upcoming activities, May Plant and Bake Sale and June VBS, respectively. Attendance was welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Jim closed the meeting with a prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of small churches and their dedicated representatives at 9:31 pm.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, 31 May 2018
Union Park Presbyterian Church
1307 Thompson Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50316-2097

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson, secretary (Des Moines, Park Avenue)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

May 15, 2018

The committee reports the following:

The Session of the First Arabic Presbyterian Church approved the following to the congregation:

- That Ekram Kachu be called as the pastor of First Arabic Presbyterian Church.
- That the Terms of the Call include the following:

Housing Allowance	\$18,000.00
Salary	\$6,000.00
(1/2 time - the other portion of her salary is paid by the Arabic Outreach Center)	
Mileage	\$1,000.00
FICA	\$1,800.00
Cont. Ed.	\$2,000.00
Retirement	\$2,700.00
 TOTAL	 \$31,500.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Curtis-Stolper, moderator (Newton, First)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

May 15, 2018

The Committee presents the following persons to be elected to the positions noted:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2020

RE Susan Voss (Des Moines, Central)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

2020

RE Jam Duany (Des Moines, First Arabic)

2018

RE Mona Ghono (Des Moines, First Arabic)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2018

TE David Endriss (Indianola, Trinity United)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

2019

RE Gary Owen (Ankeny)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELDER COMMISSIONER

2018

RE Sandy Wagener (Ankeny)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLERGY COMMISSIONER

2018

TE Alex Thornburg (Clive, Heartland)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Polito, moderator (Hartford, Community United)

OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES TASK FORCE REPORT

May 15, 2018

Older Adult Ministry Task Force (OAM) seeks to lift up the ministries of older adults in the presbytery as they serve the Lord in their home churches. Although we allow church members to self-define what older is, most seniors recognized by OAM and their churches range from 60 years to whatever. Our older adults do everything from being church secretaries and church leadership to church maintenance, finances, construction, gardening and sewing.

Faithful Through the Years

Before you know it, the PDM will be celebrating our older adults through the Older Adult Ministries Task Force's (OAMTF) *Faithful Through the Years*. This may be the last such recognition as we have done it for eight years. Rev. Campbell is retiring in October and will present this group at the November presbytery meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines. Anyone who would like to step forward to take the reins of this program, please contact Rev. Campbell.

At each November presbytery meeting, OAMTF recognizes those whom their churches and Sessions have selected to be honored. Each congregation within the presbytery is invited to select an individual or couple, or a group, who give service to their churches and the Lord in many varied and specialized ways. Each church submits a one-page synopsis of their service with their photograph. These folks are presented to the presbytery in person, highlighted in a power point presentation and given a complimentary lunch. A memento is presented to them to remember their experience. Some churches hang their photo and write-up in their churches to honor them at home as well.

All honorees' photos and write-ups are stored in the *Faithful through the Years* three-ring binder which is displayed at each presbytery meeting in the OAM exhibit.

We treasure our older adults. Let's recognize them at least one more time.

Task force members:

TE Jane Martinez (Ottumwa, Westminster)

RE Liz Stufflebeem (Ottumwa, Westminster)

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator

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OUR SISTER PARISH REPORT #2

May 15, 2018

The following has been endorsed by the Our Sister Parish Board and the Compassion, Pease & Justice Task Force of the Presbytery. We would like to strongly suggest that this is distributed in your churches and used as much as you are able to do so.

A Call to the Presbytery of Des Moines

*From the Our Sister Parish Board
Concerning Immigrants and Refugees
May 15, 2018*

We find ourselves in a climate of great fear and distrust of the immigrants and refugees who come to our country, a nation of immigrants. In troubling ways, recent rhetoric stokes xenophobia in our communities concerning unsubstantiated claims about immigrants and crime. Plans have been enacted to eliminate Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Salvadorans who fled violence in their country and to renege on DACA promises made to millions of children of undocumented immigrants. Historic immigration practices and policies are being dismantled in the interest of political agendas. Public displays of disrespect toward immigrants are rising at alarming rates. The immigrants and refugees are scapegoated as “Other” who are to be walled off and sent away.

We call on the churches and disciples of Presbytery of Des Moines to proclaim with their words and actions a resounding affirmation of God’s love for all God’s children. Following the way of Jesus who as a child fled from violence in his land to another country, we are called to witness to God’s reality by:

- Praying for the immigrants and refugees in our midst.
- Advocating to our political representatives to find paths of citizenship for many of the undocumented immigrants.
- Calling on government agencies to cease the deportation of long-time members of our communities.
- Welcoming immigrants and refugees into our communities of faith.
- Seeking out immigrants and refugees to hear their stories and to know their reality.
- Denouncing language that dehumanizes and denigrates the marginalized who live among us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Bassett, moderator (Des Moines, Central)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT #2

May 15, 2018

Additional information regarding **New Sharon Presbyterian:**

Any redemption rights of Presbytery related to the 2015 tax sale will expire at or near the end of July which is ninety days after notice was received and prior to the August meeting of Presbytery. The second tax sale regarding current unpaid taxes will occur in June 2018. To redeem the property and pay past taxes, penalty and interest would be in excess of \$11,000.

Based on the information it has to date, your property committee does not recommend redeeming the property or making any such payment. Earlier estimates of market value were approximately the same as the current cost to redeem (assuming a buyer could be found). If the building were to be demolished, additional expense would be incurred.

Initial email correspondence from retained legal counsel would support the committee's thinking, but the committee has not yet had an opportunity to confer as a group. The committee's next meeting is May 22 and legal counsel is to be present by teleconference.

Unless additional information coming from the committee's discussion with counsel or other sources causes a change in thinking, the committee intends to let any right of redemption expire and not to pay any back taxes, penalty or interest. It will not contest a tax deed being issued by the county treasurer to the holder of the tax certificate (Heartland Investors / BMO Harris).

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Day, moderator (Grinnell, First)

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE REPORT**May 15, 2018****2017 General Mission Giving**

	Church Name	as of 12/31/2017	2017 General Mission Giving	General Mission Giving Per Member
1	Grinnell, First	107	\$10,000.00	\$93.46
2	Windsor Heights, Windsor	70	\$6,400.00	\$91.43
3	Ankeny	190	\$17,200.00	\$90.53
4	Dallas Center, First	183	\$15,000.00	\$81.97
5	Allerton, United	94	\$6,300.00	\$67.02
6	Dexter, First	24	\$1,500.00	\$62.50
7	DM, First	59	\$3,500.00	\$59.32
8	Ottumwa, Westminster	23	\$1,200.00	\$52.17
9	DM, Union Park	50	\$2,600.00	\$52.00
10	Greenfield, First	26	\$1,300.00	\$50.00
11	Oskaloosa, First	172	\$8,400.00	\$48.84
12	Centerville, First	44	\$2,100.00	\$47.73
13	WDM, Covenant	168	\$7,850.00	\$46.73
14	Corning, First	143	\$6,000.00	\$41.96
15	Sigourney, First	40	\$1,500.00	\$37.50
16	Lenox, United	175	\$6,500.00	\$37.14
17	Atlantic, First United	110	\$4,000.00	\$36.36
18	Grimes, First	100	\$3,400.00	\$34.00
19	Lucas, First	21	\$640.00	\$30.48
20	Clive, Heartland	303	\$8,400.00	\$27.72
21	Newton, First	194	\$5,000.00	\$25.77
22	Guthrie Center, First	39	\$1,000.00	\$25.64
23	DM, Douglas Avenue	83	\$2,100.00	\$25.30
24	Chariton, First	28	\$700.00	\$25.00
25	Winterset, First United	97	\$2,400.00	\$24.74
26	Creston, Platte Center	45	\$1,000.00	\$22.22
27	Adair, First	40	\$850.00	\$21.25
28	Indianola, Trinity United	377	\$8,000.00	\$21.22
29	Perry, First	43	\$900.00	\$20.93
30	Audubon, First	109	\$2,000.00	\$18.35
31	LeRoy, First	38	\$600.00	\$15.79
32	Sharpsburg	66	\$1,000.00	\$15.15
33	DM, Park Avenue	79	\$1,051.00	\$13.30
34	DM, Highland Park	80	\$900.00	\$11.25
35	DM, Central	519	\$5,000.00	\$9.63
36	DM, Westminster	1052	\$10,000.00	\$9.51
37	Carlisle, Scotch Ridge	53	\$500.00	\$9.43
38	Earlham, First	38	\$300.00	\$7.89
39	Hartford, Community United	90	\$500.00	\$5.56
40	Bedford, United	18	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	Brooklyn, First	80	\$0.00	\$0.00
42	Creston, First	110	\$0.00	\$0.00
43	Deep River, United	9	\$0.00	\$0.00
44	DM, First Arabic	43	\$0.00	\$0.00
45	DM, Fort Des Moines	20	\$0.00	\$0.00
46	Diagonal, United	24	\$0.00	\$0.00
47	Gibson, First	24	\$0.00	\$0.00
48	Johnston, St. Paul	132	\$0.00	\$0.00
49	Knoxville, First	60	\$0.00	\$0.00
50	Malcom, First United	27	\$0.00	\$0.00
51	Monroe	91	\$0.00	\$0.00
52	Mount Ayr, United	76	\$0.00	\$0.00
53	Newton, United	88	\$0.00	\$0.00
54	Ottumwa, First	133	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Totals	6107	\$157,591.00	\$25.80

<<<< Average giving per member