



**Meeting Packet
for the 516th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



May 21, 2019

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

PROPOSED DOCKET**May 21, 2019**

8:30 am	Registration Begins Fellowship and Refreshments		
8:45	New Commissioner Orientation		
9:30	Open Meeting		Sandy Wagener
	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, Corning		Jessica Paulsen
9:45	Worship		Worship Task Group
11:00	Leadership Council Report	p. 3	Midge Slater
11:30	Iowa Presbyteries Conversations Report		Kirsten Klepfer
12:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00	Announcements		
1:10	Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report		Linda Curtis-Stolper
1:30	Compassion Peace & Justice Task Force Report		Meghan Davis
1:45	Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee Report		Jeanne Burnett
2:00	Nominating Committee Report	p. 5	Jim Hoffman
2:05	Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery Report	p. 6	Sharon Falck Barbara Tooker Todd
2:10	Budget & Finance Committee Report		Kristin Pike
2:20	CROSS Ministries Report		Roberta Victor
2:25	Synod Commissioners Report		Ted Coppock Linda O'Connell
2:30	Temporary Executive Services Report		David Feltman Bob Houser
2:45	Stated Clerk Report	p. 8	Kristin Pike
2:55	Other Business		
3:00	Adjournment & Benediction		Sandy Wagener
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	Property Committee Report	p. 7	

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

May 21, 2019

The Council took the following actions since the last meeting of the Presbytery:

- It was VOTED to give the February Presbytery offering to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; the May Presbytery offering to the Arabic Outreach Center; the August Presbytery offering to CROSS Ministries; and the November Presbytery offering to Our Sister Parish.
- It was VOTED to approve the Interim Executive Search Committee: RE Margaret Blair (Indianola, Trinity United); RE Darca Boom (Clive, Heartland); RE David Boyd (Des Moines, Central); TE Lynne Hanna (Perry, First); TE Dennis James (Guthrie Center, First); and TE Ken Rummer (HR).
- It was VOTED to have RE Polk Davison and RE Carol Ferrell, council members, work with Rev. Bob Houser to create the job description for the Interim Presbyter.
- It was VOTED to allow Rev. Dave Feltman to begin a Cohort+ model in Des Moines Presbytery as part of his work with Macedonian Ministries.
- It was VOTED that Rev. Houser would speak with the current Task Forces to help transition them to the new model by having the current moderators put current members into classes and report the classes to the Nominating Committee.
- It was VOTED to allow current task groups and committees to rotate people off through classes so people will no longer be serving on more than one standing committee.
- It was VOTED to approve a \$15,000 budget for the Interim Executive Search Committee for this year and to empower Budget & Finance to find the \$15,000 maximum for the search.
- It was VOTED to approve the Interim Executive Job Description
- It was VOTED to correct the 2017 and 2018 reporting errors with the Board of Pensions and pay any financial obligations pertaining to the underreporting
- It was VOTED to have Midge meet with Rev. Bob Houser and Rev. Dave Feltman to discuss their willingness for contract extensions
- It was VOTED that New Church Development be included in the Manual of Operations and that we charge Nominating Committee with staffing the committee once the Manual is passed
- It was VOTED to task Congregational Health with doing Triennial visits instead of Biennial visits and to hold their membership to what is proposed in the Manual of Operations.
- It was VOTED to approve the 2018 audit report.
- It was VOTED to approve up to \$8,000 to send a mission delegation to South Sudan.
- It was VOTED to approve contract extensions for Rev. Dave Feltman and Rev. Bob Houser through the end of September 2019.
- It was VOTED to approve the Leadership Council liaison job descriptions for their work with Presbytery committees.

The Council recommends the following:

- Leadership Council recommends that Presbytery approve the updated the Manual of Operations.

- Leadership Council recommends that Presbytery approve the Vision Statement originally presented in August 2018.
- Leadership Council recommends that Presbytery approve the following to the Nominating Committee: RE Deb Ziemann (Newton, United); RE Jim Hoffman (Clive, Heartland); TE Rev. Hans Cornelder (HR)

Respectfully Submitted,
TE Midge Slater, moderator (Des Moines, First)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

May 21, 2019

The Committee presents the following person to be elected to the position noted:

SYNOD COMMISSIONER

2021

RE Ted Coppock (Des Moines, Westminster)

Respectfully Submitted,

RE Jim Hoffman, co-moderator (Clive, Heartland)

RE Ann Polito, co-moderator (Hartford, Community United)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY REPORT #2

May 21, 2018

St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston was the host church for thirty women who attended the Spring Connection. The women of the church provided coffee time prior to the opening of the meeting.

Moderator Sharon Falck called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. After lighting the candle, signifying the presence of God, the group repeated the Presbyterian Women's Purpose.

The Rev. Barbara Todd led the morning worship service emphasizing the theme of the Connection, *Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*.

The Rev. Joyce MacMackichan Walker, author of the *Suggestions for Leaders of the Horizon's Bible Study Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* presented information and ideas which would help leaders effectively lead the study.

Following a salad luncheon, a short business meeting was held. The budget for the year was approved. An appeal for women to step forward to serve on the Coordinating Team was made. Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were made. All of the churches will receive notification of the proposed changes 30 days before the Fall Gathering on October 12, 2019, and will be voted upon at that meeting.

Eight women who plan to attend the Gathering of the Synod PW in Ames on June 20-22, 2019 were commissioned to be representatives of the PW of the Presbytery of Des Moines, by Moderator Sharon Falck

Two women were presented with the PW Purpose Award. Ruth Reed from First United Presbyterian Church of Winterset and Sharon Bower from First Presbyterian Church of Oskaloosa. Both women have demonstrated a thorough understanding of the Purpose of the PW worldwide by the many ways they serve their churches, community and mission of PW.

Betty Dyer, from Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Indianola, was presented with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in PW for all the behind the scenes work and assistance she provides to the Women of the Presbytery of Des Moines.

The Rev. Barbara Todd led the closing worship and Rev. Sue Tomlinson assisted with the Communion Service.

The Fall Gathering will be held on October 12, 2019. Eugenia Anne Gamble, author of the Horizon's Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments* will be the featured presenter.

Respectfully Submitted,
RE Sharon Falck, moderator (Grinnell, First)

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

May 21, 2019

The following is offered as an update to some of the matters before the Property committee.

ACTION ITEM:

- **Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Des Moines - Property Committee requests Presbytery approval to offer for sale the Highland Park Presbyterian church building and grounds and approves sale for an amount no less than 80% of the appraised value of the property.**

Prior approval is being requested so that a potential buyer will not be required to wait for another Presbytery meeting to close a sale contract. Appraised value is based on an opinion of value developed by an independent fee appraiser [Iowa Appraisal and Research] hired by the session of the church in October, 2017. The 80% figure allows for some flexibility in negotiation of the final price.

The Property Committee has been working with the Session of Highland Park Presbyterian in actively showing the building and grounds to a number of interested churches in the local community. No offers to purchase have been received at the date of this report. Priority is being given to sale of the property to other churches and/or institutions providing services to this community.

First Presbyterian Church of New Sharon

The property was conveyed to Darren and Wendy Wilder on March 10, 2019 via a quit claim deed in consideration of the buyers paying closing costs and all outstanding real estate taxes for the property.

Respectfully Submitted,
RE Ranney Ramsey, moderator (Clive, Heartland)

STATED CLERK REPORT**May 21, 2019**

The following churches have had their session minutes and registers reviewed by Presbytery:

Adair, First	Greenfield, First
Allerton, United	Grimes, First
Ankeny	Grinnell, First
Atlantic, First United	Guthrie Center, First
Audubon, First	Hartford, Community United
Carlisle, Scotch Ridge United	Indianola, Trinity United
Centerville, First	Johnston, St. Paul
Chariton, First	Knoxville, First
Clive, Heartland	Lenox, United
Corning, First	Lucas, First
Creston, First	Malcom, First United
Dallas Center, First	Mount Ayr, United
Des Moines, Central	Newton, First
Des Moines, Douglas Avenue	Oskaloosa, First
Des Moines, First	Perry, First
Des Moines, Highland Park	Sharpsburg
Des Moines, Park Avenue	Sigourney, First
Des Moines, Union Park	West Des Moines, Covenant
Des Moines, Westminster	Windsor Heights, Windsor
Dexter, First	Winterset, First United
Gibson, First	

The following churches have not made arrangements for their minutes to be reviewed:

Bedford, United	Earlham, First
Brooklyn, First	LeRoy, First
Creston, Platte Center	Monroe
Deep River, United	Newton, United
Des Moines, First Arabic	Ottumwa, First
Des Moines, Fort Des Moines	Ottumwa, Westminster
Diagonal, United	

I have received the following resignations from the positions or committees of Presbytery:

TE Jack DePond (HR) – member of Property Committee
 RE Jeff Egge (Des Moines, Central) – member of Personnel Committee

On May 29-30, I will be attending the Synod Minutes Review at Lakeshore Conference Center on Lake Okoboji, IA to check our 2018 Presbytery Minutes.

We need to schedule our dates to review the minutes this year. I'm looking for dates in September and October. If your church is willing to host the clerks in your area, let me know. I would like to have 5 or 6 meetings with one in each corner of the Presbytery and 1-2 in the middle so no one has to travel too far.

Respectfully Submitted,
 TE Kristin Pike, stated clerk

2018 Presbytery Statistical Report



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Membership			
Prior Active Members	6107	Adjusted membership	6112
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	67	Certificate	48
Youth Professions	49	Deaths	172
Professions & Reaffirmations	104	Deleted for any Other Reason	219
Total Gains	220	Total Losses	439
Total Ending Active Members	5893		
Baptisms			
Presented by Others	68	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	2457
At Confirmation	5	Female Members	3551
All Other	13	Friends of the Congregation	658
		Ruling Elders on Session	367
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	30 / 21
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
25 & Under	666	Hearing impairment	299
26 - 40	862	Sight impairment	58
41 - 55	860	Mobility impairment	191
56 - 70	1282	Other impairment	203
Over 70	1804		
Total Age Distribution	5474		
Christian Education			
Birth - 3	109	Grade 7	55
Age 4	67	Grade 8	59
Kindergarten	46	Grade 9	51
Grade 1	57	Grade 10	54
Grade 2	55	Grade 11	44
Grade 3	59	Grade 12	41
Grade 4	66	Young Adults	81
Grade 5	62	Over 25	396
Grade 6	70	Teachers/Officers	239
		Total Christian Education	1611
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	13	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	3
Black/African American/African	82	White	5030
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	12
Hispanic/Latino-a	29		
		Total Racial Ethnic	5169
Financial Data			
Annual Income	7,962,371	Mission Expenses	1,153,447
Annual Expenses	8,124,534	Personnel Expenses	4,048,930
		Facilities Expenses	1,972,461