



**Meeting Packet  
for the 518<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



**November 12, 2019**

***Hosted by  
Trinity United Presbyterian Church  
Indianola, Iowa***

**PROPOSED DOCKET****November 12, 2019**

8:30 am	Registration Begins Fellowship and Refreshments		
8:45	New Commissioner Orientation		Sandy Wagener
9:30	Open Meeting Opening Prayer		Alex Thornburg
	Welcome by Trinity United Presbyterian Church		David Endriss
	Worship Begins		Committee on Worship
	Approve Docket		
	Statement of Quorum		
	Appoint Parliamentarian		
	Appoint Recording Clerk		
	Approve Excused Absences		
	Seat Corresponding Members		
	Introduce First-Timers and Guests		
	Approve Consent Agenda		
	Interim Executive Presbyter Report (10 min.)		Amgad Beblawi
	Leadership Council Report	p. 7	Midge Slater
	Committee on Nominating (10 min.)	p. 27 & 59	Ann Polito
	Committee on Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Report (10 min.)	p. 30	Nathan Williams
	Commission on Ministry Report (10 min.)	p. 33	David Endriss
	Retirement Service for Rev. Ken Stuber		Dwight Tomes
	Presbyterian Women Report (10 min.)	p. 63	Sharon Falck & Barbara Todd
	Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (5 min.)	p. 45	Linda Curtis-Stolper
	Committee on Compassion, Peace & Justice Report (10 min.)		Meghan Davis
	Older Adult Ministries Report (10 min.)	p. 64	Marcy Campbell
	Our Sister Parish Inc. Report (5 min.)	p. 46	Margaret Blair
	CROSS Outreach Inc. Report (5 min.)	p. 48	Roberta Victor
	Stated Clerk's Report	p. 66	Kristin Pike
	Other Business		
	Worship Ends		Committee on Worship

Lunch and Announcements will take place beginning at 12:00 Noon.

**Other Reports Included in the Meeting Packet:**

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## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATING REPORT

November 12, 2019

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

\*Denotes task force members transitioning to committee members

### **PRESBYTERY MODERATOR**

**2020**

RE Sandy Wagener (Ankeny)

### **PRESBYTERY VICE-MODERATOR**

**2020**

TE Kirsten Klepfer (Grinnell, First)

### **PRESBYTERY TREASURER**

**2022**

RE Robert Mahaffey (Des Moines, Union Park)

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Carol Ferrell (Clive, Heartland)

**2022**

RE Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster)

RE Joe Weinman (Indianola, Trinity United)

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Robert Houser (HR)

**2020 Vice-Moderator**

RE Myrna Rummer (Ankeny)

**2020**

TE Marcy Campbell\* (HR)

RE Jerry Foley\* (Johnston, St. Paul)

TE Jessica Paulsen (Corning, First)

RE Joyce Rash\* (Des Moines, Union Park)

RE Dwight Tomes\* (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

**2021**

RE Sharon Falck\* (Grinnell, First)

TE Randal Lubbers (Winterset, First United)

RE Joanne Page\* (Des Moines, Union Park)

TE Sarai Rice\* (At-Large)

**2022**

TE Bill Ekhardt (Des Moines, Westminster)

TE David Kincaide (Dexter, First & Greenfield, First)

TE Rachelle McCalla (Atlantic, First United)

RE Warren Pitcher (West Des Moines, Covenant)

RE Myrna Rummer (Ankeny)

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & FINANCE**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Bev Evans (Des Moines, Central)

**2021**

RE Ron Grohe (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

**2022**

RE Josh McKenna (Des Moines, Douglas Avenue)

**COMMITTEE ON CAMPING & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Dennis Britson (Dallas Center, First)

**2020**

RE Melanie Halferty\* (Allerton, United)

RE Laura Scheiber\* (West Des Moines, Covenant)

**2021**

RE Barb Britson\* (Dallas Center, First)

RE Leslie Mettler\* (Des Moines, First)

**2022**

RE Dennis Britson (Dallas Center, First)

**COMMITTEE ON LIVING LEGACY FUND**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Richard Profit (West Des Moines, Covenant)

**COMMITTEE ON COMPASSION PEACE & JUSTICE**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Meghan Davis (Newton, First)

**2020**

TE Meghan Davis\* (Newton, First)

RE Susan Stroope\* (Des Moines, Central)

**2021**

RE Margaret Blair\* (Indianola, Trinity United)

TE Ken Stuber (Des Moines, First)

**2022**

TE Alex Thornburg (Clive, Heartland)

**COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy (Madrid, St. Paul's & Plymouth UCC)

**2020**

TE Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy (Madrid, St. Paul's & Plymouth UCC)

TE Roger Todd (HR)

**2021**

TE Bernard Nti (Brooklyn, First & Malcom, First United)

**2022**

RE James Anaal (Des Moines, First Arabic)

**COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Shamaine Chambers King (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

**2020**

RE Kiley Sherwood-Pollard (Sharpsburg)

**2021**

TE Shamaine Chambers King (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

RE Mickey Van Baale (Newton, First)

**2022**

TE Ken Rummer (HR)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

**2020 Moderator**

RE David Boyd (Des Moines, Central)

**2021**

TE David Endriss (Indianola, Trinity United)

**2022**

RE Linda Curtis-Stolper (Newton, First)

TE Sara Speer Palmer (HR)

**COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY WORSHIP**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Ann McGowan (West Des Moines, Covenant)

**2020**

RE Ted Coppock\* (Des Moines, Westminster)

RE Jan Davison\* (Des Moines, Westminster)

RE Ann McGowan\* (West Des Moines, Covenant)

**2021**

TE Nancy Profit\* (HR)

RE Cindy Ray\* (Windsor Heights, Windsor)

**2022**

TE Don Elly\* (HR)

TE Sue Tomlinson\* (Ankeny)

**COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Gary Owens (Ankeny)

**2022**

TE Ann Johnson (Monroe & Knoxville, First)

RE Gary Owens (Ankeny)

**COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Christopher Harris (Carlisle, Scotch Ridge)

**2022**

RE Lora Ashby (Centerville, First)

**COMMITTEE ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE**

**2020 Moderator**

TE Peter Brantner (At Large)

**2022**

TE Jack DePond (HR)

RE Jane Wood (Ankeny)

**COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP & MISSION INTERPRETATION**

**2020 Moderator**

RE Peri Van Tassel (West Des Moines, Covenant)

**2022**

RE Jeanne Burnett (Des Moines, Park Avenue)

RE Joyce Hoffman (Clive, Heartland)

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**2020**

**Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)**

Katherine Pike (Clive, Heartland)

**Ruling Elder Commissioner**

RE-Tom Daft (Des Moines, Westminster)

**Teaching Elder Commissioner**

TE Meghan Davis (Newton, First)

**SYNOD**

**2022**

TE Ann Johnson (Monroe & Knoxville, First)

**VACANT POSITIONS--18**

Leadership Council	1 position	Class of 2021	(2-year term)
Leadership Council	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on Budget & Finance	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on Compassion, Peace & Justice	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on Living Legacy Fund	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Commission on Ministry	2 positions	Class of 2020	(1-year term)
Commission on Ministry	3 positions	Class of 2021	(2-year term)
Commission on Ministry	2 positions	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on New Church Development	1 position	Class of 2021	(2-year term)
Committee on New Church Development	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on Personnel	1 position	Class of 2020	(1-year term)
Committee on Representation	1 position	Class of 2022	(3-year term)
Committee on Stewardship & Mission Interpretation	2 positions	Class of 2020	(1-year term)

Respectfully Submitted,

RE Ann Polito, Co-Moderator (Hartford, Community United)

RE Jim Hoffman, Co-Moderator (Clive, Heartland)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY REPORT

November 12, 2019

The Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Des Moines was held at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Indianola on Friday, October 12, 2019. Thirty-one women registered for the event,

The business meeting was opened with prayer and the women joined in reciting the Presbyterian Women's Purpose. Treasurer Bev Countryman reported a balance of \$4,171.40 in the savings account and \$1,198.73 in the checking account.

The following amendments to By-Laws of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Des Moines were passed:

- Add the position of Vice-Moderator to the Coordinating Team
- Add "The treasurer shall recommend a person to serve as assistant treasurer in case she is unable to carry out the duties of her office".
- Add one more person from Area 2 to serve on the Coordinating Team. One person would serve the churches in the Des Moines area and the other person would serve the outlying churches in Area 2.
- Delete the following statements from the By-Laws due to changes in representation on the Leadership Council of the Presbytery
  1. "The Moderator or her representative shall also represent PW on the Presbytery Leadership Council."
  2. Under duties of the Coordinating Team "Provide for representatives to serve on the Presbytery Leadership Council".

Rev. Barbara Tooker Todd led the worship service with the message, *What a Word Can Do?* The monetary offering will go to the Warren County Necessity Pantry, as will the personal items that were donated.

Denise England, Together in Mission Chair, provided materials for all to make Christmas Cards which will be given to the women at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women in Mitchellville to mail at Christmas to family and friends.

Following the salad luncheon, served by the women of Trinity, the women of the Presbytery of Des Moines were privileged to hear from Rev. Eugenia Anne Gamble, author of this year's Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Hearing from her about each lesson was inspirational, informative and all in attendance left with new perspectives.

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



## OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES TASK FORCE REPORT

November 12, 2019

**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. We are connected with POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network). Although we allow church members to self-define what older is, most seniors recognized by OAM and their churches range from 60 years and beyond. Our older adults do everything from secretary, maintenance, finances, construction, gardening, sewing, and every leadership position in between.

### Faithful through the Years

Each November presbytery meeting, OAM 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.

This year these special folks were honored with a special luncheon on October 5, 2019 at Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Indianola. After a complimentary lunch for those honored, each will receive a certificate and a memento to remember their experience. Some churches hang their photos, certificates and write-ups in their churches to honor them at home as well.

Those recognized this year were:

- Sharon & Albert Allen (Hartford, Community United)
- Carol & John Arrasmith (Dallas Center, First)
- Cathy Kelly (Dallas Center, First)
- Peggy Kruse (Indianola, Trinity United)
- Mary & Russ Marshall (West Des Moines, Covenant)
- Marlene Meyer (Ottumwa, Westminster)
- Mary Jean Paschen (Des Moines, Central)
- Fran Roberg (Johnston, St. Paul)
- Betty Siggins (Atlantic, First United)
- Tom South (Perry, First)

At this November's presbytery meeting their group picture will be projected, and the *Faithful through the Years* brochure distributed. All honorees' photos and write-ups are stored in the *Faithful through the Years* three-ring binder which is displayed at each presbytery meeting.

This is the last time *Faithful Through the Years* program will be presented in this fashion. Special thanks to: TE. Jane Martinez; RE Liz Stufflebeem; TE Pat Summers, RE Kathy Smith, RE Betty Dyer. TE Marcy Campbell has officially retired from this project. We hope someone with interest in Older Adult Ministry will pick up the mantle to celebrate Older Adults in some fashion.



Moderator TE Marcy Campbell attended the POAMN Annual Meeting October 15-18, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky. She also toured the PCUSA national offices and the Louisville Slugger Museum/Factory.

Wishing you health and wellness in your golden years!

Respectfully Submitted,  
TE Marcy Campbell, Moderator (HR)  
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## STATED CLERK'S REPORT

November 12, 2019

**The following churches have had minutes reviewed:**

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

**The following church has made arrangements for a minute review:**

- Newton, United

**The following churches still need to have minutes reviewed:**

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bedford, United             | Diagonal, United        |
| Deep River, United          | Knoxville, First        |
| Des Moines, Douglas Avenue  | Monroe                  |
| Des Moines, First           | Sigourney, First        |
| Des Moines, Fort Des Moines | Winterset, First United |

**The following people have submitted committee resignations:**

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| TE Sue Tomlinson (Ankeny)            | Committee on Stewardship & Mission Interpretation |
| RE Bobby Overlin (Des Moines, First) | Committee on Stewardship & Mission Interpretation |
| RE Gary Parsons (Newton, First)      | Leadership Council                                |
| TE Ross Blount                       | Committee on Nominating                           |
| TE Sarai Rice                        | Committee on Budget & Finance                     |
| RE John Sprole                       | Commission on Ministry                            |
| TE Hans Cornelder                    | Committee on Nominating                           |

**I include the following excerpts from the minutes of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies meeting in September 2019:**

**AGENDA ITEM 1**

Stated Clerk Report  
September 29- October 1, 2019

**Action Sought:** That the Synod **receive** the following report of the administrative commission for Minutes Review for the annual review of presbytery minutes.

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**PRESBYTERY MINUTES REVIEW REPORT FOR 2018**

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The annual meeting for review of Presbytery records was held on May 29 & 30, 2019 at the Lakeshore Retreat Center in Milford, Iowa.

The following members of the Minutes Review Committee were present:

Central Nebraska	Polly Deppen-Williams
Dakota	Absent
Des Moines	Kristin Pike
East Iowa	Rebecca Blair
Homestead	Raymond Meester
John Knox	Alyson Janke
Milwaukee	Christian Boyd
Minnesota Valleys	Pamela Prouty
Missouri River Valley	Pat Shipley
North Central Iowa	Glenn Wilson
Northern Plains	Michael Lochow
Northern Waters	Brad Carloss
Prospect Hill	Richard Francis
South Dakota	Kevin Veldhuisen
Twin Cities Area	Barbara Lutter
Winnebago	Bob Boswell

**DES MOINES:** Minutes of February 10, May 15, August 18 and November 13, 2018 (pages 3779-4089) **APPROVED WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS:** no record of presbytery's determination and communication of its plan to ensure parity, no record of enrollment of an ordination, no record of statistics having been transmitted to the General Assembly, no record of minimum compensations for certified Christian Educators and certified associate Christian Educators, no record or inclusion of minutes of administrative commissions for installation.

**The following are the names of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years:**

**Class of 2018**

- TE David Kincaide (Dexter, First & Greenfield, First)
- TE Linda O'Connell (HR)
- TE Scott Paczkowski (Des Moines, Westminster)
- TE Jan Scott (Des Moines, Westminster)

**Class of 2016**

RE Wendell Harms (Des Moines, Central)

RE Joanne Mahaffey (Des Moines, Union Park)

**Class of 2014**

RE Mary Lou Aspengren (Des Moines, First)

RE Doug Bolsem

Whenever the Permanent Judicial Commission is unable to obtain a quorum, the Stated Clerk shall select, by rotation, a sufficient number of former members to constitute a quorum (D-5.0206b).

Our February Stated Meeting will be on Saturday, February 8, 2019 at a location TBA. If your church would be willing to host a meeting in 2020, please let me know ASAP.





































Respectfully Submitted,  
TE Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk

## COMMITTEE ON CAMPING & YOUTH MINISTRIES REPORT

**November 12, 2019**

The Committee’s next event is the 2019 Camp Reunion and Fall Youth Retreat at Camp Wesley Woods, 10896 Nixon Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125 from Friday, November 22, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Dinner on Friday is not provided, but we will have pizza around 10:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided on Saturday. Cost for this event is \$35 per person due at the retreat. Scholarships are available on a first-come first-served basis. The event is for middle and high school youth. The registration/permission and agreement forms are available on the Presbytery’s website here: <http://dmpresbytery.org/missions-opportunities/youth-teens>

A summary of camper evaluation responses of the 2019 Summer Fun and Friends Camp are set forth below:

The counselors were:		34		8		1
The food was:		30		15		0
Bible Study & Chapel		27		16		2
Bowling:		39		5		0
Skating		26		11		6
Lodge/Cabins:		27		15		2
Activity Periods		36		7		0
Canoeing, Paddleboats,						
Kayaking & Paddleboards		28		5		5
Dairy Queen		41		2		0
Campfire		32		6		4
Did you have fun?		41		3		0
Camp Wesley Woods:		42		2		0
I want to come back:	YES	41	MAYBE	1	NO	1

## Special comments:

- I like being with Izzy and going to see the horse.
- Officially requesting to be in Buxton next year (Leslie). Some of the transition periods were too long. The counselor meeting the day before was great. I would like to do that again but use that time to discuss the week's schedule and plan out who is doing what and when. The kids would like some more FOB time. Young children, especially first year young children. Showering after swimming took too long at nights with only having access to the Buxton shower house. Dismiss from pool by cabin early to start the process and get done quicker.
- This is one of the best years ever.
- It was fun.
- I want to leave camp and never come back, but I will miss it. [No response to coming back.]
- Seeing my friends and meeting new people. And little Isabelle too.
- I love camp!
- Camp was awesome! But some people can't skate or bowl. That leaves some out. I liked when we went to SkyZone. All of us can do that.
- I love to reunite with my friends.
- I will never forget Ken and his dog. I fell in love with everybody. Everybody became family. Feeling totally blessed. Thanks to Tim Maxa.
- Add an hour to swimming.
- Bring back low ropes.
- I am glad I can come here to camp. See you next year. Camp is so fun.
- I love church camp.
- Everyone was nice.
- You counselors are AMAZING! The camp is fun!!!
- A lot of the counselors were ok, but we got in trouble for stupid reasons. I really just don't like the campfire.
- I love you.
- Ken and Tim were very helpful and Dennis helped me a lot too.
- Dag it Jeff
- Doing it Jeff
- Dang it Jeff
- Bring back low ropes.
- I love you all and I appreciate y'all doing camp.
- The late nights/early mornings are extra hard on the Summer Friends camps – and the younger Summer Fun kids!
- Everything was good.
- The food wasn't bad, but it made me have terrible gas.
- I love camp.
- I love it here. It is so comforting. Feels like a second home.
- It was really fun. Hope I can come back next year.

**Committee Members:**

RE Barb Britson (Dallas Center, First)

CRE Melanie Halferty (Allerton, United)

TE Tim Maxa (Lenox, United and Sharpsburg)

RE Leslie Mettler (Des Moines, First)

RE Lisa Whitmarsh Peterson (Des Moines, Park Avenue)

RE Ann Polito (Hartford, Community United)

RE Laura Schieber (West Des Moines, Covenant)

Respectfully Submitted

RE Dennis Britson, Moderator (Dallas Center, First)

## **COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY REPORT**

**November 12, 2019**

The following is offered as an update to some of the matters before the Committee on Property regarding the Highland Park Presbyterian Church building in Des Moines:

- The church building is being maintained and preserved with activation and/or installation of fire and security alarms to maintain insurance coverage.
- The property was shown to a number of interested parties who were aware of the closing of the church and expressed interest in buying the property. These offers were very low – less than 10% of the appraised value of the property. The committee has continued to pursue these offers but with no further success.
- The Committee is also interviewing commercial real estate brokerage firms to assist in the sale of the property.

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



## SUDANESE SUPPORT TEAM REPORT

November 12, 2019

Arabic Outreach Center:

*Reaching out to Arabic-speaking individuals and families to create a welcoming community offering language classes, immigrant support and practical assistance to those new to America.*

The Arabic Outreach Center offers a variety of programs and assistance to Arabic-speaking immigrants and refugees in the Des Moines area, without regard to religious or ethnic/tribal affiliation:

### Outreach Services

The AOC provides translation services, transportation to appointments and referrals to social service agencies in the community. Newcomers can also receive assistance with food, clothing, household items, baby needs, etc.

### Women's Group

Women, both Christian and Muslim, meet weekly to improve their English language skills, learn about American culture, share their experiences, and receive support from one another. Sewing machines are available and sewing classes are provided. One woman stated, "When we come here we feel at home. There is nothing to worry about or be scared about." Others said, "You feel like you are not alone," and "We can ask about words that we don't know. People help us to say things correctly."



### Children's Tutoring

The AOC, in collaboration with Central Presbyterian Church, offers children of immigrants and refugees a structured weekly program that includes dinner, social time, reading enrichment and homework assistance (K-12). Comments from the children include: "Makes it easier to do homework at home because we understand the material better from tutoring," and "We come because we WANT TO! Not because our parents make us."

### Arabic Language Classes

Arabic classes were originally held to help immigrant children learn their mother tongue, but by popular demand, they are now offered weekly to anyone interested in learning the language – both children and adults.



## Future Plans

Critical needs continue for immigrants and refugees. The AOC is working to expand services in a variety of ways. With increased funding, the AOC hopes to:

- Purchase a van to meet transportation needs
- Hire an additional staff person
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Expand services to include new learning opportunities for immigrant families, i.e. family finances, preparing your child for higher education, etc.
- And so much more!

The AOC hopes to one day become a model for other organizations that are seeking to serve the needs of immigrants and refugees of other ethnicities. In today's culture, the need to address the issues of ALL immigrants and refugees is critical.

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Respectfully, Submitted,  
TE Ekram Kachu, AOC Director (Des Moines, First Arabic)  
RE Louise Gately, Co-Moderator (Des Moines, Central)  
RE Ginny Hancock, Co-Moderator (Des Moines, Central)

