



**Meeting Packet
for the 510th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



November 14, 2017

*Hosted by
Central Presbyterian Church
Des Moines, Iowa*

A-3 – CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

November 14, 2017

The Congregational Health Task Force (CHTF) met August 16, 2017, in the home of Moderator Marcy Campbell in West Des Moines. to enjoy a Tex-Mex meal of chicken enchiladas with all the accoutrements.. Members present: Marcy Campbell, Polk Davidson, Marcia and Mark McAdoo, and Susan Stroope. Excused: Kathy Smith and Pat Summers. Adam Smith has agreed to return to the Task Force (May 2018) upon completion of his Doctor of Ministry degree. Other communications have been by email.

As CHTF we have agreed to continue to;

- Establish positive permanent liaison relationships with churches in the presbytery.
- Assign liaisons to churches
- Determine when biennial visits are due
- Work with the other Task Forces to develop & encourage operations manuals in each congregation
- Work with CRTF and CTTF on a resource for congregations addressing conflict (complete)
- Match up CHTF liaisons with CRTF members to visit with Sessions about conflict resource.

Task Force Members

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator (Ottumwa, First)

RE Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster)

RE Marcia McAdoo (Ankeny)

TE Adam Smith, May 2018 (Dallas Center, First)

RE Kathy Smith (Des Moines, First)

RE Susan Stroope (Des Moines, Central)

TE Pat Summers (HR)

Expect to hear from your liaison in the next few weeks (after Christmas) to connect with your pastor & session, and to schedule biennial visits.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator

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F – NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

November 14, 2017

The Committee presents by request of CROSS Ministries Director Roberta Victor the following person to be elected as representatives on the CROSS Ministries Board:

Laura Taylor-Lloyd (Clive, Heartland)

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

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

2020

RE Robert Waldron (Earlham, First)

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

2020

RE Gloria Gray (Des Moines, Central)

RE Roxanne Neary (Des Moines, Westminster)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

2018-Moderator

RE Ramona Wink (Des Moines, Westminster)

2018

RE Bev Evans (Des Moines, Central)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE

2018

Ben O'Connell (Johnston, St. Paul)

The Committee continues to seek candidates called to serve in the following capacities:

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

2023

1 position (Need male ruling elder)

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE

2020

1 position (Prefer male ruling or male teaching elder)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ELDER COMMISSIONER ALTERNATE

2018

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLERGY COMMISSIONER ALTERNATE

2018

GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE ALTERNATE

2018

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Polito, moderator

M – PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

November 14, 2017

The Property Committee brings the following:

- Windsor Presbyterian Church is seeking the approval of the Presbytery for property transactions near the church at 63rd and University in Windsor Heights.

Windsor seeks approval of a line of credit loan of \$190,000 from General Assembly for the purchase of two homes north of the church at 1214 63rd Street for \$126,000 and at 1220 63rd Street for \$117,000. The church will cover any additional funding from our operating accounts. The interest rate is 3 1/2%, payable monthly.

The line of credit will be repaid from funds to be received from the sale of 4.64 acres, owned by the church, south and west of the corner of 63rd Street and University Avenue in Windsor Heights. The sale will be consummated in December, 2017. The sale price of the land is \$1,700,000. There is no mortgage on the property. Some funds from the sale will be used to buy another house north of the church at 1228 63rd Street for approximately \$110,000. The land on which the three houses north of the church are located would be turned into parking for about 75 spaces next to the church.

The Committee, at its regularly scheduled meeting held on November 13, 2017, agreed to bring to the Presbytery the following motion:

- We seek approval of Windsor's efforts to borrow, as a line of credit, \$190,000 from General Assembly. Windsor seeks approval to sell 4.64 acres of land to Koester Development, LLC, for \$1,700,000 during December, 2017.

The Presbytery of Des Moines, by passing this motion, agrees to guarantee/co-sign the loan and to assume repayment responsibility in the event of a default.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Day, moderator

S – STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION REPORT

November 14, 2017

General Mission Pledges for 2018

As of November 10 we have received General Mission pledges and estimates from 26 churches totaling \$105,950.40, an overall increase over 2017 pledges from these same churches of \$10,859.40. 2 churches elected to make a designated pledge to mission.

Breaking down these General Mission pledges, responding churches intend to give in the coming year:

\$37,955.24 to the mission of the General Assembly
\$18,303.28 to the mission of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies
\$47,891.88 to the mission of our Presbytery, the Presbytery of Des Moines

15 of 26 churches increased their pledges over their 2017 pledge
11 churches continued their pledges at the 2017 level
0 churches decreased their pledges compared with current year pledge amounts.

Thank you to the Sessions that have sent in their pledge forms!

We look forward to hearing from our remaining churches, as their Sessions consider a pledge to General Mission for 2018.

Special Offerings in 2016

We encourage Sessions to authorize their congregations' participation in our five ongoing special offerings. Four are offered by the General Assembly, and one was established by our own Presbytery (1978). (descriptions come from published material)

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** (GA) supports ministries that provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

The **Pentecost Offering** (GA) allows us to invest in faith formation of our youth and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children and encourage, grow, and support our children, youth, and young adults.

The **Peace and Global Witness Offering** (GA) provides an opportunity to share the peace of Christ by promoting ministries of reconciliation and peacemaking within cultures of violence and conflict—including our own.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** (GA) provides critical financial assistance to church workers and their families in need, and supports leadership development and education for students attending Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

The **Rural Harvest Offering** (our Presbytery) supports programs and projects addressing root causes of hunger and poverty in rural Iowa and around the world. Half of the proceeds are designated for rural Iowa, and half are designated for international programs benefitting farmers, with a special emphasis on women in agriculture.

Today we are recognizing churches in our Presbytery that participated in **4 out of 5** Special Offerings in 2016.

Ankeny Presbyterian Church, Ankeny
Heartland Presbyterian Church, Clive
First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center
Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
Union Park Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
First Presbyterian Church, LeRoy
Sharpsburg Presbyterian Church, Sharpsburg

And for leading our Presbytery in participation by receiving **all five** special offerings in 2016, we recognize:

First Presbyterian Church, Oskaloosa

If you think your congregation should have been included on one of these lists and you're not finding it, please contact Ken Rummer (rev.rummer@mchsi.com). Any inadvertent omissions can still be corrected for the newsletter article.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Rummer, moderator

T – OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES TASK FORCE REPORT

November 14, 2017

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

Today we honor:

Joanne & Verlyn (Andy) Anderson (Des Moines, Highland Park)

Pauline Chambers (Johnston, St. Paul)

Owen Duncan (Indianola, Trinity United)

Lenore Englebert (Oskaloosa, First)

Harold (Mouse) McClure, (Dallas Center, First)

Margaret & Tom Mehl (Des Moines, Central)

LaJune Magill (Perry, First)

Jeri Patrick (Des Moines, Douglas Avenue)

Esther & Leonard Pitcock (Earlham, First)

Betty & Dan Ratekin (West Des Moines, Covenant)

Peggy Wells (Dexter, First)

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. These folks are presented to the presbytery in person, highlighted in a power point presentation and given a complimentary lunch. A certificate and a memento is presented to them to remember their experience. Some churches hang their photos, certificates and write-ups 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.

Note: Because of the popularity of this program (19 honorees in '16, 15 in '17), in 2018 we are looking at honoring folks at each of the four presbytery meetings. Those honored would be from churches closest to that presbytery meeting. We hope this will be more convenient for family and church members who would like to attend as well. Also, the task force invites older adult ministries' groups across the presbytery to identify themselves and perhaps help provide leadership in the planning and execution of these events. Please contact Marcy Campbell if your group is willing to help.

Health and Wellness Challenge

OAM sponsors healthy snacks at each presbytery meeting, and looks to present information on healthy lifestyle changes like walking, micro-breaks at meetings, and the encouragement of spiritual disciplines.

Older Adult Ministries Events

Moderator Marcy Campbell attended the *International Conference on Spirituality and Aging* held June 4-7, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

Wishing you health and wellness in your golden years!

Task Force members:

TE Jane Martinez (Ottumwa, Westminster)

RE Liz Stufflebeem (Ottumwa, Westminster)

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Marcy Campbell, moderator

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