

The Presbytery of Prospect Hill  
 Stated Meeting – Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
 Morningside Presbyterian Church, Sioux City, Iowa

The Presbytery of Prospect Hill met for a regularly called meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Moderator Randy Russom at 9:31 am.

A quorum was present as shown by the following roll:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Occ Code</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>	<u>Cluster</u>
Alta		Vacant	P	E			Mike Pedersen	4
Alton	105	Harlon DeJong	A	E	A	A		1
Armstrong	101	Suzanne Wobig	A	P	P	E		2
Auburn	106	Don Gibson	P	P	A	A		5
Battle Creek	101	Kevin Freese	P	E	P	P	Dixie Brueck	5
Breda	106	Don Gibson	P	P	A	A		5
Bronson	101	Cyndy Ripperger	P	P	P	P	Wayne Scholtman	3
Carnarvon	117	Carl Lee, CRE	E	P	E	E		5
Carroll	101	Rikki Sorenson	A	P	P	E		5
Cherokee	101	Ethan Saylor	E	P	E	P		4
Cleghorn	101	Peggy Hegeman	A	P	P	P	Marlene Perkins	3
Denison	101	Paul Seefeldt	P	E	P	P	MaryAnn Irwin	5
Estherville	101	C. Ensz/K. Ensz	A	P	P	P/E		2
George, Ebenzer	101	Paul Soderquist	P	P	P	P	Larry Petersen	1
George, Lyon	101	Paul Fischer	P	P	P	E		1
George, Zoar	101	Dale Lint	P	P	E	P	Darren Lint	1
Glidden	101	Brian Camara	P	P	P	P	Elaine Crawford	5
Hawarden	151	Dan Lozer	A	P	A	P		1
Ida Grove	117	Shari O'Bannon CRE	A	P	A	E		5
Lake City	101	Beth Harbaugh	E	P	P	E		5
Lake Park	101	Tim Harmon	E	P	P	P		2
Lawton	101	Cyndy Ripperger	P	P	P	P	Lorna Peters	3
LeMars PLY		Vacant					Arlen Lucken	3
LeMars PUCC	101	Jan Christensen	E	P	P	P	Kevin Albers	3
Manilla	151	Vicki Fisher	A	A	A	A		5
Manning	101	Marshall Brown	P	P	P	V	Lue Baker	5
Milford	117	Beth Ehlers	P	P	P	E		2
Odebolt	101	Bill Crawford				P	Janice Railsback	5
Paullina	101	Vacant					Janet Lundquist	1
Pocahontas		Vacant						4
Ringsted	101	Suzanne Wobig	A	P	P	E		2
Rockwell City	126	Mossman/BJ Ukena	A	A	A	A		4
Rolfe		John Tompkins			A	A		4
Sac City	101	Randy Russom	P	P	P	P	Phil Hesnard	4

Sanborn	156	Gregg Johnson	A	A	A	A		1	
Schaller	101	Ken Fells	P	P	P	A		4	
SC First	101	Tom Murray	P	P	A	P	Judy Vox	3	
Ass't		Kathleen Whipple	P	P	P	P			
SC Morn	101	Dave Koehler	P	P	P	P	Gary Woods	3	
SC Third	107	Cathie Bishop	P	A	P	A	Harvey Stokes	3	
SC Westlawn	107	Paul Speidel	A	A	A	A		3	
SC Westminster	101	John Pehrson	P	P	P	P	Larry Horky	3	
SSC First	101	Stephen Niles	P	P	P	P	Dick Anderson	3	
Spirit Lake	101	Clint Loveall	A	P	P	A		2	
	103	Michael Gewecke	E	P	P	P			
Storm Lake	101	Chuck V-Hein	P	P	A	P		4	
SL-SEA	117	Paul Maychen, CRE	A	A	P	A		4	
Vail	101	Richard Francis	P	P	P	P	Faylene Shechta	5	
Wall Lake	117	Carl Lee, CRE	E	P	E	E		5	
Westside	101	Richard Francis	P	P	P	P	Mary Dixon	5	

### Other Ministers on the Roll of the Presbytery

**bold = present**

*italics=excused*

		Meissner, Ken	641
Beard, Clarence	299	Miller, Marvin	299
Brinck, Peg	299	Moore, William	299
<b>Brown, Marshall</b>	299	<b>Peters, Lorna</b>	107
<b>Dowell-Baum, M</b>	797	<b>Queen, Duane</b>	<b>299</b>
Fells, Kenneth	299	Rozendaal, John	299
Gibson, Donald	299	Saville, Stephen	797
<i>Gray, Donna</i>	797	<b>Shaffer, Richard</b>	644
Hegeman, Peggy	797	<b>Sohl, Dennis</b>	107
Johnson, Don	299	Stepanek, Harold	299
McKinley, John	299	Tollefson, Robert	299
<i>Mead, James</i>	644	Ukena, B.J.	299
		Wentzel, Rex	299

### Officers of the Presbytery

**2014 Moderator Randy Russom**

**Vice Moderator Dennis Sohl**

Past Moderator Shari O'Bannon

**Stated Clerk John Pehrson**

Treasurer Dick Drahota

**Recording Clerk Richard Francis**

Elder Committee Members

**Budget:**

**Camp:**

**COM: Lorna Peters**

CPM:

**MCT: Paul Campbell**

**MT: Dennis Sohl**

Nominating:

**PW: Evelyn Kendall**

**Visitors: Robert Brown, Peggy Reid, Maxine Bettin**

**Staff: Paul Campbell**

**Corresponding Members:**

The Presbytery was welcomed by the Host Pastor, the Rev. Dave Koehler.

Moved, Seconded, and Carried (M/S/C) to approve the Agenda as printed with one correction: Communion will not be celebrated at this meeting.

First-time Commissioners were introduced.

One new pastor was introduced: Tom Murray, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sioux City.

There were no Corresponding Members to be seated.

Members of the Presbytery shared joys and concerns. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer for those whose names were shared.

No New Business was introduced.

Cyndy Ripperger presented the report of the Nominating Committee Report. On behalf of the Committee, she placed the following names in nomination:

*Vice- Moderator:* Rev. Katie Whipple

*Committees for class of 2017*

*Personnel Committee:* Ruling Elder (RE) Susan Logsdon for 2nd term

*Budget and Finance:* RE Nancy Alderton for 2nd term & RE Rebecca Brown for 2nd term

*Committee on Ministry:* Teaching Elder (TE) John Pehrson for 2nd term, TE Duane Queen for 2nd term, RE Gordon Siebring for 2nd term

*Committee on Preparation for Ministry:* TE Brian Camara for 2nd term, TE Tom Murray, 1<sup>st</sup> term

*Camp Board:* RE Bob Peterson for 2nd term

*Permanent Judicial Commission:* TE Richard Francis for six year term ending 2020

*Youth Advisory Delegate for Synod:* Brett Logsdon

*Bills and Overture Committee:* RE Carolyn Jamieson, TE Donna Gray, TE Marvin Miller, TE Tom Murray

*In order to have equal representation we still need:*

2 Ruling Elders for the Committee on Ministry

1 Ruling Elders for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

1 Ruling Elder for the Committee on Representation

There were no nominations from the floor. The Presbytery voted to elect the slate as presented.

Moved, Seconded, and Carried (M/S/C) to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2014 meeting with one correction: "Lakeside Presbyterian Church – Storm Lake, Iowa" at the heading of the Minutes should read "the Lakeshore Center on Okoboji, Milford, Iowa."

Officer and Staff Reports:

- Moderator: Randy Russom called attention to the written report
- Stated Clerk: John Pehrson reviewed his report for the Presbytery. He presented synopses of conferences he had attended on the future of the church.
- Moderator Team Report: on behalf the Team John Pehrson moved the proposed dates for the 2016 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery: March 12, July 12, and October 25. The motion carried.
- Mission Coordinator: Paul Campbell called attention to his written report.
- Budget and Finance Committee: Dave Koehler called attention to the written report of the Committee
- Lakeshore Center at Okoboji: Sharma Brockmeyer, Hosted Ministry and Outreach Coordinator presented the report.

Following staff reports, the Presbytery continued the discussion of Presbytery Mission begun at the September meeting. The Presbytery divided up by Clusters to respond to a series of questions.

At 10:55 a.m. the Presbytery moved to worship. The service was led by Richard Francis, Paul Soderquist, Cyndy Ripperger, and Pat Herbold. The offering of \$377.60 was designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Presbytery adjourned for lunch at 11:46 a.m. with prayer by host pastor David Koehler.

The Presbytery reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with prayer by Marshall Brown.

Mission Coordinator Paul Campbell shared a contest sponsored by the Quad Presbyteries. Youth are invited to submit short videos on the theme "Why I Love My Presbyterian Church." More information will be forthcoming.

John Pehrson introduced the discussion of the Belhar Confession. Presbyteries are voting on a proposal to include the Belhar Confession in the Book of Confessions. The Presbytery of Prospect Hill will vote on the proposal at the March, 2015 meeting.

There was no report from Presbyterian Women.

Jan Christensen presented the report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). She presented Robert Brown, an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery, to be received as a Candidate. Robert introduced himself and shared his sense of call and took questions from the Presbytery. After the question time, Robert was excused. Jan reviewed the process by which Robert and the CPM have come to this point in his preparation. On behalf of the Committee, she moved that Robert be enrolled as a Candidate. Following discussion, the motion was approved. Jan led the Presbytery in a brief service commissioning Robert as a Candidate. Kevin Freese, Robert's pastor, led the Presbytery in prayer.

Tim Harmon presented the report of the Committee on Ministry (COM).

Items of information:

First Presbyterian Church, Sioux City has called Rev. Dr. Tom Murray as their pastor on September 15, 2014. The COM voted on behalf of Presbytery to receive the Rev. Dr. Murray as a minister member of Presbytery and to see his call as in order. The Terms of Call are:

- Cash salary: \$34,929
- Pastor 403(b) \$ 2,080
- Housing Allowance: \$20,800
- Effective Salary: \$57,809
- Board of Pensions (P,M,D) \$20,233.20 Dental: \$854.04
- Church 403(b) \$2,000
- ½ SECA: \$ 4,263
- Prof Exp: \$3,000 (vouchered)
- Continuing Education: \$1,752 (vouchered)
- Total package: \$89,911
- 4 wks vacation 2 wks Continuing Education

The effective date of the call was October 20, 2014.

The Installation took place on November 9, 2014 at 4pm. The Installation Commission consisted of Teaching Elders John Pehrson, Randy Russom (Moderator), and Jan Christensen; Ruling Elders John Daniels, Ellen Jacobi, and Lorna Peters.

COM Approved the Covenant of Ministry between Westminster-Ida Grove and Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Shari O'Bannon for 2015 and voted to extend her Commission for 2015. Terms include:

- Cash Salary: \$2,000
- Books/Prof Expenses: \$250 (vouchered)
- Housing Allowance \$11,480 ½ SECA: \$1,800
- Pension: \$1,800
- Travel: \$800 (vouchered)
- Continuing Education \$300 (vouchered)
- Total Package: \$17,080
- 4 wks vacation 2 wks cont ed 18hrs a week

Shari is authorized to administer Sacraments, lead worship, do visitations, conduct weddings and funerals, and will moderate the Session. Rev Ken Fells is appointed as her mentor.

COM authorized CRE Dennis Sohl (LeMars) to administer the Lord's Supper and to perform emergency baptisms while he is a chaplain-intern taking a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City for the period October, 2014 to April, 2015.

COM approved the honorable retirement of Rev. Marshall Brown effective November 1, 2014.

*Action Items:*

1. At the request of the Session at First-Odebolt, and after examination by COM, Ruling Elder Bill Crawford is presented by COM to be commissioned as a CRE serving the Odebolt Congregation. He previously completed the Lay Academy course. A Covenant of Ministry agreement was approved by COM and includes the following terms:

- Cash Salary: \$12,660
- Prof Expenses: \$100 (vouchered)
- Housing Allowance: \$3,600
- Utilities: \$3,000
- ½ SECA: \$1,750 Travel: \$8,820 (vouchered)
- Health Insurance Reimb \$1,800
- Continuing Education: \$250
- Total Package: \$31,980 22 hrs a week

Bill is authorized to administer the Sacraments, lead worship, make visitations, conduct weddings and funerals, and be involved in the programs of the church.

Rev. Kevin Freese will continue as moderator of the Session at Odebolt and is appointed Bill's Mentor. The PNC will continue to search actively for a pastor during this commission.

On behalf of the Committee, Tim moved that Bill be commissioned as a CRE serving the Odebolt Congregation with the terms listed. The motion was approved. Tim led the Presbytery in a service of commissioning for Bill.

2. The COM finds Rev Adam Cox has failed to engage in a Validated Ministry as per Book of Order G-2.0508 and G-2.0503 and asks Presbytery to designate him inactive in his service as a teaching elder with no voice or vote at future meetings of Presbytery except in matters directly pertaining to his status until such a time as COM and/or presbytery validates his ministry.

*Rationale:*

The COM has been working with Member-at-Large Rev. Adam Cox for the past two years in an effort to support him and reinstate him to ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Cox has failed to undertake the necessary steps to be considered to be engaged in a validated ministry. He resides outside the Presbytery and is employed in a secular field. Rev. Cox did respond to COM requests for dialogue and documentation of needed professional services during the summer of 2014 but failed to meet a deadline to submit the documents or take needed steps. Rev. Cox has not responded to contact attempts since early August, 2014.

On behalf of the Committee, Tim moved that the Presbytery designate Adam Cox inactive in his service as a teaching elder with no voice or vote at future meetings of Presbytery except in matters directly pertaining to his status until such a time as COM and/or presbytery validates his ministry. The motion was approved.

3. On behalf of the Committee, Tim moved that the Rev. Paul Soderquist be granted Honorable Retirement effective December 31, 2014. The motion was approved. Tim brought Paul forward and gave a brief overview of Paul's ministry. Tim led the Presbytery in a service of retirement for Paul.

Paul Seefeldt called attention to the written report of the Personnel Committee.

Marshall Brown called attention to the written report of the meeting of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dave Koehler presented the 2015 Budget for final approval. The motion was approved.

Announcements were made for the good of the order.

M/S/C to adjourn. The Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Tom Murray at 1:55 pm.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at the United Presbyterian Church, Vail, Iowa. The proposed constitutional amendments will be voted on at this meeting.