

**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS  
STATED MEETING**

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Illinois

**Thursday, August 18, 2016**

*One God, One Table, Many Voices.*

Our Mission is to Connect, Equip, and Inspire Presbyterians as we walk with Jesus Christ.

**DOCKET (PAGES 1-3)**

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

9:30 Conversations with New and Interested Commissioners

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

10:00 WORSHIP – Including Constituting Prayer (**PAGES 4-8**)

Hymns (**PAGES 9-18**)

11:10 OPENING OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator, Jan Mandernach (RE)

WELCOME

By the Host

(RE)

Seating of New and Corresponding Members

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATED CLERK REPORT (**PAGES 19-21**)

Cindy Bean (TE)

Roll

Minutes –May 12, 2016, Stated Meeting

11:20 GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT – FIRST READING OF BUDGETS

Report including 2017 Proposed Budget Narrative & 1<sup>st</sup> Reading and Camp Carew 2017 Proposed Budget

(**PAGES 22-37**)

11:40 EARTH CARE PRESENTATION

Flyer (**PAGE 38**)

12:00 TRIENNIAL REPORT

12:10 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORTS – Kell Romine Prairie (**PAGES 39-48**), Ridgway (**PAGE 49**)

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT

1:35 COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Including Questions from Potts and Pyle (**PAGES 50-52**)

2:00 TABLE SETTERS PRESENTATIONS (**PAGES 53-54**)

2:20 REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS TO THE 222<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Assembly-in-Brief GA 222 (**PAGES 55-62**)

2:30 REPORT FROM OVERTURE ADVOCATES TO THE 222<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

W-2.4011 (**PAGES 63-64**)

2:40 QUESTIONS AND ANSWER TIME ABOUT THE 22<sup>ND</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 2:45 CAMP AND CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT  
including Camp Director's Report (**PAGES 65-69**)
- 2:50 REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE
- 3:00 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT (**PAGES 70-71**)  
Incoming Questions – Laing (**PAGES 72-73**)
- 3:10 PERSONNEL – RECOMMENDATIONS ON STAFF BENEFIT OPTIONS
- 3:15 ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT STATED MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2016, 10:00 a.m.,** at First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale, IL

## **NOTES TO TEACHING ELDERS AND RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

**PLEASE BRING THIS DOCKET AND OTHER PAPERS WITH YOU TO THE PRESBYTERY MEETING!**

Motions and resolutions from the floor **MUST** be presented in writing.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS** – This is an item on the docket placed there to provide an opportunity for any member or commissioner to introduce matters that might not be a part of a Committee's report. This is your method of docketing a matter that you feel is important to the business of the Presbytery. Under the procedure, this new business will be referred to the Committee having cognizance over this matter. If at all possible, prior to the start of the meeting please give the Stated Clerk a summary of your item for new business so he/she can advise the Moderator.

**REMINDER TO CHURCHES** – If your elected commissioner or alternate is unable to attend a presbytery meeting, the Session may appoint another elder, either currently serving on the session or not, to serve as commissioner for that meeting. ALL visitors attending from your church need to either pre-register or sign in at the registration table at the meeting.

**HOW TO PRE-REGISTER** – Go to [www.psei.net](http://www.psei.net). Under the banner near the top of the page you will see *ministries* listed – put your cursor on that tab. On the drop-down menu, click on *Presbytery Meetings*. Here you will find the entire list of meeting documents. Read and print the ones you may want for the meeting.

**You may pre-register for the meeting through the website. Please do so by close of business (4pm) on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.** Follow the above instructions and when you are on the *Presbytery Meetings* page, click on the *Pre-Register for Presbytery Meeting (form)*.

- Enter your name
- Select *Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioner, Other Presbyter* (GC, CRE, Corresponding Member, CCE, TP, Staff) or *Visitor* from the drop-down menu
- Select Attending *Yes* or *No* from the drop-down menu
- Select Lunch *Yes* or *No* from the drop-down menu
- Enter complete church name (i.e.: Decatur First)
- PLEASE NOTE: If you need child care, please give us the name, age and allergies or special needs for each child.

Our office will receive notification of your pre-registration. If you are going to be absent, you still need to let us know by utilizing this form.

Alternate options to pre-register or notify us of your absence are to call the Presbytery office at 1-800-456-7734 or email us [office@psei.net](mailto:office@psei.net) by **close of business (4pm) on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>** to tell us you will or will not be coming to the meeting. Tell us your name; whether you are a Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder Commissioner, Other Presbyter or Visitor; whether you would like lunch or not; your complete church name (i.e.: Decatur First); and if child care is needed. You may also give us the names of others that will be attending from your church.

When you arrive at the meeting, find the “pre-registered” table. There you will find your name tag and any additional papers for the day.

**ADDITIONAL PAPERS**

Guidelines for Covenant Behavior for Committee Conversation (**PAGE 74**)

Map (**PAGE 75**)

Child Care (**PAGE 76**)

UPDATED 2016 Session Records Review Flyer (**PAGE 77**)

**MEAL TICKETS WILL BE \$7.25**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Please be aware we will be talking about the future of the Presbytery. Your participation is important.**

**"The Ties That Bind: Anointed"**

August 18, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Illinois

*One God, One Table, Many Voices--*

*We are a Community in Christ, committed to discovering and calling out the best in one another.*

**God's Love Calls Us to Gather**

*\*-- Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Bold print indicates parts read in unison.**

Music for Gathering

"Anointing Fall on Me"

Constituting Prayer

Welcome and a Word about Today's Worship

*Our time together today reminds us that the joy of living together in unity is a blessing that covers us from top to bottom, from head to toe! No one is excluded from this grace; God excludes no one from the love which binds us to God, and to one another. Let us now center our hearts and minds on God, that we may worship and come to understand our calling ever more deeply so that we might bear that grace out into the world.*

Threshold Moment

"Blest Be the Tie" (Chuck Bell, arr.)

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

**CHORUS**

*Blest be the tie, blest be the tie, blest be the tie that binds.  
Blest be the tie, blest be the tie, blest be the tie that binds.  
Ku-tu-funga pa-mo-ja, Ku-tu-funga pa-mo-ja,  
Ku-tu-funga pa-mo-ja, Ku—tu-funga pa-mo-ja.*

*Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comfort and our care.*

**CHORUS**

*We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

**CHORUS**

*Blest be the tie that binds, blest be the tie that binds, blest be the tie....*

\*Call to Worship

*from Psalm 133*

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil on the head.**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**There the Lord ordains this blessing—life forevermore!**

We come together from north and south, from east and west, to worship the God whose love binds us together.

**Blest be the tie!**

Blest be the tie!

**ALL: *Blest be the tie that binds us together!***

\*Hymn

"How Very Good and Pleasant"

*(Glory to God # 398)*

### Call to Confession

No one is excluded from the love of God which makes us kindred of one another. And yet too often we allow our differences to divide us rather than looking for the ways we need one another and what we can learn together. Seeking the heart of mercy, let us now join in confessing our sin that we might be reminded again of the grace we have already received and the claim that makes upon us.

### Prayer of Confession

**We know, O God, how good it is to live in unity together, to be in harmony with one another. The melody you call us to sing is light and simple, but too often we think that means we must agree on everything, from theology to politics to worship style. We confuse unity and uniformity, losing the joy and beauty that all the different notes can add.**

*Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered*

**Remind us, Gracious One, that diversity, as well as unity, is a gift from you, one to celebrate and enjoy. Help us to embrace both our unity and diversity, that we might sing your song of love more clearly to a world in desperate need of hope. Amen.**

### Words of Assurance and Pardon

*based on Psalm 103:17; 2 Corinthians 9:15*

No one is excluded from the gift of God's vast, unmeasurable love for us—not even those who have tried to be faithful and failed, time and time again. The psalmist reminds us, "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Jesus comes to us, bearing that love, that we might know forgiveness and be agents of mercy in the world.

**Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift of love! Amen!**

### \*Gloria

### \*Sharing Christ's Peace with One Another

#### **God's Love Calls Us to Listen for God's Word to Us**

### Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 6:10-20 (CEB)*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength. <sup>11</sup> Put on God's armor so that you can make a stand against the tricks of the devil. <sup>12</sup> We aren't fighting against human enemies but against rulers, authorities, forces of cosmic darkness, and spiritual powers of evil in the heavens. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, pick up the full armor of God so that you can stand your ground on the evil day and after you have done everything possible to still stand. <sup>14</sup> So stand with the belt of truth around your waist, justice as your breastplate, <sup>15</sup> and put shoes on your feet so that you are ready to spread the good news of peace. <sup>16</sup> Above all, carry the shield of faith so that you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word.

<sup>18</sup> Offer prayers and petitions in the Spirit all the time. Stay alert by hanging in there and praying for all believers. <sup>19</sup> As for me, pray that when I open my mouth, I'll get a message that confidently makes this secret plan of the gospel known. <sup>20</sup> I'm an ambassador in chains for the sake of the gospel. Pray so that the Lord will give me the confidence to say what I have to say.

### Sermon

**"Spread the Good News of Peace"**

*Rev. Rachel Helgeson, First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon*

### \*Hymn

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

*(Glory to God # 307)*

*This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, Harry Emerson Fosdick, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.*

## God's Love Calls Us to Respond

### The Community Prays Together

Teach us to pray, they asked him. And so he did, teaching them to pray for their needs, for the needs of others, and for the needs of all creation. And so today, Holy One, we, too, pray for our needs, for the needs of others, for the needs of all creation. We pray for daily bread for ourselves, for others, for all creation.

We live in a broken world, riddled with violence and cripples with hate. But over and over you tells us, "Don't be afraid." Over and over, you tell us, "Love one another."

**So we ask for the bread of courage that we might live freely in these times. We ask for the bread of hope that we might dream of a different world. We ask for the bread of persistence as we work toward that world where your rule and reign shines through, that world where peace and mercy and justice become our way as well as yours.**

We live our days burdened with worry for ourselves and for the ones we love. You know the people and places and situations we carry with us this morning; you hear the silent cries of our hearts as we come before you today. "Don't be afraid," you tell us. "I will be with you," you promise.

**So we ask for the bread of faith that we might believe your promise. We ask for the bread of trust that we might feel your presence with us, for ourselves and for the ones we love. We ask for the bread of compassion in our hearts and in the hearts of others as we walk through days of care and challenge.**

We live in a world where there is joy and laughter and goodness in spite of it all. You have blessed us beyond measure, if only we lift our eyes to see. "Don't be afraid," you say to us. "Bless others as I have blessed you," you tell us.

**So we ask for the bread of awareness, that we might truly know ourselves as blessed. We ask for the bread of gratitude that we might know what "enough" really means. And we ask for the bread of generosity that we might freely share all that we have and all that we are.**

We hunger for peace and justice, for righteousness and mercy, for your kingdom among us, here and now. Fill us, we pray, with your bread today and every day that we might be your faithful people in this world, signs of courage and hope and persistence; signs of faith and trust and compassion; signs of awareness and gratitude and generosity. We pray this for the sake of the One who taught us to pray, saying...

### The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

#### Call to the Offering

*"Can God spread a table in the wilderness?" (Psalm 78:19)* That's the question posed as we come to this year's Peace and Global Witness Offering, which exists to ignite a movement of Presbyterians engaged in the Christian witness of peacemaking and reconciliation. For generations, and to the ends of the earth, Presbyterians have borne witness to Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Our witness has been profound, in our own communities and in places we ourselves have never been, around the corner and around the world. Let us give generously to this work of peace and justice, contributing to the feast God is even now spreading in the wilderness.'

#### Prayer of Dedication

#### *The Worship Sourcebook*

**Ever-present God, with this offering we also present ourselves—all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become—as we resolve again to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Sharing at Christ's Table

### Invitation to Christ's Table

All are invited to the table of God's love! A place has been set for you, and for us all! So let us come to the table of grace, sisters and brothers in the kin-dom of God.

### \*Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

*(Glory to God # 530)*

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Friends, God is ever present with you!

#### **And also with you.**

Listen! The body breathes in together... and out. As close as breath, the Holy Spirit is with us. So as kindred together, we lift our hearts to God.

#### **We lift them up to God!**

Let us give thanks to the Holy, Living One because it is the right thing to do, not only now but always, for "always" is when God is with us.

We thank you, Creator God, that you formed us in your image. We thank you for breathing into us the breath of life. Even when we have turned away, you have remained with us, close as breath.

We thank you, Redeeming God, that you loved us enough to come to us, right where we are, when we could not come to you. Your grace holds us fast, no matter our circumstances.

We thank you, Sustaining God, that you are here with us, leading us into the ways of life and truth. You call us over and over again to joy your blessings of unity and diversity. Even though we are often frightened and hesitant, still you are patient. You have time and again reached out your hand to free us, for your promise is steadfast and sure.

And so we open our eyes, our hands, and our hearts to your will for us as told to us through your prophets. We join our voices together, praising you along with all who do, all who ever have, and all who ever will, proclaiming....

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, God of tenderness and joy—heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!**

Blessed, indeed, is the One who comes in the name of our God! Blessed is your Son who came to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to give sight to the blind, to set free all those oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

Listen! The Lord is with you! He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and sat down at the table and ate with those others considered "unworthy." As we gather here, at the table where he is our host, let us remember in this moment all those who feel lonely and alone, left out, hungry and hopeless, for they are invited to this table with us, too. Let us remind ourselves that the Lord loves and is present with us all.

**This is true—God loves and is present with us all.**

### Remembering the Story

On the night on which Jesus gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is my body, given for you."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, remembering me."

And so, remembering all these things, let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each other and all creation....

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, set free by his witness, his passion and his life. Be with us, Holy Spirit; fill us and move through us to bless the world for the sake of Christ.

*Please make a point of connection with those around you by laying a hand on a shoulder, holding hands, or whatever is most comfortable for you.*

Through the Holy Spirit, we are one with Christ, the host of this table, and one with each other. Let this joy be seen in us outside of this place. With thankful hearts, let us sing...

Hymn Reprise

“One Bread, One Body” (chorus only)

Sharing in Communion Together

*Please come forward to receive the elements. If you need the elements brought to you, please indicate that to one of the serving teams.*

*After you have received the communion elements, you may also be anointed with oil before you return to your seat. Come to one of the anointing stations, to the side of the communion servers, to receive this blessing. If you would like one of the teams to come to you, please indicate that, too.*

Prayer after Communion

**You have fed us at your family table, God of grace. Open our eyes and our hearts to our brothers and sisters that we, too, might go out with courage to bring hope and healing wherever we go as signs of your coming reign. Amen.**

**God's Love Sends Us Forth to Bless and Serve**

Hymn

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

(Glory to God # 692)

Sending

Created in the image of God, go into the world.

**We will go to bring new life to all.**

Followers of Jesus, go into the world.

**We will go to bring healing to all.**

Gifted by the Spirit of grace, go into the world.

**We will go to work together, so all may be one as God is one.**

Song of Response (reprise)

“Blest Be the Tie”



# Blest Be the Tie

Theme Song - 2015 Music and Arts Week (FUMMWA)

Chuck Bell

♩ = 118

Repeat as Needed

Piano introduction in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, starting with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass line consists of a steady quarter-note accompaniment: G2, B1, D2, G2.

Vocal

5 Last Time

Blest be the tie that binds our  
fore our Fa - ther's throne we  
share each oth - er's woes, our

Vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) for the first verse. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same quarter-note bass line as the introduction.

Vocal

8

hearts in Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of kin  
pour our ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims  
mu - tual bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each oth -

Vocal line (treble clef) and piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) for the second verse. The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same quarter-note bass line.

Blest Be the Tie

To Coda 

Vocal



11



Cong.



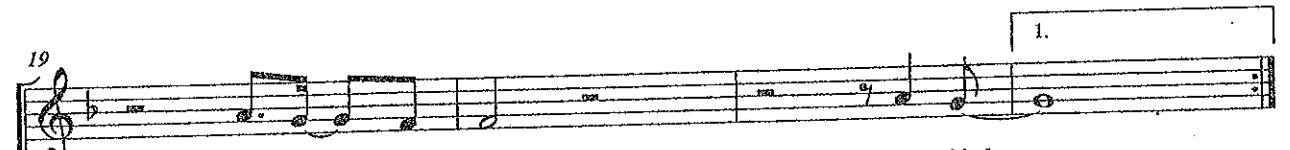
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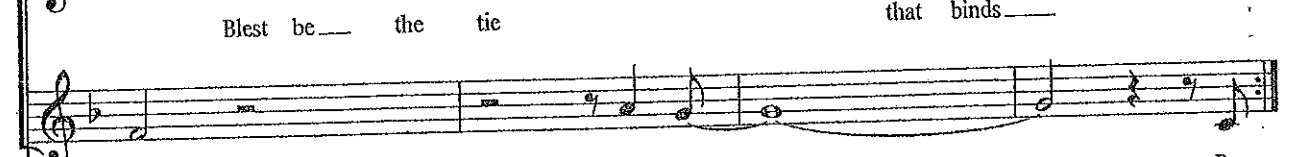
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Cong.



Vocal



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Blest Be the Tie

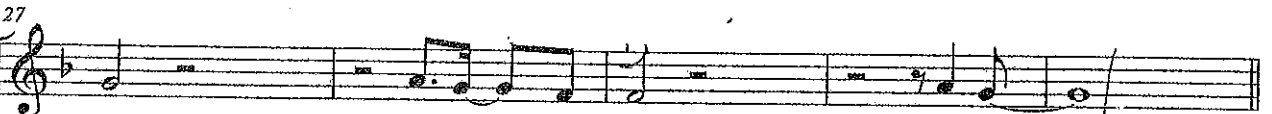
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Cong. 

Vocal   
Blest be\_\_\_ the tie                      Blest be\_\_\_ the

  
23                      Blest be\_\_\_ the tie                      Blest be\_\_\_ the tie

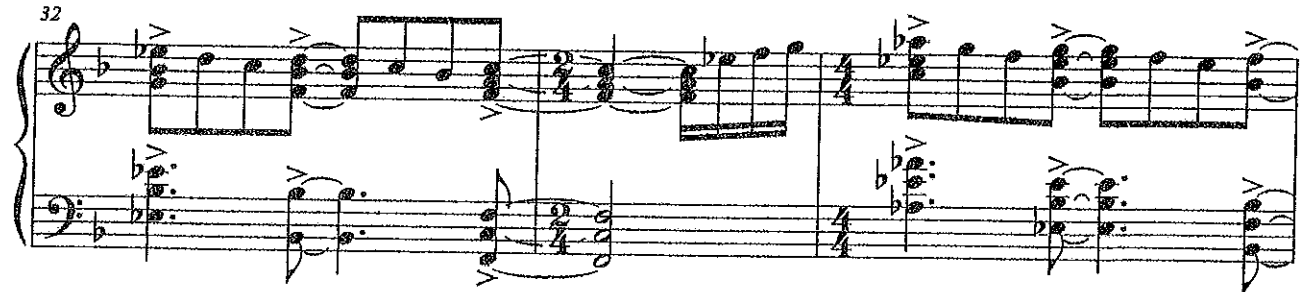
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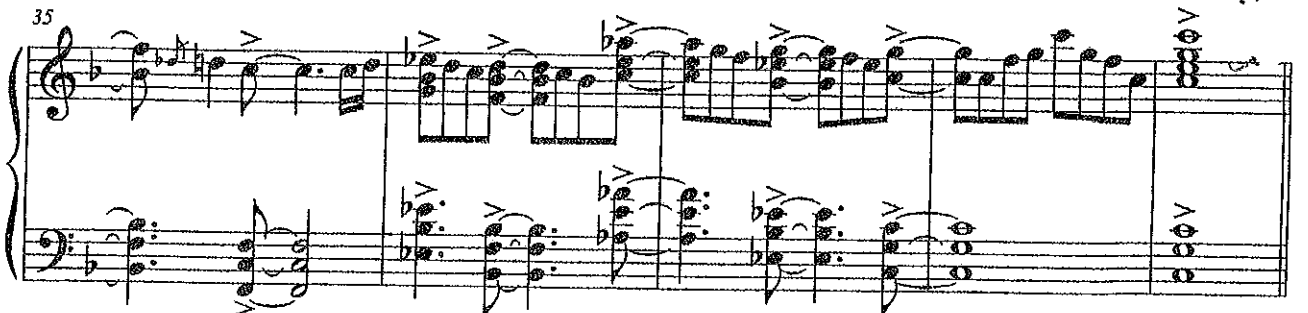
Vocal   
tie                      Blest be\_\_\_ the tie                      that binds.\_\_\_\_

  
27                      Blest be\_\_\_ the tie                      that binds.\_\_\_\_

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40

Piano accompaniment for measures 40-43. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes.

44

Piano accompaniment for measures 44-46. The right hand continues the melodic pattern, and the left hand maintains the bass line.

47

Cong.   
 Vocal   
 Ku-tu - fun-ga - pa-mo - ja      Ku-tu -  
 Ku-tu - fun-ga - pa-mo - ja      Ku-tu - fun-ga - pa-mo - ja

Congregation and vocal parts for measures 47-50. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "Ku-tu - fun-ga - pa-mo - ja".

47

Piano accompaniment for measures 47-50. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes.

51

Cong.   
 Vocal   
 fun - ga - pa - mo - ja      Ku-tu - fun - ga - pa - mo - ja  
 fun - ga - pa - mo - ja      Ku-tu -

Congregation and vocal parts for measures 51-54. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "fun - ga - pa - mo - ja" and "Ku-tu - fun - ga - pa - mo - ja".

51

Piano accompaniment for measures 51-54. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes.

Blest Be the Tie

54

Cong. 1, 2. 3. **D.S. al Coda**

Ku-tu - fun - ga - pa - mo - ja fun - ga - pa - mo - ja

Vocal fun - ga - pa - mo - ja Ku-tu - - - We

57 **Coda**

Cong. Blest be - the tie Blest be - the tie

Vocal tie Blest be - the tie Blest be - the

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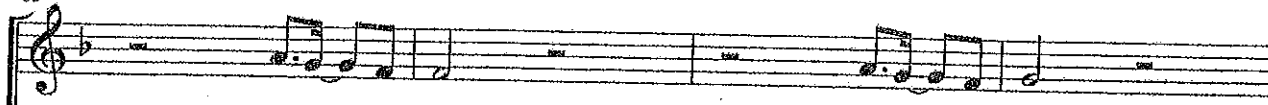
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Vocal tie that binds - Blest be - the

# Blest Be the Tie

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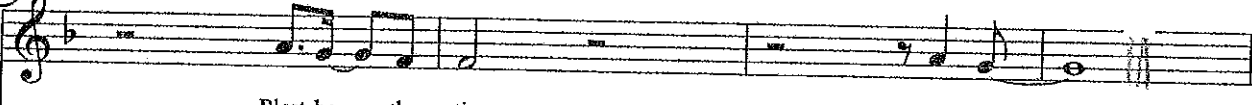
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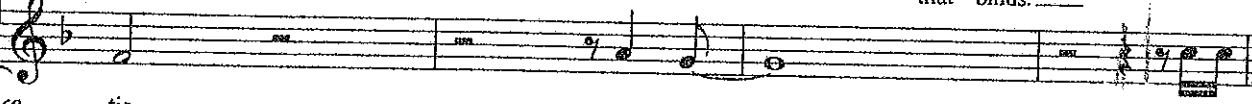
Vocal   
Blest be the tie                      Blest be the tie

65


  
tie                      Blest be the tie                      Blest be the

69

Cong. 

Vocal   
Blest be the tie                      that binds.

69

  
tie                      that binds.                      Ku-tu-

73

Cong.   
1, 2, 3.                      4.

Vocal   
Ku-tu - fun-ga pa - mo - ja                      fun-ga pa - mo - ja

73

  
fun-ga pa - mo - ja                      Ku-tu

# 398 How Very Good and Pleasant

(Psalm 133)

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D)  
 F B $\flat$  F

How ver-y good and pleas-ant when we live in u-ni-ty. It is

(A7) (G7) (D)  
 C7 B $\flat$ 7 F

like pre-cious oil, like fresh morn-ing dew. We

(D) (G) (F $\sharp$ ) (Bm)  
 F B $\flat$  A Dm

gath-er here to-geth-er with our hearts and voic-es raised to

(G) (D) (A7) (D)  
 B $\flat$  F C7 F

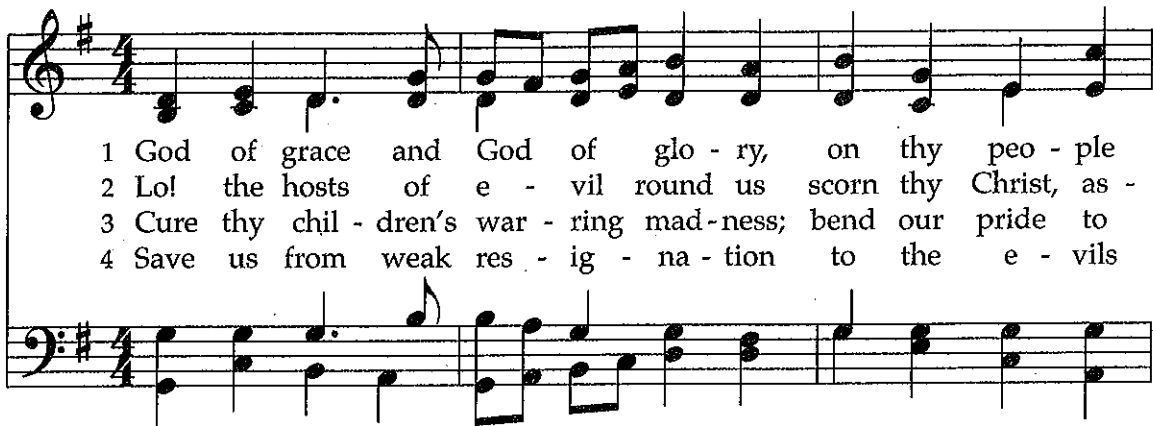
God, who's the cen-ter of our u-ni-ty and praise!

This paraphrase draws on Psalm 133, one of the Songs of Ascent sung by pilgrims to Jerusalem. It adapts the original theme of national unity through shared worship on Mount Zion into a celebration of the unity God grants to those who come together in one place for worship.

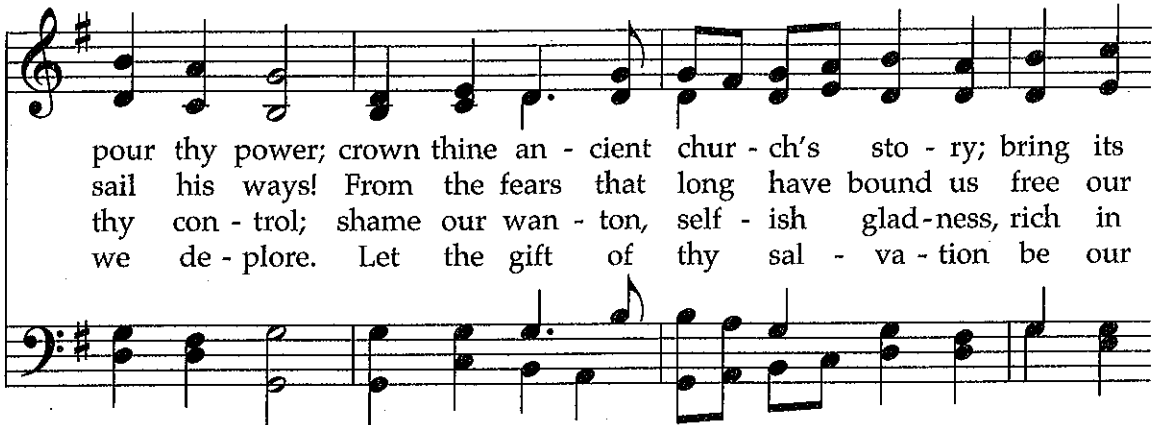
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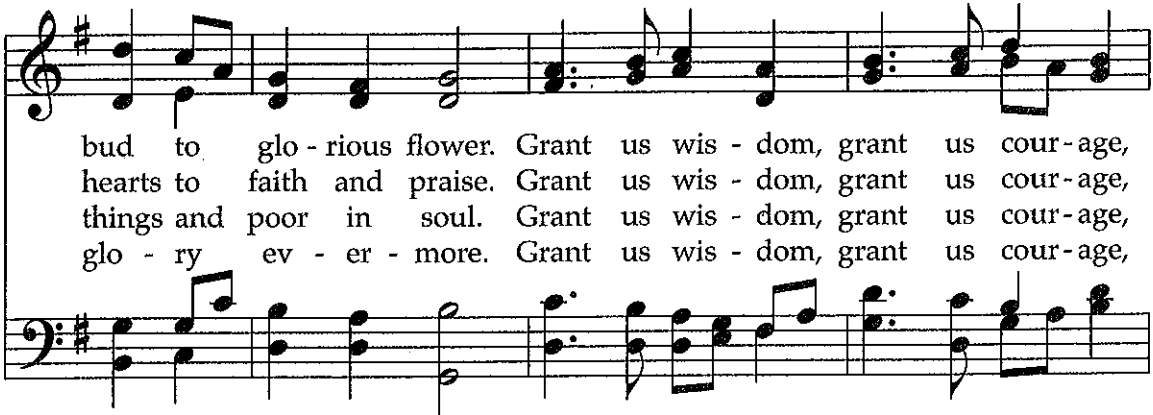
## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



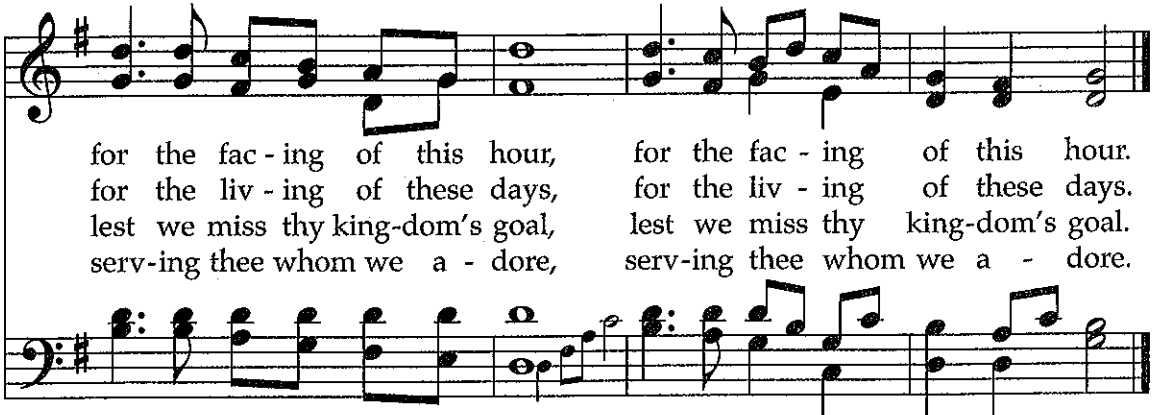
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA

8.7.8.7.8.7.7



## 530

## One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of



all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.



And we, though man-y, through-out the



earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the  
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and



free, wom - an or man, no more.  
works, one in the Lord of all.  
grown, gath - ered to one, for all.

to Refrain

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This Lord's Supper text is based on various Scriptures (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Galatians 3:28, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-31) as well as imagery from the *Didache*, a significant Christian document from the early 2nd century, about scattered grain united in the eucharistic bread.

# 692

# Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
 Refrain F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
 F B $\flat$  Gm7 F B $\flat$  F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
 F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's

2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
 C7 Dm F/C B $\flat$  C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$  *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994  
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
 Text © 1996 The Pilgrim Press  
 Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME  
 Irregular

**THE STATED CLERK'S REPORT**  
**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS**  
 First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Illinois  
**Thursday, August 18, 2016**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery adopt the following:

**Proposed Docket**

1. that Presbytery approve the docket as prepared by General Council with adjustments made by the Stated Clerk.
2. that the Presbytery receive the Statistical Report for 2015.

	<u>6 Yr av</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>1972</u>
Active Members	8,524	9,796	9,378	9,032	8,302	7,850	6,787	27,916
Female	4,436	4,750	4,629	5,361	4,025	3,774	4,077	
<b>Total Adherents</b>	<b>9,579</b>	<b>10,680</b>	<b>10,498</b>	<b>10,019</b>	<b>9,910</b>	<b>8,782</b>	<b>7,585</b>	
Inactive Members	631	3,784						
Baptized Members	770	884	1120	987	634	561	431	
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1,247</b>
Profession	0							745
17 and under	71	74	85	105	72	50	39	
18 and over	110	136	153	115	93	86	78	
Certificate	59	45	44	159	52	29	26	502
Other	84	122	90	98	80	25	87	
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>1293</b>	<b>1766</b>
Certificate	212	114	53	149	407	67	479	596
Death	179	217	193	176	176	170	144	420
Other	520	558	544	498	444	405	670	750
<b>Total Baptisms</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>429</b>
Children	89	101	110	86	80	86	68	305
Adult	40	54	53	57	30	22	23	124
<b>Total Church School Members</b>	<b>3,205</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>3,013</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>10,250</b>
<b>Elders</b>								
Men	265	318	282	280	253	241	216	747
Women	304	306	318	325	306	296	270	306
<b>Deacons</b>								
Men	97	99	128	102	87	90	77	
Women	260	295	323	290	229	241	181	
Ministers	110	131	114	116	102	102	97	115
<b>Churches</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>123</b>

<b>Finances</b>							
Potential Giving Units	14,328	5,338	16,301	4,306	6,447	3,886	49,692
Budgeted Income	9,325,995	9,468,085	12,560,611	8,896,179	10,389,790	7,925,524	6,715,778
<b>Receipts:</b>							
Regular Contributions	8,275,340	8,639,500	10,218,851	8,299,531	8,058,899	7,736,151	6,699,109
Capital Bldg Fund	632,122	824,568	741,611	659,864	609,223	725,649	231,816
Investment Income	863,957	898,111	1,188,926	651,091	597,848	988,397	859,370
Bequests	934,331	398,570	711,845	838,802	554,965	479,650	2,622,153
Other Income	786,105	732,803	899,712	608,382	991,778	974,665	509,288
Subsidy or Aid	18,495	19,017	0	1139	1730	54417	34666
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>11,510,350</b>	<b>11,512,569</b>	<b>13,760,945</b>	<b>11,058,809</b>	<b>10,814,443</b>	<b>10,958,929</b>	<b>10,956,402</b>
<b>Budget Expense</b>		<b>10,465,005</b>	<b>57,160,849</b>	<b>53,387,720</b>	<b>21,119,460</b>	<b>13,541,260</b>	<b>7,806,117</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>							
Local Programs & Mission	7,871,996	8,223,744	8,571,823	8,036,127	8,110,948	7,704,273	6,585,058
Local Mission	619,528	499,415	627,831	674,931	701,914	650,755	562,323
Validated Mission	381,581	394,014	504,978	315,755	333,430	405,121	336,186
Theological Education	18,155	27,666	17,322	13,053	10,543	3,061	37,287
Per Capita Apportionment	498,049	290,232	411,415	1,350,255	279,162	444,925	212,303
Capital Expenditures	1,022,251	1,950,080	1,277,385	600,288	689,303	946,068	670,383
All Other Mission	281,699	267,104	280,773	209,650	292,229	288,554	351,881
Investments	711,818	371,775	344,182	628,834	602,895	201,201	2,122,023
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>11,405,076</b>	<b>12,024,030</b>	<b>12,035,709</b>	<b>11,828,893</b>	<b>11,020,424</b>	<b>10,643,958</b>	<b>10,877,444</b>

3. That the Presbytery approve the ecclesiastical status of all members (G3.0104) on January 1, 2016 as follows:

PASTORS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS

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Rev. Marjorie Ackermann	101	Rev. Scott Keeble	101
Rev. Arvid W. Adell	299	Rev. J. Emmett Kelewae	299
Rev. Rodger Allen	101	Colleen Lawrence	158
Rev. Ron Allin	299	Rev. William A. Lawser	299
Rev. Walter H. Baker	299	Rev. Roger K. Lyons	108
Rev. Connie Bandy	501	Rev. Cynthia McDowell	299
Rev. Charles H. Banning	108/299	Rev. Bill McLean	302
Rev. Wayne Barrett	797	Rev. David A. McNabb	299
Rev. Cynthia Bean	303/501	Rev. Wade Meranda	101
Rev. Kerry Bean	191	Rev. Robert Miner	155
Rev. Judith K. Beyler	108/299	Rev. Nathan Mochizuki	701
Rev. Leah Ellison Bradley	797	Rev. Elizabeth Moses	108
Rev. Beau Brown	101	Rev. Larry Moslener	101
Rev. Kenneth Bryant	299	Rev. Alton J. Myers	299
Rev. Cloyce Burcham	299	Rev. Michael Neubert	101
Rev. Ann H. Burger	299	Rev. Deborah Owen	155
Rev. Danalyn Byle	795	Rev. John E. (Jack) Pitzer	501
Rev. John Campbell	101	Rev. John N. Porter	299
Rev. Charles Carlson	103	Rev. Dale Robb	299
Rev. Andrew Clark	101	Rev. William Salzmann	299
Rev. Maureen Clark	191	Rev. Jason Schiller	191
Rev. Charles Scott Davis	108	Rev. Ann Schwartz	701
Rev. Jack S. Early	299	Rev. David D. Schwingle	299
Rev. Michael Evanchak	101	Rev. Nancy R. Scott	299
Rev. Edwin E. Evans	299	Rev. John Seibert	299
Rev. Laurie Fields	797	Rev. Cindy Shepherd	791
Rev. Matthew Froeschle	101	Rev. Steven Shoemaker	299
Rev. James Gardiner	299	Rev. Kurt T. Simon	101
Rev. Kristin Godlin	701	Rev. Verne Sindlinger	299
Rev. Bob Goebel	701	Rev. Duane Sinn	299
Rev. Herbert Goeltzer	299	Rev. Eric Snyder	299
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Rev. DiAnne Hatch	299	Rev. James Thomson	299
Rev. Jan Hawkins	101	Rev. Deborah Troester	503
Rev. Thomas Hawkins	101	Rev. Dale O. Tutje	299
Rev. Julia E. Hazzard	299	Rev. Michel Wakeland	105
Rev. Rachel Helgeson	101	Rev. Charles Walden	797
Rev. L. Drew Holloway	797	Rev. Heidi Weatherford	101
Rev. James Hopper	101	Rev. Janice West	101
Rev. James D. Howie	299	Rev. Dan J. Whitfield	299
Rev. Geoff Huish	299	Rev. Christopher Williams	101
Rev. Laura Johnston	101	Rev. Laurie Williams	101
Rev. Anne Jones	797	Rev. Donald C. Winch	299
Rev. John Kay	105/299	Rev. Arthur Woolverton	191
Rev. William R. Keagle	299	Rev. Byron W. York	299
Rev. Melissa Keeble	701		

**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois**  
Stated Meeting August 18, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church, Danville, IL  
**General Council Report**

**RECOMMENDATION A**

**First Reading of the 2017 Presbytery Budget**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery receive the 2017 Proposed Budget for a first reading with a subsequent vote for approval at the November 2016 Stated Meeting.

**2017 Narrative Budget**

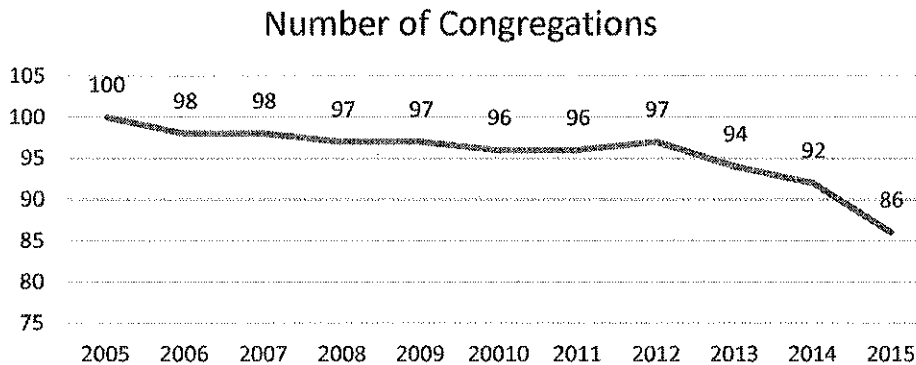
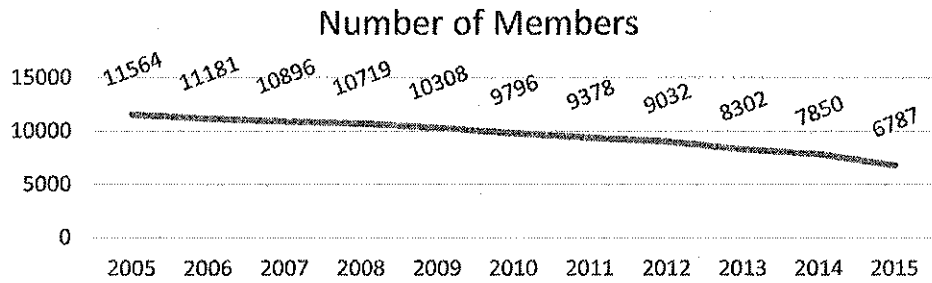
The presbytery is made up of all the pastors and an equal number of representatives from each PCUSA congregation within our borders. The presbytery elects several committees to assume specific responsibilities and to recommend actions to the presbytery. In addition to the members who serve as volunteer committee members, the presbytery also calls/employs paid staff – currently two full-time (Director of Camp Carew and PSEI Administrative Assistant) and four part-time positions (Presbyter for Congregational Care, Stated Clerk, PSEI Secretary and Treasurer).

The presbytery's overall function is to be a "connector" in our connectional denomination. With 85 central and southeastern Illinois congregations ranging geographically from Paxton to Metropolis and the Wabash river to Chester; in size from fewer than ten members to hundreds; in age, from congregations over 200 years old to less than 10 years old, there are many diverse needs. Churches by their nature are great responders to the needs of those in their communities. By supporting the presbytery our congregations are also responders to the needs of fellow southeastern Illinois PCUSA churches. The presbytery serves as a "connector" between the PCUSA and our member congregations.

The General Council, elected by the presbytery members shapes the overall direction of the work of the presbytery. Our two part-time professional staff (Presbyter for Congregational Care, and Stated Clerk) in partnership with the Committee on Ministry are in constant, personal contact with the sessions, pastors, clerks and commissioners of PSEI congregations. The need may be for problem solving, conflict resolution, pastor searches or something entirely different. The PCC and the Stated Clerk are equipped through training and experience to bring insight and offer solutions to a session's needs. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry works with potential pastors and sessions. The Camp and Conference Board of Directors oversees the work of Camp Carew in partnership with the General Council and the whole presbytery.

**Where we find ourselves**

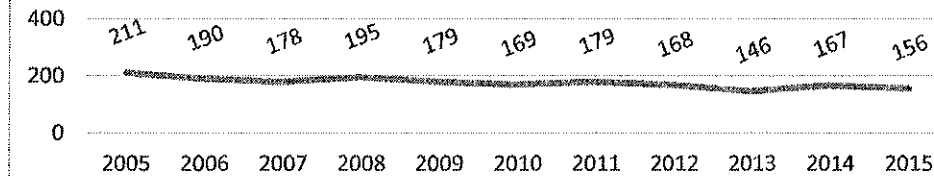
The general membership trend of the Presbytery is like that of many mainline denominations and a growing number of non-denominational churches – declining. While it is true that some of the congregations have a growing number of people in worship their membership numbers don't show an increase because holding membership in a congregation does not have the same value that it once did in our society. In addition, with six congregation dismissals (and one in process) and six congregation closures while only have one new congregation in the last few years you will see a decidedly downward direction in our membership numbers. The result is that presbytery has fewer resources available for the churches to call upon for help.



Six years ago the Presbytery voted to engage in a daring experiment to see if funding for a full-time Camp Director would increase the sustainability and ministry of Camp Carew. The funds to cover the cost of this experiment were to come from the congregations' mission giving. In 2015, the Presbytery voted to continue the experiment for two more years. This has meant that the Presbytery substantially increased its overall giving toward the expenses of Camp Carew as it paid for the salary and benefits of the Camp Carew Director while continuing to cover the operating expenses for the camp's Board of Directors (meetings, mileage, meals). However, as congregations struggled to meet their own expenses the presbytery saw a decrease in mission giving. During the first five years of the experiment the majority, and then more than all of the mission funding, went to cover the Director's package and a declining amount was available to fund the camps' program expenses. Our giving toward camp program support declined from \$20,000 to \$6,000 per year in that time. Now we are in the season where the financial commitment to Camp Carew and the Director's package will exceed the congregations' mission giving.

Camp Carew continues to receive funds from the Presbyterian Foundation, both from funds set up by individual donors and from the Camp Carew Foundation (which was established by the presbytery with over a quarter of a millions dollars in principal). Additionally, Camp Carew receives a number of generous donations of time and talent directly from congregations. In spite of all that effort, attendance at camp is following the same trend as membership and congregation numbers.

## Number of Campers



## The Bottom Line

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois has specific responsibilities it **must** fulfill, regardless of the number of congregations and members that are in its midst. We do **not** have the option to “close up shop” and cease to be a presbytery. The options before us are to:

- Increase income
- Decrease expenses
- Share expenses for some functions with another presbytery
- Dissolve as a presbytery and join with another presbytery, thereby increasing our already large geographic borders
- Pursue other creative options, like dividing into smaller presbyteries that can be staffed by one part-time person.

## Income

1. **Per Capita giving** – Annually, each congregation is asked to pay an amount per member to support the work of the presbytery, the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the General Assembly. Currently that rate is \$40. While it is true that per capita giving for congregations is not mandated, every presbytery is mandated to submit the full payment for each congregation to the synod and the General Assembly regardless of the amounts submitted by its member congregations. For 2017, presbytery plans to collect \$257,906, of which \$183,521 will be used for presbytery expenses. **Options for increasing revenue are limited to increasing per capita from the current \$40, seeking 100% participation from congregations and growing congregational membership.**
2. **Mission Giving** – In addition to per capita, each congregation has the opportunity to include presbytery in their mission giving. Currently, PSEI’s mission focus is Camp Carew – in 2017 we plan to spend 102% of the mission money collected to support Camp Carew.
3. **Other Income** – The presbytery is the beneficiary of a long-standing trust that provides some investment income (\$10,500 expected in 2017) to help with operating costs. **Options to increase other income are to pursue a riskier, potentially higher return investment strategy, pursuing a planned giving program.**
4. **Synod Funds** – We have been fortunate to receive grants from the Synod of Lincoln Trails for Pastoral support and Enrichment and for Congregational Mission Grants. This has allowed us

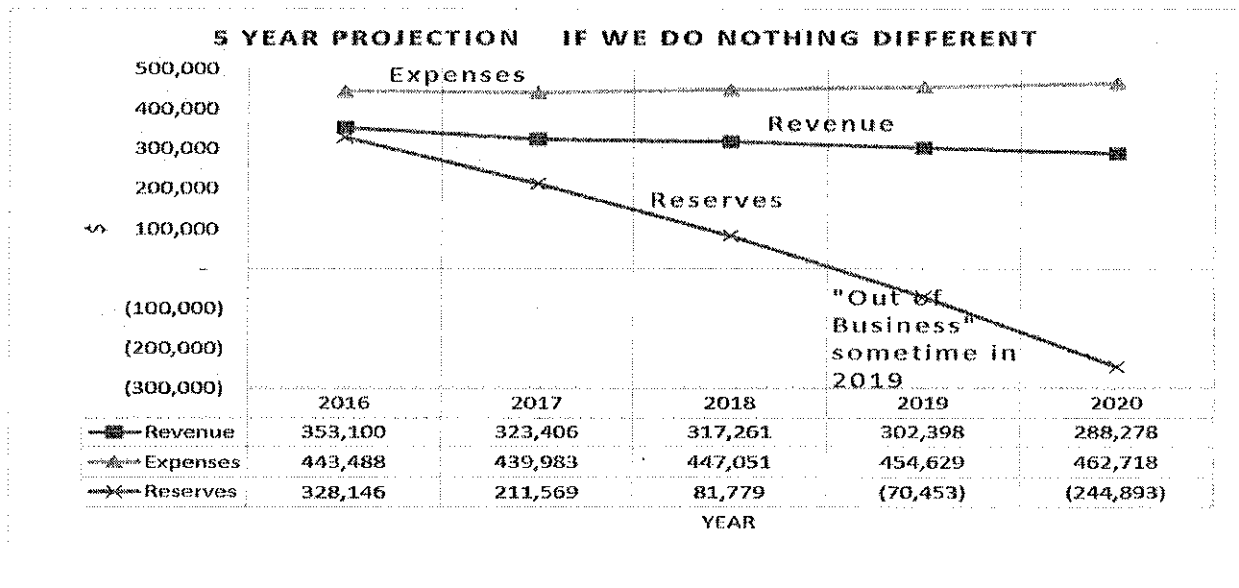


to disburse \$133,000 to help our pastors and congregations. The funds were restricted to these purposes.

5. **Designated Reserves** – This includes \$50,000 that was set aside for a three-year commitment to Mission Discovery – a program to assist congregations in transition or in need of redevelopment. This money was set aside to pay for the costs associated with Holy Cow Church Assessment Team, the interpreters and their expenses, for the expenses associated with Appreciative Inquiry leaders, and for training for all of these programs. The designation of these funds expires at the end of this year and the remaining funds will become available again for operating expenses.

**Expenses:**

1. **Mission Giving** – Camp Carew – in 2017 we plan to give 102% of our available mission funds to Camp Carew. The presbytery currently provides all of the compensation for the camp director (one of the 2 full-time positions) and \$6,000 of undesignated camp program support. **Total direct expenditure \$57,150.**
2. **Denominational support** – mandated per capita assessed by and paid to the General Assembly and Synod of Lincoln Trail. **Total Expense \$74,386**
3. **Congregational outreach** – we make both Bill and Cindy (both part-time employees) available to meet the needs of our members. In addition, we cover the expenses of the volunteer committee members who work with congregations. **Total Expense \$167,023**
4. **Connective services** – presbytery provides Brenda, Marsha and Paul (one full-time, two part-time) to help congregations with administrative needs, ranging from filing annual reports to maintaining membership directories and facilitating connections. Brenda and Marsha work from a rented space in Decatur. **Total Expense \$129,401**
5. **Administrative committees** – expenses of volunteer committees who oversee the operation of the presbytery. **Total Expense \$9,300**



2017 Budget Worksheet

Accounts	Jan-Jun '16	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Difference	
					\$	%
<b>Revenues</b>						
400100 - Per Capita	196,925	280,256	282,600	257,906 <sup>1</sup>	(24,694)	-9%
400200 - Presbytery Mission Support	36,971	71,649	80,000	55,000	(5,000)	-8%
400300 - Special Offerings - Undesignated	25,324	7,175	-	-	-	-
400400 - Investment Return	-	3,955	3,000	2,000	(1,000)	-33%
400500 - W.D. Morgan Trust	11,318	17,035	7,500	7,500	-	0%
400800 - Registration and Sales	980	2,503	-	1,000	1,000	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>271,518</b>	<b>382,573</b>	<b>353,100</b>	<b>323,406</b>	<b>(29,694)</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>						
500105 - Mandated GA Per Capita	27,946	58,695	55,892	48,527	(7,365)	-13%
500106 - Mandated Synod per capita	14,954	31,631	29,909	25,858	(4,051)	-14%
500200 - Camp Director Salary (75% time in 2017)	29,221	57,257	58,676	44,077	(14,599)	-25%
500210 - Camp Director Social Security	2,235	4,380	4,489	3,400	(1,089)	-24%
500220 - Camp Director Travel	930	1,129	4,000	4,000	-	0%
500230 - Camp Director Professional Exp.	-	250	1,000	1,000	-	0%
500240 - Camp Director Pension	-	-	-	Incl in Salary	-	-
500250 - Camp Program Support	3,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0%
500300 - PCC Salary (Part-time 65% time)	16,291	34,469	32,060	32,581 <sup>3</sup>	521	2%
500310 - PCC Housing	7,278	6,718	14,556	14,556	-	-
500320 - PCC Pension	9,630	18,794	17,248	19,260	2,012	12%
500330 - PCC Travel	6,216	8,672	9,000	12,000	3,000	33%
500340 - PCC Professional Exp.	1,000	650	1,000	1,500	500	50%
500400 - SC Salary (Part-time 65% time)	23,119	45,009	46,616	47,137 <sup>3</sup>	521	1%
500420 - SC Pension	9,591	19,120	17,248	18,276	1,028	6%
500430 - SC Travel	7,805	5,448	9,000	10,000	1,000	11%
500440 - SC Professional Exp.	-	100	1,000	500	(500)	-50%
500500 - Admin Salary (35 hours per week))	17,627	53,016	34,198	35,256 <sup>3</sup>	1,058	3%
500500 - Secretary/Camp Registrar (21 hours per week)	9,411	-	18,256	18,821 <sup>3</sup>	-	-
500510 - Admin Social Security	2,068	4,058	4,177	4,177 <sup>3</sup>	-	0%
500520 - Brenda 403b contribution	1,728	4,587	3,533	3,533 <sup>3</sup>	-	0%
500530 - Brenda Medical Ins.	4,075	7,087	5,500	8,550	3,050	55%

2017 Budget Worksheet

Accounts	Jan-Jun '16	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	Difference	
500540 - Admin Travel	73	234	2,000	3,000	1,000	50%
500550 - Admin Professional Exp.	-	250	500	-	(500)	-100%
500620 - Virtual office transition	-	-	-	5,000 <sup>2</sup>	-	-
500630 - Office	17,754	58,947	35,000	40,000	5,000	14%
500700 - Genl Council Travel & Meeting	445	8,957	9,000	5,000 <sup>4</sup>	(4,000)	-44%
500705 - Presbytery meetings	179	-	-	1,000 <sup>4</sup>	1,000	-
500710 - GC Retreats	25	-	-	-	-	-
500730 - Camp Board Travel & Meetings	256	-	-	500 <sup>4</sup>	500	-
501000 - COM	1,246	3,800	8,000	8,000	-	0%
502000 - CPM	261	4,442	6,500	6,500 <sup>4</sup>	-	0%
504000 - Personnel	-	641	1,000	1,000	-	0%
504500 - Nomination and Representation	85	173	400	300	(100)	-25%
505000 - Ecclesiastical Function	-	300	1,500	1,500	-	0%
506000 - CPA Review	-	4,975	4,500	4,500	-	0%
507000 - Treasurer Fee	-	-	-	6,000 <sup>2</sup>	6,000	100%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>214,449</b>	<b>447,787</b>	<b>441,759</b>	<b>441,310</b>	<b>(449)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>67,069</b>	<b>(65,214)</b>	<b>(88,659)</b>	<b>(117,904)</b>	<b>(29,245)</b>	
Notes						
<sup>1</sup> 95% collection rate						
<sup>2</sup> New account						
<sup>3</sup> No cost of living increase for staff						
<sup>4</sup> As requested by Chair						

Presbytery Financial Support for Camp Carew

Director compensation	44,000
Employment taxes	3,400
Director Workers Comp Insurance	2,128
Travel, Professional	5,000
Camp program support	6,000
Camp board expense	500
Registrar/clerical support (est. 25% of Admin Asst)	4,705
<b>Total presbytery support for Camp Carew</b>	<b>65,733</b>

**RECOMMENDATION B**

**Presbytery Treasurer's Report**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery receive the Treasurer's Report.

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
Monthly Analysis of Revenues & Expenses  
January to June 2016

Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
400100 - Per Capita	\$156,926	\$282,600
400200 - Presbytery Mission Support	\$36,971	\$60,000
400300 - Special Offerings - Undesignated	\$25,324	\$0
400400 - Investment Return	\$0	\$3,000
400500 - W.D. Morgan Trust	\$11,318	\$7,500
400800 - Registration and Sales	\$980	\$0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$271,519</b>	<b>\$353,100</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Program Services</b>		
500105 - GA Per Capita	\$27,946	\$56,892
500106 - Synod per capita	\$14,954	\$29,909
<b>Camp Carew</b>		
<b>Director</b>		
500200 - Director Salary	\$29,221	\$58,676
500210 - Director Social Security	\$2,235	\$4,469
500220 - Director Travel	\$930	\$4,000
500230 - Director Cont Ed	\$0	\$1,000
500240 - Director Pension	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Director</b>	<b>\$32,386</b>	<b>\$68,155</b>
<b>Program Support</b>		
500250 - Program Support	\$3,000	\$6,000
<b>Total Program Support</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
<b>Total Camp Carew</b>	<b>\$35,386</b>	<b>\$74,155</b>
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$78,236</b>	<b>\$159,966</b>
<b>Supporting Services</b>		
<b>Staff</b>		
<b>Presbyter for Cong.l Care</b>		
500300 - PCC Salary	\$16,291	\$46,616
500310 - PCC Housing	\$7,278	\$0
500320 - PCC Pension	\$9,630	\$17,248
500330 - PCC Travel	\$6,216	\$9,000
500340 - PCC Professional Exp.	\$1,000	\$1,000
<b>Total Presbyter for Cong.l Care</b>	<b>\$40,415</b>	<b>\$73,864</b>
<b>Stated Clerk</b>		
500400 - SC Salary	\$23,119	\$46,616
500420 - SC Pension	\$9,591	\$17,248
500430 - SC Travel	\$7,805	\$9,000
500440 - SC Professional Exp.	\$0	\$1,000
<b>Total Stated Clerk</b>	<b>\$40,514</b>	<b>\$73,864</b>
<b>Administrative</b>		
500500 - Admin Salary	\$27,036	\$64,182
500510 - Admin Social Security	\$2,068	\$4,177
500520 - Admin Annuity	\$1,728	\$3,533
500530 - Admin Medical Ins.	\$4,075	\$5,500
500540 - Admin Travel	\$73	\$2,000
500550 - Admin Professional Exp.	\$0	\$500
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$34,983</b>	<b>\$69,892</b>
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$115,912</b>	<b>\$217,626</b>
<b>Office</b>		
<b>Occupancy</b>		
500600 - Rent	\$3,366	\$0
500630 - General	\$13,767	\$35,000
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>\$17,133</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
 Monthly Analysis of Revenues & Expenses  
 January to June 2016

Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>\$17,764</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>General Council</b>		
500700 - GC Travel & Meeting	\$445	\$9,000
500705 - Presbytery meetings	\$179	\$0
500710 - GC Retreats	\$25	\$0
500730 - GC Camps	\$265	\$0
<b>Total General Council</b>	<b>\$908</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Committees</b>		
<b>Ministry</b>		
501000 - CCM	\$1,245	\$9,000
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$1,245</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Preparation for Ministry</b>		
502000 - CPM	\$261	\$5,500
<b>Total Preparation for Ministry</b>	<b>\$261</b>	<b>\$5,500</b>
<b>Personnel</b>		
504000 - Pr Travel & Meeting	\$0	\$1,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Nominations &amp; Representations</b>		
504500 - NCM	\$85	\$400
<b>Total Nominations &amp; Representations</b>	<b>\$85</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Ecclesiastical Function</b>		
505000 - EF	\$0	\$1,500
<b>Total Ecclesiastical Function</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>\$1,592</b>	<b>\$17,400</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>		
506000 - CPA Review	\$0	\$4,500
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$136,163</b>	<b>\$283,520</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$214,449</b>	<b>\$443,486</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$67,669</b>	<b>(\$90,386)</b>

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
 Monthly Balance Sheet  
 June 2016

Accounts		
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
100100 - Checking Account	\$88,598	
100200 - Petty Cash	\$50	
100400 - Unpaid Prior Years Per Capita Fee	\$0	
<b>Investments</b>		
100300 - First Mid CDs	\$184,119	
100310 - Presbyterian Investment & Loan Prog	\$250,606	
100320 - Other	\$11,862	
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$446,707</b>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$535,455</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
100510 - Camp Carew Foundation - New Cov.	\$281,320	
100520 - Camp Carew Fdn Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$1,035	
100600 - Office Equipment	\$27,861	
100650 - Accumulated Depreciation Office Equ	(\$24,548)	
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>\$285,367</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$820,812</b>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payroll Taxes Payable</b>		
200400 - Minors WHT	\$614	
<b>Total Payroll Taxes Payable</b>		<b>\$614</b>
<b>Mission Funds Payable</b>		
200700 - GA Missal Funds	\$1,569	
200900 - Synod Mission	\$495	
200900 - Other Mission	\$14,786	
<b>Total Mission Funds Payable</b>		<b>\$16,850</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$17,464</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
259999 - Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$122,266	
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$122,266</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$399,177	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$281,505	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$681,083</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$820,812</b>

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
 Monthly Summary of Restricted Accounts  
 January to June 2016

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expense	Ending Balance
<b>Temporary Restricted</b>				
800110 - Congregational Development	\$49,400	\$0	\$0	\$49,400
800203 - Peacemaking	\$38,035	\$928	\$12,914	\$26,049
800503 - Special Offerings Designated	\$45,753	\$0	\$0	\$45,753
800603 - Trustees Account	\$241,188	\$14,822	\$3,678	\$251,833
800703 - Camp Carew Building Fund	\$822	\$0	\$0	\$822
800803 - Local Disaster Relief	\$3,892	\$0	\$0	\$3,892
800903 - Pastoral Enrichment & Support	(\$3,610)	\$0	\$2,445	(\$5,055)
801003 - Mission & Ministry	\$43,264	\$0	\$16,670	\$27,684
<b>Total Temporary Restricted</b>	<b>\$418,834</b>	<b>\$15,250</b>	<b>\$33,607</b>	<b>\$399,177</b>
<b>Permanent Restricted</b>				
800103 - Camp Carew Foundation	\$273,075	\$0	\$0	\$273,075
800203 - Camp Carew Adj	\$2,831	\$0	\$0	\$2,831
<b>Total Permanent Restricted</b>	<b>\$281,906</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$281,906</b>

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
 Pledge/Gift Report  
 From 01/01/2016 To 06/30/2016

Fund Code	Description	Non-Pledge Gifts	Total Pledge	Pledge Gifts This Period	Pledge Gifts Prior Periods	Pledge Balance
1	Camp Carew	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	GA Shared Mission	\$30,618.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Mission Directed	\$9,833.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Per Capita	\$12,590.00	\$307,560.00	\$180,675.04	\$2,400.00	\$124,484.56
				\$3,760.00*		
6	Presbytery Peacemaking	\$927.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	Presbytery Shared Mission	\$35,452.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	Special Gifts	\$28,153.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	Supplies Purchased	\$304.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Synod Shared Mission	\$3,525.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12	Trustees Funds	\$8,613.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
21	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$30,891.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23	Christmas Joy	\$18,262.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
24	Peacemaking	\$1,288.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
25	Theological Education Fun	\$2,680.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
27	Pentecost	\$3,247.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b>\$191,279.35</b>	<b>\$307,560.00</b>	<b>\$180,435.04</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$124,484.56</b>

**Per Capita Status  
as of 6/30/2016**

PIN	Church	2016			2015		Total
		Per Capita	Pmts	Unpaid Balance	Per Capita	Unpaid Balance	Unpaid Balance
1708	Albion, First United	520	520	-	600	-	-
1771	Arcola	1,440	1,440	-	1,520	-	-
1950	Argenta	960	-	960	1,380	280	1,240
1789	Ashmore, United	1,520	-	1,920	1,880	1,280	2,800
1772	Assumption, Memorial	1,920	1,920	-	1,980	-	-
1500	Barnant, First	4,040	4,040	-	4,520	-	-
1710	Bridgeport, First	1,280	1,280	-	1,580	-	-
1711	Bridgeport, Pisgah	360	360	-	560	560	560
1445	Butlar, Union	640	640	-	780	120	120
1544	Cairo, First	640	-	640	640	640	1,280
1546	Carbondale, First	6,480	6,480	-	8,980	-	-
1712	Carmi, First	1,920	1,920	-	1,980	-	-
1547	Cartersville, First	1,040	1,040	-	1,280	-	-
1713	Centralia, First	5,200	5,200	-	5,720	-	-
15018	Champaign, Copper Creek	5,600	5,600	-	5,640	-	-
1504	Champaign, First	27,480	27,480	-	29,920	80	80
1505	Champaign, Mckinley Memorial	5,040	5,040	-	5,080	-	-
1506	Champaign, Westminster	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
1774	Charleston, First	5,240	5,240	-	5,280	-	-
1449	Chester, First	1,640	-	1,640	1,720	-	1,640
1548	Cobden, First	2,040	2,040	-	2,720	-	-
1511	Danville, First	11,480	5,740	5,740	11,600	-	5,740
1958	Decatur, Bethlehem	2,800	2,800	-	3,280	-	-
1956	Decatur, First	18,920	7,620	11,300	19,200	-	11,300
9579	Decatur, Lampstand	13,320	-	13,320	13,320	-	13,320
1957	Decatur, Westminster	10,000	2,000	8,000	10,400	7,800	15,800
1452	Donnellson	600	600	-	600	-	-
1714	DuQuoin, First	-	-	-	1,580	1,580	1,580

**Per Capita Status  
as of 6/30/2016**

PIN	Church	2016			2015		Total
		Per Capita	Pmts	Unpaid Balance	Per Capita	Unpaid Balance	Unpaid Balance
1777	Effingham, First	7,040	1,760	5,280	7,720	1,930	7,210
1550	Eldorado, First	1,640	-	1,640	1,640	-	1,640
1553	Equality	1,040	-	1,040	1,280	1,280	2,320
1554	Golconda, First	1,520	1,520	-	1,480	-	-
1555	Grand Tower, First	400	400	-	400	400	400
1778	Greenup, First	920	-	920	980	980	1,880
1460	Greenville, First	4,120	4,120	-	4,120	-	-
1556	Harrisburg, First	4,000	3,050	950	4,200	1,050	2,000
1557	Herrin, First	3,160	3,160	-	3,160	-	-
1463	Hillsboro, Waveland	560	-	560	560	560	1,120
1521	Hoopeston, First	3,880	-	3,880	4,000	-	3,880
1790	Kansas, United	240	240	-	400	160	160
1025	Kell, Romine Prairie	640	640	-	580	-	-
1720	Lawrenceville, First	2,280	30	2,250	2,280	-	2,250
1468	Litchfield, First	2,400	2,400	-	2,400	-	-
1969	Macon	-	-	-	1,480	-	-
1558	Marion, First	3,200	3,200	-	3,160	-	-
1781	Mattoon, First	7,400	1,430	5,970	7,480	-	5,970
1792	Mattoon, Loxa	560	560	-	580	-	-
1721	McLeansboro, First	960	960	-	1,180	160	160
1560	Metropolis, Trinity	1,160	1,160	-	1,520	1,520	1,520
1524	Monticello, First	5,480	2,740	2,740	5,640	-	2,740
1722	Mt Carmel, First	200	-	200	200	-	200
1724	Mt Vernon, First	3,840	-	3,840	4,120	-	3,840
1975	Mt Zion	16,040	3,200	12,840	16,240	12,885	25,535
1561	Murphysboro, First	2,640	405	2,235	2,640	2,116	4,351
1725	Nashville, First	1,760	1,760	-	1,840	-	-
1783	Neoga, United	2,080	2,080	80	2,320	-	80

**Per Capita Status  
as of 6/30/2016**

PIN	Church	2016			2015		Total
		Per Capita	Pmnts	Unpaid Balance	Per Capita	Unpaid Balance	Unpaid Balance
1562	New Haven, United	640	640	-	640	-	-
1784	Newman, Shaw Memorial	320	320	-	320	-	-
1785	Newton, First	960	960	-	1,000	-	-
1563	Norris City, Union Ridge	1,320	-	1,320	1,320	1,320	2,640
3340	Oakdale, United	2,200	2,200	-	2,320	-	-
1727	Olney, First	4,240	4,240	-	6,000	1,250	1,250
1786	Palestine, First	5,360	5,360	-	5,400	-	-
1787	Pana, United in Faith	2,560	2,560	-	2,520	-	-
1795	Paris, New Providence	2,400	2,400	-	2,440	-	-
1788	Paris, The	5,800	-	5,800	6,000	-	5,800
8524	Paxton, Federated	960	-	960	1,080	-	960
1527	Philo	3,600	2,400	1,200	3,600	-	1,200
1026	Pinckneyville, First United	2,240	690	1,550	2,280	-	1,550
1538	Rantoul	560	100	460	600	-	460
1476	Raymond, Community Of Faith	1,280	-	1,280	1,240	-	1,280
1565	Ridgway, First	280	-	280	280	-	280
1479	Rockwood, Ebenezer	1,040	-	1,040	1,040	1,040	2,080
1478	Rockwood, First	400	-	400	400	-	400
6090	Rosamond, Community	920	460	460	920	-	460
1530	Rossville, First	560	560	-	600	-	-
1731	Salem	2,800	1,150	1,650	3,000	-	1,650
1752	Salem, New Bethel	920	-	920	980	980	1,880
1567	Shawneetown, First	1,440	1,440	-	1,440	-	-
1799	Shelbyville, First	2,920	-	2,920	3,320	-	2,920
1482	Sorento	1,040	1,040	-	1,040	-	-
1477	Sorento, Reno-Bethel	360	360	-	440	-	-
1030	Sparta, Trinity United	-	-	-	3,580	-	-
1483	Sparta, Westminster	8,880	4,440	4,440	9,780	-	4,440

**Per Capita Status  
as of 6/30/2016**

PIN	Church	2016			2015		Total
		Per Capita	Pmnts	Unpaid Balance	Per Capita	Unpaid Balance	Unpaid Balance
1800	Sullivan, First	960	960	-	980	-	-
1793	Sumner, Glead	320	320	-	280	-	-
1992	Taylorville, First	6,040	3,020	3,020	6,640	563	3,673
3404	Tilden	5,720	5,720	-	6,000	-	-
1534	Tolono, First	2,640	-	2,640	3,160	-	2,640
1536	Urbana, First	10,800	10,800	-	10,840	-	-
10637	Urbana, Korean	9,600	3,000	6,600	10,720	-	6,600
1804	Vandalia, First	1,840	1,840	-	1,880	40	40
1491	Witt, First	360	360	-	360	-	-
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>307,560</b>	<b>183,079</b>	<b>124,485</b>	<b>330,440</b>	<b>40,314</b>	<b>164,799</b>

**RECOMMENDATION C**

**First Reading of the 2017 Camp Carew Budget**

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery to receive the Camp and Conferences Budget for a first reading at the August Stated Meeting and approval at the November Stated Meeting.

<b>PRESBYTERIAN CAMP CAREW</b>					
<b>2017 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET</b>					
<b>CASH REVENUE</b>				(May 19, 2016)	
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2015 YTD Actual</b>	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2017 Budget</b>	
1	Support	Presbytery of SE ILL	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2		Endowment Funds	\$16,188.63	\$10,000.00	\$16,500.00
3		Individuals, Churches, Other	\$46,091.45	\$15,000.00	\$35,000.00
4		New Covent Funds	\$5,646.45	\$7,776.00	\$7,500.00
5		<b>Subtotal Financial Support</b>	<b>\$73,926.53</b>	<b>\$38,776.00</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>
6	Registrations	Camper fees/Store	\$29,957.00	\$30,000.00	30,000.00
7		Weekend Rentals	\$810.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,500.00
8		<b>Subtotal Registrations</b>	<b>\$30,767.00</b>	<b>\$31,000.00</b>	<b>33,500.00</b>
10	Other	Other income	\$6,998.17	\$10,000.00	3,500.00
	From Reserves				
11		<b>TOTAL CASH REVENUE</b>	<b>\$111,691.70</b>	<b>\$79,776.00</b>	<b>\$102,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
12	Site	Utilities	\$14,340.16	\$16,000.00	15,000.00
13		Maintenance - Buildings & Grounds	\$7,081.30	\$5,000.00	8,000.00
14					
15		<b>Subtotal Site</b>	<b>\$21,421.46</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	<b>23,000.00</b>
16	Payroll	Payroll - Summer Camp Staff (Gross Salaries)	\$32,296.88	\$28,000.00	22,000.00
17		Payroll - Director of Maintenance/Caretaker (Gross Salary)	Included	\$3,400.00	3,500.00
18		Employer taxes	Included	\$2,300.00	8,500.00
19		Personnel Support Services	Included	\$300.00	600.00
20		<b>Subtotal Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,296.88</b>	<b>\$34,000.00</b>	<b>34,600.00</b>
21	Program	Program Materials, Services, & Development	\$13,109.16	\$6,500.00	10,000.00
22		Program travel & auto expenses	\$1,540.17	\$1,500.00	1,600.00
24		Groceries for Prepared Meals	\$9,026.37	\$15,000.00	11,000.00
25		<b>Subtotal Program Materials and Costs</b>	<b>\$23,675.70</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>	<b>22,600.00</b>
28	Support	Administrative	\$3,345.15	\$1,000.00	2,000.00
28		Publicity fund raising, and Website	Included	\$600.00	600.00
31		Insurance	\$17,303.50	\$16,000.00	17,350.00
32		License, Fees,	Included	\$500.00	250.00
33		Financial Expenses	included	\$300.00	100.00
34		Other	\$1,827.44	\$1,940.00	1,000.00
35		Scholarships and Donations	\$830.00		500.00
37		<b>Subtotal Support</b>	<b>23,306.09</b>	<b>20,340.00</b>	<b>21,800.00</b>
39		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$100,700.13</b>	<b>\$98,340.00</b>	<b>102,000.00</b>
		Totals Difference			
<b>NOTES:</b>					
1	Individual/Church revenue (line 3, above) reflects a one-time gift of \$15,000 which is an unlikely future source of income.				
2	A continued positive revenue to expense ratio may diminish in the future due to increasing insurance and maintenance costs.				





**EXPENSES**

Auto & Transport	\$0.00	\$880.00	\$98.13	\$0.00	\$986.03
Bills	\$1,956.11	\$6,589.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,547.40
Camp Groceries	\$180.89	\$3,542.70	\$1,252.46	\$0.00	\$4,976.05
Camp Insurance	\$0.00	\$2,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,329.00
Camp Programs	\$42.47	\$2,862.41	\$315.12	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Education	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$630.00
Fees & Charges	\$76.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.76
Gifts & Donations	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Maintenance	\$141.02	\$5,728.24	\$823.22	\$0.00	\$6,693.48
Misc.	\$0.00	\$1,309.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,309.81
Office	\$387.81	\$1,289.26	\$102.79	\$0.00	\$1,779.86
Registration-Fee Refund	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$465.00
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$1,154.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,154.22
Rental & Rental Deposits	-\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$50.00
Staff Payroll	\$0.00	\$3,589.48	\$3,686.39	\$0.00	\$7,277.87
Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,187.39	\$0.00	\$1,187.39

Travel	\$98.80	\$521.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$621.59
Utilities	\$2,981.34	\$2,800.00	\$260.99	\$0.00	\$6,042.33
TO R. McNabb Fund	\$353.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$353.54
TO MASTER VISA ACT XX7148	\$1,956.11	\$6,589.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,547.40
TO Scholarships	\$2,436.00	\$230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,666.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,195.93</b>	<b>\$39,767.29</b>	<b>\$7,835.49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$58,798.73</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,294.54</b>	<b>-\$1,236.09</b>	<b>-\$5,773.49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,284.96</b>

**Account Balances - As of 7/19/2016**

<b>Account</b>	<b>7/19/2016 Balance</b>
Bank Accounts	
Building Fund XX2505	43,954.18
BUSINESS MONEY MARKE XX2521	25,183.18
Operating Fund	57,641.27
R. McNabb Fund	3,182.48
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>129,961.11</b>
Cash Accounts	
Scholarships	3,446.00
<b>TOTAL Cash Accounts</b>	<b>3,446.00</b>
Credit Card Accounts	
MASTER VISA ACT XX7148	-1,592.81
<b>TOTAL Credit Card Accounts</b>	<b>-1,592.81</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>131,814.30</b>

## **RECOMMENDATION E**

### **Newman, Shaw Memorial – Administrative Commission**

**It is RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery, at the request of the Committee on Ministry, form an Administrative Commission to work with the Newman Shaw Memorial Church to investigate and determine the advisability of closing the church and to make the recommendation to dissolve the congregation if they determine that it be in the best interests of the church and the presbytery and that the members of the Newman, Shaw Memorial Administrative Commission consist of the following: Teaching Elders: Don Winch, Honorably Retired; Maureen Clark, Ashmore, United; and Ruling Elders: Paul Saegesser, Presbytery Treasurer; John Swick, Mattoon, First; and Linda Magill, Newman. Cindy Bean, Stated Clerk will staff the AC. The quorum will be three members. The official records of the congregation shall be retained by the Presbytery and submitted to the Presbyterian Historical Society. All minutes of the Administrative Commission will be submitted to and received by the Presbytery upon the completion of their work and will thereby become a part of the Presbytery minutes.

*Rationale – The Newman Shaw Memorial congregation sold its building a number of years ago and conducted worship for a while in a building in an area cemetery. Regular worship ceased some time ago. A few years ago it came to the attention of COM that the congregation wasn't having session meetings with a moderator, nor worshipping or receiving communion quarterly. The members were worshipping at other churches. The leaders of the church met primarily to distribute funds when needs arose in the local community. Teaching Elder Cindy Shepherd became their moderator and sought to have quarterly session meetings which included worship and the Lord's Supper. It is with her advice that we seek to gain approval for this AC. She assures us that the remaining members of the church are ready for this, are expecting it and have distributed most of their remaining funds.*

## **RECOMMENDATION F**

### **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2017**

**It is RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery approve the dates for 2017 & 2018. April 2016 GC minutes gave the Presbytery office staff responsibility to coordinate locations for the Presbytery meetings. Locations will be confirmed at subsequent meetings.

Beginning Thursday, December 1, 2016 – COM handoff and training event planning  
Thursday, December 8, 2016 – GC handoff & 1<sup>st</sup> meeting planning  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 – FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday - Friday, January 12 - 13 – COM Training Event  
Tuesday, January 17 – Worship Team Planning  
Thursday, January 26 – General Council  
Tuesday, January 31 – COM leadership meeting  
Monday, February 6 – Packet Materials due  
Thursday, February 9 – COM business meeting  
Monday – February 13 – Packet Posted  
Saturday – February 25 – Presbytery meeting in Effingham  
Tuesday, March 7 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, March 14 – FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, March 16 – COM  
Tuesday, March 21 – Worship Planning Team  
Thursday, March 30 – General Council  
Tuesday, April 4 – COM leadership meeting  
Monday, April 17 – Packet materials due  
Monday, April 25 – Packet posting  
Tuesday, May 2 – COM leadership meeting  
Thursday, May 4 – Presbytery meeting in Harrisburg  
Thursday, May 18 – COM meeting  
Tuesday, June 6 – COM leadership meeting  
Wednesday, July 5 – COM leadership meeting  
Thursday, July 6 – Big Tent starts in St. Louis, MO

Tuesday, July 11 - FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, July 13 – COM  
Tuesday, July 18 - Worship Planning Team  
Thursday, July 27 – General Council  
Tuesday, August 1 – COM leadership meeting  
Monday, August 7 - Packet materials due  
Monday, August 14 – Packet posted  
Thursday, August 24 – Presbytery meeting in Greenville  
Tuesday, September 5 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, September 26 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, October 3 - FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, October 5 – COM  
Tuesday, October 10 – Worship Planning Team  
Thursday, October 19 – General Council  
Monday, October 30 – Packet Materials Due  
Monday, November 6 – Packet Posting  
Tuesday, November 7 – COM leadership meeting  
Thursday, November 16 – Presbytery meeting – Monticello  
Thursday, November 30 – COM handoff and training event planning  
Tuesday, December 5 – COM leadership meeting  
Thursday, December 7 – GC handoff and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting planning

## 2018

Tuesday, January 2 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, January 9 – FMTR & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday – Friday, January 11-12 – COM Training Event  
Tuesday, January 16 – Worship Planning  
Thursday, January 25 - General Council  
Monday, January 29 – Packet Materials Due  
Thursday, February 1 – COM business meeting  
Monday, February 5 – Packet Posting  
Tuesday, February 6 – COM leadership meeting  
Saturday, February 10 – Presbytery meeting – location to be named soon.  
Tuesday, March 6 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, April 3 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, April 10 – FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, April 12 – COM  
Tuesday, April 17 – Worship Planning Team  
Thursday April 26 – General Council  
Monday April 30 – Packet materials due  
Tuesday, May 1 – COM leadership meeting  
Monday, May 7 – Packet Posted  
Thursday, May 17 – Presbytery meeting – location to be named soon  
Tuesday, June 5 – COM leadership meeting  
Saturday, June 16 – Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> – General Assembly in St. Louis, MO  
Tuesday, July 3 – COM leadership meeting  
Tuesday, July 10 - FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, July 12 – COM  
Tuesday, July 17 – Worship Planning  
Thursday, July 26 – General Council  
Monday, August 6 – Packet Materials due  
Tuesday, August 7 – COM Leadership meeting  
Monday, August 13 – Packet Posting  
Thursday, August 23 – Presbytery meeting – location to be named soon

Tuesday, August 28 – COM Leadership meeting  
Thursday, September 6 – COM meeting  
Tuesday, September 25 – COM Leadership meeting  
Tuesday, October 2 - FMTF & Presbytery Planning Team  
Thursday, October 4 – COM  
Tuesday, October 9 – Worship Planning Team  
Thursday, October 18 – General Council  
Monday, October 29 – Packet materials due  
Monday, November 5 – Packet Posting date  
Tuesday, November 6 – COM Leadership meeting  
Thursday, November 15 – Presbytery meeting – location to be named soon  
Thursday, November 29 – COM handoff and training event planning  
Thursday, December 6 – GC handoff and 1<sup>st</sup> meeting planning



**There will be an Earth Care presentation at the Stated Meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016. A link to the PowerPoint presentation will be available following the meeting on the Presbytery website ([www.psei.net](http://www.psei.net)).**

**Following are some guidelines for becoming an Earth Care Congregation.**

**1) Earth Care Congregations: A Guide to Greening Presbyterian Churches**

This 16-page document provides not only background for the Earth Care Congregations program but also application steps and valuable resources to assist with supporting a program. The document is found at the following website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/earth-care-congregations-guide-greening-presbyteri/>

**2) Earth Care Congregation First Year Application**

This straight forward 10-page document, which was revised in 2016, enables one to complete and submit an application electronically. The first year application is found at website: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/earth-care-congregation-first-year-application/>

**Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Church, Kell, IL Administrative Commission Report**  
**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois Stated Meeting**  
**August 18, 2016**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Danville, IL**

**History**

On January 27, 2015, the Romine Prairie session moderator Teaching Elder, Beau Brown contacted Presbytery leadership to notify us that the session expressed interest in being dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. During the month of February people were recruited to serve on a Listening Team. Once they were all recruited it was decided to wait until after Easter (April 5<sup>th</sup>) to set a meeting date with the Romine Prairie congregation.

On Saturday, June 20, 2015 the appointed Listening Team met with 12 people, including their temporary pastor Jerry Fields. During the meeting members expressed a variety of concerns regarding the PC(USA) including the overture passed by the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly seeking to redefine marriage, the denominational stance on abortion options, the variety of theological viewpoints found within the denomination, etc. The Listening Team recommended that an Administrative Commission be appointed to work towards dismissal and at the Presbytery meeting held on August 20, 2015, the following five people were elected to serve: Teaching Elders Kerry Bean, Cobden; Rachel Helgeson, Mt. Vernon; and Ruling Elders Janet Proctor, Golconda; Granger Odum, Marion; and Mac Butler, Eldorado who was appointed Moderator.

The members of the Romine Prairie congregation were polled concerning possible meeting dates and they selected three weekend days in October. On Wednesday, September 23, 2015 the Administrative Commission had an organizational conference call and sought to select a meeting date with the congregation. On October 10, 2015 there was a meeting with the Romine Prairie congregation. They were given the list of items they would need to complete in order to be dismissed to the EPC. It was reviewed in great detail. There were two areas of concern – 2 endowments through the Presbyterian Foundation (one for the cemetery and one for the congregation) and the lack of title documentation available. It was agreed that goal would be to complete the work in time for the February 2016 Stated Meeting.

At the end of October 2015 letters were sent to all active members of the Romine Prairie congregation explaining the procedure if they wished to stay within the PC(USA).

On November 3, 2015 the Presbytery received a letter notifying us that the Romine Prairie congregation was the recipient of two endowments of approximately \$52,000 each and that there were contingent beneficiaries (not the Presbytery) who would begin receiving the funds once the congregation was dismissed. It had been the hope of the Administrative Commission that the Presbytery would be the contingent beneficiary of at least the cemetery endowment so that they could turn that back over to the congregation after dismissal so that they could maintain the cemetery. There is no expressed desire on the part of the Presbytery to take possession of the cemetery nor to be responsible for its maintenance. There was nothing that the Administrative Commission nor the Presbytery could do to prevent the transfer of the endowments to the contingent beneficiaries.

On November 6, 2015 AC Moderator Mac Butler contacted congregation member Mr. Granville and asked how they were progressing with their to-do list. They weren't happy with the expense of an appraisal and were hesitant to use the insurance number. They didn't know about the contingent beneficiaries for the Foundation money and Mr. Granville understandably found the news troubling. He indicated that they would be ready for another meeting.

After the holidays AC Moderator Mac Butler reached out to Mr. Granville and he explained that they were trying to find some way to retain the Presbyterian Foundation funds. Until that issue was resolved they were not ready to proceed. On February 3, 2016, the AC was informed that the Romine Prairie congregation had accepted the fact that they would lose the funds from the Presbyterian Foundation and were beginning the process with the EPC and would like to proceed.

On February 11, 2016, there was a conference call for the Administrative Commission where it was confirmed that the congregation was not going to be ready for dismissal in time for the Presbytery meeting but that they were ready to proceed once more. It was determined that we needed three years of financials and annual reports and to assess the progress of being received by the EPC. Some of the financial information was received on February 26 and the rest was received on March 17, 2016.

By March 25, the AC had received word that the process of being received by the EPC had not progressed and the Romine Prairie congregation would not be received at the April Stated meeting of the EPC's Rivers and Lakes Presbytery. A conference call was scheduled with the AC just to check in with each other and explore dates for meeting with the congregation. In the middle of April Mr. Granville indicated that a meeting date of May 1<sup>st</sup> would work.

On May 1, 2016 a meeting was held with the Romine Prairie congregation and the AC. Upon arrival at the meeting it was quickly determined that no progress had been made on the to-do list for dismissal. The necessity to complete these steps was again reviewed. Additionally, the intent of the trust clause, to ensure that there is a PC(USA) presence still in that geographic area or within a reasonable distance was reviewed. Dismissal of the congregation located in Kell would mean that there was no PC(USA) presence between Mt. Vernon and Salem along IL-Rt. 37 on the North/South axis (23 miles) and none between Centralia, IL and Olney on the East/West axis (70 miles). No progress was made at this meeting and the tone was contentious. A meeting was scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>, but Mr. Granville called to say that they needed to reschedule.

On July 31, 2016 the Administrative Commission met with the congregation members. Also in attendance was Patricia Miller, a lawyer who was a Ruling Elder and Clerk for recently dismissed congregation in Herrin, IL. They had recently been examined by the EPC and will be accepted at the end of September pending our dismissal. They reported on the status of the items on the to-do list and indicated which had been completed and which Patricia Miller will handle and which will be handled by the EPC. When it came to negotiating the terms of dismissal there was a reluctant offer of \$1000. After AC members expressed their doubts that this would be approved by the Presbytery they made a final offer of \$1500. The necessity of obtaining Presbytery approval in order to be dismissed was explained to them. They were urged to be at



the meeting to speak on their own behalf because the AC members believed that this amount would not be approved by the Presbytery. Mr. Granville indicated that their need to speak wouldn't be necessary.

### **Actions taken by the Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Congregation**

#### **1. Change of name:**

Their current name is Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Church, Kell, IL. Their proposed new name would be The Romine Prairie Presbyterian Church, Kell, IL.

**2. Secure a valuation of the church building.** - see attached insurance document – Please note that this is not replacement cost insurance. Also note that this does not include 3 acres of land located at the corner of IL Rt. 37 and IL Rt. 161. Additionally, this does not include a valuation of the cemetery. There are only a handful of plots available for sale at \$100 per plot and no one would buy a cemetery so the AC concurs that the cemetery should not be considered in the valuation.

**3. Removal of PCUSA emblems** – They have removed the symbol from their outdoor sign and inside their building.

**4. Church records to be read:** The Session minutes and rolls and registers were read through 2012. They will be read again close to the September 2016 dismissal.

**5. Church records turned over to the Presbytery:** They have been informed that records must be turned over to PSEI who will send them to the Presbyterian Historical Society. They have already made their own paper and electronic copy of the records.

#### **6. Legal and Liability Limiting Actions**

The congregation understands that by leaving the denomination they will have to forfeit the funds held with the Presbyterian Foundation. They have no loans or other encumbrances or other sources of incomes (such as a farm or oil well, etc.), the following items are a list of items that need to be completed or in process in order to be released from the PC(USA) and dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The following items need to be complete in order to limit the liability of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois' for the church that will formerly be known as Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Church, Kell, IL.

- Change the name of the Church (see above)
- Secure a new Employer Identification Number using the new name
- Secure a letter of tax exemption through the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's 501c3.
- Notify insurance company of the change in name and denominational affiliation. This is particularly important for the Board of Directors Liability Insurance.
- Notify all vendors of the denominational affiliation change and new name.
- Give banks, utilities, vendors new 501c3 letter and new name and inform them of change in denominational affiliation.
- Change the title for property (church and cemetery).
- Change the by-laws to reflect the new denominational affiliation.
- Change the name and file new copy of 501c3 letter with any licensing companies/contracts like CCLI, etc.
- Publish any and all legal notices as may be required by law.

## **Rationale:**

First, after reflection (on the Listening Team report, the relationships formed in this process, etc.) it is the belief of the Administrative Commission that the Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Church, Kell, IL, is called to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA) in order to affiliate with a denomination more in line with their theological and Biblical beliefs.

Second, the Administrative Commission's work with the Romine Prairie congregation was guided by the following principles: consistency, pastoral responsibility, gracious witness, and openness and transparency.

*"In the recent General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC) case, Tom v. Pby of San Francisco, the GAPJC authoritatively interpreted how the Trust Clause found in the Book of Order at G-4.0203 interacts with Gracious Dismissal Policies.*

*2. Believing that trying to exercise this responsibility and power through litigation is deadly to the cause of Christ, impacting the local church, other parts of the Body of Christ and ecumenical relationships, and our witness to Christ in the world around us, [the General Assembly] urges [congregations considering leaving the denomination,] presbyteries[,] and synods to implement a process using the following principles:*

- Consistency: The local authority delegated to presbyteries is guided and shaped by our shared faith, service, and witness to Jesus Christ.*
- Pastoral Responsibility: The requirement in G-11.0103i to consult with the members of a church seeking dismissal highlights the presbytery's pastoral responsibility, which must not be submerged beneath other responsibilities.*
- Accountability: For a governing body, accountability rightly dictates fiduciary and connectional concerns, raising general issues of property (G-8.0000) and specific issues of schism within a congregation (G-8.0600). But, full accountability also requires preeminent concern with "caring for the flock."*
- Gracious Witness: It is our belief that Scripture and the Holy Spirit require a gracious witness from us rather than a harsh legalism.*
- Openness and Transparency: Early, open communication and transparency about principles and process of dismissal necessarily serve truth, order, and goodness, and work against seeking civil litigation as a solution.*

*\*This case was issued prior to the approval of a major restructuring of the Form of Government.*

Third, the insured value (not at replacement cost) of the church building is \$283,400. This does not include the 3-acre lot at the corner of IL Rt. 37 and IL Rt. 161. While the building appears to be in good condition, the congregation members have indicated that they have nearly \$30,000 in future maintenance costs. The Administrative Commission believes it would be difficult to find a buyer for the church building at or even near that value. The costs associated with maintaining the vacant buildings until it is sold should be considered – maintenance, security, utilities, etc.

Fourth, as indicated above the cemetery has no real value for sale. They have lost the Presbyterian Foundation funds that would help with the upkeep of the cemetery, but they do have

healthy perpetual care funds for the cemetery. It is recommended that the Presbytery not consider these (funds & cemetery) in the valuation of the property for trust clause purposes.

Fifth, since virtually the entire active membership attended every meeting with the Listening Team and the Administrative Commission and all have expressed their commitment to leave the denomination, it was felt that dividing the congregation would not be feasible nor could the Presbytery use the facility for a New Church Development.

Sixth, the Romine Prairie congregation has expressed a history of dissatisfaction with the PC(USA) as they met with the Administrative Commission. They expressed repeatedly that the PC(USA) has left them. Members of the congregation expressed their belief that negotiations for terms of dismissal in order to fulfill the Presbytery's fiduciary responsibility on behalf of the denomination's trust clause is "extortion".

Seventh, despite their differences with the Presbytery and the PC(USA), the Romine congregation has been generous in their support of missions with connections to the Presbytery and has always paid their per capita in full.

Finally, believing that the Presbytery and the body of Christ would not be furthered by litigation nor possessing an empty building, the Administrative Commission recommends dismissal to the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. However, the Administrative Commission feels that while the congregation is small in active numbers, the offer of \$1500 will cover the per capita costs due in 2017 and 2018 in the following amounts and only leave a very small amount after meeting their obligations:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
General Assembly Per Capita	$\$7.50 \times 14 = \$105.00$	$\$7.73 \times 14 = \$108.22$
Synod Per Capita	$\$3.81 \text{ (est.)} \times 14 = \$53.34$	$\$3.81 \text{ (est.)} \times 14 = \$53.34$
Presbytery Per Capita (General Fund)	$\$28.69 \times 14 = \$401.66$	$28.46. \times 14 = \$398.44$
Total Per Capita (\$40/person)	$\$560.00$	$\$560.00$

\$380 to be used at General Council's discretion. This very small amount is all that is left to account for our fiduciary responsibility (the trust clause) to the denomination to ensure that there will a continuing PC(USA) presence in that area.

**The Administrative Commission would appreciate the Presbytery's advice in how to proceed in light of the fact that the AC feels that accepting Romine Prairie's final offer would not rise to the level of meeting our fiduciary responsibilities to the trust clause of the PC(USA).**

*Upon approval of terms of dismissal the following motions will also need to be approved:*

- That the Romine Prairie United Presbyterian Church, Kell, Illinois, be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois pending being received by Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Rivers and Lakes Presbytery at their

upcoming meeting on September 24, 2016. To the extent lawful, all property, assets, membership, rights, privileges, responsibilities and liabilities will be transferred to the newly formed Not for Profit Church which will be known as The Romine Prairie Presbyterian Church and will be under the jurisdiction of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church conditioned upon the actions of Item 6 occurring by the dates specified conditioned upon accuracy of all representations and assurances, including those listed in Item 6 above.

- Authorize the Stated Clerk, Rev. Cynthia Bean and/or Treasurer Paul Saegesser, officers of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois to take any and all actions necessary to fulfill intent and purpose of this action, including signing deeds, contracts and other required legal documents.
- That \$1120 of the amount received from the Romine Prairie congregation as a part of the dismissal be designated to cover the cost of per capita due on behalf of the congregation to the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery.
- That the Romine Prairie Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks.



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COMMON POLICY DECLARATIONS

**COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company**  
1701 Towanda Ave., P.O. Box 2100, Bloomington Illinois 61702-2100

Item 1. Named Insured and Mailing Address  
ROMINE PRAIRIE  
(See Named Insured Endt)  
1227 STATE ROUTE 37  
KELL IL 62853-1107

Agent Name and Address  
WOLFE TIMOTHY  
106 CROSS CREEK BLVD.  
P.O. BOX 337  
SALEM IL 62881

*Pa 26#  
2-8-16 2437*

Agent No. 02020  
Agent Phone No.: (618) 548-6666

Item 2. Policy Period From: 03-08-2016 To: 03-08-2017  
at 12:01 A.M., Standard Time at your mailing address shown above.

Item 3. Business Description: CHURCH  
Form of Business: NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Item 4. In return for the payment of the premium, and subject to all the terms of this policy, we agree with you to provide the insurance as stated in this policy.

This policy consists of the following coverage parts for which a premium is indicated. Where no premium is shown, there is no coverage. This premium may be subject to adjustment.

Coverage Part(s)	Premium
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY COVERAGE PART	\$ 1,502.00
COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY COVERAGE PART	\$ 341.00

TAX OR SURCHARGE

Total Policy Premium / Total Advance Premium	\$ 1,843.00
Standard Payment Plan Charges	
Policy Grand Total	\$ 1,843.00
Payment Plan Annual	

If you wish to request a copy of your policy, contact your COUNTRY Financial<sup>®</sup> representative or call our Customer Service Center at 1-888-211-2555.

Item 5. Forms and Endorsements

Form(s) and Endorsement(s) made a part of this policy at time of issue:

See Schedule of Forms and Endorsements

Countersigned:

Date: 02-02-16

By: Douglas M. Borman  
Authorized Representative

TO REPORT A CLAIM ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT, CALL 1-800-846-0100.

THIS COMMON POLICY DECLARATION AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION(S), TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON POLICY CONDITIONS, COVERAGE PART(S), COVERAGE FORM(S) AND FORMS AND ENDORSEMENTS, IF ANY, COMPLETE THE ABOVE NUMBERED POLICY.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY COVERAGE PART  
SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS

COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company

Named Insured ROMINE PRAIRIE

Effective Date: 03-08-16  
12:01 A.M., Standard Time

Agent Name WOLFE TIMOTHY

Agent No. 02020

Item 1. Business Description: CHURCH

Item 2. Premises Described: See Schedule of Locations

Item 3. \$500 Deductible unless otherwise indicated.

Item 4. Coverage Provided

Loc. No.	Bldg. No.	Coverage	Limit of Insurance	Covered Causes of Loss	Coins.
		BLANKET BLDG. & PERS. PROPERTY GRP # 1	\$ 283,400		100

Other Provisions

Agreed Value: \$ 283,400 Expires: 03/08/17  Replacement Cost  
 Business Income Indemnity: Monthly Limit: Period: Maximum  Inflation Guard: %  
 Reporting Extended Days BI Media

Extension of Recovery Period: Months

Deductible: Earthquake Deductible: % Exceptions

LOCATIONS: SEE BLANKET SCHEDULE

Loc. No.	Bldg. No.	Coverage	Limit of Insurance	Covered Causes of Loss	Coins.
001	001	BUILDING FRAME	BLKT GRP 1	SPECIAL WITH EQ	100

Other Provisions

Agreed Value: BLKT GRP 1 Expires: 03/08/17  Replacement Cost  
 Business Income Indemnity: Monthly Limit: Period: Maximum  Inflation Guard: 4 %  
 Reporting Extended Days BI Media

Extension of Recovery Period: Months

Deductible: \$ 1,000 Earthquake Deductible: 1.5 % Exceptions

Loc. No.	Bldg. No.	Coverage	Limit of Insurance	Covered Causes of Loss	Coins.
001	001	BUSINESS PERS PROP FRAME	BLKT GRP 1	SPECIAL WITH EQ	100

Other Provisions

Agreed Value: BLKT GRP 1 Expires: 03/08/17  Replacement Cost  
 Business Income Indemnity: Monthly Limit: Period: Maximum  Inflation Guard: 4 %  
 Reporting Extended Days BI Media

Extension of Recovery Period: Months

Deductible: \$ 1,000 Earthquake Deductible: 1.5 % Exceptions

Item 5. Forms and Endorsements

Form(s) and Endorsement(s) made a part of this policy at time of issue:  
See Schedule of Forms and Endorsements

MINIMUM PREMIUM \$ 100

THESE DECLARATIONS ARE PART OF THE POLICY DECLARATIONS CONTAINING THE NAME OF THE INSURED AND THE POLICY PERIOD.

PF-DEC (10/00)

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Romine Prairie 2016 Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand 1/1/2015		\$132,784.05
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Collections	\$17,677.00	
Donations	\$1,390.00	
Presby Foundation	\$2,298.39	
Interest	\$456.63	
New Covenant Mutual Fund	\$0.00	
Total	\$21,822.02	\$154,606.07
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
Minister's Salary & Travel	\$10,996.00	
Pulpit Supply	\$675.00	
Cleaning	\$1,300.00	
Cokesbury	\$176.96	
Propane	\$571.91	
Electricity	\$1,063.19	
Per Capita	\$560.00	
Insurance	\$1,639.00	
Church Expense	\$1,476.86	
Mowing	\$2,100.00	
Raccoon Water	\$155.10	
Misc & gifts	\$1,704.97	
Total	\$22,318.99	21138.99
Balance on hand 1/1/2016		\$132,287.08

**ROMINE PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY  
YEAR END REPORT 12/31/2015**

<b>PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS</b>	<b>CDS</b>	
Beginning 1/1/2015	Interest earned (left to accumulate)	Ending 12/31/2015
Marion County Savings Bank \$67,207.82	\$1217.72	\$ 68,425.54

**OPERATING INCOME**

OPERATING EXPENSE ACCOUNT (1/1/2015)	\$ 7,145.50
INTREST EARNED ON A CD	258.32
CONTRIBUTIONS	200.00
CEMETERY PLOTS SOLD Morton, Woods	400.00
Non Taxable INCOME FROM MEMORIAL (Morton)	2,298.39
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,302.21</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

TAX PREP	\$ 475.00
Lackey & Stevenson (Legal advice)	150.00
Kenneth A. Hails (Rock)	353.35
MOWING (Don Champ)	1,760.00
LOCK BOX RENTAL	16.00
Jim Morton (Moving Rock)	50.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 2,804.35</b>

OPERATING INCOME	\$ 10,302.21
LESS OPERATING EXPENSES	2,804.35
<b>BALANCE IN CHECKING 12/31/2015</b>	<b>\$ 7,497.86</b>

SUBMITTED BY: Beverly Hayes  
Beverly Hayes, Treasurer



Report of Ridgway Administrative Commission  
August 1, 2016

As of now, all of the items previously approved for distribution have been claimed. The Session records have been delivered to the presbytery office for keeping, and the financial records and checkbook have been delivered to the presbytery treasurer.

There has been some outside interest in real property that has not turned into actionable interest. We are currently investigating an expressed interest in the church building. We don't know where that will go.

Rev. Wade Halva, chair

**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS**  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)  
**Thursday, August 18, 2016**  
First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Illinois

For Presbytery approval:

1. Upon reviewing his statement concerning his understanding of Christian Vocation in the Reformed Tradition and how it relates to his own sense of call, approve CPM's recommendation to receive James Potts as a Candidate for Teaching Elder, effective April 28, 2016.
2. Upon reviewing her statement concerning her understanding of Christian Vocation in the Reformed Tradition and how it relates to her own sense of call, approve CPM's recommendation to receive Cathryn (Kate) Pyle as a Candidate for Teaching Elder, effective May 1, 2016.
3. Pending Presbytery's affirmative votes for items (1) and (2), that the Presbytery proceed to receive James and Kate as Candidates, according to the PC(USA) Form of Government.

**For information:**

Our Presbytery is part of the region that will be evaluating ordination exams during the weeks of February 6-10, 2017 and May 1-5, 2017. We are asked to provide, as readers, one ruling elder, one teaching elder, and one alternate reader, for each period. All reading is done online, from your home or wherever you wish. If you are interested in being a reader for either or both weeks, or would like to ask any questions about this, please contact Rodger Allen at Paris Presbyterian Church.

This concludes the report of CPM.

## James Potts – Statement 1

1. A statement of your understanding of Christian Vocation in the Reformed Tradition and how it relates to your own sense of call.

My understanding of Christian Vocation is when your passions and your job meet. I have a passion to learn and study the Bible, to help people, to be an example of Christ's love, to embrace all children of God regardless of age, race, gender, sexuality, etc...

I know I have been called by God to be a pastor. This call has continuously been affirmed and validated by God throughout the past few years. I believe it is my call to serve a local church, to study and teach the Scriptures, to embrace all children of God. To support in times of loss. To guide in times of confusion. To celebrate in times of joy.

My sense of call began when I was in middle school. I had a strong sense of God calling me to youth ministry. Over time that grew to a broader sense of ministry. When I began seminary I knew I was called to parish ministry, but in what aspect I was not completely sure, but I was open. During my second year of seminary, when I was completing my field education, my sense of call began to become more clear.

During this year I had the opportunity to experience all aspects of ministry in a local church. I wrote liturgy, I preached, I taught confirmation and adult education classes, I visited elderly members who were not able to get to church every Sunday, I was a youth group advisor, and participated in leading youth retreats. I even sat in on budget and council (this was a union PCUSA/UCC church) meetings. I worked closely with each of the pastors in order that I was able to have a full experience of ministry.

This year provided me with a clear sense of call to pastoral ministry. When I started, I thought I would fail or would not be good at anything. But as the year progressed, my confidence grew and I was beginning to find my voice as a teacher, preacher, and pastor. Youth would come to me and ask me to pray with them regarding college applications/decisions. Children would come to me and ask me to help them with their Boy Scout projects or to ask me to pray with them because their dog or cat died. Adults would come to me and tell me how much they appreciated my words from a prayer I prayed in service or that my sermon could not have come at a more perfect time. I am not saying these things as a way to brag, but to reinforce for myself the affirmation of my calling to this work.

While I know it is going to be difficult at times, I know I will be able to do this work because it is the work which God has called me to do.

CATHRYN C. PYLE

Questions for Enrollment as Candidate

July 2016

1. A statement of your understanding of Christian Vocation in the Reformed Tradition and how it relates to your own sense of call.

I affirm the statement found in our denomination's Book of Order: "For Christians, work and worship cannot be separated" (W-5.6003). As described earlier in that section, the Reformed Tradition embraces the belief that God calls us to faith, discipleship, and service. We respond to this call by worshipping in a community, by ministering to the needs of the community/world, and by honoring and serving God and neighbor with the actions of our lives (W-5.6001-6002). I understand and strive to embody this tradition in the following ways:

Grace is a gift given to us by a loving and merciful God. There is nothing we can do to earn this grace, nor to earn more (or less) of it. If we believe in our own forgiveness (through Christ), we are forgiven. Although there are no works we may do to earn this divine gift, our true acceptance of it generates within us seeds of gratitude and a desire to extend that love and mercy to others. Once planted, these seeds depend upon a symbiotic relationship between our work/daily living and our faith/worship. By nurturing our faith-life, we cultivate these fertile seeds within us, so that the various aspects of our daily lives—our actions, our attitudes, our words, and our relationships, from our households, to our occupations, to our communities—are acts of gratitude, service, and, ultimately, worship.

Because I am in tune with the many gifts God has given me – not only through divine grace, but also in my places of privilege – I am compelled to honor and worship God in a spirit of gratitude and service in all areas of my life. As I am at least in part a product of my culture and context, it is not unusual that I, a young American adult in the 21st century, locate a large part of my identity in my occupation. I have learned from experience that I cannot work in a place or for a person/persons whose values are not in line with my own. For example, in an environment or organization in which financial interests are held higher than the interests of the people involved (those serving and those served), I am unable to commit my time, talent, and energy. It is impossible for me to separate myself from the larger system in which I am working and from which I am making my living from my deeply held conviction that the MOST important thing is to love God and love my neighbors.



# THE TABLE SETTERS...

Newsletter Issue #1

July 2016

## We Want to Facilitate a Conversation

Last month, Marvin Wadlow Jr. and Matthew Schmitt launched "The Table Setters." They believe it is possible to affect the narratives of our current struggles by mixing Jesus' stories with our personal stories shared at a Table. They know it must be in a proactive way, since Jesus encouraged us to reach out. Socioeconomic and racial fires have been re-lit. Please consider them; Marvin and Matthew are eager to come sit at tables with your congregation and youth group and extinguish fires of conflict.

The Table is an effort to put front and center, as an act of ministry: discipleship, repentance, joy-sharing, lamentation, forgiveness, and healing. Conversation is a simple and profound gift of being human. This is not an attempt to solve racism, class warfare, or xenophobia as we believe that is reserved for God. But we also believe we are called to take steps towards the Kingdom on Earth, and as Revelations 21 reminds us, the tables in this kingdom ought to celebrate God's love of diversity and justice for all His children.

#TheTableSetters

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*"now I understand what it's like to grow up black,"*

*- 9 year old white girl*

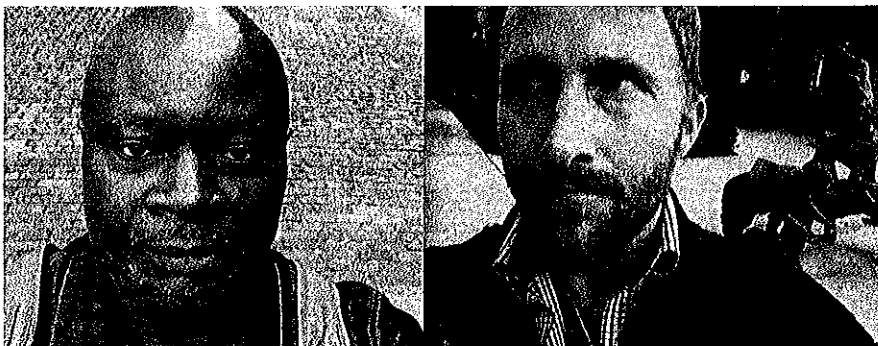
*"I thought 'Colorblind' was a good thing"*

*-white adult*

*"we talked about some difficult issues without getting mad"*

*- black adult*

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### What We Do:

- Tables are used for transformative talk
- Change must first occur within the heart
- Heart-changing moments happen during vulnerable conversation



This gathering allowed us to tackle tough issues about living together

**Follow us on Facebook:**

The Table Setters

Yes, we do ask for travel expenses and a fair honorarium. This is our life's work for the Lord.

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**Who we are...**

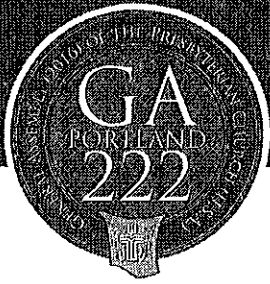
Matthew—Recent Director of Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection (DOOR), Hollywood, CA. I am an Anglo-American male musician and writer with French, German, Irish, and Dutch ancestry; a follower of Jesus who loves to argue Christianisms and on a seminary track at Fuller; husband to a powerful, generous woman and parents of two bright, young girls noticing injustice.

Marvin—Recent Associate Director of DOOR. I am a black male who has studied and worked in the film industry as a writer, director, producer, and Associate Professor of film for 23+ years. I love to stand with Matthew as we try to re-think, in a biblically theological way, how different cultures can actually sit at the table like Jesus and break bread and hold each other accountable when, so far, we have not. How do we teach the churches to do that?

**Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."**

We want everyone to experience this, including ladies





# ASSEMBLY IN BRIEF

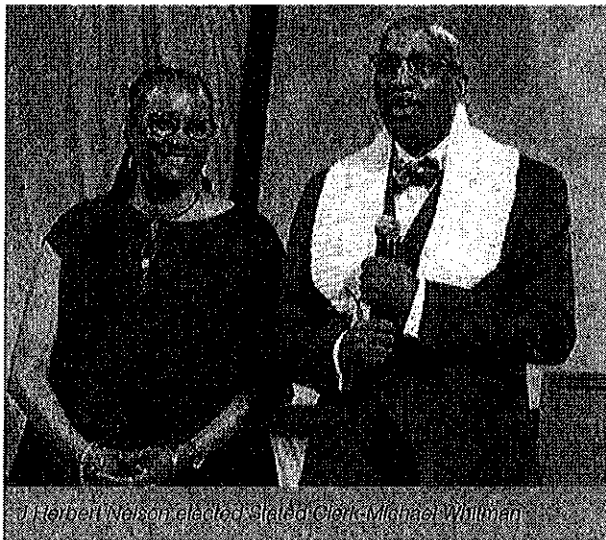
## 222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2016)

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### ***"The Hope in Our Calling"***

Some General Assemblies make their mark. Others make history. The 222nd General Assembly (2016) made so much history that it will long be remembered as one of the most significant in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



J. Herbert Nelson elected Stated Clerk Michael Whittman

Newly elected General Assembly Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson—who made history by becoming the first African American elected to the denomination's top ecclesiastical post—perfectly reflected the assembly's theme, "The Hope in Our Calling": "The Presbyterian Church is not dying, but I believe we are reforming. To think only of the survival of the church means our aim is too low."

This assembly, in addition to electing Nelson, produced almost too many Kairos moments to mention: electing the first Co-Moderators in history and a two-woman moderatorial team for the first time; added the Confession of Belhar to the denomination's *Book of Confessions*; approved a new *Directory for Worship*; took steps to

protect from harm the children and youth in our midst; and created an administrative commission to tend to structural issues in the church and a "vision team" to establish and reclaim the church's identity.

And the assembly accomplished its work in a spirit of collaboration and trust not seen in recent, far more contentious assemblies. Less than a handful of assembly committee recommendations were overturned in plenary session and debates, while passionate, didn't exhibit the rancor of previous assemblies.

At the end of the day, commissioners and advisory delegates seemed determined to heed the parting advice of retiring General Assembly Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons: "Just don't give up on this church—DON'T!!!"



Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson Michael Whittman

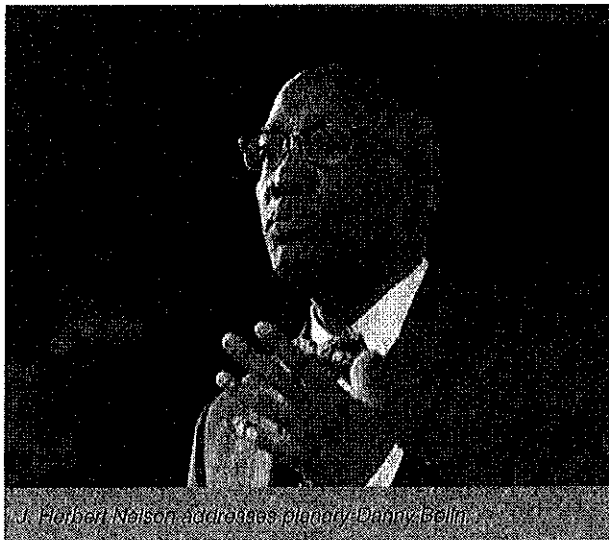
### ***History2: Two women elected Co-Moderators***

History was made in at least two ways Saturday night when the 222nd General Assembly (2016) elected its first Co-Moderators and its first all-women moderatorial ticket. The Reverend Denise Anderson, a pastor from the Presbytery,

of National Capital, and the Reverend Jan Edmiston, associate executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Chicago, won a first ballot victory over Ruling Elder David Parker of the Presbytery of Salem and the Reverend Adan Mairena, a pastor in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The margin was 76 percent to 24 percent.

Anderson and Edmiston are the first Co-Moderators elected since the 221st General Assembly (2014) approved a standing rules change to allow that arrangement. They are also the first two-woman ticket to moderate a General Assembly.

"We want you to remember this number: 104," Anderson told the assembly. "That is the number of weeks between now and the next General Assembly. We pledge to show respect and compassion—listening is more than waiting to talk."



**J. Herbert Nelson is first African American elected Stated Clerk**

J. Herbert Nelson was overwhelmingly elected General Assembly Stated Clerk in an historic vote, becoming the first black man selected as the top ecclesial officer of the nation's largest Reformed body, a largely white denomination.

Commissioners selected Nelson over



David M. Baker, stated clerk and communications director of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, by a 447-112 margin. Nelson, director of the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness, succeeds Gradye Parsons, who is retiring after eight years as Stated Clerk.

He was installed immediately after his election and will begin his duties August 1.

"This is a powerful day, a powerful day in my life and for many people of color who did not envision the possibility of this ever happening," Nelson told the assembly, adding he asked only one thing of commissioners: "Pray for me and work with me—and not on me—and we'll get some things done in the name of the Lord."

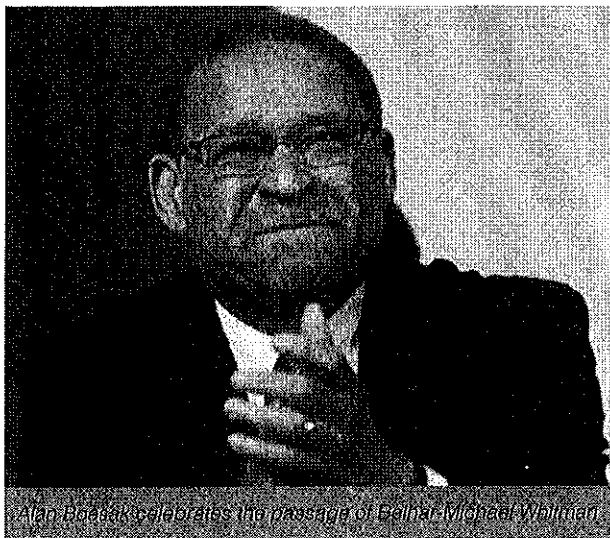
**Belhar added to Book of Confessions**

Thirty years after it was birthed in South Africa by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) during its battle against apartheid, the Confession of Belhar has been included in the *Book of Confessions* of the PC(USA).

After a four-year-long process of study and votes by the 221st General Assembly (2014) and then the 171 presbyteries, the assembly voted overwhelmingly (540-33)



to make Belhar the denomination's 12th recognized confession and the first originating in the global south. It focuses on the themes of justice, unity, and reconciliation, which are just as important today in the U.S. as they were thirty years ago, when Belhar was approved by the DRMC in the midst of South Africa's apartheid regime.



Alan Boesak celebrates the passage of Belhar. Michael Whitman

### ***A new Directory for Worship***

A slimmer, less restrictive Directory for Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was overwhelmingly approved June 22. The directory, which is part of the *Book of Order*, now goes to the denomination's 171 presbyteries, a majority of which must ratify it to be adopted.

The new directory has been ten years in development. Kristin Saldine, a consultant to the writing team, likened the directory to a compass. "It is not a book of rules and regulations," she told the assembly, "but gives us bearings and direction, pointing to the primary purpose of worship—to give glory to God—and navigating between form and freedom and encouraging a variety of styles."

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### ***'Regret' expressed for harm to LGBTQ/Q members***

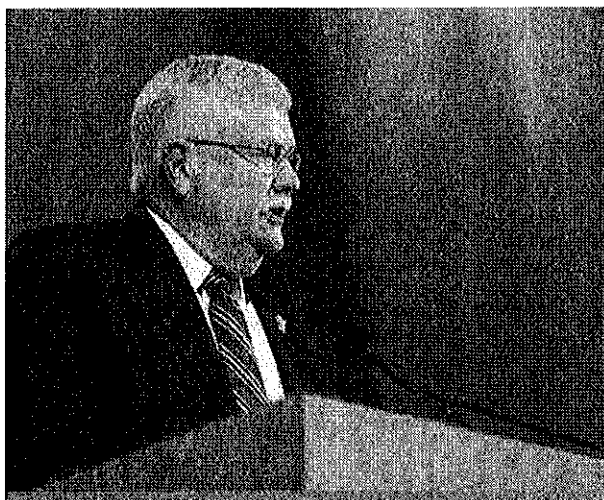
Declining a proposal to admit to and apologize for harming the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community, commissioners instead opted to express deep regret for ways that those minorities of "God's beloved children" have been led to feel that they stand outside the grace of God and are unwelcome in the denomination.

At the same time, the resolution expressed the deep sorrow of all in the PC(USA) who have left the fellowship of the church, and expressed appreciation to those who have maintained relationships despite profound disagreement.

Calling for deeper conversations about theological differences, the resolution, passed by a 463-51 vote, calls upon Presbyterians to seek reconciliation and to reach out to those who have been marginalized across the spectrum of theological understanding.

### ***"Teaching Elder" out, "Minister of Word and Sacrament" back in***

After several hours of debate, commissioners voted to send to presbyteries a proposed amendment to the *Book of Order* that would restore the previous nomenclature for ordered ministry. If approved by a majority of the



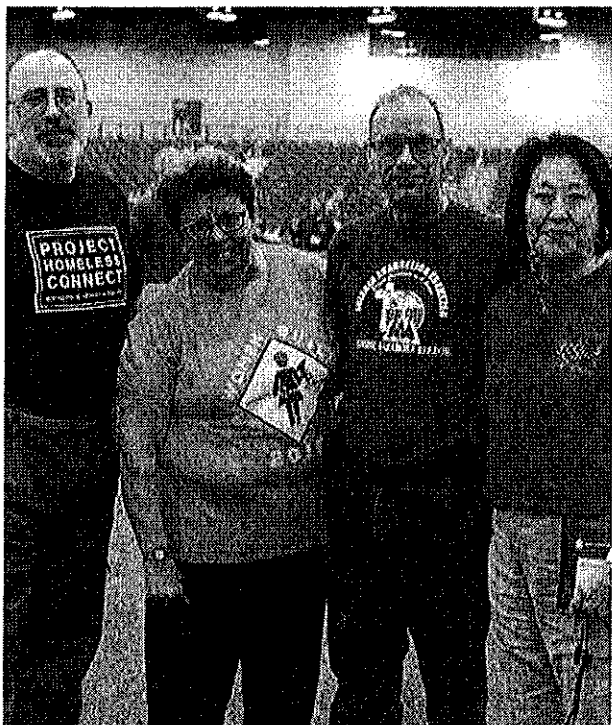
Grover Parsons apologizes to Schondelmeyer. Michael Whitman

denomination's 171 presbyteries, those now called teaching elders would become ministers of Word and Sacrament; ruling elders would be elders; and commissioned ruling elders would be commissioned pastors. The vote was 320- 218 to return to language in use prior to 2012, when the new Form of Government was adopted.

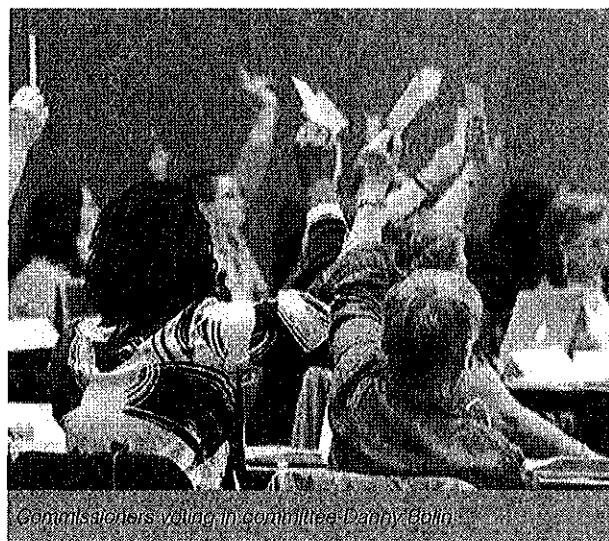
**Decision to reduce number of synods reversed**

A decision two years ago that would have reconfigured and reduced the number of synods in the PC(USA) was rescinded by a 421-158 vote. The assembly directed synods and presbyteries to work together on a new configuration of synod boundaries that would reduce their number to between 10 and 12.

By a 380-196 vote, commissioners rejected a minority report calling for the appointment of a special committee to move the synod-reconfiguration process.



Steve Robertson, Sue Rulford, Lawrence Peebles, Kimberly Ohun pose in mission tee shirts. Daphy Bolt



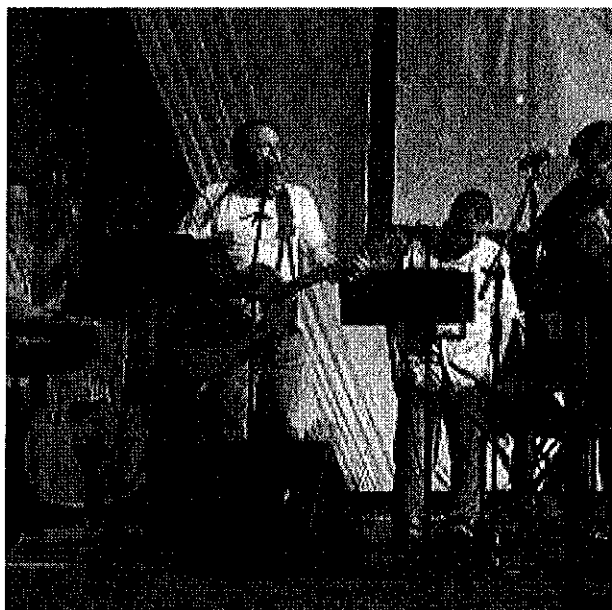
Commissioners voting in committee. Daphy Bolt

**Commitment to peacemaking reaffirmed**

After a six-year churchwide discernment process, the assembly approved a lengthy report underscoring the centrality of peacemaking to Christian faith and promising to “practice boldly the things that make for peace.”

“Risking Peace in a Violent World: Affirmations for Presbytery Consideration” was ordered by the 219th General Assembly (2010) to “seek clarity as to God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war.”

The report calls for Presbyterians at all



Musicians performing during worship. Michael Wallman

levels of the church to employ its insights to respond to and prevent violence on the local, national, and international levels through prayer, direct action, and advocacy.



### **Grady Parsons honored**

A crowd of nearly 1,000 Presbyterians paused mid-assembly to pay tribute to Stated Clerk Grady Parsons, who is retiring at the end of the assembly after thirty-seven years of ordained ministry, including the last eight as the denomination's chief ecclesiastical officer.

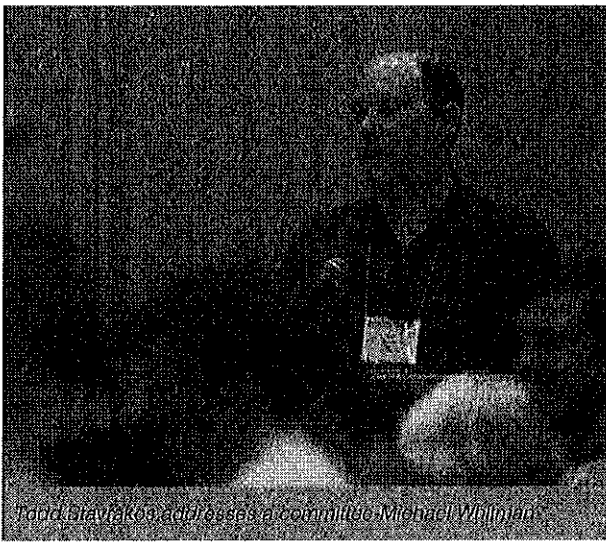


*Hundreds attend group dinner for Grady Parsons, Danny Holtz*

“Gradye could fill volumes with the thrills and spills of ministry,” said longtime colleague Sharon Youngs, “but he has always stood at the helm in a gentle and secure way, his life built on relationships. God put an additional dash of pastor in Gradye’s DNA. His heart runs deep and his arms open wide.”

Parsons responded with characteristic humility. “It’s been a privilege to do this and to have you share your stories and be able to share those stories with the rest of the church,” he said. “Just don’t give up on this church—DON’T!”

*“Too many of us get alarmed by the numbers—how many are on our side, how many are on the other side. We capitulate, go along to get along. The Lord has not called us to be popular; he’s called us to be faithful. Just be faithful to what God has said to you.” —Ecumenical worship preacher, Bishop Reginald Jackson of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*



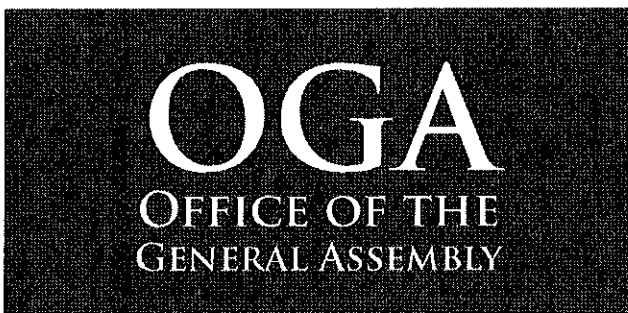
Todd Bravakos addresses a committee. Michael Williams

***With an apology, assembly vows to keep children safe***

With tears and prayer—and a remarkable apology from Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons—the assembly unanimously approved a comprehensive policy to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

Kris Schondelmeyer, a Presbyterian pastor from Toledo, Ohio, who has become the face of abuse victims in the church, had told his horrific story of being sexually assaulted by a chaperone at a national Presbyterian youth conference, and the ensuing cover up.

Immediately after the new policy was approved, Parsons stepped to the podium and said, “As Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, I want to offer to Kris a public apology for what happened to him. I know how hard it was to find justice. I offer our commitment that his child and my grandchild will be safe.”



***Commission created to deal with PC(USA) structural issues***

Several recommendations that would have changed the structure and operation of the PC(USA) were rejected and commissioners instead created a vision team and a separate administrative commission to address those matters.

By a vote of 480-86, commissioners authorized the creation of a twelve-member Way Forward Commission, which would have sweeping powers “to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA).”

The assembly also created, by a vote of 547-27, a fifteen-member 2020 Vision Team to “develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation.” The hope, the Assembly Committee on “The Way Forward” said, “is that the team will help us establish and reclaim our identity as the PC(USA).”



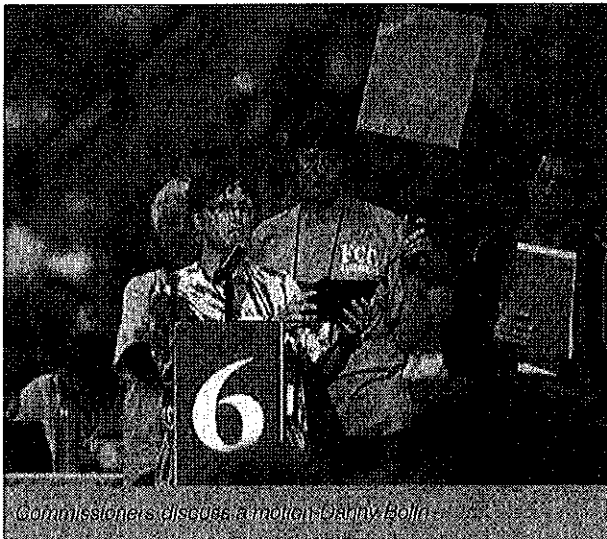
Commissioners prepare to vote. Danny Bolin

***Move to divest from fossil fuel companies defeated***

The PC(USA) will continue its investment in fossil-fuel companies after overwhelmingly turning back an overture Friday to begin divestment immediately. Instead, it will continue the process of selective, phased, divestment that begins with full corporate engagement.

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman, the denomination's associate for Mission Responsibility Through Investment, told commissioners that divestment could well reduce Presbyterians' ability to persuade energy companies to act in environmentally responsible ways—one of the purposes of MRTI. "In the real world of corporate engagement, the more stock you own the more power you have," Somplatsky-Jarman said. "You are treated much more seriously by companies that are skeptical of what you are asking for."

By a 31-25 vote, the Assembly Committee on Immigration and Environmental Issues had recommended divestment. Commissioners wound up voting for a substitute to maintain investments and corporate engagement, 460-91.



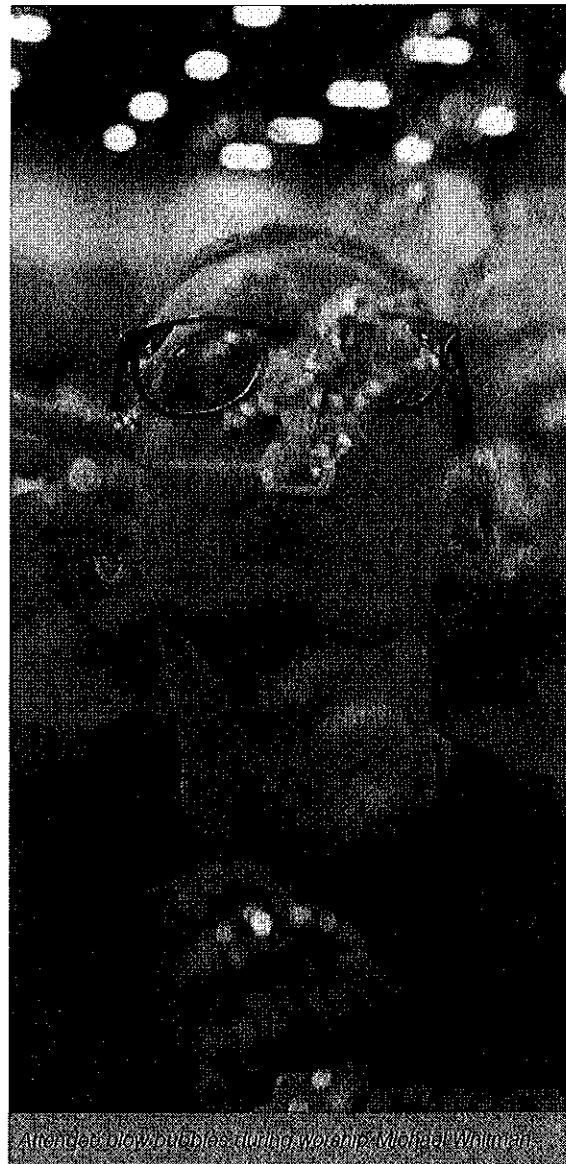
Commissioners discuss a motion Danny Bollin

**Two-state solution for Israel-Palestine reaffirmed**

The assembly approved a lengthy report from its Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy containing a re-evaluation of the denomination's historic support for a two-state solution in Israel/Palestine. The document, "Israel-Palestine: For

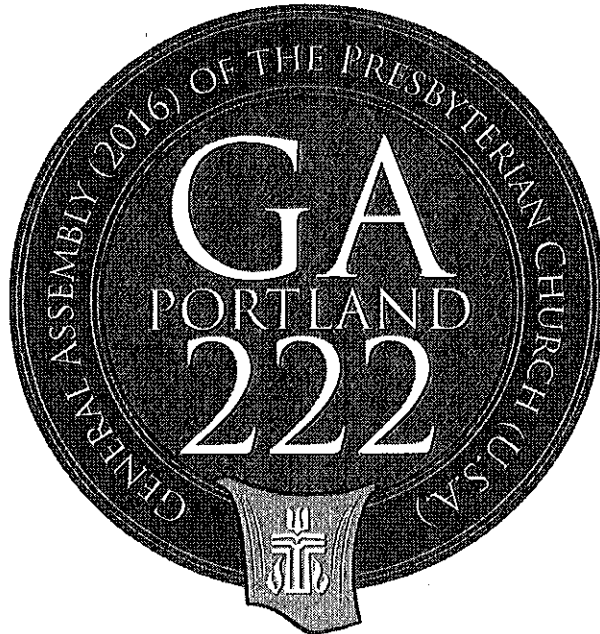
Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace," says the PC(USA) "should advance those efforts that best accord with its values ... including, but not limited to, that of two sovereign states—Israel and Palestine."

Approval of the report came with a comment affirming the PC(USA)'s preference for a two-state solution and a desire to stay in conversation with partners in Israel who are working for peace.



Attorney General Whitman during worship

**223rd General Assembly (2018):** St. Louis, Missouri—June 16–23, 2018  
**224th General Assembly (2020):** Baltimore, Maryland—June 20–27, 2020  
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## Assembly Action

On this Item, the General Assembly acted as follows:

### Approve Alternate Resolution

Counted Vote - Committee

Affirmative:516

Negative:45

Abstaining:

## Committee Recommendation

On this Item, the Theological Issues and Institutions Committee acted as follows:

### Approve Alternate Resolution

Counted Vote - Committee

Affirmative:73

Negative:3

Abstaining:1

### Final text:

In response to Item 14-03, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) approves the following resolution:

Shall W-2.4011 be amended by striking the current text and inserting new text to read as follows:

#### *"Theology of the Lord's Supper*

*"The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended.*

*"Worshippers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.*

#### *"Welcoming to the Table*

*"In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord's Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, the session should provide an occasion to welcome them to the table in public worship. Their introduction to the Lord's Supper should include ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the Sacraments."*

## Recommendation

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois respectfully overtures the 222nd General Assembly (2016) to direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-2.4011 be amended as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

**"a.        The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who have been baptized *seek the presence of Jesus Christ*, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.**

**"Baptized Children**

**"b.        ~~Baptized~~ *Children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity. (W-4.2002)*"**

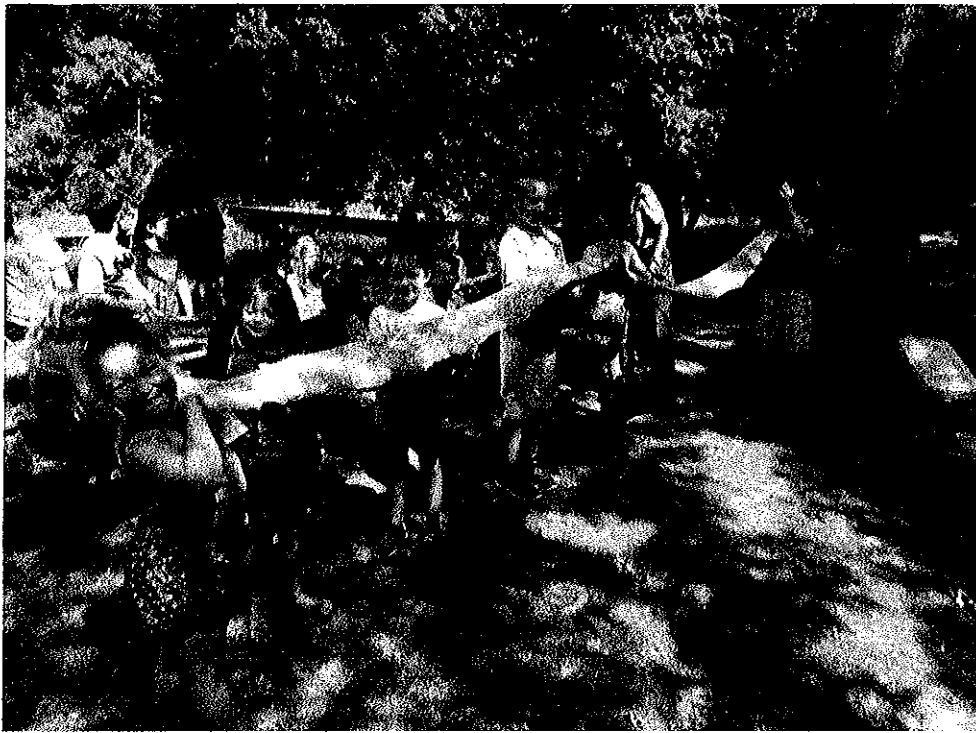
## Rationale

We acknowledge the importance of Baptism in the life of a Christian and fully support the goal that every Christian should be strongly encouraged to acknowledge the lordship of Christ in her/his life with the act of Baptism. Having said that, we also realize that the current wording in the *Book of Order* regarding who can partake in Holy Communion excludes those developing Christians who have not yet made the baptismal declaration. Children whose parents decided to not partake in infant baptism would be excluded until such time as (usually during the Confirmation experience) they themselves choose to be baptized. People who are new to the faith and are being nurtured by a congregation would also be excluded. In both of these cases it appears that the *Book of Order* would exclude these people from participation and require them to stay behind in the pews while everyone else goes forward to receive the elements.

We believe that few congregations actually follow the *Book of Order* in this regard. Holy Communion is routinely open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ, with no mention of having to have been baptized.

We feel strongly that the *Book of Order* should be changed in the above ways so that we can walk arm-in-arm with all of our seeking brothers and sisters as we go forward to receive this holy sacrament.





LARGE SNAKE SKIN

Director Dan Kingery  
**Presbytery  
Report**

**August 2016**

## **Camp Carew, What we do!**

by Dan Kingery

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*Each and every summer since 1952 Camp Carew has delivered on its promise.*

*What promise is that?*

*Discovering and Celebrating God at Work in Nature and in One Another. No wait, that's our Mission Statement.*

*What we promise to do and always strive to improve upon each year is to bring the children...our campers...into a closer relationship with God.*

This summer has been incredible. From the beginning of our Staff Training week all the way through our last General Camp (Which is where we as I write this report), I couldn't have asked for a better Staff, volunteers or campers. It all started with our curriculum, **Under God's Roof**. We learned of building strong foundations of faith, of God's Love for all his people, we learned of the two greatest commandments and our need to go forth Sharing God's love and making disciples of all people.

**Staff 2016**

This summer's staff included:

Margie Hess- nurse

Lanita Ames- nurse

Chris Smith- cook

Brady Bunton- cook's helper

Susie Francois- volunteer kitchen staff

Jake Myers- Waterfront Director

Craig Dawson- counselor

Owen Fritz- counselor/ lifeguard

Danie Dawson- counselor

Caitlin Struss- counselor

Carly Calloway Tesch- counselor

Karrissa Harrison- counselor

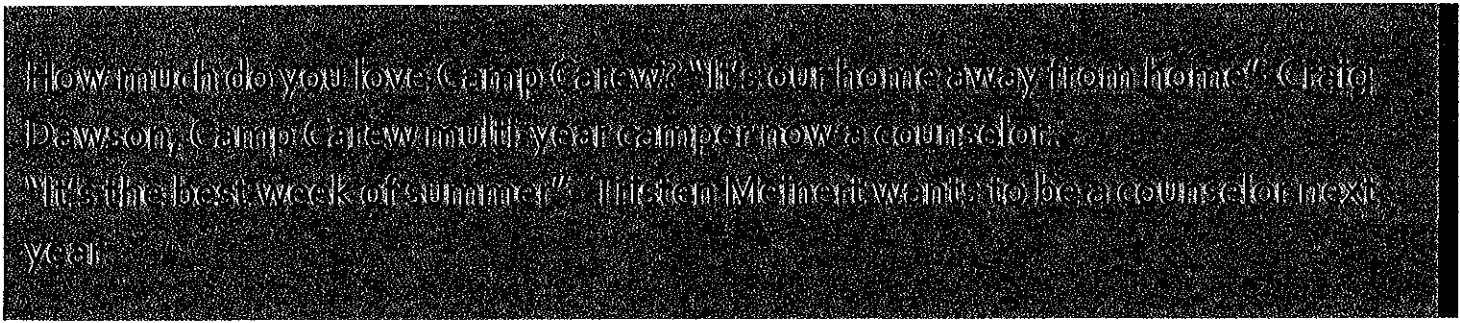
Kendall Eisenhower- LIT

Gracey Lyerla- CIT

Allison Howell- CIT

Katie Chambliss- LIT

Lukpla Tumtean- CIT



Vinnie the black headed vulture

**Program:**

Once again this summer we utilized all of the available resources we could that were free. This included many visits from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife along with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

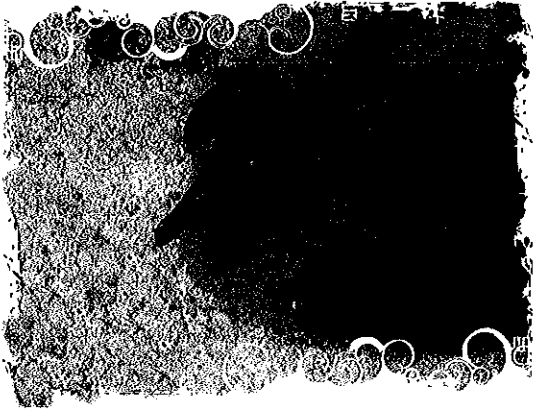
## CONTRABAND SHORELINE ECOLOGY BIRD WATCHING

## The Amazing DANA Malave-Miller (pronounced Donna)

From the US Fish and Wildlife

This summer we were fortunate to have Dana come and teach the kids bird watching, shoreline water ecology and Contraband. The kids really seemed to enjoy the different types of confiscated materials and some enjoyed wearing the Lynx coat (it takes 15 to make a coat) though they quickly learned the cost of hunting animals for their hides. Along with the coat were a walrus tusk, python hide, crocodile hide and baby crocodile. Along with many items made from confiscated animal parts, even frogs!





We also were happy to find Vinnie a black headed vulture had been born in the old water tower. From egg to flight we watched him grow.



140+ campers have been to Camp Carew this summer. I haven't checked to see form where because camp isn't over as I write this so I'll share that information when we meet in November. Our closest are from Makanda that's no surprise but our farthest was a CIT from Thailand!

Every summer I'm amazed and this is my 7<sup>th</sup> summer at Camp Carew. Amazed at how well college age kids adapt to watching campers 24/6, amazed at how the food seems to get better each year, amazed at how close we all become as the summer progresses and amazed at how our Senior High (and yes some of the guys) cry knowing they won't be coming back next year.

This summer we did do a few things different that I hoped the kids enjoyed.

We started each campfire by praying for others. Members of our families and community who were in need. And even some prayers for animals and those that had lost them. We allowed the kids more leadership in evening worship and they stepped right up to the plate and sometimes amazed us. We tried new games and went to new places and returned to our favorite (the Makanda ice cream shop).

This summer depending upon which type of camps we were running; Thursday or Tuesday was Mission Day. Lanita Ames and I shared about her summer in Los Angeles with the YAV program and of course each of our times with Marion Medical Mission. We received great feedback from the campers and really we loved sharing with them and answering questions about mission work.

All in all, I believe that this was one of the best summers I've had at Carew, God is truly VERY good to us. See you in November.

Grace and peace my friends,

Dan Kingery

Director of Camp Carew

**Committee on Ministry Report (COM)**  
Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois  
August 18, 2016  
First Presbyterian Church, Danville, IL

*For Information:*

**Anniversaries**

**40 Years**     John Kay     October 31, 1976  
**30 Years**     Don Winch     October 26, 1986

**Pulpit Supply List**

Cyndy Ash has been added to the Pulpit Supply List for the Salt Fork and Greater Decatur regions.

Teaching Elder Bob Goebel has been added to the Pulpit Supply List for all regions.

**Moderator Appointments**

Jason Schiller – Danville

*For Action:*

**Mochizuki – Transfer – Heartland**

It is **RECOMMENDED** to transfer Teaching Elder Nathan Mochizuki to Heartland Presbytery once he is received by them at their September 2016 Presbytery meeting.

**Mochizuki – Labor out of Bounds - Heartland**

It is **RECOMMENDED** to give Teaching Elder Nathan Mochizuki permission to labor out of bounds in Heartland Presbytery to supply preach until he is received in membership by Heartland Presbytery.

**Smith – Urbana, First – Temporary**

It is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the Temporary agreement for a Congregational Care Partner between Teaching Elder Stu Smith and the Urbana session effective May 1, 2016 for 2 units per week with the following terms:

Salary	\$785	Mileage	\$500
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**Wakeland – Mt. Zion – Interim**

It is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the renewal of Interim agreement between Teaching Elder Michel Wakeland and the session of the Mt. Zion congregation for full-time, effective July 13, 2016 through July 12, 2017, with the following terms:

Salary	\$44,000	Housing	\$23,000
Pension & Med full		Travel	\$3,500
Cont' Ed	\$2,000	Professional	\$1,000
SECA	\$3,385	Fridays & Saturdays off	
Vacation	4 weeks	Study Leave or military obligations	2 weeks

**M. Clark – Ashmore**

**It is RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery find in order and for the good of the whole Church the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Ashmore for the services as Pastor of the Rev. Maureen Clark, effective June 27, 2016, for 6 units per week with the following terms:

Salary	\$22,000	Auto reimburse	\$650
Con't Ed	\$1,000	Board of Pension	full
Vacation	4 weeks	Study Leave	2 weeks

Rev. Maureen Clark has served as a Covenant Pastor. The session, the congregation, COM and Rev. Clark have discerned that God is calling them to establish an installed pastoral relationship. The Covenant pastoral relationship is very similar to the Designated pastoral relationship that used to exist in the previous Form of Government. An installation commission will be appointed soon.

**Effingham – Interim – Laing**

**It is RECOMMENDED** to approve the Interim Agreement between Teaching Elder Pamela Laing and the Session of Effingham for full-time effective August 1, 2016 – July 31, 2017 with the following terms:

Cash Salary \$38,000 prorated first 5 months	Auto Reimburse (as incurred @ .30/mile)
Cash Salary \$40,000 prorated last 7 months	Prof Expense Reimburse \$2,000 total
Housing Allowance \$19,000	Book Reimburse
Utilities Allowance	Continuing Ed Reimburse
Deferred Comp (403b)	Pension/Medical (BOP) <u>Full</u>
SECA Tax Allowance	Moving Costs (As incurred with FPCE approval of bid.)
Vacation of 30 days per year (min of 30) Maximum 4 Sunday's	
Study Leave of 2 weeks per year (min of 2) Maximum 2 Sunday's	

**It is RECOMMENDED** to appoint Teaching Elder Pam Laing as Moderator of the Effingham congregation effective August 1, 2016.

**It is RECOMMENDED** to transfer Teaching Elder Pam Laing's membership from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois effective August 1, 2016.

**Moses – Carmi – Temporary (still need the paperwork)**

**It is RECOMMENDED** to approve the Temporary Pastoral Agreement between Teaching Elder Elizabeth Moses and the Carmi session for 6 months effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for 30 hours/week with the following terms:

Salary	\$10,500	Pension/Medical	\$4042.50
Housing	\$6000	Continuing Ed	\$740
Death & Dis.	\$1980	Auto reimburse	\$750
Phone	\$125/mo.		

## Answers to Questions from Southeastern Illinois Presbytery The Reverend Pam Laing

**Faith Journey** Involvement in the church has been a norm for me for as long as I remember. Early on, at my parents' bidding, I attended Sunday School and Training Union just about every Sunday at a Southern Baptist church in Amarillo, Texas. When I was in fourth grade, because of a change in theological thought, we began attending the Presbyterian Church. Ever since, my Presbyterian roots have grown deeper and deeper and I have attended a Presbyterian Church wherever I have lived.

While in high school, my mother suffered several strokes that left her partially paralyzed. From then on I attended school half days and cared for mother the rest of the day. When I graduated, it seemed natural that nursing would be my career. My specialties turned out to be operating room and psychiatric nursing. Enjoyable as nursing was, however, it never quite felt like I was doing what was intended for me. There was always a tug to do something different. It took several years (too many!) for me to realize that the "tug" was God calling me to ordained ministry. Finally in 1994, I yielded to God and enrolled in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Since that day I've continued to grow and move forward in my faith journey.

My first call from seminary will most likely be my last called and installed position, for in July I will have been serving the same faith community for 19 years. This call has been a place for me to grow and mature in my own ministry, and one in which the congregation and I have served God well together. It is here that my education about transition ministry began, since from the start I began guiding the congregation through their time of merger. From that transition forward, we have been creative in our mission, sometimes discovering outreach and spiritual endeavors that have worked well and at other times having to realize that we could do better. Always God has walked with us.

**Goals for the calling congregation** In general, my dream for a congregation in transition is that they are able to move through the changes they are experiencing in a way that helps them find their strengths, that reveals to them the presence of God in their midst, and prepares them for the next adventure God has in store for them. Usually such a process requires a willingness to review what has been, not in order to stay there, but so they can be reminded of those things that make them unique. With that awareness, my hope and prayer would be that the congregation, especially the leadership, would be ready for the surprises and opportunities God will provide and can build a vision of what God is calling them to be.

As I think specifically of First Church, Effingham, I know that they have lost a long term pastor due to illness. There will be grief work to be done, I'm sure. In addition to all of the above goals, my prayers for them is that they engage in a healthy grief process so that they are able to cherish the memories of their beloved pastor, but also can move forward into the future for which he has helped them prepare.

**My Goals** My goal is for me to work through the grief of leaving one long-term pastorate while also looking toward the future with great expectation and excitement. I have a new understanding of transition because I am living through one. My plan is to continue the spiritual practices of daily Bible reading/reflection and of seeking God's leading for each new day, which are fundamental to the work that we would be called to do. Since I will be in a new pastoral situation, reassessment and matching of my gifts to the particular congregation I serve seems in order so that I am able to better discern where God is leading me and them. I look forward to enjoying the opportunities for growth and new learning that are before me.

In regard to my personal health and growth, my goal is to continue following the recommendations of my physicians and to take time for myself in order that my energy and passion can remain high.

**Presbytery membership** We are a connectional church. That aspect of Presbyterianism is one of the most exciting and important for me. The more I delve into scripture, the more aware I become that God works through communities and groups of people to accomplish God's plan for our world. Several of my friends are always better able to discern God's will. For that reason, my role in



Presbytery and in the denomination is a priority in my service to the church. This holds true for me individually and will hold true in my leadership and encouragement with and for the people with whom I serve.

**Presbyterian Polity** I have been a Presbyterian since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and as such volunteered in many capacities over the years before being ordained as a Teaching Elder. That includes service in Presbyterian Women on the local, Presbytery and Synod level, with my last position being Moderator of Synod PW in the Synod of the Sun. PW historically has some of the best leadership training available, so the Book of Order has long been a tool for me. In addition, I served on session of my congregation and was schooled in applying the guidelines and directives of the book to particular situations. Then and since becoming a teaching elder, I have learned the importance of knowing the “rules” but also of being aware that situations call for a willingness to adapt to where God is leading us. There always needs to be a readiness for the reforming and renewing Spirit of God to be at work. Working with sessions and committees and watching them discern and decide what they are called to do is for me one of the greatest signs of God at work in the world. The new Book of Order offers flexibility for a pastor and session to respond together to the emerging needs of the congregation.

**Confessions** The confessional statements of the PC(USA) give us our identity and provide a framework from which individual church members and leaders, congregations and higher ruling bodies can draw from as they serve Christ in each one’s specific context and situations. The Confessions are a good source for Presbyterians as they carry out the belief that we are reformed and always being reformed by God. I particularly find meaning in the Declaration of Faith, as it provides several examples of God’s transforming and reforming power.

**The Lord’s Supper & Baptism** The sacraments are signs by which we as followers of Jesus Christ can connect with God and one another. Through the ordinary elements of water and bread we show outwardly that inwardly we belong to God in Christ and covenant with God and other believers to be the church in the world. **Baptism:** In Baptism we are adopted into the body of Christ and marked as God’s own forever. Baptism is about grace and inclusion, about dying to that which separates us from God and being cleansed and renewed for the purpose of serving as a part of Christ’s body in and for the people of the world. **The Lord’s Supper:** Through the shared meal of the Lord’s Supper, we in the church celebrate and give thanks that we belong to God; we remember all that God has and is doing for us – especially the salvation that is ours – and through Christ’s spiritual presence with us we are united and led forth to do God’s will.

Building and Nurturing a Community of Faith

**COVENANT BEHAVIOR FOR “COMMITTED CONVERSATION”/DIALOGUE**  
(Listening and Speaking in Prayer)

**GUIDELINES:**

**When Speaking:**

1. **Speak only for yourself (your personal experience and expectations):**  
“My experience is...” “I feel...” not, “You made me feel...” “I want...”  
“I need...” etc.).
2. **Stick to the “issue”;**  
State your position/belief/hopes and your reasons, without assigning “motive” to those with whom you disagree. Say, in particular what you do believe or want, rather than what you do not believe or want
3. **Before you start to speak:**  
Be as clear as possible about what you want to say and how you want to say it.
4. **Be Concise. Expect to complete what you have to say within 2 minutes or less each time you speak:** Help each other be accountable for honoring this time commitment so that there is equal opportunity for all to speak. Do not expect to speak again until all who want to be heard have spoken once.

**When Listening:**

1. **Listen carefully** (with care for the one speaking):  
Seek only to be clear about what is being said. Set aside the temptation to imagine a response at the same time you are trying to listen, so that you can give your full attention to hearing what the other is trying to communicate.
2. **Ask questions for clarity only:**  
Check your understanding by “reflecting” (saying back to the speaker) what you understood the speaker to say. Ask or “check” only after the speaker is finished speaking. Allow 1 minute for seeking clarity before moving on to the next speaker.

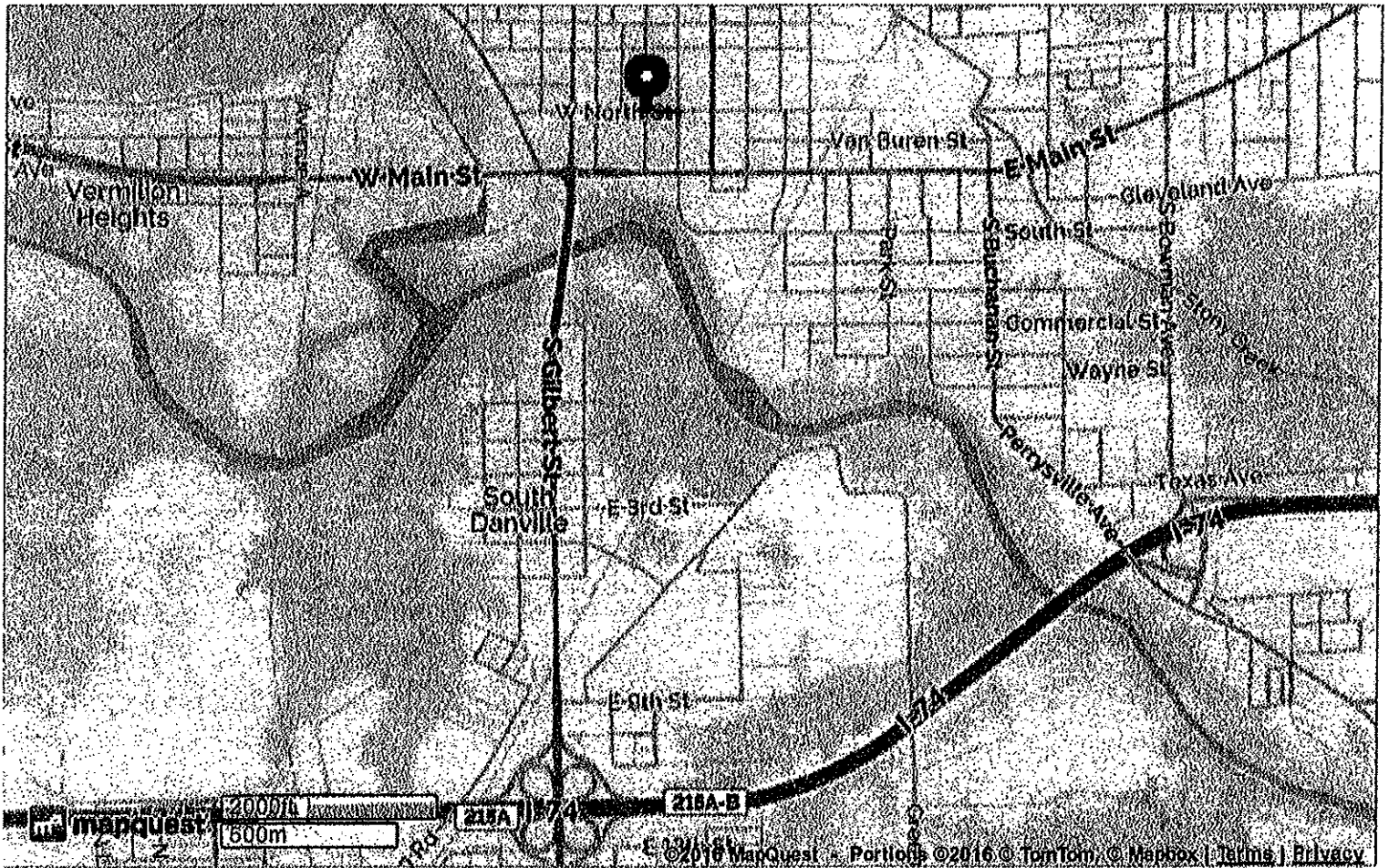
**Regarding the whole Conversation:**

For the sake of those gathered in this meeting or workshop and the larger community represented, it is neither helpful nor appropriate to name an individual participant and quote, directly or indirectly, outside this meeting, anything said by that individual. Individual concerns, observations, or assertions can be heard quite differently when spoken outside the context in which they were originally shared.

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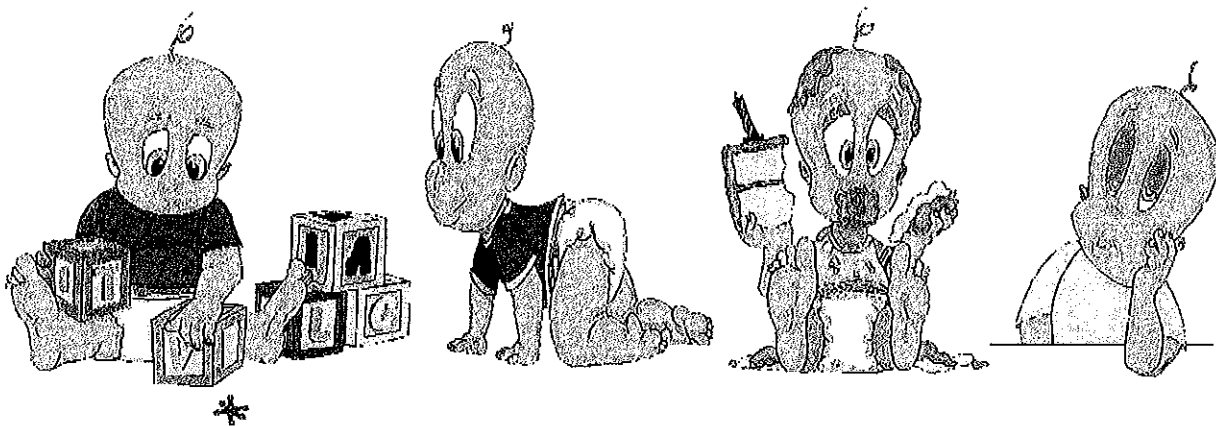
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## **2016 SESSION RECORDS REVIEW**

Please mark your calendars!! The 2016 Session Records Review dates, times and locations have been set. All Session Records **must** be read before our November 17, 2016 Presbytery meeting. The review sessions are held in regional locations, but you may attend a reading in another region if the date is better for you.

**CLERKS** - If none of these dates work for you, then send your moderator to the reading with the records or another member of session or a previous clerk.

Please have your forms filled out **PRIOR** to attending!

All dates are Sunday afternoons from 3:00-500 p.m.

### **River to River Region**

~~April 3 .....Rockwood, Ebenezer - Ebenezer Rd & Gun Club Rd, Rockwood, IL~~

### **First Capital Region**

~~April 10 .....Sorento - 109 W Taylor, Sorento, IL~~

### **The Bridge Region**

~~April 17 .....Lawrenceville - 809 Twelfth St., Lawrenceville IL 62439~~

### **The Bridge Region**

September 11 .....Norris City, Union Ridge - 107 County Rd 300 N, Norris City IL 62869

### **Salt Fork Region**

September 18 .....Champaign, Westminster - 1700 Crescent, Champaign, IL

### **Greater Decatur Region**

September 25 .....Sullivan - 4 W. Jackson, Sullivan, IL

### **East Central Region**

October 2.....Effingham - 600 W Temple, Effingham, IL

### **First Capital Region**

October 16 .....Greenville - 501 Idler Lane, Greenville, IL

### **East Central Region**

October 23 .....Arcola - 311 E Jefferson, Arcola IL

Please pre-register for the meeting by calling the Presbytery Office at 1-800-456-7734, or you can sign up on our website at [http://www.psei.net/page/preregister\\_for\\_session\\_records\\_review](http://www.psei.net/page/preregister_for_session_records_review)

*If you have an email address, please share it with the presbytery office at the number above.*