

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
STATED MEETING**

First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Our Mission is to Connect, Equip, and Inspire Presbyterians as we walk with Jesus Christ.
One God, One Table, Many Voices. A Community in Christ committed to discovering
and calling out the best in one another.

DOCKET (PAGES 1-2)

- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:30 Conversations with New & Interested Commissioners Bill Capel (RE)
- 10:00 WELCOME Moderator Laurie Fields (M)
By the Host
Seating of New and Corresponding Members
- 10:10 CONSENT AGENDA (**PAGES 3-18**)
Roll
Minutes – Stated Meeting August 24, 2017
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 10:15 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION Dennis Hamilton (M)
Election – Results to be announced later in the meeting
Report/Ballots (Vacancy, COR, GA) (**PAGES 19-24**)
GA Commissioner/YAAD Applications (Neal, Evanchak, Schwartz, Sonneborn, L Williams,
Eisenhauer, Marsaglia) (**PAGES 25-38**)
- 10:30 PERSONNEL REPORT (**PAGE 39**) Stacy Tate (M)
- 10:45 WORSHIP –REV. JAN EDMISTON, CO-MODERATOR OF THE 222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Installation of new Officers; Remembering the Saints Who Have Entered the Company of Light
Bulletin (**PAGES 40-45**); Necrology Report (**PAGES 46-47**)
- 12:00 p.m. RECESS FOR LUNCH
- 1:00 RECONVENING PRAYER Vice Moderator Rodger Allen (M)
- 1:02 CAMP BOARD & DIRECTOR’S REPORT Granger Odum (RE) & Dan Kingery (RE)
Board Report (**PAGES 48-49**); Director Report (**PAGE 50**)
- 1:15 PRESENTATION, Q&A WITH JAN EDMISTON, GA CO-MODERATOR
- 1:35 GENERAL COUNCIL Jan Mandernach (RE)
RECOMMENDATIONS - including the Budget – Second Reading and Vote
Minutes; Report (**PAGES 51-53**); GC Ballot (**PAGE 54**)
- 1:50 VIDEO: KEEPING THE FAITH
- 2:00 BILLS AND OVERTURES SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (**PAGES 55-60**)
- 2:30 BIBLE STUDY (**PAGE 61**)
- 2:50 REPORT FROM PRESBYTER for CONGREGATIONAL CARE Bill McLean (M)
- 3:00 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY Rachel Helgeson (M)
Report (**PAGE 62**); Incoming Questions DePew - (**PAGES 63-64**)
- 3:05 ROSSVILLE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT (**PAGES 65-66**) Wade Meranda (M)
- 3:15 ADJOURNMENT, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Newly Elected Moderator Rodger Allen (M)

NEXT STATED MEETING: Saturday, February 10, 2018 in Effingham

NOTE: The Camp Board Manual is a large document and available as a separate download.

NOTES TO MINISTERS 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. 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, November 13th. 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 *Minister, Ruling Elder Commissioner, Other Presbyter* (GC, CP, 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 by **close of business (4pm) on Monday, November 13th** to tell us you will or will not be coming to the meeting. Tell us your name; whether you are a Minister, 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

Kemmerer Village Report
Congregational Grants Flyer
Fellowship Event Flyer
Guidelines for Covenant Behavior for Committee Conversation
Map
Child Care
Annual Report Flyer

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Consent Agenda
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery adopt the following:
The Stated Clerk's Report as follows.

The Stated Clerk **RECOMMENDS** the following to the Presbytery:

1. that the tentative docket as prepared by the General Council and the Stated Clerk be adopted.
2. that the minutes of the August 24, 2017 Stated Meeting be approved as distributed.

FOR INFORMATION:

AC Reports

Oakdale AC – Have not had an organizational meeting yet. The congregation is waiting to hear from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program about the resolution of the Church Mortgage Grant. The session will have a meeting soon with representatives from the Evangelical Order of Presbyterians. Once the Church Mortgage Grant issue has been resolved things should move fairly quickly.

Argenta AC - Had one initial meeting. Next meeting will include United Methodist representatives and will be held on November 15th.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO BE AFFIRMED BY PRESBYTERY:

The Lord's Supper - 2018 Presbytery Meetings

It is RECOMMENDED to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at all Presbytery meetings in 2018.

Communion at Camp Carew

It is RECOMMENDED to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at Camp Carew during the 2018 Summer Camp Season and Confirmation Camp and authorize Ruling Elder Dan Kingery to administer communion at Camp Carew. Dan has been trained to administer the sacrament.

The Lord's Supper - Presbyterian Women

It is RECOMMENDED to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Presbyterian Women events in 2018.

The Lord's Supper – PSEI Retreats

It is RECOMMENDED to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at any PSEI sponsored retreats (for committees, pastoral leaders, etc.) in 2018.

The Lord's Supper - Kemmerer Village

It is RECOMMENDED to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at Kemmerer Village during 2018 by Michael Evanchak or his appointee when invited by the Chaplain.

Special Administrative Commission to Examine Between Meetings

It is RECOMMENDED that at least 7 teaching elders and ruling elders be appointed to serve on the Special Administrative Commission to Examine Inquirers and Candidates when needed between Presbytery meetings from January 2018 to December 31, 2018 who will be called into session only on occasions of extenuating circumstances and to nominate the following to serve:

2018 Commission

Ruling Elders: George Johnston, CRE for PSEI; Granger Odum, Marion; Tom Mulch, Assumption.

Teaching Elders: Moderator Cindy Shepherd, Faith in Place; Rachel Helgeson (or her appointee from COM); Michael Evanchak (or his appointee from CPM), Taylorville; Maureen Clark, Carmi; Ex-Officio (without vote): Bill McLean, Presbyter for Congregational Care; Cindy Bean, Stated Clerk.

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery approve the Revised Presbytery meeting locations for 2018.

Presbytery Meetings:

2018 – Revised

Saturday, February 10 – Effingham (EC)
Thursday, May 17 – Decatur, First (GD)
Thursday, August 23 – Sparta, Westminster (RR)
Thursday, November 15 – Champaign, First (SF)

Sullivan Administrative Commission

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery elect the following to serve on the Administrative Commission to work the Sullivan congregation that voted to close and held their last worship service on September 24, 2017.

Michael Evanchek, Taylorville, will serve as chair.

Marlene Johnston, Decatur Bethlehem,

Shirley Wiback, Sullivan

Phyllis Warnick, Assumption,

John Swick, Mattoon

Commission of Trustees:

Presbytery Office Equipment Distribution

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery approve the release of the following items to the designated organizations:

*means they cannot be taken until the office staff is working from their homes

Arcola

- 2 high-back office chairs
- Tower fan – Lasko *

Camp Carew

- 3 4-drawer metal filing cabinets
- Printer – HP Laserjet 2300
- 3 speed Holmes heater fan

Copper Creek, Champaign

- The Secretary and Administrative Assistant desks *
- Coat rack
- Hoover Plus Windtunnel vacuum *
- Silk plant, 4 paintings (behind copier & clock), decorative shelf

Decatur, First

- Presbyter's office desk with overhead storage
- 3 metal butterflies

Harrisburg

- Apartment sized refrigerator *

Kemmerer Village

- 2 shelf rolling table
- Toshiba eStudio 520 copier *
- Cube table
- Microwave oven *
- Coffee maker
- 5 waste baskets
- Step stool
- Various organizers, tubs, cords, etc.
- Clock
- 2 shelf/2drawer unit
- Microwave cart on wheels*

Mattoon, First

- Conference Table and 6 chairs

Mt. Vernon

- Rotisserie Convection oven

Pana

- Abstract painting
- 2 metal block pieces (metal art)

Shelbyville

- 4 chairs
- 5 shelf unit
- 2 door metal cabinet

All Computer equipment that needs to be recycled will be given to Chuck Zwick (who operates out of Decatur and is our computer consultant).

Committee on Ministry

Waiver of Rotation - McLeansboro

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery grant a Waiver of Rotation (G-2.0404) for McLeansboro session for the following elders for a three-year term: Francis Benbrook, John Warner, Heidi Hart, Carla Browning, Debbie Phillips, Heath Laswell. Will need to be renewed in 2020.

Rationale: Church membership is now 18 (It was 29 in 2014) and all of the available families in the church are represented on Session.

Waiver of Rotation – New Haven

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery grant a Waiver of Rotation (G-2.0404) for the New Haven session for the following elders for a three-year term: Faye Wilson, Zella Medlin, Wayne Wilson, Betty Jo Roark, Janice Ambrous, James Ambrous. Will need to be re-evaluated in 2020.

Rationale: The New Haven Presbyterian Church has 13 members. Some of these are not available for Session Service. As a result, the Session does not have any turnover. Recently two members of the former Ridgeway church joined the New Haven Church, and they were immediately elected to Session (Danial T. Lassner and Elaine Lassner). However, the other members of the New Haven Session need to be granted permission to continue their duties on Session.

Carlson – Champaign, First - Dissolution

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery, at the request of the Rev. Chuck Carlson and the Champaign, First, dissolve the pastoral relationship between Mr. Carlson and the Champaign, First Church as of November 20, 2017.

Carlson – Honorable Retirement

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Chuck Carlson effective December 1, 2017.

Carlson - Transfer

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery transfer to Glacier Presbytery effective December 1, 2017.

Synod Grant Application from the Mt. Vernon congregation.

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery approve the grant application to the Synod of Lincoln Trails as submitted by the Mt. Vernon congregation.

**SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS
MISSION INITIATIVE GRANTS**

APPLICATION PROCESS

NEW

- Mission Initiative Grants are one-time grants of 'seed' money to help begin new congregation based missional activities.
- Missional activities, in this sense means hands on mission in your community that is more participant driven than financially driven.
- These grants are for NEW mission endeavors in your community.
- These one-time grants are for amounts up to \$1,500. Grants may be awarded at amounts lower than requested based on both number of grant requests and level of missional participation.
- Grant recipients will be asked to share progress stories 6 months and 1 year after receipt of the grant.

Please note that all applications include signatures of either the **Pastor** or **Clerk of Session** of the congregation and an appropriate representative of the Presbytery indicating their awareness of and/or endorsement of the application.

All applications will be reviewed by the Standing Committee on Leadership Development at each Synod meeting with deadlines 2 weeks prior to each meeting. Deadline for October 21-22 Synod meeting is **October 3rd.**



Completed grant applications may be emailed to judy@lincolntrails.org or mailed to:

Synod of Lincoln Trails
Attn: Judy Lucas
1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 210
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Synod of Lincoln Trails Mission Initiative Grant
First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, Illinois

1. **How the project started.** Small groups of homeless people have been living in the cemetery behind our church for years. Last winter, a member of our congregation suggested that we hang a clothes line and put usable items of warm clothing on the line, along with a note inviting people to take what they needed. It seems to be very popular with the folks living in the cemetery, and we now refresh the clothing selection frequently.

Our congregation, however, wanted to do more to extend God's love to this group of homeless people, as well as to the people living in the lower-class neighborhood adjacent to our church property. For this reason, last month we piloted a program offering a free lunch to anyone in the community who would like to join us, with a special effort to include the homeless and the financially-struggling people in our community. As a trial for this effort, we have hosted two lunches. Both have had about 50 people in attendance, and indeed, we have reached the impoverished population we hoped to reach, as well as the community in general. We would like to continue this effort, and to spread God's love.

2. **How grant funds will be used.** We endeavor to offer free monthly meals to people in our community, with a special effort directed toward people who are food insecure. Our plan is to offer a pleasant meal rather than be a soup-kitchen. In our two trial meals, we have used our church china rather than paper plates, and have made an effort to provide a warm and welcoming setting, rather than simply providing sustenance.

We are requesting a \$1,500 grant to launch our monthly meal program in earnest. Each month we would use about \$20 for publicizing the event, and \$80 for food costs. Church members would provide the labor. Additionally, we will hold a yearly fund raiser at our church to secure money to continue this effort past the life of the seed-money provided by the Synod.

3. **How the project will be aerated, irrigated, and fertilized.** In keeping with your engaging tree analogy, here is how we would aerate, irrigate, and fertilize this project.

Aeration, preparing the soil, has already begun through our contact with the homeless in our community. Through our clothesline project, we are acquainting the homeless population with the good-will of our congregation. In addition, one member of our congregation has accompanied a local homeless advocate on nighttime visitation rounds to talk to homeless people where they are sleeping, an effort which will continue periodically in the future. This effort allows a face-to-face invitation to join us for a meal, as well as to remind the homeless of God's love despite their challenging circumstances. Additionally, several members of our congregation volunteer at a local food bank and second-hand store where we also extend a personal invitation to join us in food and fellowship.

Irrigation, transporting nutrients and water, would be accomplished through consistency and trust building with the target population. Since our present congregation tends to be largely middle-class, building a trusting relationship that is based on mutual respect rather than charity with the financially-struggling individuals in our community will take time. We think it is important not to "hide" in the kitchen and simply offer food, but to sit down and eat at tables with our guests in a pleasant and convivial atmosphere.

Fertilization, the continued provision of nutrients, would be provided through the congregation's continued involvement in this project. In our pilot meals, our Mission Team has provided all the food and labor. Other members of the congregation have expressed an interest in assisting, and will be a very welcome addition to this effort in the future. Additionally, our church has a tradition of fund raising through "mission meals," where we share an after-church pot-luck meal and members of the congregation generally donate whatever money they might have spent at a restaurant toward a particular mission project. At least one pot-luck fund-raiser a year will be dedicated to raising money for the monthly community meals so this project can continue well into the future.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery receive the following Report:

2016

SESSION RECORDS MINUTES, ROLLS AND REGISTER REPORT

CHURCH	MINUTES	ROLLS	READING DATE
Salt Fork Region			
Champaign, Copper Creek	WX	*	
Champaign, First			Need rolls
Champaign, McKinley	*		Need rolls
Champaign, Westminster	*	*	2014 & 15 Not Read, 2016 only Read
Danville, First	*		Need rolls
Hoopeston, First	*	*	
Monticello, First	*	*	
Paxton, Federated	*	*	
Philo			Need rolls
Rossville, First			Closing
Tolono, First			
Urbana First	*	*	
Urbana, Korean			2014-16 Not read
Greater Decatur Region			
Argenta	*	*	
Assumption, Memorial	*	*	
Bement, First	*	*	
Decatur, Bethlehem			2014-16 Not Read
Decatur, First			
Decatur, Westminster	*	*	
Mt. Zion			Need to stamp actual book in 2016 & need rolls
Pana, First United	*	*	
Rosamond, Community			2012-16 Not read - Will read in 2018
Sullivan, First			2012-16 Not read - Closing
Taylorville, First	*		Need Rolls
East Central Region			
Arcola	*	*	
Ashmore, United			
Charleston, First	*	*	
Effingham, First	*	*	
Greenup, First	*		Need rolls
Kansas, United			2012-16 Not read
Mattoon, First	*	*	Rolls need updating
Mattoon, Loxa	*	*	
Neoga, United			
Newton, First	*	*	
Paris, New Providence	WX	*	2014 Not Read, 2015 & 2016 read
Paris, The	*	*	
Shelbyville, First	*	*	

2016 SESSION RECORDS MINUTES, ROLLS AND REGISTER

CHURCH	MINUTES	ROLLS	READING DATE
First Capital Region			
Butler, Union			Need Rolls
Centralia	*		Need Rolls
Donnellson	*	*	
Greenville, First	WX	*	
Hillsboro, Waveland			2012-16 Not read
Litchfield, First	*	*	
Nashville, First			2015 Not Read
Raymond, A Community of Faith	*	*	
Salem	*	*	
Salem, New Bethel			2012-16 Not read
Sorento			
Sorento, Reno-Bethel			2013-16 Not read; Will read in 2018
Vandalia, First	*	*	
Witt, First	*	*	
The Bridge Region			
Albion, First United	*	*	
Bridgeport, First	*	*	
Bridgeport, Pisgah	*	*	
Carmi, First	*	*	
Eldorado, First	*		Need rolls
Equality	WX	*	
Harrisburg, First	*	*	
Lawrenceville, First			Need Rolls
McLeansboro, First			
Mt. Carmel, First	*	*	
New Haven, United	*	*	
Norris City, Union Ridge	*	*	
Olney, First	*	*	
Palestine, First	*	*	
Shawneetown, First	WX		Need Rolls
Sumner, Gilead	WX		Need Rolls

2016 SESSION RECORDS MINUTES, ROLLS AND REGISTER READ

CHURCH	MINUTES	ROLLS	READING DATE
River to River Region			
Carbondale, First	*	*	
Carterville, First			2015-16 Not Read; Will read in 2018
Chester, First	WX		Need Rolls
Cobden, First	*		Need Rolls
Golconda, First	*	*	
Grand Tower, First	WX		Need Rolls
Marion, First	*		Need Rolls
Metropolis, Trinity			
Mt. Vernon, First	*	*	
Murphysboro, First	*	*	
Oakdale, United	*	*	
Pinckneyville, First United	*		Need Rolls
Rockwood, Ebenezer			
Rockwood, First			Need Rolls
Sparta, Westminster	*	*	
Tilden			

* Approved without exception
 WX Approved with exception
 NA Not Approved
 NS Not Submitted

Treasurer's Report

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery receive the 2015 and 2016 Financial Review Reports.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery receive the 3rd Quarter Financials.

**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Monthly Balance Sheet
September 2017**

Accounts

Assets		
Current Assets		
100100 - Checking Account	\$35,282	
100200 - Petty Cash	\$50	
100400 - Unpaid Prior Years Per Capita Rec	\$0	
Investments		
100300 - First Mid CDs	\$134,119	
100310 - Presbyterian Investment & Loan Prog	\$250,606	
100320 - Other	\$11,460	
Total Investments	\$396,185	
Total Current Assets		\$431,517
Non-Current Assets		
100510 - Camp Carew Foundation - New Cov.	\$306,542	
100520 - Camp Carew Fdn Unrealized Gain/Loss	(\$31,834)	
100600 - Office Equipment	\$27,651	
100650 - Accumulated Depreciation Office Equ	(\$25,939)	
Total Non-Current Assets		\$276,420
Total Assets		\$707,937
Liabilities, Fund Balance, & Restricted Funds		
Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes Payable		
200100 - Fed W/H	\$3,250	
200200 - FICA	\$1,386	
200300 - Medicare	\$324	
200400 - Illinois W/H	\$1,048	
Total Payroll Taxes Payable		\$6,008
Mission Funds Payable		
200700 - GA Missi Funds	\$10,547	
200800 - Synod Mission	\$3,264	
200900 - Other Mission	\$18,567	
200925 - Theological Education Fund	\$600	
Total Mission Funds Payable		\$32,978
Total Liabilities		\$38,987
Fund Balance		
299999 - Unrestricted Fund Balance	(\$181,002)	
Total Fund Balance		(\$181,002)
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporary Restricted	\$567,847	
Total Permanent Restricted	\$282,105	
Total Restricted Funds		\$849,952
Total Liabilities, Fund Balance, & Restricted Funds		\$707,937

**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Monthly Summary of Restricted Accounts
January to September 2017**

Accounts	Beginning Balance	Restricted Revenue	Restricted Expenses	Ending Balance
<u>Temporary Restricted</u>				
800110 - Congregational Development	\$49,400	\$0	\$0	\$49,400
800200 - Peace & Global Witness	\$24,755	\$442	\$0	\$25,197
800500 - Special Offerings Designated	\$45,753	\$0	\$0	\$45,753
800600 - Trustees Account	\$373,090	\$20,531	\$2,178	\$391,443
800800 - Local Disaster Relief	\$3,992	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$3,992
800900 - Pastoral Enrichment & Support	(\$2,945)	\$0	\$2,665	(\$5,610)
801000 - Mission & Ministry	\$79,900	\$0	\$22,228	\$57,672
Total Temporary Restricted	\$573,945	\$25,973	\$32,071	\$567,847
<u>Permanent Restricted</u>				
900100 - Camp Carew Foundation	\$273,275	\$0	\$0	\$273,275
900200 - Camp Carew Adj	\$8,831	\$0	\$0	\$8,831
Total Permanent Restricted	\$282,105	\$0	\$0	\$282,105

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Monthly Analysis of Revenues & Expenses
January to September 2017

Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Revenues		
400100 - Per Capita	\$201,154	\$257,906
400200 - Presbytery Mission Support	\$47,883	\$55,000
400300 - ExtraOrdinary Income	\$38,137	\$0
400400 - Investment Return	\$0	\$2,000
400500 - Bequest Income	\$14,342	\$7,500
400800 - Registration and Sales	\$1,903	\$1,000
Total Revenues	<u>\$303,418</u>	<u>\$323,406</u>
Expenses		
Program Services		
500102 - Mission Discovery	\$830	\$0
500105 - GA Per Capita	\$38,177	\$50,903
500106 - Synod per capita	\$19,394	\$25,858
Camp Carew		
Director		
500200 - Director Salary	\$34,131	\$44,077
500210 - Director Social Security	\$2,611	\$3,400
500220 - Director Travel	\$1,433	\$4,000
500230 - Director Cont Ed	\$0	\$1,000
500240 - Director Pension	\$1,161	\$0
Total Director	<u>\$39,336</u>	<u>\$52,477</u>
Program Support		
500250 - Program Support	\$4,500	\$6,000
Total Program Support	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Camp Carew	<u>\$43,836</u>	<u>\$58,477</u>
Total Program Services	<u>\$102,237</u>	<u>\$135,238</u>
Supporting Services		
Staff		
Presbyter for Cong.I Care		
500300 - PCC Salary	\$25,576	\$32,581
500310 - PCC Housing	\$11,197	\$14,556
500320 - PCC Pension	\$13,801	\$19,260
500330 - PCC Travel	\$8,813	\$12,000
500340 - PCC Professional Exp.	\$749	\$1,500
Total Presbyter for Cong.I Care	<u>\$60,135</u>	<u>\$79,897</u>
Stated Clerk		
500400 - SC Salary	\$35,567	\$47,137
500420 - SC Pension	\$14,386	\$18,276
500430 - SC Travel	\$4,761	\$10,000
500440 - SC Professional Exp.	\$50	\$500
Total Stated Clerk	<u>\$54,764</u>	<u>\$75,913</u>
Administrative		
500500 - Admin Salary	\$41,597	\$54,077
500510 - Admin Social Security	\$3,182	\$4,177
500520 - Admin Annuity	\$2,705	\$3,533
500530 - Admin Medical Ins.	\$6,248	\$8,550
500540 - Admin Travel	\$0	\$3,000
Total Administrative	<u>\$53,732</u>	<u>\$73,337</u>
Total Staff	<u>\$168,631</u>	<u>\$229,147</u>
Office		
Occupancy		
500600 - Rent	\$4,126	\$0
500620 - Transition	\$4,750	\$5,000
500630 - General	\$28,398	\$40,000

**Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Monthly Analysis of Revenues & Expenses
January to September 2017**

Accounts	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Total Occupancy	\$37,274	\$45,000
Total Office	\$37,274	\$45,000
General Council		
500700 - GC Travel & Meeting	\$494	\$5,000
500705 - Presbytery meetings	\$212	\$1,000
500730 - GC Camps	\$54	\$500
500740 - Illinois Council of Churches	\$500	\$0
Total General Council	\$1,260	\$6,500
Committees		
Ministry		
501000 - COM	\$2,562	\$8,000
Total Ministry	\$2,562	\$8,000
Preparation for Ministry		
502000 - CPM	\$339	\$6,500
Total Preparation for Ministry	\$339	\$6,500
Personnel		
504000 - Pr Travel & Meeting	\$500	\$1,000
Total Personnel	\$500	\$1,000
Representations		
504500 - NOM	\$0	\$300
Total Representations	\$0	\$300
Ecclesiastical Function		
505000 - EF	\$0	\$1,500
505020 - EF Permanent Judicial Committee	\$91	\$0
Total Ecclesiastical Function	\$91	\$1,500
Total Committees	\$3,493	\$17,300
Treasurer		
506000 - CPA Review	\$7,965	\$4,500
507000 - Treasurer Fee	\$1,000	\$6,000
Total Treasurer	\$8,965	\$10,500
Total Supporting Services	\$219,623	\$308,447
Total Expenses	\$321,860	\$443,685
Net Total	(\$18,441)	(\$120,279)
Other Expenses		
700400 - Pastor Enrichment Exp.	\$1,450	\$0
Total Other Expenses	\$1,450	\$0
Net Operating Total	(\$19,891)	(\$120,279)

Camp and Conference Board of Directors

3rd Quarter Financials – There will be a new format next time that shows the income that is restricted.

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery receive the Camp Carew Third Quarter Financial Report

Camp Carew		Income/Expense by Category 2016 - September 30, 2017						
		1/1/2016 through 9/30/2017						
Category		1/1/2016-12/31/2016	1/1/2017-3/31/2017	4/1/2017-6/30/2017	7/1/2017-9/30/2017	2017 to Date	to date portion of 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
INCOME								
1100 SUPPORT								
	1110 Presbytery of SE IL Support	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00
	1120 Donations							
	1121 Donations - Church	\$18,450.00	\$4,037.37	\$3,130.37	\$1,899.10	\$9,066.84	\$12,000.00	\$16,000.00
	1122 Donations - Individuals	\$1,362.00		\$1,950.00	\$300.00	\$2,250.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	1123 Donations - Major gifts	\$6,000.00	\$2,436.00	\$4,925.00	\$2,521.50	\$9,882.50	\$3,750.00	\$5,000.00
	1124 Donations - Memorials	\$1,365.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00		
	TOTAL 1120 Donations	\$27,177.00	\$6,523.37	\$10,005.37	\$4,720.60	\$21,249.34	\$16,500.00	\$22,000.00
	1130 Endowment Funds							
	1131 Foundation - Danville Covenant	\$881.87	\$223.58	\$0.00	\$455.80	\$679.38		
	1132 Foundation - Foote (Florence)	\$10,985.78	\$2,769.71	\$2,822.69	\$2,823.51	\$8,415.91		
	1133 Foundation - McNabb (RL & M)	\$1,625.32	\$423.59	\$547.73	\$546.12	\$1,517.44		
	TOTAL 1130 Endowment Funds	\$13,492.97	\$3,416.88	\$3,370.42	\$3,825.43	\$10,612.73	\$9,750.00	\$13,000.00
	1140 Camp Carew Foundation Trust Fr	\$5,940.50	\$706.99	\$0.00	\$1,678.38	\$2,385.37	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00
	1150 Eclipse receipts				\$7,663.00	\$7,663.00		
	TOTAL 1100 SUPPORT	\$52,610.47	\$12,147.24	\$14,875.79	\$19,387.41	\$46,410.44	\$35,250.00	\$47,000.00
1200 REGISTRATIONS								
	1210 Camper Fees & Store							
	1211 Campers Fees	\$23,907.00	\$2,100.00	\$18,979.00	\$3,482.28	\$24,561.28		
	1212 Camp Store	\$49.00			\$220.00	\$220.00		
	TOTAL 1210 Camper Fees & Store	\$23,956.00	\$2,100.00	\$18,979.00	\$3,702.28	\$24,781.28	\$18,750.00	\$25,000.00
	1220 Rental & Rental Deposits	\$2,392.00	\$100.00		\$524.00	\$624.00	\$1,875.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL 1200 REGISTRATIONS	\$26,348.00	\$2,200.00	\$18,979.00	\$4,226.28	\$25,405.28	\$20,625.00	\$27,500.00
1300 OTHER INCOME								
	1310 Scholarship Donations	\$5,102.00						
	1320 Reimbursement Income	\$92.00	\$129.08	\$433.88	\$0.00	\$562.96		
	1330 Other Income	\$450.00		\$307.75	\$107.31	\$415.06	\$75.00	\$100.00
	1340 Interest Income	\$5.04		\$0.60	\$219.12	\$219.72		
	1350 Auction Income	\$0.00						
	TOTAL 1300 OTHER INCOME	\$5,649.04	\$129.08	\$742.23	\$326.43	\$1,197.74	\$3,750.00	\$5,000.00
	1500 Building Fund Donation	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00		
	TOTAL INCOME	\$84,607.51	\$14,976.32	\$34,597.02	\$23,940.12	\$73,513.46	\$59,700.00	\$79,600.00
	BUILDING FUND TRANSFER	\$2,912.67	\$426.86	\$2,785.94		\$3,212.80	\$0.00	
	MMF - Memorial Gifts FUND TRANSFER				\$2,415.00	\$2,415.00	\$0.00	
	MMF - PF-RL&MV McNabb FUND TRANSFER				\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	
	MMF - Scholarships Account FUND TRANSFER				\$385.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	
	TOTAL Revenue Available	\$87,520.18	\$15,403.18	\$37,382.96	\$27,190.12	\$79,976.26	\$59,700.00	
EXPENSES								
2100 SITE								
	2110 Utilities							
	2111 Camp Phone	\$495.24	\$70.30	\$70.80	\$71.47	\$212.57		
	2112 Cell Phone	\$909.57	\$156.95	\$157.65	\$157.13	\$471.73		
	2113 Internet	\$623.52	\$120.03	\$120.03	\$120.03	\$360.09		
	2114 Electricity	\$7,201.20	\$2,147.21	\$1,664.89	\$2,512.40	\$6,324.50		
	2115 Gas	\$995.15	\$789.21	\$0.00	\$245.90	\$1,035.11		
	2116 Water	\$1,068.44	\$217.05	\$529.80	\$1,214.55	\$1,961.40		
	2117 Waste Service	\$693.45	\$72.49	\$245.86	\$246.53	\$564.88		
	TOTAL 2110 Utilities	\$11,986.57	\$3,573.24	\$2,789.03	\$4,568.01	\$10,930.28	\$9,750.00	\$13,000.00
	2120 Maintance							
	2121 Buildings	\$3,715.75	\$44.87	\$652.05	\$426.17	\$1,123.09		
	2122 Grounds	\$4,726.76	\$226.25	\$911.83	\$85.71	\$1,223.79		
	2123 Kitchen Equipment	\$71.91	\$0.00	\$1,078.93	\$252.69	\$1,331.62		
	2124 Equipment - Appliances & Rep	\$1,067.28	\$514.18	\$1,558.43	\$289.00	\$2,361.61		
	2125 Supplies - Consumables	\$198.01	\$3.07	\$371.83	\$147.75	\$522.65		
	TOTAL 2100 SITE:2120 Maintance	\$9,779.71	\$788.37	\$4,573.07	\$1,201.32	\$6,562.76	\$5,625.00	\$7,500.00
	2130 Equipment - Capital	\$1,309.81	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$1,875.00	\$2,500.00
	TOTAL 2100 SITE	\$23,076.09	\$4,361.61	\$7,362.10	\$5,769.33	\$17,493.04	\$17,250.00	\$23,000.00
2200 PAYROLL								
	2210 Camp Staff	\$20,803.36	\$0.00	\$5,463.33	\$15,681.25	\$21,144.58	\$17,250.00	\$23,000.00
	2220 Caretaker	\$3,280.00			\$3,345.00	\$3,345.00	\$2,475.00	\$3,300.00
	2230 Payroll Service Fee	\$866.51	\$124.32	\$137.44	\$57.00	\$318.76	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	2250 Taxes							
	2251 Employer Taxes	\$1,842.34			\$1,873.46	\$1,873.46		
	2252 Withholdings	\$32.11						
	TOTAL 2250 Taxes	\$1,874.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,873.46	\$1,873.46	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
	TOTAL 2200 PAYROLL	\$26,824.32	\$124.32	\$5,600.77	\$20,956.71	\$26,681.80	\$21,975.00	\$29,300.00

		2016	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	2017 to Date	7/12 Budget	Budget
2300 PROGRAM					\$417.16	\$417.16		
	2310 Materials, Services & Development	\$7,634.46	\$19.47	\$1,448.00	\$2,251.44	\$3,718.91	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00
	2330 Supplies	\$1,004.91	\$105.09	\$174.33	\$1,341.63	\$1,621.05	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	2340 Auto & Transport							
	2341 Gas & Fuel	\$708.88	\$34.63	\$152.06	\$332.61	\$519.30		
	2342 Registration	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.00		
	2343 Service & Parts	\$612.74	\$945.72	\$6.31	\$0.00	\$952.03		
	TOTAL 2340 Auto & Transport	\$1,351.62	\$1,019.35	\$158.37	\$332.61	\$1,510.33	\$1,125.00	\$1,500.00
	2350 Food Service							
	2351 Camp Groceries	\$6,993.99	\$0.00	\$3,832.29	\$2,855.09	\$6,687.38		
	2352 Other Groceries	\$417.29	\$451.22	\$619.10	\$88.77	\$1,159.09		
	2353 Restaurants	\$442.42	\$37.64	\$160.20	\$65.16	\$263.00		
	TOTAL 2350 Food Service	\$7,853.70	\$451.22	\$4,451.39	\$3,009.02	\$8,109.47	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00
	2360 Eclipse Expenses				\$1,590.13	\$1,590.13		
	TOTAL 2300 PROGRAM	\$17,844.69	\$1,632.77	\$6,392.29	\$8,941.99	\$16,967.05	\$12,375.00	\$16,500.00
2400 SUPPORT		\$144.00						
	2410 Administrative		\$0.00	\$401.16	\$0.00	\$401.16	\$187.50	\$250.00
	2411 Supplies	\$225.14	\$304.68	\$276.38	\$163.08	\$744.14	\$187.50	\$250.00
	2412 License, Fees, and membersh	\$906.06	\$175.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$295.00	\$562.50	\$750.00
	TOTAL 2400 SUPPORT:2410 Administ	\$1,131.20	\$479.68	\$697.54	\$263.08	\$1,440.30	\$937.50	\$1,250.00
	2420 Publicity, fund raising, website		\$61.48	\$497.25	\$0.00	\$558.73	\$187.50	\$250.00
	2430 Insurance							
	2431 Auto Insurance	\$1,273.00			\$1,252.00	\$1,252.00		
	2432 Multi-Peril 0044663	\$6,989.00			\$6,097.00	\$6,097.00		
	2433 Umbrella - Liability	\$708.00	\$0.00	\$702.00	\$0.00	\$702.00		
	2434 Workmans Comp	\$2,184.00	\$0.00	\$1,859.00	\$0.00	\$1,859.00		
	TOTAL 2430 Insurance	\$11,154.00	\$0.00	\$2,561.00	\$7,349.00	\$9,910.00	\$9,750.00	\$13,000.00
	2440 Director's Education, Travel, Conf	\$1,251.59	\$405.00		\$0.00	\$405.00	\$937.50	\$1,250.00
	2450 Financial							
	2451 Online Registration		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	2450 Financial:Bank Fee		\$1.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.22		
	2450 Financial:Interest Exp		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	TOTAL 2450 Financial	\$0.00	\$501.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$501.22	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
	2460 Other Expenses							
	2461 Registration-Fee Refund	\$465.00		\$30.00	\$285.00	\$315.00		
	2462 Gifts & Donations	\$5.00	\$349.99		\$0.00	\$349.99		
	2464 General Store							
	TOTAL 2460 Other Expenses	\$470.00	\$349.99	\$30.00	\$285.00	\$664.99	\$487.50	\$650.00
	TOTAL 2400 SUPPORT	\$15,550.79	\$1,797.37	\$3,785.79	\$7,897.08	\$13,480.24	\$13,050.00	\$17,400.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$81,895.89	\$7,916.07	\$23,140.95	\$43,565.11	\$74,622.13	\$64,650.00	\$86,200.00
	2500 BUILDING FUND ACCT - REMODEL	\$2,912.67	\$426.86	\$2,785.94	\$0.00	\$3,212.80		
	2600 RL&MV McNabb Fund				\$450.00	\$450.00		
	2700 Scholarship Expense (Scholarships Ac	\$1,400.00			\$385.00	\$385.00		
	MMF - Memorial Gifts FUND TRANSFER				\$2,415.00	\$2,415.00		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$86,208.56	\$8,342.93	\$25,926.89	\$46,815.11	\$81,084.93	\$64,650.00	\$86,200.00
	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-\$1,601.05	\$6,633.39	\$8,670.13	-\$22,874.99	-\$7,571.47	-\$4,950.00	-\$6,600.00
Net Worth by Quarter - As of 9/30/2017								
Account - Balance	12/31/2016	3/31/2017	6/30/2017	9/30/2017	2017 to Date	Value change		
ASSETS						2017 vs 2016		
Cash and Bank Accounts								
	GEN OPERATING FUND *2513	\$84,926.30	\$51,947.19	\$63,774.65	\$10,133.39	\$10,133.39	-\$74,792.91	
	MMF-OpR-Bldg-Mem-RLMc-Schl *7228	\$33,309.42	\$73,856.15	\$72,618.54	\$100,133.78	\$100,133.78	\$66,824.36	
	Gen-Operating Reserves	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.60	\$70,219.72	\$70,219.72	\$70,219.72	
	Building Fund	\$18,588.16	\$18,661.30	\$15,875.36	\$15,875.36	\$15,875.36	-\$2,712.80	
	Memorial Gifts Fund	\$5,130.00	\$5,180.00	\$6,180.00	\$3,765.00	\$3,765.00	-\$1,365.00	
	PF-RL&MV McNabb Fund	\$4,454.26	\$4,877.85	\$5,425.58	\$5,521.70	\$5,521.70	\$1,067.44	
	Scholarships Account	\$5,137.00	\$5,137.00	\$5,137.00	\$4,752.00	\$4,752.00	-\$385.00	
	TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$118,235.72	\$125,803.34	\$136,393.19	\$110,267.17	\$110,267.17	-\$7,968.55	
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$118,235.72	\$125,803.34	\$136,393.19	\$110,267.17	\$110,267.17	-\$7,968.55	
LIABILITIES								
Credit Cards								
	VISA Master acct *7148	\$397.09	\$1,331.32	\$2,089.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$397.09	
	Tax Withholdings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,161.55	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$397.09	\$1,331.32	\$3,251.04	\$0.01	\$0.01	-\$397.08	
	TOTAL Assets - Liabilities	\$117,838.63	\$124,472.02	\$133,142.15	\$110,267.16	\$110,267.16	-\$7,571.47	
	Total Income - Expenses from Income/Expense Report						-\$7,571.47	
	** Difference between two Reports						\$0.00	
	All these values directly from Quicken Operating Fund							
	as of 9/30/2017 - OP fund balance	OP fund cleared	OP not Cleared	Total Assets		Assets-not clr'd	Bank Total	
	\$10,133.39	\$10,872.80	-\$739.41	\$110,267.17		\$111,006.58	\$111,006.58	
						9/30/2017	\$0.00	

Camp Carew 3rd Quarter Income/Expense by Category

Items to note: Total Assets – Liabilities \$7,571.47 less than January 1, 2017

1. Total income to date is more than 3/4 the budget & expected to be \$3,000 > 2017 budget
 - a. Due to donations larger than budget but \$5,000 less than 2016
 - b. Endowments about same as budget
 - c. Eclipse Event net income \$6,072.87 (7,663.00-1,590.13)
 - d. Registrations \$2,000 less than 2017 budget and \$1,000 less than 2016
 - e. No scholarship donation as fund already at max of \$5,000 (listed as Major Gift)
2. Total expenses \$10,000 > 3/4 the budget, but \$5,000 < 2017 budget and \$2,000 < 2016
 - a. As expected as camping season is over
 - b. Total site expense within 2017 budget but \$2,000 higher than 2016
 - c. Total Payroll \$2,500 under 2017 budget as payroll service not used most of year
 - d. Total Program \$500 over 2017 budget, but \$1000 < 2016 (same material as 2016)
 - e. Total Support appear within budget but balanced by
 - i. Administration and supplies \$1,000 over budget for the year
 - ii. Insurance payments \$3,000 under budget for the year
3. Estimate income to be \$3,600 > expenses for 2017 (\$82,700 inc - \$79,100 exp) vs the projected \$8,000 to be used from reserves for 2017 (\$87,600 exp - \$79,600 inc).
4. Total 2017 remodeling of McNabb Cabin and new decks on Knox and Witherspoon
 - a. All expenses taken from the Building Fund not Operating Fund as per Board approval
 - b. \$3,212.80 leaves a balance in the Building Fund Account of \$15,875.36
5. Opened a new Money Market Acct *7228 to obtain free \$200 offer from REGIONS Bank
6. Moved the following funds to the Money Market Acct

MMF - Gen OP Fund Reserves	\$70,219.72
MMF - Building Fund	\$15,875.36
MMF - Memorial Gifts Fund	\$3,765.00
MMF - PF-RL&MV McNabb Fund	\$5,521.70
MMF - Scholarships Account	<u>\$4,752.00</u>
Total MMF = \$100,133.78	
7. Detail Income-Expense balances with the Net Worth Report
8. The Net Worth Report is reconciled with the REGIONS Bank Online accounts

Made slight modifications to proposed expense Budget for 2018 that was approved by the Board August 25, 2017 based on actual expenses to date.

Projecting \$74,000 income and \$78,300 expenses → to use \$4,300 from reserves for 2018.

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|---|------------------|
| 1. Increased Utilities – \$12,000 to \$14,000 – higher electric & water bills than expected | + \$2,000 |
| 2. Decreased Maintenance - Buildings & Grounds from \$8,000 to \$7,500 | - \$ 500 |
| 3. Decreased Payroll – \$22,500 to \$22,000 | - \$ 500 |
| 4. Decreased Employer taxes – \$2,000 to \$1,950 | - \$ 50 |
| 5. Decreased Insurance – \$11,500 to \$10,500 | <u>- \$1,000</u> |
| Total decrease from proposal August 25, 2017 | - \$ 50 |

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Camp Fees

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Presbytery approve the Camp Fee Schedule for 2018.

2018 Camp Carew Usage Fees

Summer Camp Fees

	<u>2017 Rate</u>	<u>2018 Rate</u>
Entering Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Day Camp 1	\$ 140	\$ 145
Entering 3rd and 4th Grade Mini Camp 1 -----	\$ 145	\$ 150
Entering 5 th , thru 8th Grade – All camps except Horseback	\$ 240	\$ 245
Horseback Camp -----	\$ 365	\$ 365
CIT/LIT Training	\$ 145	\$ 150
Mission Work Camp -----	\$ 160	\$ 165
High Adventure Camp	\$240	\$ 245
Family Camp limit per family-----	\$150	\$ 155
*Additional fee if horseback riding	\$ 45	\$ 45

Adult/Family Camps Plus Weekend Family Outings

Calvin Hall

The weekend rate for Calvin Hall is \$100/day.

The weekday rate for Calvin Hall is \$75/day.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for Calvin Hall is \$50/day.

Modern Year-Round Cabins

McNabb and Ryman are modern year-round cabins. They have their own bathrooms/showers and kitchens.

They also have small meeting areas suitable for 6-8 people. These cabins sleep 16 per cabin in rooms for 2 to 4 people. These cabins have heating and air-conditioning.

The weekend rate for one of these cabins is \$15/person/night.

The weekday rate for one of these cabins is \$12/person/night.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for one of these cabins is \$10/person/night.

Minimum use fee: \$50/per night for the use either individuals or a group

Traditional Year-Round Cabins

Knox and Witherspoon are traditional rustic cabins. These are both dormitory style. Knox sleeps ten, and Witherspoon sleeps sixteen. Both of these "rustic" cabins have heating and air-conditioning.

The weekend rate for one of these cabins is \$12/person/night.

The weekday rate for one of these cabins is \$10/person/night.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for one of these cabins is \$8/person/night.

Hogans

Hogans sleep four with screened windows and doors. These hogans are a rustic way to camp without the bugs.

The weekend rate for the hogans is \$10/person/night.

The weekday rate for the hogans is \$10/person/night.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for the hogans is \$5/person/night.

Tent/RV (WITHOUT electricity)

The weekend rate for a space WITHOUT electricity is \$7/person/night.

The weekday rate for a space WITHOUT electricity is \$7/person/night.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for a space WITHOUT electricity is \$5/person/night.

Tent/RV (with electricity)

The weekend rate for a space with electricity is \$15/person/night.

The weekday rate for a space with electricity is \$15/person/night.

The PSEI-affiliated rate for a space with electricity is \$5/person/night.

Day Use

The standard rate is \$2/person/day (\$75 minimum charge)

Day use for PSEI-affiliated is on a donation basis.

To engage the services of a lifeguard (required for all waterfront activities) is \$25/hour

To rent one of our canoes is \$10/day plus the services of a lifeguard

Please note the difference in rates for groups affiliated with the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

Please note that check-in time is 3:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am.

Weekend rates are for: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION BALLOT
Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
November 16, 2017

Vacancies as of November 6, 2017

General Council:

At large:	<i>Vacant - M - 2019</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Maureen Clark (M), Carmi</u>	(2019)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2019)

Commission of Trustees:

First Capital:	<i>Vacant - RE - 2018</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Jim Anderson (RE), Danville</u>	(2018)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2018)

Committee on Ministry:

Salt Fork:	<i>Vacant - RE - 2018</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Bill Capel (RE), Champaign, McKinley</u>	(2018)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2018)
The Bridge:	<i>Vacant - M - 2019</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2019)

Personnel Committee:

Greater Decatur:	<i>Vacant - RE - 2018</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Mac Moore (RE), Decatur, First</u>	(2018)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2018)

Illinois Presbyterian Home:

At large:	<i>Vacant - 2018</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Joel Jackle-Hugh (M), Pana</u>	(2018)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	(2018)

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION BALLOT
Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
November 16, 2017

Insert all nominations made from the floor on the appropriate blank line _____

OFFICER OF THE PRESBYTERY (clergy and elders only)

Moderator:

*Laurie Fields (M), Harrisburg - (2017)**

☐ Rodger Allen (M), Paris The (2018)*

☐ _____ (2018)*

Vice-Moderator:

*Rodger Allen (M), Paris - (2017)**

☐ Bill Capel (RE), Champaign, McKinley (2018)*

☐ _____ (2018)*

GENERAL COUNCIL:

Moderator:

*Jan Mandernach (RE), Decatur, First - (2017)**

☐ Laurie Fields (M), Harrisburg (2018)*

☐ _____ (2018)*

At large:

Katharine Jones (RE), Champaign, Copper Creek - (2017)

☐ Katharine Jones (RE), Champaign, Copper Creek (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

COMMISSION OF TRUSTEES:

The Bridge:

*Henry Lewis (RE), Carmi - (2017)**

☐ Gloria Tison (RE), Harrisburg (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

River to River:

Coralee Lawder (RE), Murphysboro - (2017)

☐ _____ (2020)

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Greater Decatur:

Paul Spangler (M), Monticello - (2017)

☐ Marlene Johnson (RE), Decatur, Bethlehem (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

River to River:

Denise Brown (RE) Murphysboro - (2017)

☐ Denise Brown (RE), Murphysboro (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

At large:

Autumn Bogard (RE), Olney - (2017)

☐ David McNabb (M), HR (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

Salt Fork:

*Linda Smith (RE), Champaign, Westminster - (2017)**

☐ Bill Metcalf (RE) Champaign, First (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

*Heidi Weatherford (M), Champaign, McKinley - (2017)**

☐ David Oliver-Holder (M), Urbana (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

Greater Decatur:

Tom Mulch (CP), Assumption - (2017)

☐ _____ (2020)

East Central:

*Maureen Clark (M), Carmi - (2017)**

☐ Matthew Froeschle (M), Mattoon (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

First Capital:

Matthew Froeschle (M), Mattoon - (2017)

☐ _____ (2020)

The Bridge:

*Mac Butler (RE), Eldorado - (2017)**

☐ _____ (2020)

River to River:

*Marcia Ellison (RE), Golconda - (2017)**

☐ Bob Crouse (RE), Tilden (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (6-year term):

At large:

*Jan Mandernach (RE), Decatur, First – (2017)**

☐ Tom Mulch (CP), Raymond (2023)*

☐ _____ (2023)*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

East Central:

Don Winch (M), HR – (2017)

☐ _____ (2020)

River to River:

Mel Bower, Jr (CP), Carterville – (2017)

☐ _____ (2020)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY:

Moderator:

*Rodger Allen (M) – (2018)**

☐ Michael Evanchak,(M), Taylorville (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

Salt Fork:

*Nancy Rotzoll (RE), Champaign, Westminster - (2017)**

☐ George Johnston (CP), Champaign, Westminster (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

Greater Decatur:

Michael Evanchak (M), Taylorville – (2017)

☐ Bob Wollenberg (M), Decatur, First^t (2020)

☐ _____ (2020)

East Central:

Andrew Sonneborn (M), Shelbyville – (2017)

☐ Andy Sonneborn (M), Shelbyville (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

River to River:

Tim Van Roekel (RE), Marion – (2017)

☐ Tim Van Roekel (RE), Marion (2020)*

☐ _____ (2020)

RESPONSE TEAM:

At large:

Kristin Godlin (M), Member at Large – (2017)

☐

Kristin Godlin (M), Member at Large

(2020)+

☐

(2020)

At large:

Jason Schiller (M), Tolono – (2017)

☐

Jason Schiller (M), Tolono

(2020)+

☐

(2020)

SYNOD COMMISSIONER:

Ruling Elder:

*Pauline Rowles (RE), Sullivan – (2017) **

☐

George Johnston (CP), Commissioned to PSEI

(2020)

☐

(2020)

Alternate Synod Commissioner (M): - new position

At large:

☐

Wade Halva (M), Marion

(2020)

☐

(2020)

YOUR SECRET BALLOT
PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION BALLOT
Thursday, November 16, 2017

COMMISSIONERS TO THE 223rd (2018) GENERAL ASSEMBLY

St. Louis, Missouri; June 16-23, 2018
Ministers and Ruling Elders only

(Two-year terms ending June 19, 2019)

Nominees from the floor **MUST** turn in enough copies of their paperwork for the voting commissioners to Marsha Mower prior to the start of the meeting.

Vote for one (1) in each category.

Ruling Elders

☐

RE Lynn Neal, Mt. Vernon

☐

Ministers

☐

Rev. Michael Evanchak, Taylorville

☐

Rev. Ann Schwartz, Danville

☐

Rev. Andrew Sonneborn, Shelbyville

☐

Rev. Laurie Williams, Paris, The

☐

Young Adult Advisory Delegate

☐

Brett Eisenhauer, Decatur, First

☐

Bryce Marsaglia, Taylorville

☐

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THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION
RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 BY 12:00 NOON

Name (Title First Middle Last)

Lynn L. Neal

Church

First Presbyterian Mt. Vernon, IL

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

Deacon, Worship Elder, Communication Elder, Moderator of Nominating Committee, Moderator of Stewardship Committee,

THE PRESBYTERY?

I have been an RE Commissioner & served on COM. I have completed the 3 year CRE course, have taken the MALT Interim Training I & II, and have served as transitional pastor at two churches. I also served on two listening teams.

THE SYNOD?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

I served as commissioner from our Presbytery in 2014 and 2016

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

Change – while the mission and goals of the church don't change, we have to change our methods to accomplish them as the society changes around us.

2.

. Finding a meeting point between worrying too much about a congregation's size as compared to their "glory days" and remembering that one of the Great Ends of the Church is the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind. While we need to be concerned about falling numbers, we should also be asking about how (if) we see the Holy Spirit being active in our churches, no matter their size..

3.

Competition for time – How do we compete with video games, after school, and even Sunday sports/band/theater, etc. for our children's time? Since the prestige level of being church members has fallen, how do we compete with Sunday golf games, family trips, secular groups, and shopping malls for the adults?

4.

How do we reconcile those who think that "social justice" issues of peace, racial, & gender equality are just part of a liberal agenda with those who believe they are in fact part of Christ's calling to us to advance God's Kingdom here on earth in our local communities and around God's world?

5.

As our church buildings (and their parishioners) age, I have seen a figure that the average American church will spend 64% of its budget on building expenses and maintenance, rather than mission. What can we do about our beautiful, traditional buildings, which are getting older and need more maintenance just as our congregations which support them are getting smaller?

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Rev. Michael G Evanchak

Church

First Presbyterian Church, Taylorville

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

Pastor, Solo; Pastor, Transitional; Pulpit Supply

THE PRESBYTERY?

Served on Presbytery of Ohio Valley PJC; Served on Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois CPM; Served on 2 Administrative Commissions, CPM representative to General Council for Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois

THE SYNOD?

None to date

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

None to date

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

Providing a Gospel based response to White Nationalism

2.

Seeking connections between the PCUSA and other Christian Denominations as well as members and bodies in other faith traditions beyond Christianity

3.

Offering an alternative, prophetic voice to the current national narratives in relation to both domestic and international policies of the current administration

4.

Cultivating generosity for and responsiveness to relief opportunities at the local, national and global levels

5.

Providing safe and sanctuary communities of faith to those living on or beyond the margins of society

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Ann M. Schwartz

Church

First, Danville

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

Covenant Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Danville, IL; Co-Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston, IL

THE PRESBYTERY?

Vice Moderator, Committee on Ministry; Committee on Representation; General Council; Committee on Preparation for Ministry; Session Records Reader; Presbytery Response Team; Permanent Judicial Commission

THE SYNOD?

Synod Commissioner

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

None

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

Fear and anxiety permeate the church and our society today. Our present feels tenuous and our future is unclear. But when we are afraid, we do not act out of love and generosity. Throughout the scriptures, God's word to us is "Do not be afraid." We are called to be people of hope. Only when we claim that identity and choose not to be afraid, will we know the peace that passes all understanding. And only then can we be a light in the darkness for others.

2.

The nature and expectations of community are changing rapidly. For many of us, church has been the place where we have come together with others for worship, fellowship, and service. More folks are getting those needs met in other ways, making the church-as-community feel unnecessary to them. But Jesus' witness of incarnational, compassionate, radically hospitable community is necessary--and I want the church to be that.

3.

The world is growing smaller and more connected, and our nation is increasingly diverse, both religiously and culturally. For the church, this is both challenge and invitation to embody hospitality and love our neighbors.

4.

The church and our communities are suffering from the need for--and the absence of--racial reconciliation. We must model truth-telling, deep listening, repentance, forgiveness, and engagement with one another in the church if these wounds are to heal.

5.

The church is a sacred beneficiary of and vessel for awe and wonder. May we resist the urge to be an institution with all the answers and instead revel in the mystery of God as we seek understanding, wisdom, and faith.

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Andrew Brown Sonneborn

Church

First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

I am currently serving as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

THE PRESBYTERY?

I served as a commissioner to the Presbytery of Great Rivers for Farmingdale Presbyterian Church in 2012. I served on the Committee on Ministry for Presbytery of Northern Kansas for 2 years. I served as COM liaison for Presbytery of Northern Kansas to the Board of Pensions for 2 years. I am currently serving on the Permanent Judicial Commission for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. I have been elected to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, and to serve on the Board of Illinois Presbyterian Homes in Springfield, IL.

THE SYNOD?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

I served as the Youth Advisory Delegate from Great Rivers Presbytery in 2002. I served on the General Assembly Council/General Assembly Mission Council from 2004-2010 as their young adult member. I served on the Committee on Theological Education as the GAMC representative for 2008-2010. I served as the McCormick Theological Seminary Student Assistant to General Assembly in 2008.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

Mission. There needs to be a refocus in our congregations, supported by the PCUSA GA, on meeting the needs of our communities and our country and around the world.

2.

Evangelism. Our denomination and our congregations needs to focus its efforts in living out the Good News to people who need to experience it, especially with the "Nones and the Dones".

3.

Spiritual Growth. Our congregations need to place an emphasis on growing one's faith deep and wide. Being a member means more than showing up on Sunday and paying per capita.

4.

Church Development. Work to support the mission of current congregations while encouraging new worshipping communities.

5.

Fellowship. We need to be united together in mission and ministry rather than seeing each other as heretics.

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Rev. Laurie A Williams

Church

The Presbyterian Church, Paris

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

co-pastor with my husband for one head-of-staff clergy position

THE PRESBYTERY?

commissioner, stewardship com., General Council, Personnel Com.

THE SYNOD?

commissioner, Moderator of the Standing Com for Administration and Mission, Personnel Com., special brainstorming session/meeting with new Synod exec

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

none

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

dealing with poverty

2.

the present government

3.

environmental issues

4.

racism/any isms

5.

reaching young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Ms. Brett Margaret Eisenhower

Church

First Presbyterian Church Decatur, IL

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

Elder, Campus Ministry Intern at FPC Murray KY

THE PRESBYTERY?

None

THE SYNOD?

None

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

YAAD for the 221st General Assembly

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

1.

Declining membership.

2.

Absence of young people involved within the church-especially during and after college.

3.

Support and advocacy for refugees and minorities.

4.

Lack of support for LGBTQ equality and marriage within the entire church.

5.

Need for additional care for small, aging congregations.

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Name (Title First Middle Last)

Bryce F. Marsaglia

Church

Taylorville, First

Select

Minister

Ruling Elder

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

WHAT WORK ARE YOU DOING NOW OR HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED AT:

THE LOCAL CHURCH LEVEL?

**Member of several church committees over past several years (Worship and Music, Buildings and Grounds),
Serving first term as a Ruling Elder, member of church choir, bell choir, have filled the pulpit 1-2 times a year**

THE PRESBYTERY?

**Will serve as Ruling Elder Commissioner to Presbytery for my church in 2018, attended the youth focused
Presbytery meeting in Greenville in 2016.**

THE SYNOD?

None at this time

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEVEL?

None, but do hope to serve as a YAAD to the 223rd General Assembly this coming summer in St. Louis

WHAT ARE THE FIVE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES FACED BY THE CHURCH TODAY?

- 1.
Diminishing church attendance in an ever growing population**
- 2.
Connectivity/communication within the church and between the church and the outside world**

3.

Conflicts within the church and with the world on matters of doctrine and theology - that there is push back from some within and outside our church on some issues, such as our strong emphasis on empowering female leadership and matters of equality with our LGBT brothers and sisters.

4.

Matters of safety for Christians and Christian workers that are persecuted in parts of the world/advocating for the rights of religious minorities in the world

5.

The engagement of the church with governmental bodies in terms of bearing prophetic witness to the powers of the world.

**The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Personnel Committee Report**
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois

RECOMMENDATION A

Camp Director Position

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Camp Director position be a ½-time position.

RECOMMENDATION B

Camp Director Election

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery elect and approve the terms of call for Ruling Elder Dan Kingery to be Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois' Camp Director, effective January 1, 2018, for a three-year term with the following terms:

Salary	\$29,338	Social Security	\$2,244
Travel	\$4000	Profession Exp. Reimbursable	\$1,000
Continuing Education paid by the Camp Board			
Vacation 30 days		Study leave 2 wks, cumulative to 6 wks	

RECOMMENDATION C

PSEI Treasurer Resignation

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery receive the resignation of Treasurer Ruling Elder Paul Saegesser effective December 31, 2017, with thanks for his many years of service. He will complete all year end financials, tax forms, tie up the current fiscal year on ACS and provide W2s and information for the 2017 review. Will need to recognize him – at the next Presbytery meeting if he is present.

RECOMMENDATION D

PSEI Treasurer Election

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery elect and approve the terms of call of Rev. Wade Meranda to PSEI Treasurer effective January 1, 2018 for a one year term with the following terms:

\$1000/month based on an average of 8 hours/week at \$30/hr.

Rationale: He will begin work to set up Church Windows, a new chart of accounts (for more transparent and viewer friendly reports), etc. prior to January 1 to transition from our current financial and database system (ACS) which will save us \$4200/year. In addition, all financials will be handled with new controls to take burden off current staff.

He requested a one year agreement and this would help us transition into future options. He would have to resign his position as President of the Trustees and on General Council. Wade stepped down from a Not-for Profit position that was taking up a block of time in order to be able to take on this additional responsibility.

FOR INFORMATION:

Personnel Manual Revisions

The Manual is being revised as we live into these transitions and the changes will be presented at an upcoming meeting for approval by GC and the Presbytery.

"Becoming a Questioning Church"

November 16, 2017

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

Bold print—unison parts

God's Love Calls Us to Gather as a Community

***Call to Worship**

Ruth Burgess, Iona Community

God of the past, who has fathered and mothered us,
We are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is always ahead of us,
We are here to trust you.

God of the present, here in the midst of us,
We are here to praise you.

God of life beyond us, within us,
We rejoice in your glorious love.

Come, let us worship our God

***Hymn # 22, Glory to God**

"God of the Sparrow"

*God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe How does the creatures say Praise*

*God of the earthquake God of the storm God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say Woe How does the creature say Save*

*God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor God of the foe God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home*

***Prayer of the Day**

God of all creation, we, your children, come to you today. Our words are inadequate to offer the thanksgiving and worship you deserve for all your goodness to us. And yet we come, bringing the best that we have. Bless our intentions, that our joyful praise might join the song of all creation, rising up to heaven. Let your Spirit move among us now, that we might hear your word opening us to new visions and daring us to new ventures. We pray in the name and the Spirit of the One who came to us for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

Russell Mittman

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, too often we trust our own beliefs and certainties instead of listening for your word of new light and new life. We act as if we already know everything about you, even as we fail to live into the love that you have revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We ignore the nudging of your Spirit that would open our eyes to new ways of seeing, our hearts to new ways of serving.

Forgive us for our failures of imagination and daring. Trouble us with new questions about how best to be your servants in this particular time, in this particular place. Form and re-form us until we are, indeed, your faithful people. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear and believe the good news! God does not give up on us. God's steadfast love for us endures from generation to generation. Through Jesus Christ, God has acted to reconcile us to God and one another. Let us live into that hope!

*Sharing Christ's Peace

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

based on John 6:68

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴ *When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

⁴¹ *Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,*

⁴⁴ *'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'*?

⁴⁵ *If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.*

Sermon

"Becoming a Questioning Church"

Rev. Jan Edmiston

Co-Moderator, General Assembly, PCUSA

***Hymn # 53, Glory to God**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

*O God, who give us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guides our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.*

*O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.*

*O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.*

We Respond by Giving

Service of Installation

Today we have the honor of installing three officers of the Presbytery: Rodger Allen, to serve as Moderator; Bill Capel, to serve as Vice Moderator; and Wade Meranda, to serve as the Treasurer. Hear now these sentences from Scripture:

Sentences of Scripture

Galatians 3:27-28; Ephesians 4:1-6

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothes yourself with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Call to Discipleship

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humanity.

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we receive through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Rodger, Bill, Wade, the grace bestowed on you in your baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ.

God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Officers: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the earth?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do you, the members of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, confirm the call to Rodger, Bill, and Wade as Officers of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

Installation Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Rodger Allen, Bill Capel, and Wade Meranda, to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Charge

Rodger, Bill, and Wade, you are installed to service as Moderator, Vice Moderator and Treasurer respectively, in the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Blessing of the Newly Installed

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Call to Offering

Christmas Joy Offering

Since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished tradition in the Presbyterian Church. Funds received are divided equally between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial and ethnic schools and colleges. Through the work of the Christmas Joy Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God's generosity is the source, the support and the outcome of our own. We give because God has given freely. We give to support the needs of our church leaders—past, present, and future—and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders. Because God has given, let us now respond in joy and gratitude for these gifts of love.

Rev. Heidi Weatherford
McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church, Champaign

*Doxology # 607, Glory to God

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Peter Wyatt

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

We Share Together at Christ's Table

Invitation

adapted from a liturgy from the Iona Community

Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them. Distance my divide, but Christ's promise unites those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.

Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the dove, makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad! Let the whole earth cry glory!

Come, for this is the feast God sets for us and all are welcome here.

Remembering those who have joined the Cloud of Witnesses

Necrology Report

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thom Shuman

May the God of the Table be with you!
And also with you!

Let us offer our hearts to God.

God hears our hearts and answers with love and hope.

Lift your voices to the One who serves us.

We will praise God with our voices and our lives.

When no answer was coming out of the void, you spoke, God of our hearts, calling forth creation in all its beauty: chipmunks dashing across lawns, eagles soaring over valleys, comets streaking night skies. This was brought forth for us, those created in your image, but we longed to live in sin's shadows, and so wandered down death's paths. You repeatedly sent prophets to us, women and men who called us to return but we would not practice what they preached, but continued to play in temptation's yard. So, you gave us the answer of your heart, becoming one of us in Jesus, so we could be filled with your hope.

Here, in these moments of silence and word; here, as we gather at your feast of grace, we join in offering praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who is with us. All creation joins in singing glory to you. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name, serving the most vulnerable. Hosanna in the highest!

You alone are holy, O God who speaks to us, and Jesus blesses us with your love and kindness. Teaching us, he is your patience with us. Sharing your secrets, he is your compassion to us. Leading us in your way, he is your wisdom towards us. Confronting our deepest fears, he is your life and hope, which comes out of the tomb having defeated the power of death.

As we recall his life and ministry among people; as we recall his death and resurrection for all; we speak of the faith which is often a mystery to us:

Your witness over power, Jesus died on the cross; your witness to love overcoming hate, Jesus was raised from death; your witness to promises yet to be fulfilled, Jesus will come again.

As we gather around this Table, pour out your Spirit upon us and the gifts of the bread and the cup. As we eat of your brokenness, may we live humbly with others; may we speak with humility to power. As we drink from your grace, may we act humbly in seeking justice; may we serve others with humility and love.

And when your light has overcome all shadows, when we are all brought to your Table in glory, we will join our sisters and brothers of every time and from every place in praising you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

Sharing in Communion Together

Prayer after Communion

Ann Weems

O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

We Commit Ourselves to Serve

*Hymn # 700, *Glory to God*

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!

I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, any time!

I'm gonna work...

I'm gonna pray...

I'm gonna sing...

Concluding Prayer and Blessing of the Meal

Iona Community (adapted)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on; take us with you.

Bless the nourishment we need for the day and those who have prepared and share it with us. Bless, too, the fellowship you have given us in one another, that we might faithfully serve you. Amen.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS

2017 NECROLOGY REPORT

November 16, 2017

TEACHING ELDERS:

Paxton, Federated	Joseph Cronenberg	10/16/17
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RULING ELDERS:

Bement, First	John L. Beasley	02/03/17
Carmi, First	Q. B. Mitchell	12/02/16
Champaign, First	Robert Brunson	06/10/17
Champaign, McKinley	William J. Kubitz	08/05/17
Champaign, Westminster	Richard Warren	08/13/17
Danville, First	Nancy L. Voss	11/05/16
	Catherine J. Ribbe	12/04/16
	Palmalea "Pam" Taylor	03/13/17
	Roy Christison	03/24/17
	Jerry Prideaux	09/18/17
Decatur, First	Festus W. Paul	
02/02/17		
	Mildred J. Weaver	03/04/17
	Dr. Jack T. Brown	03/29/17
	John R. Logan	07/22/17
Decatur, Westminster	Don L. Robinson	02/15/17
	William F. Hill	02/19/17
	Alice T. Small	08/11/17
	George E. Coutant	09/07/17
	Dorothy A. Coutant	10/27/17
Effingham, First	Isabelle Henderson	05/24/17
	Al Key	07/09/17
Eldorado, First	Martha Camp	07/10/17
Harrisburg, First	Ann Collett	10/10/15*
	David McMillan	08/22/17
Hoopeston, First	Donald McFarland	01/10/17
	Leo Carl Huffman	04/29/17
	Richard John Martin	05/09/17
Marion, First	Ken King	09/10/16*
Trinity United, Metropolis	John Louis Miller	01/29/17
Monticello, First	Robert C. Miller	07/21/17
Mt. Vernon, First	Alyce Edwards	01/17/17
	Bill Carter	09/22/17
Mt. Zion	Anna Mae (Been) Brueggemann	04/01/17
	Lee Rhodes Freeland	07/24/17
	Donald W. Hodge	08/17/17

Newton, First	Dean K. Freeland	10/13/17
Olney, First	Betty Lou Pulliam-Whitehead	06/26/17
Palestine, First	John Slichenmyer	08/31/17
Pana, United in Faith	Mary Green	08/14/17
Taylorville, First	Wanda King	09/23/17
	Norma Hubbart	05/12/17

*not turned in for the 2016 Necrology Report

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Camp Carew Board of Directors Report
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois

RECOMMENDATION A

Changes to the Board of Directors Manual (Available for Download from psei.net)

There were changes as to who reviews the work of the Camp Director – it now falls to the Executive Committee.

Additionally, there was list of duties for the Camp Board Moderator.

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery approve the Camp Carew Board of Directors Manual with thanks to Bob McNabb for his work on this.

RECOMMENDATION B

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery approve the Camp Carew 2018 Proposed Budget.

PRESBYTERIAN CAMP CAREW
2018 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

		<u>INCOME</u>				9/30/2017		9/30/17 Estimated 2017	Proposed 2018 Budget
	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTON	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual to date	2017 Budget		
1	Support	Presbytery of SE ILL	\$12,694.38	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
2		Endowment Funds	\$12,073.05	\$16,188.63	\$13,492.97	\$10,612.73	\$13,000.00	\$14,150.31	\$14,000.00
3		Individuals, Churches, major gifts, memorials	\$38,403.07	\$46,091.45	\$27,177.00	\$21,249.34	\$22,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
4		Camp Carew Foundation Fund [Invested in New Covenant]	\$1,094.61	\$7,776.27	\$5,940.50	\$2,385.37	\$6,000.00	\$3,227.56	\$3,400.00
5		Eclipse Event Receipts				\$7,663.00		\$7,663.00	
6		Subtotal Financial Support	\$64,265.11	\$76,056.35	\$52,610.47	\$46,410.44	\$47,000.00	\$54,040.87	\$46,400.00
7									
8	Registrations	Camper fees/Store	\$29,698.50	\$30,032.00	\$23,956.00	\$24,781.28	\$25,000.00	\$24,781.28	\$25,000.00
9		Weekend Rentals	\$2,993.50	\$810.00	\$2,392.00	\$624.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,161.00	\$2,500.00
10		Subtotal Registrations	\$32,692.00	\$30,842.00	\$26,348.00	\$25,405.28	\$27,500.00	\$26,942.28	\$27,500.00
11									
12	Other	Scholarships	\$3,525.00	\$400.00	\$5,102.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
13		Other income: Reimbursements, Interest	\$5,102.83	\$6,119.31	\$547.04	\$1,697.74	\$100.00	\$1,700.00	\$100.00
14		Subtotal Other	\$8,627.83	\$6,519.31	\$5,649.04	\$1,697.74	\$5,100.00	\$1,700.00	\$100.00
15		TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$105,584.94	\$113,417.66	\$84,607.51	\$73,513.46	\$79,600.00	\$82,683.15	\$74,000.00
16		Building, Memorial Gifts, Scholarships, & McNabb Fund Transfers			\$2,912.67	\$6,462.80			
17		TOTAL Revenue Available			\$87,520.18	\$79,976.26			
18		Amount needed from Reserves	-\$1,427.75	-\$10,327.46	-\$2,711.62	\$1,108.67	\$6,600.00	-\$3,600.26	\$4,300.00
19		<u>EXPENSES</u>							
20	Site	Utilities	\$18,625.89	\$14,340.16	\$11,986.57	\$10,930.28	\$13,000.00	\$13,930.28	\$14,000.00
21		Maintenance - Buildings & Grounds	11,475.41	6,989.00	\$9,779.71	\$6,562.76	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
22		Equipment - Capital (First Aid/AED)			\$1,309.81	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
23		Subtotal Site	\$30,101.30	\$21,329.16	\$23,076.09	\$17,493.04	\$23,000.00	\$21,430.28	\$21,500.00
24									
25	Payroll	Payroll - Summer Camp Staff (Gross Salaries)	24,570.67	26,134.79	\$20,803.36	\$21,144.58	\$23,000.00	\$21,144.58	\$22,000.00
26		Payroll - Director of Maintenance/Caretaker (Gross Salary)	Included	3,400.00	\$3,280.00	\$3,345.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,345.00	\$3,350.00
27		Employer taxes	6,327.47	2,259.41	\$1,874.45	\$1,873.46	\$2,000.00	\$1,873.46	\$1,950.00
28		Personnel Support Services	531.24	608.83	\$866.51	\$318.76	\$1,000.00	\$318.76	\$0.00
29		Subtotal Payroll Expenses	\$31,429.38	\$32,403.03	\$26,824.32	\$26,681.80	\$29,300.00	\$26,681.80	\$27,300.00
30									
31	Program	Program Materials, Services, & Development	\$7,102.76	\$13,270.87	\$8,639.37	\$5,757.12	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
32		Program travel & auto expenses	1,149.77	1,540.17	\$1,351.62	\$1,510.33	\$1,500.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,500.00
33		Groceries for Prepared Meals	7,358.93	10,310.13	\$7,853.70	\$8,109.47	\$8,000.00	\$8,109.47	\$8,000.00
34		Eclipse Event Expenses				\$1,590.13		\$1,590.13	
35		Subtotal Program Materials and Costs	\$15,611.46	\$25,121.17	\$17,844.69	\$16,967.05	\$16,500.00	\$17,399.60	\$15,500.00
36									
37	Support	Administrative	\$2,076.95	\$2,535.90	\$369.14	\$1,704.03	\$750.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
38		Director's Education, Travel, Conf	\$1,268.00	Included	\$1,251.59	\$405.00	\$1,250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
39		Insurance	11,039.50	17,303.50	\$11,154.00	\$9,910.00	\$13,000.00	\$9,910.00	\$10,500.00
40		License, Fees, Site Lease	1,748.50	879.75	\$906.06	\$295.00	\$750.00	\$295.00	\$300.00
41		Financial Expenses incl Online Registration	\$260.34	\$229.83	\$0.00	\$501.22	\$1,000.00	\$501.22	\$300.00
42		Other: Gifts, Donations, Registration refunds	\$10,621.76	\$3,287.86	\$470.00	\$664.99	\$650.00	\$664.99	\$700.00
43		Subtotal Support	27,015.05	24,236.84	\$14,150.79	\$13,480.24	\$17,400.00	\$13,571.21	\$14,000.00
44									
45		TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$104,157.19	\$103,090.20	\$81,895.89	\$74,622.13	\$86,200.00	\$79,082.89	\$78,300.00
46		BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT - REMODEL			\$2,912.67	\$3,212.80			
47		RL&MV McNabb Fund Expenses				\$450.00			
48		Scholarship Fund Expense	\$1,635.00	\$830.00	\$1,400.00	\$385.00	Withdraw from Schlorships Fund		
49		MMF - Memorial Gifts FUND TRANSFER				\$2,415.00			
50		TOTAL 2016 EXPENSES	\$105,792.19	\$103,920.20	\$86,208.56	\$81,084.93	\$86,200.00		
	NOTES:								
1	Camp Carew 2018 Budget to be approved by GC's October & PSEI November meetings								
2	Individual/Church revenue (2015 line 3, above) reflects a one-time gift of \$15,000 which is an unlikely future source of income.								
3	The BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT - REMODEL Expenses were used to add Partitions to the McNabb Cabin like in the Ryman Cabin								
4	2017 would have been the first year where projected expenses exceed revenues had it not been for the Eclipse Event.								
5	2018 Proposed more in line with 2017 expenses ==> estimate need from reserves \$4,300								
6	Two of our larger expenses (insurance and utilities) are partially fixed and reductions are doubtful especially with another hot season and need for air conditioning in Calvin.								
7	Efforts ongoing to reduce costs. 2016, 7 fewer counselors were hired and food cost reduction measures were implemented ==> \$20,000 savings even with \$30,000 less income than 2015								

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Directors Report for November 2017

Family Camp in September was cancelled due to a lack of participation.

I left the country for a mission trip to Zambia with the Marion Medical Mission.

We had a wedding at camp on October 13th and will have another in December on the 16th. Since we are trying to encourage people to use the camp for weddings, the PPP committee has come up with prices and are looking into a “wedding” contract and policies that will be presented to the board and if ok’d will go on to further approval.

We will with be looking into the prices for advertising on the radio and on TV.

A family reunion was held at camp while I was in Zambia and I have been told that it went very well. This is one of the things we are hoping to encourage people to use the camp for.

I will be attending the ACA Mid-States Conference in the spring

ACA accreditation will be in 2018, I hope to have most of this prepared before the end of the year.

New Brochures are finished and should be ready by next meeting.

All licenses will be applied for by the end of the year if possible.

Confirmation camps will be held at Camp Carew on April 13th-15th and the Danville camp March 16th-18th if these are ok’d by GC and Presbytery.

(First draft) Five year plan for Camp Carew 2017. To be worked on and input added by the BOD of Camp Carew.

1. Increase the number of campers through soliciting campers who are not Presbyterian and offering new programs through progressive participation.
2. Decrease expenses through careful well planned programs and policies.
3. Decrease staff when needed
4. Participate in low to no cost programming when possible
5. Increase church involvement through added incentives and promotion.
6. Open the camp to more public events.
7. Promote the use of camp as a place for family reunions and Weddings.
8. Improve facilities to make camp more comfortable for attendees.
9. Add bedding and laundry services.
10. Provide brochures that are not summer camp centered.
11. Reduce the cost of operating the camp through alternative methods. Solar power etc...

Any and all changes should reflect the beliefs and traditions of the PSEI and Camp Carew. Carew has always been a special place. This is shown by the large number of people who have and share very fond memories of their time at camp.

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
General Council Report
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois

For Information:

Parish Paper Subscription:

We are exploring the idea of a weekly email from the Presbytery. More frequent, less content. We could link in the Parish Papers, resources from Duke Divinity, etc. This would increase the availability of the resources. It would cost about \$15 a month for Mail Chimp

It was VOTED to approve the renewal of the Parish Papers.

Review of Bible Study

It was VOTED to continue the practice of Bible Study at all committee, General Council, Presbytery meetings.

Presbytery Meeting Emphasis for 2018

It was supposed to be Ecumenical Relations for 2017 and that didn't happen. 2018 is supposed to be a preaching event for pastoral leaders and no plans have been made by the planning group.

It was VOTED 2018 will be a focus on stewardship.

\$10,000 Gift from Synod

At the August Presbytery meeting Synod Executive Sara Dingman presented PSEI with a check for \$10,000. The General Council has recommended that grants be made to every church in PSEI. Details will be shared at the meeting. Please note: These grants will be handed out at this Presbytery meeting.

For Action:

RECOMMENDATION A

Experiment regarding General Council Moderator

Shall we continue this experiment for another year? COR is in favor of continuing this experiment.

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery approve the following:

suspend Article III A. 1. of the Standing Rules for one year to conduct an experiment whereby the Moderator of Presbytery upon completing the term will serve as the Moderator of General Council for one year. The Vice Moderator position on General Council would not be filled, however if the Moderator was not able to attend a General Council meeting the PSEI Moderator will serve as the General Council Moderator pro-tem. Additionally, the Vice Moderator of PSEI would serve as the General Council Moderator pro-tem should the PSEI Moderator be unable to serve. This would be evaluated in October 2018 by COR and General Council. This requires 2/3 approval in order to pass.

*Current language in Standing Rules: At the last Stated meeting of the year, the Committee on Representation shall submit candidates for Moderator and Vice Moderator of Presbytery; **Moderator, Vice-Moderator**, and members of the General Council; and Moderators and members of committees, with the exception of the Committee on Nominations. Nominations shall also be accepted from the floor.*

RECOMMENDATION B

Proposed PSEI 2018 Budget

It was VOTED to RECOMMEND that the Presbytery approve the 2018 budget as presented.

RECOMMENDATION C

Election of the Committee on Representation

See Ballot (Page)

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Revenues				
400100 - Per Capita	269,405	282,600	257,906	244,036
400200 - Presbytery Mission Sup	78,510	60,000	55,000	50,000
400300 - ExtraOrdinary Income	29,418	-	-	
400400 - Investment Return	-	3,000	2,000	2,000
400500 - Bequest Income	18,751	7,500	7,500	15,000
400800 - Registration and Sales	1,452	-	1,000	1,000
Total Income	\$397,535.87	\$353,100.00	\$323,406.00	\$312,036.00
Cash from Reserves	35,625	89,886	120,279	52,481
Total Revenues	\$433,160.41	\$442,986.00	\$323,406.00	\$312,036.00
Expenses				
Program Services				
500102 - Mission Discovery	92	-	-	
500105 - GA Per Capita	55,892	55,892	50,903	49,642
500106 - Synod per capita	29,834	29,909	25,858	24,468
Total Per Capita	\$85,817.41	\$85,801.00	\$76,761.00	\$74,109.88
Camp Carew				
Director				
500200 - Director Salary	58,501	58,676	44,077	29,338
500210 - Director Social Security	4,475	4,489	3,400	2,244
500220 - Director Travel	1,604	4,000	4,000	4,000
500230 - Director Professional e.	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
500240 - Director Pension	-0	-	-	0
Total Director	\$64,580.34	\$68,165.00	\$52,477.00	\$36,582.00
Program Support				
500250 - CC Program Support	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Total Camp Carew	\$70,580.34	\$74,165.00	\$58,477.00	\$42,582.00
Total Program Services	\$156,397.75	\$159,966.00	\$135,238.00	\$116,691.88
Supporting Services				
Staff				
Presbyter for Cong.l Care				
500300 - PCC Salary	32,581	46,616	32,581	32,060
500310 - PCC Housing	14,556	-	14,556	14,556
500320 - PCC Pension	19,260	17,248	19,260	18,880
500330 - PCC Travel	12,445	9,000	12,000	12,000
500340 - PCC Professional Exp.	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500
Total Presbyter for Cong.l Care	\$79,842.44	\$73,864.00	\$79,897.00	\$78,995.92
Stated Clerk				
500400 - SC Salary	46,237	46,616	47,137	46,616
500420 - SC Pension	19,256	17,248	18,276	18,880
500430 - SC Travel	11,709	9,000	10,000	10,000
500440 - SC Professional Exp.	-	1,000	500	500
Total Stated Clerk	\$77,202.33	\$73,864.00	\$75,913.00	\$75,995.92
Administrative				
500500 - Admin Salary	54,076	54,182	54,077	39,164
500510 - Admin Social Security	4,137	4,177	4,177	2,996
500520 - Admin Annuity	3,456	3,533	3,533	2,038
500530 - Admin Medical Ins.	8,151	5,500	8,550	5,085
500540 - Admin Travel	73	2,000	3,000	750
Total Administrative	69,893	69,392	73,337	50,033
Total Staff	\$226,938.12	\$217,120.00	\$229,147.00	\$205,024.84

Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget	2018 Budget
Office				
Occupancy				
500600 - Rent			-	
500620 - Transition	6,346	-	5,000	
500630 - General	32,163	35,000	40,000	15,000
<i>Total Occupancy</i>	<i>\$38,509.58</i>	<i>\$35,000.00</i>	<i>\$45,000.00</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
General Council				
500700 - GC Travel & Meeting	1,600	9,000	5,000	
500705 - Presbytery meetings	758	-	1,000	
500730 - GC Camps	25	-	500	
500740 - Illinois Council of Churches	150	-	-	
500730 - GC Camps	509	-	-	
<i>Total General Council</i>	<i>\$3,042.30</i>	<i>\$9,000.00</i>	<i>\$6,500.00</i>	<i>\$3,500.00</i>
Committees				
501000 - COM	3,814	8,000	8,000	5,000
502000 - CPM	3,678	6,500	6,500	6,000
504000 - Personnel	600	1,000	1,000	1,000
504500 - COR	181	400	300	300
505000 - EF/PJC	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
<i>Total Committees</i>	<i>\$8,272.66</i>	<i>\$17,400.00</i>	<i>\$17,300.00</i>	<i>\$13,800.00</i>
Treasurer				
506000 - CPA Review	-	4,500	4,500	4,500
507000 - Treasurer Fee	-	-	6,000	6,000
<i>Total Treasurer</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>	<i>\$10,500.00</i>	<i>\$10,500.00</i>
Total Supporting Services	\$276,762.66	\$283,020.00	\$308,447.00	\$247,824.84
Total Expenses	\$433,160.41	\$442,986.00	\$443,685.00	\$364,516.72
Net Total	-\$35,624.54	-\$89,886.00	-\$120,279.00	-\$52,480.72
Other Expenses				
700400 - Pastor Enrichment Exp	35	-	-	
Net Operating Total	-\$35,659.54	-\$89,886.00	-\$120,279.00	-\$52,480.72

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS
GENERAL COUNCIL BALLOT
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois
Thursday, November 16, 2017

Terms to fill that begin in 2018

Insert all nominations made from the floor on the appropriate blank line _____

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION NOMINEES

Salt Fork Region

Ann Schwartz (M), Danville – 2017

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Ann Schwartz (M), Danville

2020*

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2020

East Central Region

Don Winch (M), Arcola – 2017

☐

Carol Collier, (RE), Neoga

2020

☐

2020

The Bridge Region

*Patty Carlson (RE), Harrisburg – 2017**

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Mac Butler (RE), Eldorado

2020

☐

2020

River to River Region

*Laurie Fields (M), Marion – 2017**

☐

Wade Halva (RE), Marion

2020

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2020

Vacant term to be filled

At-Large

☐

Jan Mandernach (RE), Decatur First

2018

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The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Bills and Overtures Subcommittee Report
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church Monticello, IL

RECOMMENDATION A

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery submit the following overture to the 223rd General Assembly for approval. This overture was drafted and approved by the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, IL

Proposal:

To amend

G-3.0201 Composition and Responsibilities

As follows:

The session is the council for the congregation. It shall be composed of those persons elected by the congregation to active service as elders, together with all installed pastors and associate pastors. All members of the session are entitled to vote. The pastor shall be the moderator of the session, and the session shall not meet without the pastor or designated moderator. *In the case of the sickness or absence of the pastor or designated moderator, the pastor or designated moderator may appoint a member of the session to preside, or the session, after having obtained the approval of the pastor or designated moderator, may convene and elect another of its own members to preside. Such an appointment should not be routine and shall only be for a single meeting.* If there is no installed pastor, ~~or if the installed pastor is unable to invite another moderator,~~ the presbytery shall make provisions for a moderator. Presbyteries shall provide by rule for moderators when the session is without a moderator for reasons of vacancy or inconvenience.

Rationale:

In many presbyteries, we have a shortage of ministers. We also have many churches that are not served by a minister. We have numerous ministers who give of their time to moderate sessions that they do not serve as pastor. Many congregations and pastors are having conversations about part time pastoral leadership, bi-vocational pastors, and temporary pastoral leadership. This results in the need for both moderators and flexibility.

While recent changes to Robert's rules and the Book of Order allow the use of technology to allow for meetings to occur when members are physically separated, for many churches these are not viable options. We have hearing issues that make phone conferencing difficult. We have issues with technology and its accessibility in many of our congregations. While these options are good, and a step in the right direction, they aren't practical or even functional for all congregations.

While good planning may reduce the need for this measure, there are emergencies and special circumstances. It is not always possible to reschedule a meeting, and some business that comes before the Session comes on very short notice with a short turnaround needed. In those cases, this measure would allow for the work of the church to continue.

This measure is not intended to allow elders to be appointed to moderate the session of the congregation of which they are a member on a routine basis or for an indefinite period of time.

Please note that the following recommendations are for concurrence with overtures submitted by other presbyteries. The only portion of the overture that can be amended is the Rationale.

RECOMMENDATION B

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery concur with the following overture submitted by Presbytery of Mission to the to the 223rd General Assembly for approval. This recommendation for concurrence was approved by the session of the First Presbyterian, Danville, IL

Ovt 007

On Establishing a Grant to Develop Resources to Educate Entities Regarding Serious Mental Illness Issues—From the Presbytery of Mission.

On June 24, 2017, the Presbytery of Mission overtures the 223rd General Assembly (2018) to:

A. Recognize the 10th anniversary of the “Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness”¹ approved at the 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to acknowledge the relevancy it still holds for our Church and society in 2018.

B. Establish a \$250,000 grant to be used to implement the provisions of this Overture. The funds will be used to develop plans of action and resources that will be used by presbyteries, congregations and seminaries of the PC(USA) to further educate these entities within PC(USA) regarding serious mental illness issues with the intent to provide a foundation for action within the denomination.

C. While it is acknowledged that all of the recommendations within the “Comfort My People”² statement are worthy of implementation, this Overture focuses on those action items that are foundational to any development of long term policies and plans for action within PC(USA). Grants to be awarded will therefore focus on the following recommendations:

- i. Presbyteries: 6 (a-d, g), 10**
- ii. Congregations: 9 (a, d-k, o, q, t)**
- iii. Seminaries: 14 (a-e)**

D. Conduct a review and evaluation of the actions that have been taken since the Policy Statement was adopted with a report to be presented at the 224th General Assembly.

¹ <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/comfort-my-people-policy-statement-serious-mental>

² “Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness” approved at the 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pages 8-14

a. Survey of presbyteries, congregations and seminaries to evaluate how these organizations have responded to the Policy Statements recommendations.

b. Based on survey results, recommend specific activities designed to focus and implement measures to enhance mental health initiative in presbyteries, congregations and seminaries.

E. Review, update and present a second edition of “Comfort My People” for approval at the 224th General Assembly. This review and update would examine terminology, facts, findings, hyperlinks, and add any additional resources (i.e. websites, books, movies) published since 2008 that would add value to the statement.

Rationale

The “Comfort My People: A Policy Statement on Serious Mental Illness” approved at the 218th General Assembly (2008) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was a profound statement of faith for persons, families and communities living with mental illness. This statement has aided in the message of hope through educating Christians and reducing the stigma associated with mental illness.

In recognition of its tenth anniversary, it is our desire to see this statement reimagined and instituted as a priority within our denomination and put into practice in our presbyteries, congregation and seminaries. Our hope is to see this document serve as an instrument for God’s love in the lives of those who still feel as if they are living in the “The Land of Exile” within their own communities.

Accepting that our denomination has allocated limited resources to ensure these recommendations are effectively implemented, we believe that by allocating funds that will be available to these entities as grants, there would be a grassroots effort that would ensure “God’s Call to Comfort” is honored.

Finally, we strongly believe God is still calling the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to be a prophetic voice within our contexts to comfort God’s people. This overture will demonstrate our denomination’s commitment to serve those who live with mental illness and their families/communities in the process of healing and wholeness.

RECOMMENDATION C

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery concur with the following overture submitted by Presbytery of Santa Fe to the to the 223rd General Assembly for approval.

Ovt 003

On Amending G-3.0307 to Clarify the Responsibility of the Presbytery—From the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

The Presbytery of Santa Fe respectfully overtures the 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA as follows:

Amend G-3.0307 as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as bold and/or italic.]

G-3.0307 Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to its ~~Pastors~~ Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Congregations

Presbyteries shall be open at all times to communication regarding the life and ministry of their congregations.

Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to its ~~pastors, both~~ *ministers of Word and Sacrament, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service* ~~commissioned pastors, (also called commissioned pastors (also known as commissioned ruling elders), as well as the~~ and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, ~~pastors, ministers of Word and Sacrament, commissioned pastors,~~ and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient.

Rationale

The Presbytery of Santa Fe was one of the concurring presbyteries on the 2016 overture that became Amendment 16-C, recommendations C.1 through C.8, ratified by a majority of the presbyteries. We are mindful of the valid criticism of recommendation 16-C.6 (G-3.0307) raised by the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, as well as other concerns about repetitive wording. We believe this can be easily remedied by our proposed amendment.

RECOMMENDATION D

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery concur with the following overture submitted by Presbytery of Hudson River to the to the 223rd General Assembly for approval.

Ovt 006

On Directing the Board of Pensions and the Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that Focus in Renewable Energy—From the Presbytery of Hudson River.

The Presbytery of Hudson River overtures the 223rd General Assembly to

- 1. Commend the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian Foundation for creating fossil free options for participants, and the Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee for increased engagement with companies in the Fossil Fuel industry-- actions that embody the beginning of a faithful response to the devastating and urgent reality of climate change.**
- 2. Recognize that by continuing to hold investments in the fossil-fuel companies that most egregiously contribute to the climate crisis, the PC(USA) is complicit in harming God's creation and "the least of these" who are disproportionately affected by climate change.**
- 3. Direct the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation to divest from the fossil fuel industry.**
- 4. Direct the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation to actively seek out and invest in securities of companies whose predominant focus is in renewable and/or energy efficiency.**
- 5. Direct the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Foundation to report to the 224th General Assembly (2020) about their progress in effecting recommendations 3 and 4.**

Rationale

People on the front lines of climate change, particularly people of color, are disproportionately impacted by climate change. Countless individuals and organizations among "the least of these" have prophetically called upon the world to divest from fossil fuels. Earlier this year, for example, Ladonna Brave Bull Allard, one of the Native Water Protectors at Standing Rock said, 'We will be everywhere to let people know that there's a better way to live, there's a better way to live with the Earth, with green energy, and that it's time for us now to start divesting from fossil fuel, because we must save the water. We must save the water.' We are thus called to take prophetic action in light of these voices and the imminent dangers on which they shed light.

The PC(USA) has debated divestment from the fossil fuel industry during the last two General Assemblies (221st in 2014 and 222nd in 2016).

In 2014, the Presbytery of Boston sent the overture "On Divestment from Fossil Fuel Companies" with 11 presbyteries concurring.

In 2016, the Presbytery of San Francisco sent the overture "On PC(USA) Fossil Fuel Divestment" with 31 presbyteries concurring.

Prior to the 222nd Assembly, nine former moderators signed a letter urging the commissioners to support the overture to divest.³ Their reasoning included, "because of the grave and urgent threat of climate change and the fossil fuel sector's well-documented and unyielding refusal to change, it is no longer morally or ethically right for the PC(USA) to profit from companies that are creating ecological destruction and human suffering on such a monumental scale."

Our denomination has already recognized the moral mandate for humanity to shift to a sustainable energy plan in a way that is both just and compassionate, not least of which includes the support of carbon neutrality in 2006. These statements have all been founded on the biblical call to love and care for creation.

We have actively worked as a denomination to reduce our use of fossil fuels and shrink our carbon footprint in our congregations and individual lives. These biblical and denominational mandates compel us to look at our collective investments.

As a denomination, we have long held that we cannot profit from the companies whose policies are harmful to any living thing. For nearly a century, the church has not invested in companies producing alcohol, tobacco, gambling, the military, or those that contribute to violations of human rights. The General Assembly thus declared in 1968, "the [Church's] power to spend and to invest includes the power to refrain from spending or investing. The church has not only the right but the responsibility to be selective in the use of its funds."

³ <http://www.fossilfreepcusa.org/moderators-letter/>

The General Assembly reinforced this form of stewardship in 1992, affirming that it does not and will not invest in any “sin stocks.” In addition to these broad industries, General Assemblies have also divested from the Duke Energy coal mining company because of its treatment of its workers, Chevron after it sold fuel to the South African apartheid government, Talisman Energy for building a pipeline in Sudan that threatened human rights, and Hewlett Packard, Caterpillar, and Motorola for profiting from human rights abuses in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Some of these divestment actions came after a long process of corporate engagement by the church’s Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) committee. Other divestment decisions were made outside the realm of MRTI.

Climate change represents deep harm to the whole biosphere, including especially marginalized people, so it is imperative that we would divest from the industry most responsible for that harm, as outlined in the Carbon Underground 200⁴ list

And already as a denomination we are taking some steps. The Foundation has introduced financial products that provide comparable return on investment without supporting fossil fuel companies, and the Board of Pensions has a fossil-free option for their 403-B plan. Synods, presbyteries, congregations and individuals have moved their investments to such funds, and we commend them for doing so.

But while these actions among individuals and various Presbyterian entities are faithful responses to the growing crisis of climate change, they fall far short of the institutional actions necessary to make a significant difference. It is time for fossil free investments to be the norm instead of the option.

⁴ <http://fossilfreeindexes.com/the-carbon-underground/> The Carbon Underground 200 is an annually updated listing of the top 100 public coal companies globally and the top 100 public oil and gas companies globally, ranked by the potential carbon emissions content of their reported reserves. The list is produced and maintained by Fossil Free Indexes, LLC.

Bible Study:
November 2017 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hannah then prayed as follows:

My heart exults in Yahweh, in my God is my strength lifted up, my mouth derides my foes, for I rejoice in your deliverance.

There is no Holy One like Yahweh,
(indeed, there is none but you) no Rock like our God.

Do not keep talking so proudly, let no arrogance come
from your mouth, for Yahweh is a wise God, his to weigh up deeds.

The bow of the mighty has been broken
but those who were tottering are now braced with strength.
The full fed are hiring themselves out for bread but
the hungry need labour no more;
the barren woman bears sevenfold
but the mother of many is left desolate.

Yahweh gives death and life, brings down to Sheol and draws up; Yahweh
makes poor and rich, he humbles and also exalts.
He raises the poor from the dust, he lifts the needy from the dunghill to give
them a place with princes, to assign them a seat of honour; for to Yahweh
belong the pillars of the earth,
on these he has poised the world.

He safeguards the steps of his faithful but the wicked vanish in
darkness (for human strength can win no victories).
Yahweh, his enemies are shattered,
the Most High thunders in the heavens.
Yahweh judges the ends of the earth, he endows his king with power, he
raises up the strength of his Anointed. ¹²

Questions for Reflection:

1. What is the Good and Bad News of God?
2. How does God safeguard the steps of the faithful?
3. How can the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois (Session / congregation) be guided by the Scriptures?

¹² *The New Jerusalem Bible*. 1985 (1 Sa 2:1–10). New York: Doubleday

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Committee on Ministry Report
November 16, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, IL

For Information:

Anniversaries:

75 Years	Dale O Tutje	January-10-1953
15 Years	Matthew Froeschle	November-24-2002
	Wade C Halva	January-05-2003

Board of Pensions Update

Medical Dues will increase by .5% (25%) taking the total for full participation up to 37% of effective salary for 2018.

Moderator Appointments:

Eldorado – Judy Beyler
Rockwood, First – Chris Williams
Rockwood, Ebenezer – Chris Williams
Champaign, First – Matthew Froeschle

For Action:

DePew - Transfer

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery receive into membership the following: *Honorably Retired* Dwain DePew and request his transfer from Santa Fe Presbytery.

Barrett – Membership Status

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery strongly recommend that Wayne Paul Barrett move his membership to the Presbytery of residency and that his member at large status be approved through December 31, 2017 in order to facilitate his transfer. If it is not completed by January 1, 2018, he will be enrolled as an Inactive Member of PSEI.

Mt. Vernon

COM recommended that the Mt. Vernon session recommend to the congregation that they set the terms of call for the pastoral position to $\frac{3}{4}$ time beginning January 1, 2018. This was approved at a subsequent congregational meeting. **It is RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to begin working alongside the Mt. Vernon session in 2018 as they address their financial, stewardship and physical plant challenges while also looking at pastoral leadership and staffing options. Beginning January 1, 2019, the Administrative Commission will begin an evaluation in concert with the session Moderator, the session, and the congregation to ascertain the effectiveness of the $\frac{3}{4}$ time position and any other changes undertaken. This evaluation will be shared with the Committee on Ministry no later than July 1, 2019.

The Commission will consist of 5 to 7 members including a member of the Commission of Trustees, a Committee of Ministry member and 3 to 5 at-large members. **It is RECOMMENDED** that the Presbytery allow the General Council to appoint members to serve on the Administrative Commission and report those appointed at the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

1. Tell us about your faith journey and what has led you into the parish ministry.

I was raised a Sunday morning orphan as my parent took us to the 1st Baptist Church on Sunday mornings and left us there. As my faith developed I came to understand that Jesus, the Christ, as indeed my savior and lord. At the age of 12 I “walked the aisle” and was baptized.

My interest was in astrophysics as a teenager, but I also suffered from a great deal of emotional pain, culminating in a minor breakdown and aborted attempts at suicide. During this time a youth group formed at the church and my best friend encouraged me to join him in attending. There a devotion about the lady brought to Jesus for adultery hit me as a path to hope. About a year later I felt the call to ministry.

I arrived at SIU-C and was immediately invited to attend church on Sunday mornings at the Marion Federal Penitentiary. I also joined the Walnut Street Baptist Church and participated in their college/high school group and worked in their Saturday night coffee house. In the coffee house I was involved with the Jesus People working the streets of Carbondale. In addition my understanding and experience of the Holy Spirit was expanded.

In college my understanding of the world from the sciences and the Baptist fundamentalist view of the world came into conflict. I was invited by the powers that existed at that time to leave the denomination.

I began attending the Presbyterian Church in Carbondale, found the theology and worship to fit my own understandings of God and the way to positively worship God. My desire to enter the parish ministry increased during this time. We ended up in Morton, IL where the pastor, Richard Brownlee encouraged my interest and lined me up with the CPM.

I then attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA (Union Presbyterian Seminary), graduating in 1980. All of my work there only encouraged me further to explore the parish ministry.

2. Share with us your goals and dreams:

- for the congregation to which you are being called

Since I am retired, at present I simply want to be engaged in a congregation that seeks to develop and exercise our spiritual being as well as engaging in helping our society live into the Kingdom of God which is filled with justice, peace, and hope.

- for your own professional growth, including plans for continuing education

Again, as a retired clergy I do not at present have any long term plans for professional growth unless it is specifically oriented toward the needs of a congregation. I do continue with spiritual exercises and conversation with God when we are on talking terms.

3. What does it mean to you to be a faithful member of a presbytery? How do you plan to equip the congregation to which you are being called to be a faithful partner in ministry with the presbytery and the denomination?

I have been involved in Louisville, Great Rivers, Eastminster, and Santa Fe Presbyteries in many different ways – as the recording clerk, member of the Congregational Development Committee more than once, member of the Small Church Committee, liaison for three PNCs, director of one of the church camps, member of the nominating committee for the Presbytery Executive, chair of the Congregational Committee involving new church development.

In addition I have always believed that our role as a pastor included community ministry which involved me in starting or rejuvenating or participating in ministerial alliances.

I am willing to serve in whatever capacity the Presbytery deems appropriate.

4. What particular training have you had in Presbyterian polity? How does Presbyterian polity guide you in your day-to-day ministry?

Attended Union Seminary in Richmond with a polity course taught by Mac Turnage. Great course which challenged us to not see the BoO as just a rule book but a frame work around which to build a healthy and engaged community of faith. It sets the parameters around which power and responsibility are to be used. It can be a guide concerning the health, mission, and ministry of the congregation is measured. It is not a stick to be used to abuse the congregation and leadership.

5. What does it mean to you to be guided by the confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

I see them as windows into the heart and soul of history and the church through the ages. They can provide us with some wisdom and direction from the past that will need thoughtful consideration and translation, but should never be confused with Scripture.

6. What is your understanding of the significance of the Lord's Supper and Baptism in the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

This would take a book to explain. I hold them in highest regard.

Baptism of a child is a commitment of 3 parties – parents, congregation/larger community of faith, and God – to provide the spiritual, psychological, social, and intellectual support for the child and the parents. It is not simply an act of one congregation, but the act of the people of God as it is an adopting of the child into the community of faith. We are to raise this child as one of our own.

For an adult baptism is an affirmation of faith and a commitment to service in the Kingdom of God as it intersects with the world around us. It is also a commitment on the part of the congregation to provide this person with all the support they need to grow in faith.

Communion is that door into the very presence of God in Jesus, the Christ. We remember, we gain spiritual nourishment, we are bound together with those of the faith. It is open to all who have been baptized into the faith from whatever tradition.

6. What are your interests or special talents which might enrich the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois?

Let's see St. Louis Cardinals, SciFi, some carpentry skills learned from my time working on HfH, setting up work camps, plumbing learned from growing up in a plumbing shop, some theological knowledge, some counseling skills.

8. Having asked you a lot of questions, is there anything else you would like to ask or share to help us to get to know you better? Do you have any questions or concerns for us?

**The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Rossville Administrative Commission Report**

November 16, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Illinois

RECOMMENDATION A

The Rossville Administrative Commission (AC) recommends that the Rossville church and manse property be sold to Robert Danner with a contribution of \$17,000 to be provided by the Presbytery at closing. Danner plans to demolish both properties and provide some retail office space for the city of Rossville. The AC requires that the following contingencies be accepted by the buyer.

1. Agreement is contingent on approval of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois at its November 16, 2017 meeting.
2. The Presbytery will provide due diligence in terminating the tenant from the house before November 31, 2017.
3. Closing to be in the December 1 – 15, 2017 timeframe.
4. Seller out-of-pocket at closing will \$17,000 to the buyer. Seller closing costs will be covered as well.
5. The church and house are sold in “as in condition,” which may or may not include items left behind by the tenant in the house.

RECOMMENDATION B

Rossville Administrative Commission:

It is RECOMMENDED that the Presbytery approve the Distribution of the following items from the former Rossville congregation:

Arcola, First

- Lectern
- Microwave
- Punch Bowl
- Little Table on the platform
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Black Office Chair
- Wheelchair

Eldorado, First

- Beige folding chairs
- Folding chairs with red padding
- Adult stacking chairs
- Old Red Hymnals *The Hymnal* (1955)
- Casserole dish
- Serving dish

Mount Vernon, First

- White Plastic Table
- Brass and wood Cross
- Silver and wood Chalice

United in Faith

- Assorted Dried Flower Arrangements
- Candlesticks
- Collection Plates
- Assorted Children’s Toys

Danville, First

- Presbyterian Banner

Shelbyville, First

- Children’s stacking chairs
- Assorted coffee hour tableware
- Assorted books and office decorations

Cooper Creek

- Wooden Pews 5
- Antique Pews 5

Additional Items

Pews: 3 requested by and donated to three long time members.

Memorabilia case – donated to Rossville Historical Society
Memorial wall plaques – donated to Rossville Historical Society
Veterans photographs - donated to Rossville Historical Society
Art – several small pictures requested by members or relatives of artist who donated work
Hymnals – about 6 were requested by members
Christmas decorations – to family of long time members for use in charitable facilities
Bible – returned to family that originally gave the Bible in memory of matriarch.

RECOMMENDATION C

The AC recommends that the Rossville AC be dissolved with thanks effective December 31, 2017, which will provide time for the real estate transaction to conclude. All official church record books (rolls & registers and session records) will be given to the Presbytery for permanent storage at the Presbyterian Historical Society. The names of those on the membership roll of the Rossville Church (13 members) will be provided to the Presbytery where their membership will be retained until they request transfer to another congregation.