

Docket
Meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
March 27, 2021

As approved by the Presbytery at the December 5, 2000, meeting, the meetings of Presbytery shall be set in the worshipful context of thanksgiving. We ask that cell phones be turned either to off or vibrate during the meeting and that people receive their calls outside of the meeting.

THE PRESBYTERY GATHERS

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|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. | Registration | |
| 9:00 a.m. | The Call to Order & Welcome | Kirwin Stewart |
| | Announcements | |
| | Report of the Stated Clerk | Polly Deppen-Williams |
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THE PRESBYTERY HEARS GOD'S WORD

Worship

Our preacher this morning is the Reverend Dr. Allen Hilton with <https://www.houseunitedmovement.org/>.
The offering today will be given to Rev. Will Ratcliff and Family.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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Nominating Committee

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Youth Committee

Logan Ellis

New Business

Prayers of the People

THE PRESBYTERY IS SENT FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

ADJOURN WITH PRAYER

Kirwin Stewart

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
October 24, 2020

The Stated Clerk determines that the number of teaching elders having membership in good standing and temporary members in the Presbytery of Central Nebraska totals 38; of these a total of 34 currently reside within the bounds of the Presbytery. The number of ruling elder commissioners and ruling elder members entitled to attend and vote at any meeting is 47*.

Therefore, it is the opinion of the Stated Clerk that NO REMEDIAL ACTION is needed to redress any imbalance in voting as required.

The following is the current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years (D-5.0206b):

| <u>Class of 2019</u> | <u>Class of 2017</u> | <u>Class of 2015</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jon Beggs | David McCarthy | C. Roger Nelson |
| | Mary Jane Whiting | Ben Ellis |
| | | Bill Dill |

The following is the listing of the membership of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska as of October 26, 2019:

101 – Pastor or Co-pastor

Greg Allen-Pickett
David Boyd
Jill Boyd
Clint Cozier
Ivan Dean
Becky Dobitsch

Logan Ellis
Kevin Geurink
Guy Helms
Eddie Mariel
Will Ratcliff
Kirwin Stewart

107 – Ruling Elder Commissioned to a Church (CRE)

Joyce Dean
Mark Diehl
Dave Irwin
Brad Jepsen

Gary Smith
Keith Theobald
Wayne Owens

108 – Temporary Relationship

Lisa Ewald
Doug McHargue
Sharon Rees

151 – Member of Another Denomination (Temporary Membership) - Pastor

Ethan Feistner (ELCA)
Vern Olsen (UMC)

153 – Member of Another Denomination (Temporary Membership) – Associate Pastor

Damen Heitmann (UCC)

299 – Honorably Retired

Kathryn Bates**
Bruce Bradley**
Don Canady
Steve Deines
David Matheke**
Frank Medsker

Roger Nelson
William Nottage-Tacey
Charles Olsen
Robert Thom**
H. Eldin Wells

304 – Executive & Stated Clerk of a Synod or Presbytery

Polly Deppen-Williams

501 – Pastor Serving Another Denomination

David McCarthy

643 – Educational Institute-Administrative Staff

Joan McCarthy

791 – Presbytery Validated Ministry

Kristin Hamner**

797 – Member at Large

John Gallentine**
Cheryl Lamb**
Berke Landrum
David McCarthy

Karen Woo**
Gui-Jie Zhang

Churches in the Presbytery of Central Nebraska:

1. Atkinson, First
2. Aurora, PUCC
3. Axtell, First
4. Beaver City, First
5. Benkelman, First
6. Broken Bow, First
7. Campbell, Westminster United
8. Central City, United
9. Cozad, First
10. Danbury, First
11. Edgar, Church of the Plains
(Heartland Shared Ministries)
12. Ewing, Bethany
13. Ewing, UMC-PCUSA
14. Fairfield, Community
15. Fullerton, Fullerton Community UMC/PCUSA
16. Gothenburg, First
17. Grand Island, First
18. Hastings, First
19. Hastings, Second
20. Holdrege, First
21. Kearney, First
22. Kenesaw, First
23. Keystone
24. Lebanon, Community
25. Lexington, First
26. Lexington, Buffalo Grove
27. Minden, Westminster United
28. North Platte, First
29. O’Neill, First
30. Orleans, First
31. St. Paul, First
32. Stuart, Community
33. Superior, First
34. Sutherland, First
35. Valentine
36. Wood River, First

Additional Information:

- The presbytery has obtained insurance and worker's compensation coverage from The Insurance Board.
 - 2019 Statistical Reports were completed and sent to the General Assembly.
 - A report of pastoral compensation is in process and will be presented at the March 2021 Presbytery meeting.
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*Taken from the Presbytery Manual Standing Rules:

2.20 In addition to elder commissioners from sessions, Presbytery shall enroll for the term of service the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Moderator of Presbytery, Vice Moderator of Presbytery, the moderator of the Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Youth Committee, Nominating Committee, Council and Council's Committees, and the elder Commissioner to Synod, whether or not the elder serves as a commissioner for his/her session.

**Does not reside within the bounds of the presbytery

**MINUTES PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA
OCTOBER 24, 2020
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

PRESBYTERY ATTENDANCE

| Church | Ruling Elder Commissioner |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Atkinson, First | |
| Aurora, Presbyterian UCC | |
| Axtell, First | |
| Beaver City, First | |
| Benkelman, First | |
| Broken Bow, First | |
| Campbell, Westminster United | |
| Central City, United | |
| Cozad First | Judy Howard |
| Danbury, First | |
| Edgar, Church of the Plains | |
| Ewing, Bethany | |
| Ewing, UMPC (USA) | |
| Fairfield, Community | |
| Fullerton, First | |
| Gothenburg, First | Jan Gill |
| Grand Island, First | |
| Hastings, First | Brian Johnson |
| Hastings, Second | |
| Holdrege, First | |
| Kearney, First | Karen Diestler |
| Kenesaw, First | |
| Keystone | |
| Lebanon, Community | |
| Lexington, First | Curt Rickertsen |
| Lexington, Buffalo Grove | |
| Minden, Westminster United | Lauren Petersen |
| North Platte, First | Dan Ridgway |
| O'Neill, First | Jessica Clark |
| Orleans, First | |
| St. Paul, First | |
| Stuart, Community | |
| Superior, First | |
| Sutherland, First | |
| Valentine | |
| Wood River, First | |

| Minister of Word & Sacrament | Attendance |
|---|-------------------|
| Greg Allen–Pickett | Present |
| Kathryn Bates – HR | Excused |
| David Boyd | Present |
| Jill Boyd | Present |
| Don Canady – HR | Excused |
| Ivan Dean | Present |
| Steve Deines – HR | Excused |
| Polly Deppen–Williams | Present |
| Rebecca Dobitsch | Present |
| Logan Ellis | Present |
| Lisa Ewald | Excused |
| John Gallentine | Absent |
| Kevin Geurink | Excused |
| Guy Helms | Absent |
| Cheryl Lamb | Absent |
| Robert Thom – HR | Excused |
| Berke Landrum | Excused |
| Eddie Mariel | Present |
| David Matheke – HR | Excused |
| David McCarthy | Present |
| Joan McCarthy | Absent |
| Doug McHargue | Absent |
| Frank Medsker – HR | Excused |
| Roger Nelson – HR | Excused |
| William Nottage–Tacey – HR | Excused |
| Charles Olsen – HR | Excused |
| Will Ratcliff | Present |
| Sharon Rees | Present |
| Kirwin Stewart | Present |
| H. Eldin Wells – HR | Present |
| Karen Woo | Present |
| Gui–Jie Zhang | Absent |

| Commissioned Pastors | Attendance |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Joyce Dean | Present |
| Mark Diehl | Absent |
| Dave Irwin | Absent |
| Brad Jepsen | Absent |
| Linda Lambert | Present |
| Wayne Owens | Present |
| Gary Smith | Absent |
| Penny Schulz (Disciples of Christ) | Present |
| Keith Theobald | Absent |

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES

- Don Anthony, Business & Budget
- Linda Anthony, Nominating
- Jon Beggs, Council

- Jill Boyd, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Kirwin Stewart, Moderator
- Eddie Mariel, Personnel
- Annabelle Wells, Presbyterian Women

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Vilmarie Cintron–Olivieri, Ruling Elder

VISITORS

- Audrey Richert
- Judy Rothenberger

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska convened at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM on Saturday, October 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator Kirwin Stewart. The Presbytery was welcomed by Kirwin Stewart.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT

Stated Clerk Polly Deppen–Williams established that there was a quorum present. In her opinion there is no remedial action needed to redress any imbalance in voting. Her report also listed the roster of members of the Presbytery and their positions and the churches in the Presbytery.

Vice–Moderator Sharon Rees gave announcements and information on using ZOOM for the meeting. Stated Clerk Polly Deppen–Williams stated that because this was a ZOOM meeting, voting on motions would be by dissention or exception only.

The Docket was presented and approved.

Corresponding Members Audrey Richert of the Presbytery Foundation and guest speaker Vilmarie Cintron–Olivieri were introduced.

First–time Commissioner Lauren Petersen of Minden was introduced.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2020, Presbytery meeting with no additions or corrections.

WORSHIP

Moderator Kirwin Stewart led the worship service. The offering from this worship service was to go to Nebraskans In Motion for Missions. Their efforts were explained in a video. Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintron–Olivieri, who served as co–moderator of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (USA), was the guest speaker via Zoom from Miami, Florida. Special music was performed by the Rev. Logan and Erin Ellis. Communion was conducted via ZOOM by Kirwin Stewart.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER’S REPORT

Polly Deppen–Williams reported that she continues to participate in ZOOM meetings and meetings with social distancing. Churches have been using Facebook live or Zoom to worship together along with socially distanced gatherings in the sanctuary. She continues to be proud of the creative ways churches are navigating the challenges to keep members safe while continuing to be the church.

REPORT OF NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY FOUNDATION

Audrey Richert, representative of the Nebraska Presbytery Foundation, described grants which will be available, beginning in December, to assist churches in reaching out to their communities.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Annabelle Wells, Chairman of Presbyterian Women, reported on the Fall Gathering that was held via ZOOM on September 12th. Eighteen individuals from eight churches in the Presbytery attended the Gathering. The Churchwide Gathering is planned for August 2021.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Jon Beggs, Council Chairman, gave the Council report. The Council met on September 15 and October 13. The Council approved the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to combine the positions of Stated Clerk and Executive Presbyter and that these positions will run concurrently. The Council has also determined that congregations may continue their same officers for another year, due to the Covid pandemic. Churches are to contact Pastor Polly for details.

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting are as follows (depending on the status of COVID-19 precautions):

- March 27, 2021 – Holdrege
- June 26, 2021 – Valentine
- October 23, 2021– Broken Bow

REPORT OF BUSINESS & BUDGET

Jon Beggs presented the Report of the Business and Budget Committee. It is his belief that the Presbytery is making the best use of available dollars. He presented the Financial Status of the Presbytery as of August 31, 2020, comparing the Year-to-Date totals to the 2020 Budget. He also presented the Statement of Financial Position for the Presbytery as of August 31, 2020, compared to 12/31/2017, 12/31/2018 and 12/31/2019.

REPORT OF PERSONNEL

Edgar (Eddie) Mariel, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the committee report. The Personnel Committee recommended that the renewal schedule for the State Clerk position be modified to November 1 to coincide with the renewal schedule for the Executive Presbyter Position. Approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended that the Rev. Polly Deppen–Williams be elected to a 3–year term as Stated Clerk starting November 1, 2020. Approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended that the salary of the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk be increased by the same percentage as the pastors' salary increase. Approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended that Judy Rothenberger's salary be increased to \$22.00 per hour. Approved.

The Personnel Committee recommended that the Recording Secretary's salary remain the same.

REPORT OF PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Jill Boyd, Chairman, presented the committee report. The committee was encouraged to pursue the possibility of providing a site for the Bible Content Exam for those on the path for ordination. Kailen Soncksen and Janet Rasmussen are currently under the care of the committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Joyce Dean, Chairperson, presented the report. She listed the Church Moderators and stated that the churches in Beaver City and Superior are in transition. Churches in North Platte, Grand Island, Kearney and St. Paul have called new pastors. Joyce introduced the Rev. Will Ratcliff, new pastor at North Platte

The Committee recommended that the effective salary for pastors for 2021 be \$47,430. The salary was not raised in 2020. The recommendation is a two percent (2%) raise. Approved.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Linda Anthony, Chairman, presented the report. She moved that the slate of nominees be elected.
Approved.

Council

- Bill Walters (2), Member at Large, Class of 2022
- Bob Scriven (1), Member at Large, Class of 2023

COM

Class of 2023

- David Neinkamp (1)
- Clint Cozier (1)
- Kit Alff (1)
- Kevin Geurink (1)

Committee on Preparation

Class of 2023

- Greg Allen–Pickett (2), Chair
- Mary Lou Clark (2)

Personnel Committee

Class of 2023

- Eunice Alexander (2)
- Judy Biehl (2)
- Ivan Dean (2)
- Gary Fiend (1)

Class of 2024

- Eddie Mariel (2), CHair

Business and Budget

Class of 2023

Guy Helms (2)

- Women needed for this committee.
- Committee is short 3 members.

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2025

Mac Martin

Youth Ministry Committee

Class of 2021

Isabella Carlson

Class of 2023

Logan Ellis (1), Chair
Linda Lambert (1)

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kirwin Stewart led the prayers of the people.

ADJOURMENT

It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 A.M.

**Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk Report to the Presbytery
March 27, 2021**

Dear Friends,

One year ago, I had just returned from Dubuque, Iowa, after gathering with other presbytery leaders in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. I remember driving home thinking that this probably will not last that long. Well, here we are one year later, and things are still not back to normal (whatever that may be!) and we are gathering for our third virtual presbytery meeting by Zoom.

We grieve for the over 535,000 lives lost to Covid-19 in this country and for those who loved them. We rejoice in the research that has led to a vaccine that is being administered around the world. And we hope for future where we can come together again in person for worship and fellowship in our churches and as a presbytery.

During these challenging months we have experienced changes in the presbytery. First Presbyterian Church in Kearney has called the Reverend Dr. Clint Cozier as Pastor. The Reverend Guy Helms has left Valentine and will be moving to Cheyenne, WY, to be closer to family.

My work continues with phone calls, Zoom meetings, and seeing some folks when they stop by the presbytery office, masked of course. I hope to begin visiting churches in person sometime this summer after I have received my Covid-19 vaccines.

On a personal note, I am having Bariatric (weight loss) surgery on Wednesday, March 31st at UNMC in Omaha. I would appreciate your prayers as I make this step to take control of my health. During the month of April, I will be recuperating at home. Joyce Dean, Chairperson of the Committee on Ministry, will be available for immediate needs. You can also call Judy at the presbytery office if you have any questions.

I continue to pray for you all as we navigate our ever-changing world. Please do not hesitate to call 308-520-8216 or email polly@centralnepresby.org if you have any questions or would just like to say hi.

Grace & peace,
Polly Deppen-Williams
Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk

**COM REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA
MARCH 27, 2021**

Church Moderators:

- Beaver City – Kirwin Stewart
- Sutherland – Kirwin Stewart
- Keystone Presbyterian Church quarterly – Rev. Eddie Mariel (meets in Paxton)
- Superior- Rev. Ivan and Joyce Dean
- North Platte – David Boyd
- Valentine – Previously Polly Deppen-Williams – Gary Smith now moderate

Committee approved the Administrative Commission that was created on January 12, 2021 to assist both pastor and congregation in North Platte. The Commission members are Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier, Rev. Lisa Ewald, Elder Carol Skinner, and Elder Don Anthony.

Rev. Guy Helms call to First Presbyterian Church, Valentine ended on Sunday February 7. The severance for Rev. Guy Helms is:

Cash Salary \$2,916 per month – \$8,749 for 3 months

Utilities \$ 250.00 per month - \$750 for 3 months

SS Offset \$ 318.00 per month - \$956.25 for 3 months

Total \$3485.41 per month - \$10,456.23 for 3 months

BOP dues will be paid totaling \$4625.00 for coverage until April 30, 2021

Total 3 month severance package - \$15,081.23

Approved that Lay Pastor Emily McCreery serve First Presbyterian Church, North Platte as Temporary Supply. Her compensation package will be shared at a later date.

Approved the Commission for the Installation of Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier to First Presbyterian Church, Kearney. Serving on the Installation Commission are: Rev. Dr. Kirwin Stewart, Holdrege; Rev. Sharon Rees, Minden; Elder Lauren Peterson, Minden; Elder Jim Rohrer, Kearney; Elder Annabelle Wells, Kearney. Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier was installed as pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Kearney on February 21, 2021 at 3 pm. Minutes of the Commission are included.

Approved the Commission for the Installation of Rev. Kevin Geurink to First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island. Serving on the Installation Commission are.– Rev. Dr. Kirwin Stewart, Holdrege, Rev. Sharon Rees, Minden, rev. Lisa Ewald, St. Paul, Elder Mac Martin, Grand Island, Elder Kay Giorgiana, Hastings. Rev Geurink's installation was on Sunday, March 21 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian, Grand Island.

Approved the 2021 Pulpit Supply List. The list is available on the Presbytery website.

**Minutes of Commission to Install Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier
Presbytery of Central Nebraska**

The Commission established by the Presbytery of Central Nebraska Install
Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier (name as Pastor) of the
First Presbyterian Church of Kearney Presbyterian Church met at the First Presbyterian
Church of Kearney Presbyterian Church, in Kearney Ne. (location) on the 21 day of the month of
February in the Year 2021 at 2:30P.M..

The following Commission Members were present:

Ruling Elders:

Dr. James Rohrer
Annabelle Wells
Lauren Peterson

Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

Rev. Sharon Rees
Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart Jr.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

The Commission took action to invite and enroll as corresponding members the following persons:

No Corresponding Members

The Commission took action to enroll as ecumenical corresponding members the following person:

None.

Based on Presbytery Standing Rules, the Commission elected Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart Jr. as
Moderator and Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart Jr. as Clerk of this Commission.

The Congregation was called to worship.

Rev. Sharon Rees (name of preacher) preached the sermon on the subject
“ Gifts and Gift Givers ” based on a text from 2 Corinthians 4:1-7, Matthew 13:44-46.

The Commission Moderator stated the proceedings of the Presbytery in preparation to the ordination
and/or installation and asked the Constitutional Questions to the candidate.

Ruling Elder Annabelle Wells asked the Constitutional Questions to the congregation.

These being answered in the affirmative, the candidate (knelt, if able, for ordination / or stood) and with prayer led by _____ and the laying on of hands, the Commission ordained her/him to the ordered ministry of a Teaching Elder, and /or installed her/him as Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Kearney Presbyterian Church. The members of the Commission, the Presbytery, and Congregation came forward to offer the newly ordained and/or installed teaching elder a cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Dr. James Rohrer delivered the Charge to the Pastor and
Dr. James Rohrer delivered the Charge to the Congregation.
An offering was taken for the Presbytery's Candidate Scholarship Fund.

At the conclusion of the service the newly ordained and/or installed teaching elder made a brief statement and pronounced the benediction. After the service the officers and members of the church came forward to their pastor (associate pastor) and gave her/him an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Prior to the start of the worship service, the Commission approved their minutes, and was adjourned with the benediction that closed the worship service.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart Jr, Moderator of this Commission
Rev. Dr. W. Kirwin Stewart Jr, Clerk of this Commission

Presbyterian Women Report to Presbytery
March 27, 2021

The Coordinating Team voted not to meet together in Spring for a Presbyterian Women's Gathering. However, here are some options for you to do individually or as a small group:

1. Buy necessary supplies for a hygiene kit, a school kit, or a cleaning bucket for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Assemble them. Instructions are on line under Presbyterian Disaster Assistance under Gifts from the Heart. (When finished deliver to First Presbyterian Church, Hastings for delivery to Lincoln where it will be stored until needed locally or delivered to Fern Cliff in Arkansas.)
2. Read and discuss a book—perhaps a book in the Bible, a Native American Book, or a Racial Equality book or a book for pleasure.
3. Visit by phone or in person—a person who is homebound, a person that you don't know well in your PW, church, or neighborhood.
4. Sew, knit, crochet a garment or shawl for a needy person, a sick or suffering person or someone else.
5. Pray for the needs of your family, neighborhood, town, church, nation, and world.
6. Another option of your choosing.

I look forward to hearing how you and your PW group decided to serve God in your community. May God bless you on your journey. Annabelle Wells

Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

Council Attendance

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Council Chair | Jon Beggs | Present |
| Moderator | Kirwin Stewart | Present |
| Vice-Moderator | Sharon Rees | Present |
| COM Chair | Joyce Dean | Present |
| CPM Chair | Greg Allen-Pickett | Present |
| NOM Chair | Council | Present |
| Personnel Chair | Eddie Mariel | Present |
| Business & Budget Chair | Don Anthony | Present |
| PYC Chair | Logan Ellis | Present |
| Synod Commissioner | Sue Medsker-Nedderman | Present |
| Presbytery Women Chair | Annabelle Wells | Excused |
| Member-at- Large | Bill Walters | Excused |
| Member-at-Large | Bob Scriven | Excused |
| Executive Presbyter | Polly Deppen-Williams | Present |

Jon Beggs opened the zoom meeting at 1 PM with devotion and prayer.

Minutes of February 9, 2021 meeting were **APPROVED** as presented.

Communications – reports to be posted with the March 27 Presbytery docket are due Monday, March 15.

Polly gave a brief Executive Presbyter and State Clerk report.

- The Lilly Grant Endowment, which was received in 2018 in collaboration with the Omaha Presbyterian Foundation, is being offered again for an additional 5 years. Funds will continue to be used for coaching pastors. The hope is to expand this offering to a larger pastor base. Council gave their blessing to pursue CNP involvement.
- She will be having surgery on March 31, 2021. All CNP concerns are to be directed to Joyce Dean.
- She has received multiple requests from new members serving on Council and Committees for job descriptions. These need to be developed and added to the manual.

Personnel Committee – Eddie reported that they met to review Judy Rothenberger, Office Administrator. He also reported that Polly will be out of the office for surgery but anticipates being accessible during her absent time.

Business and Budget Committee –

- CNP will be receiving \$22,188.92 in PPP funds.
- Business & Budget budgeted \$12,500.00 for 2021 Technical Grants. This money is now depleted.
- Business & Budget has \$6000.00 for 2021 budgeted for Church Development. Churches may apply for up to \$2000.00 for new project assistance.

Nominating Committee – no report.

COM Committee –

- Rev. Clint Cozier was installed at First Presbyterian Church, Kearney on February 21, 2021
- COM has approved the following commission for the installation of Rev. Kevin Geurink, First Presbyterian Church, Grant Island: Rev. Dr. Kirwin Stewart, Holdrege; Rev. Sharon Rees, Minden; Rev. Lisa Ewald, St. Paul; Elder Mac Martin, Grand Island; Elder Kay Giorgiana, Hastings. His installation will be March 21 at 3 PM.
- The Committee is in the process of developing a letter which will be mailed to CNP churches requesting support for the Rev. Will Ratcliff and family. Council **APPROVED** this communication

CPM Committee – no report.

Youth Committee – Logan reported that his committee is in the process of contacting churches to confirm who currently has an active youth group.

Synod Commissioner – no report.

Presbyterian Women – no report

Council reviewed the proposed March 27, 2021 Presbytery Docket. Council **APPROVED** the worship offering be designated for the Will Ratcliff family.

Other business - none

- Presbytery meeting dates & locations
 - March 27, 2021 – zoom
 - June 26, 2021 –
 - October 23, 2021 – Broken Bow
- Council dates:
 - April 13, 2021 - zoom

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 2:20 PM. Kirwin closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Rothenberger

PCN Financial Summary for

January

2021

| Presbytery Income | Ytd | YTD Budget | Variance | % Annual Budget |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|----------|-----------------------|
| UMS Presbytery | 9360 | 6250 | 3110 | 12% |
| Per Capita | 24382 | 10455 | 13927 | 19% |
| Synod support | 833 | 833 | 0 | 8% |
| Other Income | 95 | 2965 | 2870 | 0% |
| Total Income | 34670 | 20503 | 14167 | 14% |
| | | | | |
| Presbytery Expenses | | | | |
| Operations (incl Per Capita | 6577 | 2575 | 4002 | 21% |
| <i>Committees</i> | | | | |
| Council | 0 | 508 | 508 | 0% |
| B&B | 0 | 267 | 267 | 0% |
| Personnel | 0 | 46 | 46 | 0% |
| COM | 0 | 358 | 358 | 0% |
| CPM | 0 | 233 | 233 | 0% |
| Nominating | 0 | 17 | 17 | 0% |
| Perm Judicial | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0% |
| Youth | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0% |
| Presby Mtg & Comm | 0 | 142 | 142 | 0% |
| <i>Total Committees</i> | 0 | 2079 | 2079 | 0% |
| | | | | |
| Mission | 7545 | 1617 | 5928 | 39% |
| | | | | |
| Staff Exp | 9259 | 11063 | 1804 | 7% |
| Other operating | 208 | 208 | 0 | 8% |
| Total Operating Exp | 23589 | 17542.25 | 6046.75 | 9% |
| Total Operating Income minus Expenses | 18172 | 2961 | 15211 | |

| Statement of Financial Position | | | | | | | | | 1/31/2021 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--|--|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Central Nebraska | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 12/31/2016 | 12/31/2017 | 12/31/2018 | 12/31/2019 | 12/31/2020 | 1/31/2021 |
| Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Funds: | 1001p | Checking Acct- F&M 115088 | | \$4,939 | \$3,314 | \$3,681 | \$2,225 | \$2,792 | \$2,792 |
| | 1025p | Petty Cash-Office | | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| | 1010p | Money Mkt-F&M 903205 | | \$191,210 | \$287,396 | \$435,421 | \$352,084 | \$56,762 | \$63,705 |
| | 1140p | Workers Comp Churches - A/R | | | | | (\$21) | (\$103) | (\$103) |
| | | | | \$196,249 | \$290,810 | \$439,203 | \$354,389 | \$59,550 | \$66,494 |
| Investments and Reserves | 1011p | New Cov Trst Co-Mission & Ministry | | \$86,037 | \$102,926 | \$99,452 | \$120,466 | \$140,151.60 | \$140,151.60 |
| | 1012p | New Cov Trst Co -Leadership Devel | | \$97,377 | \$116,492 | \$112,561 | \$136,346 | \$158,627.28 | \$158,627.28 |
| | 1015p | New Cov Mtl Fds-Stuckey/Next Gen | | \$253,773 | \$303,587 | \$293,343 | \$353,121 | \$407,588.83 | \$407,588.83 |
| | 1016p | Pres Found - Johnson/Crawford | | \$4,298 | \$4,698 | \$4,317 | \$4,931 | \$4,798.76 | \$4,798.76 |
| | 1018p | New Cov Trst Co - Reserves | | | | | | \$273,171.73 | \$273,171.73 |
| | | | | \$441,485 | \$527,703 | \$509,674 | \$614,865 | \$984,338 | \$984,338 |
| Non-Financial Assets: | 1636p | Office Equipment | | \$48,378 | \$48,378 | \$48,378 | \$48,378 | \$48,378 | \$48,378 |
| | 1736p | Accum Depr-Equipment | | (\$42,423) | (\$42,423) | (\$42,423) | (\$42,423) | (\$42,423) | (\$42,423) |
| | 1810p | Prepaid Rent | | \$2,785 | \$2,785 | \$2,785 | | | |
| | | | | \$8,740 | \$8,740 | \$8,740 | \$5,955 | \$5,955 | \$5,955 |
| | | | | Total Assets: | \$646,474 | \$827,253 | \$957,617 | \$975,209 | \$1,049,844 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$1,056,788 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Payables: | 1201p | Due From (To) Synod | | | \$38,887 | \$625 | \$417 | \$208 | \$208 |
| | 1201bp | Synod Bill Payments Payable | | | | \$16,799 | \$56,836 | \$49,880 | \$47,911 |
| | 1201pc | Synod Per Capita Payable | | | | \$5,440 | \$1,788 | \$1,799 | \$1,716 |
| | 1201pr | Synod Payroll Payable | | | | \$4,190 | \$14,064 | \$7,007 | \$7,126 |
| | 2015p | APA Meeting Payables | | \$618 | \$618 | \$618 | \$618 | \$618 | \$618 |
| | 2020p | GA Per Capita Payable | | | \$5,403 | \$37,789 | \$2,569 | \$2,932 | \$2,808 |
| | var | Other Net Payables* | | \$599 | \$215 | \$215 | | | |
| | | | | \$1,217 | \$45,122 | \$65,676 | \$76,292 | \$62,444 | \$60,388 |
| Pass-throughs Payable: | 2050p | GA Mission Payable | | \$7,364 | \$10,878 | \$26,983 | (\$9,805) | (\$9,263) | (\$8,972) |
| | 2055p | UMS Synod Payable | | | | \$14,871 | \$833 | \$959 | \$1,340 |
| | 2100p | Disaster Relief Payable | | | | | \$1,800 | \$1,500 | |
| | 2121p | One Great Hour Offering Payabl | | | | \$10,971 | \$0 | \$200 | \$0 |
| | 2126p | Christmas Joy Offering Payable | | | | \$7,368 | (\$0) | \$500 | \$535 |
| | 2131p | Pentecost Offering Payable | | | | \$1,710 | \$90 | \$290 | \$90 |
| | 2136p | Peace Offering Payable to PMA | | | | \$985 | \$157 | \$692 | (\$1) |
| | 2150p | Theological Ed Fund Payable | | | | \$700 | \$500 | \$500 | \$260 |
| | 2110p | Hunger Relief Payable | | | | | \$154 | | |
| | 2151p | GA Designated Offering Payable | | | | \$1,189 | (\$273) | (\$273) | (\$273) |
| | 2620p | Camp Receipts Collected | | | | | \$15 | \$15 | \$15 |
| | 2060p | Nebraskans in Motion | | | | | | \$395 | \$395 |
| | 2520p | Emergency Fund | | | | | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| | | | | \$7,364 | \$10,878 | \$64,778 | (\$6,529) | (\$3,485) | (\$5,610) |
| | | | | Total Liabilities: | \$8,581 | \$56,000 | \$130,454 | \$69,763 | \$58,959 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$54,777 |
| Net Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Designated Accounts: | 2510p | Peacemaking Fund | | \$4,293 | \$4,293 | \$6,036 | \$6,042 | \$7,038 | \$7,082 |
| | 2540p | Mission & Ministry Fund | | \$84,038 | \$83,988 | \$180,977 | \$244,319 | \$244,319 | \$244,319 |
| | 2542p | Stuckey/Next Gen Fund | | \$253,773 | \$253,773 | \$303,587 | \$299,656 | \$348,435 | \$402,902 |
| | 2544p | Leadership Development Fund | | \$97,265 | \$97,265 | \$96,915 | \$94,915 | \$94,915 | \$94,915 |
| | 2550p | Johnson Scholarship Fund | | \$447 | \$944 | \$944 | \$944 | \$944 | \$944 |
| | 2565p | Mission Development Fund | | \$1,999 | \$1,999 | \$18,888 | \$8,644 | \$8,644 | \$8,644 |
| | 2570p | Youth Triennium Fund | | | \$575 | \$575 | | | |
| | | | | \$441,814 | \$442,836 | \$607,922 | \$654,520 | \$704,295 | \$758,807 |
| Reserves: | 3000p | Prior Surpluses or Deficits | | \$121,700 | \$142,502 | \$189,121 | \$181,113 | \$151,454 | \$181,431 |
| | | Year-to-date Surpluses or (Deficits) | | | | | | | \$11,081 |
| | 3010p | Designated Reserve | | \$50,692 | \$50,692 | \$50,692 | \$50,692 | \$50,692 | \$50,692 |
| | | | | \$172,392 | \$193,194 | \$239,813 | \$231,805 | \$202,146 | \$243,203 |
| | | | | Total Net Assets: | \$614,206 | \$636,030 | \$847,736 | \$886,325 | \$906,442 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$1,002,010 |
| Asset Composition | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Assets Covering Liabilities | | \$8,581 | \$56,000 | \$130,454 | \$69,763 | \$58,959 | \$54,777 |
| | | Assets Supporting Dedicated Accounts | | \$441,814 | \$442,836 | \$607,922 | \$654,520 | \$704,295 | \$758,807 |
| | | Non-Financial Assets | | \$8,740 | \$8,740 | \$8,740 | \$5,955 | \$5,955 | \$5,955 |
| | | Year-to-Date Unallocated Income Net of Expense | | | | | | | \$11,081 |
| | | Undesignated Operating Assets (excluding YTD) | | \$187,339 | \$319,677 | \$210,500 | \$244,970 | | \$226,167 |
| | | | | Total Assets: | \$646,474 | \$827,253 | \$957,617 | \$975,209 | \$1,049,844 |
| | | | | | | | | | \$1,056,788 |

**Personnel Committee Report to the Regular Meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
being held Saturday, March 27, 2021**

The Personnel Committee met via Zoom on February 23 at 10:30am.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to review Office Administrator Judy Rothenberger. As the committee had heard no complaints or concerns from either the Presbytery at large nor her colleagues regarding the Office Administrator, the committee proceeded to inquire as to any questions or concerns Judy herself may have had regarding her work or her position. Hearing none, both the committee and Judy agreed to continue in her position as Office Administrator for the Presbytery of Central Nebraska. The committee is pleased to inform the Presbytery that Judy Rothenberger is continuing to serve the Presbytery as Office Administrator and has no recommendations regarding her position at this time. We encourage individuals within the Presbytery to offer their thanks and appreciation to Judy for her continued work and dedication. The Presbytery is well served by Judy and the Personnel Committee extends our continuing gratitude for her presence amongst us.

A secondary purpose of our meeting became Rev. Deppen-Williams informing us of her upcoming surgical procedure. The Committee on Ministry and the Presbytery Council is also aware and fully informed as regards this upcoming procedure. The Personnel Committee fully endorses and supports Rev. Deppen-Williams in the pursuit of her personal health. Rev. Deppen-Williams anticipates needing two (2) weeks of full recovery time (non-working) and then plans to ease back into working by doing so remotely via phone, email and Zoom as deemed necessary/appropriate. The Personnel Committee supports Polly in this plan and wishes to thank the Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Joyce Dean, for her assistance in helping cover Polly's absence. Questions or concerns can be directed to the Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Edgar C. Mariel, Chair of Personnel Committee

Report from CPM:

We have two candidates under care in the traditional ordination process:

Kailen Soncksen is a 2nd year student at Austin Seminary and is under care of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

Sarah Babcock is a 1st year student at Louisville Seminary and is under care of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

We have one candidate under care in the Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Lay Pastor ordination process:

Janet Rasmussen is taking classes through University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Leadership transition for the CPM began in January with Greg Allen-Pickett taking over as chair and Jill Boyd being available to guide and assist until she rotates off the committee the end of the year.

Goals for 2021 include beginning the CPM Operations Manual and exploring having the Presbytery of Central Nebraska be a test site for the Bible Content Exam.