

Docket
Meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 9:00am
Meeting by Zoom

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

8:30 a.m.	Zoom meeting will open for fellowship and preparation for the meeting.	
9:00 a.m.	The Call to Order	Gary Smith
	Land Acknowledgement	
	Welcome	Gary Smith
	Announcements	
	Enrollment/Quorum	
	The Presentation of the Docket and Seating of Corresponding Members	
	Introduction of First Time Commissioners	
	Approval of the Minutes from 10/28/2023 meeting	pages 4-12
	New Business to be Presented at the End of the Meeting	

THE PRESBYTERY HEARS GOD'S WORD

Worship

- Our preacher this morning is Rev. Kevin Geurink, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island.
- For this morning's offering, participants are encouraged to give to a cause of their own choosing.
- Please have communion elements ready for your participation in the worship service.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

10:00 a.m.	Report of the Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk	Polly Deppen-Williams pages 13-14
	Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation	Audrey Richert
	Report from Hastings College	Doodle Harris
	Council Report	Jill Boyd pages 15-16
	Business and Budget	Don Anthony Pages 17-22
	Personnel	Eddie Mariel
	Nominating Committee	Jill Boyd

Youth Committee

Committee on Ministry

Joyce Dean
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Synod Report

Becky Dobitsch

Committee on Preparation

Jill Boyd
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New Business

- Presbytery Manual
- Concurrence with Overture from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
Mid-Kentucky Presbytery is advancing an overture that is related to this temporary vs. installed topic. We are in need of a concurrence. Our overture seeks to increase the maximum potential term of service for temporary pastors from 12 to 36 months. In large part it is an attempt to bring a fuller sense of parity between temporary and called and installed pastors by bringing a more "settled" reality for temporary pastors and the congregations and presbyteries they serve.

The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky overtures the 226th General Assembly as follows:

ON AMENDING G-2.0505a – Shall G-2.0505a of The Book of Order be amended by striking the word “twelve” and replacing it with the word “thirty-six,” so that the section reads: “Titles and terms of service for temporary relationships shall be determined by the presbytery. A person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is invited for a specified period not to exceed ~~twelve~~ thirty-six months in length, which is renewable with the approval of the presbytery.”

RATIONALE: An increasing number of congregations are being served by temporary pastors. Extending the specified period of service from 12 to 36 months will provide these congregations a stronger sense of stability. It would save both sessions and presbyteries considerable time and paperwork if they did not have to renegotiate a contract every year, giving them more time to attend to the tasks of interim/transitional ministry rather than continuous contract negotiation. Finally, given that the average time that it takes to move a congregation from the end of one pastoral relationship to the start of another pastoral relationship is longer than 12 months, the church should make provision for temporary pastor contracts that are longer than 12 months.

Prayers of the People

Gary Smith

THE PRESBYTERY IS SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

Adjourn with Prayer

Gary Smith

If the meeting needs to continue following lunch, we will come back together online at 12:30pm.

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

2024 Presbytery Dates & locations:

- 4/27/2024 – FPC Valentine
- 10/26/2024 – FPC North Platte

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023
HASTINGS COLLEGE, HASTINGS, NE**

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	
Danbury, First	
Edgar, Church of the Plains	
Ewing, Bethany	
Ewing, UMPC (USA)	
Fairfield, Community	
Fullerton, First	
Gothenburg, First	Connie Moore
Grand Island, First	
Hastings, First	Brian Johnson
Hastings, Second	VeAnn Lindgren
Holdrege, First	
Kearney, First	Bob Scriven
Kenesaw, First	
Keystone	
Lebanon, Community	
Lexington, First	Don Anthony
Lexington, Buffalo Grove	
Minden, Westminster United	Katie Osterbuh
North Platte, First	
O'Neill, First	
Orleans, First	
St. Paul, First	
Stuart, Community	
Superior, First	
Sutherland, First	
Valentine	
Wood River, First	

Minister of Word & Sacrament	Attendance
Greg Allen–Pickett	Present
David Boyd	Present
Jill Boyd	Present
Don Canady – HR	Excused

Clint Cozier	Excused
Joy Church	Excused
Ivan Dean	Present
Steve Deines – HR	Excused
Polly Deppen-Williams	Present
Rebecca Dobitsch	Excused
Logan Ellis	Present
Lisa Ewald	Excused
John Gallentine	Excused
Kevin Geurink	Excused
Kristin Hamner	Excused
Doodle Harris	Present
Lori Kitzing	Present
Cheryl Lamb	Excused
Robert Thom – HR	Excused
Berke Landrum	Excused
Eddie Mariel	Present
David McCarthy	Excused
Joan McCarthy	Excused
Doug McHargue	Excused
Frank Medsker – HR	Excused
Roger Nelson – HR	Excused
William Nottage–Tacey – HR	Present
Charles Olsen – HR	Excused
Sharon Rees	Present
Kirwin Stewart	Excused
H. Eldin Wells – HR	Present
Karen Woo	Excused
Gui–Jie Zhang	Excused

Commissioned Pastors	Attendance
Joyce Dean	Present
Mark Diehl	Excused
Dave Irwin	Excused
Brad Jepsen	Excused
Linda Lambert	Excused
Emily McCreery (ELCA PMA)	Excused
Craig Mead	Present
Wayne Owens	Excused
Gary Smith	Present
Penny Schulz (Disciples of Christ)	Excused

Guests: Karen Doerr, Erin Ellis, Laurie Johnson, Stephanie Sinsel, Ruth Smith, Annabelle Wells

Staff: Beth, Fotinos, Judy Rothenberger

Corresponding Members: Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, Rev. Ken Green

Council Members:

Greg Allen-Pickett, Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Don Anthony, Business & Budget

Jill Boyd, Presbytery Moderator

Joyce Dean, Committee on Ministry

Eddie Mariel, Personnel
Sue Medsker, Synod Commissioner
Sharon Rees, Moderator of Council

THE PRESBYTERY GATHERS

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska convened at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska was called to order and opened with prayer by Moderator Jill Boyd.

Land Acknowledgement was made by Moderator Jill Boyd acknowledging that the Hastings College is built on Pawnee Land and that the land is respected by all.

The Presbytery was welcomed by Doodle Harris, Hastings College.

THE PRESBYTERY HEARS GOD'S WORD

Our Worship began with beautiful music from the Hastings College Choir. Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis preached from Micah 6:6-8 and Matthew 25:31-46 scriptures that teach that God is always calling us, we need to love others and show we care for them. God Loves us all.

Our offering this morning went to Hastings College Chaplain's Office fund for the provision of food and necessities for students.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Docket and Seating of Corresponding Members by Rev. Jill Boyd. Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis and Rev. Ken Green were seated as Corresponding Members.

First Time Commissioners were Katie Osterbuhr, Minden, Janet Rasmussen, St. Paul.

REPORT FROM STATED CLERK

Polly Deppen-Williams reported – Stated Clerk determined that the number of teaching elders having membership and in good standing and temporary members in the Presbytery of Central Nebraska totals 355; of these a total of 28 currently reside within the bounds of Presbytery. The number of ruling elder commissioners and ruling elder members entitled to attend and vote at any meeting is 47 and it is therefore the Clerk's opinion that NO REMOVAL ACTION is needed to redress any imbalance in voting as required.

Approval of the Minutes from 4/29/2023 meeting. Minutes were approved with the exception Sharon Rees did not give Presbyterian Women's Report and Gary Smith attended the meeting. Motion made to approve as amended – seconded and minutes were approved.

New business –added to Docket by Greg Smith-Pickett \$1,000 donation to Hastings College Choir for their participation in today's worship service.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

October 28, 2023

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 35; of these a total of 28 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):

Class of 2023	Class of 2021	Class of 2019
Bill Nottage-Tacey	Don Canady	Jon Beggs
Carol Skinner	Dave Irwin	

The following is the listing of the membership of the Presbytery of Central Nebraska as of October 28, 2023:

101 – Pastor or Co-pastor

Greg Allen-Pickett
David Boyd
Jill Boyd
Clint Cozier
Joy Church
Ivan Dean
Becky Dobitsch
Logan Ellis
Kevin Geurink
Eddie Mariel
Kirwin Stewart

107 – Ruling Elder Commissioned to a Church (CRE)

Joyce Dean
Mark Diehl
Dave Irwin
Brad Jepsen
Linda Lambert
Emily McCreery
Craig Mead
Penny Schulz
Gary Smith
Keith Theobald
Wayne Owens

108 – Temporary Relationship

Berke Landrum
Doug McHargue
Sharon Rees

151 – Member of Another Denomination (Temporary Membership) – Pastor Lori Kitzing (ELCA)

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

299 – Honorably Retired

Bruce Bradley**
Don Canady

Steve Deines
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**

641 – Educational Institute – Pastor/Chaplain
Lynda (Doodle) Harris

643 – Educational Institute-Administrative Staff
Joan McCarthy

701- Chaplain Serving Other Institutions
Lisa Ewald

791 – Presbytery Validated Ministry
Kristin Hamner**

797 – Member at Large

John Gallentine**
Cheryl Lamb**
Karen Woo**
Gui-Jie Zhan

Churches in the Presbytery of Central Nebraska:

- Atkinson, First
- Aurora, PUCC
- Axtell, First
- Beaver City, First
- Benkelman, First
- Broken Bow, First
- Campbell, Westminster United
- Central City, United
- Cozad, First
- Danbury, First
- Edgar, Church of the Plains
(Heartland Shared Ministries)
- Ewing, Bethany
- Ewing, UMC-PCUSA

- Fairfield, Community
- Fullerton, Fullerton Community UMC/PCUSA
- Gothenburg, First
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- Grand Island, First
- Hastings, First
- Hastings, Second
- Holdrege, First
- Kearney, First
- Kenesaw, First
- Keystone
- Lebanon, Community
- Lexington, First
- Lexington, Buffalo Grove
- Minden, Westminster United
- North Platte, First
- O'Neill, First
- Orleans, First
- St. Paul, First
- Stuart, Community
- Superior, First
- Sutherland, First
- Valentine
- Wood River

Additional Information:

- The presbytery has obtained insurance and worker's compensation coverage from The Insurance Board.
- 2022 Statistical Reports were completed and sent to the General Assembly.
- A report of pastoral compensation is in process and will be presented at the January 2024 Presbytery meeting.
- The Presbytery Minutes were reviewed by the Synod of Lakes & Prairies in May 2023.

*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.

REPORT FROM BOARD OF PENSIONS

Ken Green, Board of Pensions made a presentation on changes being made on pastor's package, i.e. health insurance, family coverage. Packages will change at the beginning January of 2025.

REPORT FROM GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Shavon Starling Louis gave a report on General Assembly – and was advised to go to Runza and have Nebraska Kool-aid while visiting our state!!

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER & STATED CLERK

Polly Deppen-Williams reported – She is working on the updated Manual for Presbytery. She thanked the Presbytery for sick time given for knee replacement this fall.

REPORT FROM HASTINGS COLLEGE

Doodle Harris presented her report received Grant from Lilly Endowment to be used to Inspire Youth preaching. She announced a summer preaching conference coming in 2024 but as yet dates have not been set. She invited churches that have youth groups to invite her to meetings so she can provide information about a summer youth preaching camp at the College Campus.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL

Sharon Rees reported Polly Deppen-Williams was given a 2% raise.

REPORT FROM BUSINESS AND BUDGET

Don Anthony reported that the Presbytery is doing well. The Budget is holding approximately the same as last year.

REPORT FROM PERSONNEL

Eddie Mariel reported that the Committee recommended that Polly's contract as EP to be extended for 3 years beginning November 2, 2023. Recommendation on the floor was presented to re-elect Polly Deppen-Williams as Stated Clerk. The Presbytery voted renew Polly's position as Executive Presbyter and to re-elect her as Stated Clerk for three years.

REPORT FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sharon Rees reported – Sharon presented the following slate. The Presbytery voted and approved the slate.

- Teaching Elder – Doodle Harris
- General Assembly – Sue Medsker, FPC Hastings
- Ruling Elder – Molly Kammerer, Hastings College

Moderator Gary Smith (RE)

Vice-Moderator Logan Ellis (TE)

226th General Assembly Commissioners

- Rev. Doodle Harris, Teaching Elder
- Sue Medsker, Ruling Elder
- Molly Kammerer, Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Council

- Bob Scriven, RE (2) – Member-at-Large – Class of 2026
- Brian Johnson, RE (1) – Member-at-Large – Class of 2026
- Becky Dobitsch, TE – Synod Rep
- Sue Medsker, RE – PW

Synod Commissioners

- Ruling Elder – Brian Johnson

- Teaching Elder – Becky Dobitsch

COM

- Kirwin Stewart, TE (1), Class of 2026
- Kit Alff, RE (2) – Class of 2026

CPM

- Jill Boyd, TE (1) – Chair, Class of 2024
- Julia Thomsen, RE (3) - Class of 2026
- Greg Allen-Pickett, TE – 1 year - Class of 2024
- Joy Church, TE (1) – Class of 2026

Personnel

- Ivan Dean, TE (2) – Class of 2026
- Judy Biehl, RE (3) – Class of 2026
- Berke Landrum, TE (1) – Class of 2026

Business & Budget Sharon Rees, TE (1) – Class of 2026

PJC – Class of 2029

- Greg Allen-Pickett, TE – Class of 2029
- Anna Stehlick, RE – Class of 2029

Youth Ministry Linda Lambert, RE (2) – Class of 2026

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION

Gary Allen Pickett – Janet Rasmussen, Ruling Elder from St. Paul, is Commissioned Pastor candidate is close to finishing her studies.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COMMITTEE

Logan Ellis reported a directory of youth is being compiled.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Joyce Dean reported working with First Presbyterian O'Neill and Heartland Shared Ministries with changes in their pastor/lay pastors. Effective salary for 2024 is \$52,078. Presbytery voted on this salary increase and motion passed.

COM PRESBYTERY REPORT

Church Moderators:

- Sutherland – Polly Deppen-Williams
- Keystone - Eddie Mariel
- Buffalo Grove – Eddie Mariel
- Benkelman – Polly Deppen-Williams
- Heartland Shared Ministries – Doodle Harris
- St. Paul – Kevin Guerink

Pastoral Changes

COM is working with First Presbyterian Church, O'Neill and Heartland Shared Ministries to complete the forms needed to call a pastor. Recently CLC has completely changed the format, names and website.

Recommended

- The Committee on Ministry is recommending \$52,078 for 2024 Minimum Effective Salary.
- Based on full-time (40 hours) employment
- Reflects a 3% increase
- Cost of living is projected to be 3% for 2024
- The Board of Pensions rate will remain the same. The total dues will be 39% of Effective Salary. (Medical 29%, Pension 8.5%, Death & Disability 1%, Temporary Disability 0.5%)

REPORT FROM SYNOD

Sue Medsker reported it is her last year to moderate and has really appreciated the opportunity. Starting to work on strategic planning for Synod.

NEW BUSINESS

A s added to make a \$1,000 donation to Hastings College Choir for their participation in today's worship service and for a trip they are planning in February 2024.

Motion made to give a \$2000 donation to the Hastings College Choir. It was seconded and approved.

Installation of the Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2024 by Jill Boyd.

Gary Smith, Moderator

Logan Ellis, Vice Moderator

Prayers of the People by Moderator Gary Smith.

THE PRESBYTERY IS SEND FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Gary Smith.

Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk Report

February 3, 2024

Since our last meeting, I wanted to share some of what I have been doing as your Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk:

Meetings with Pastors & Others:

- 10/30/2023 Lunch with a pastor
- 10/31/2023 Meet with a pastor to teach them how to perform a wedding
- 11/2/2023 Pastors' Lunch Bunch @ Good Evans
- 11/2/2023 Meet with members of a church in the presbytery
- 11/4/2023 Dinner in Atkinson, NE with Wayne Owens and his wife
- 11/13/2023 Meet with a pastor
- 11/27/2023 Meet Doodle Harris & Clint Cozier regarding the preaching grant at Hastings College
- 11/30/2023 Meet with pastors
- 12/7/2023 Meet with Jill Boyd re: CPM portion of the Presbytery Manual
- 12/14/2023 Pastors' Lunch Bunch @ Fyre Modern Grill in Kearney
- 1/18/2024 Meet with Jill Boyd & Joyce Dean re: Manual portion about Comissioned Pastors
- 1/18/2024 Pastors' Lunch Bunch @ Good Evans

Churches Visited:

- 10/29/2023 Worship at Buffalo Grove Presbyterian Church
- 11/5/2023 Worship at Community Church in Stuart, NE
- 11/5/2023 Worship at First Presbyterian Church in Atkinson, NE
- 11/12/2023 150th Celebration at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, NE
- 12/10/2023 Preach, Communion, & 2 Baptisms at Keystone Presbyterian Church
- 1/4/2024 Meeting at FPC Axtell
- 1/7/2024 Worship at First Presbyterian Church in Kenesaw, NE
- 1/18/2024 Meeting at FPC Axtell
- 1/21/2024 Worship at FPC Wood River

Presbytery Related Meetings:

- 11/6 to 11/9/2023 Pastoral Leadership Revitalization Retreat in Aurora, NE
- 11/14/2023 COM Meeting
- 11/14/2023 Moderate Session for FPC Sutherland
- 11/15/2023 Business & Budget Meeting
- 12/12/2023 COM Meeting
- 12/12/2023 Presbytery Council Meeting
- 12/18/2023 Meeting in Lincoln with Nebraska Ecumenical Partners
- 1/8/2024 Zoom call with Nebraska Ecumenical Partners
- 1/9/2024 COM Meeting
- 1/9/2024 Council Meeting

Synod & Denomination Meetings:

- 11/8/2023 Synod EP Call
- 11/8/2023 AMCL Zoom Call
- 11/28/2023 Synod Communications Committee Zoom
- 12/11/2023 OPSF Executive Committee Zoom
- 12/13/2023 Synod EP Call
- 12/13/2023 AMCL Zoom Call
- 12/20/2023 OPSF Executive Committee Zoom

- 1/3/2024 OPSF Board Zoom Meeting
- 1/9/2024 OPSF Executive Committee Zoo
- 1/10/2024 Synod EP Call
- 1/10/2024 AMCL Zoom Call

Other projects:

- 12/20/2023 Zoom call with Gary Neal Hansen to talk about Preaching Webinar on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9-11am
- 1/17/2024 Zoom call with Gary Neal Hansen re: Preaching Webinar

Vacation:

November 18 – 26 Phoenix, Arizona for the Thanksgiving Holiday to spend time with Matt's sisters.

Grace & peace,

Polly

Polly Deppen-Williams

Council Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

Council Attendance

Council Chair	Jill Boyd	Present
Moderator	Gary Smith	Present
Vice Moderator	Logan Ellis	Present
COM Chair	Joyce Dean	Present
CPM Chair	Jill Boyd	Present
NOM Chair	Council	
Personnel Chair	Eddie Mariel	Present
Business & Budget Chair	Don Anthony	Present
PYC Chair	Vacant	
PW Chair	Sue Medsker	Present
Synod Commissioner	Becky Dobitsch	Present
Member-at-Large	Bob Scriven	Absent
Member-at-Large	Jon Beggs	Present
Member-at-Large	Brian Johnson	Present
Executive Presbyter	Polly Deppen-Williams	Present

Jill Boyd opened the zoom meeting at 1:02 PM with devotion and prayer.

Council minutes from December 12, 2023 were **APPROVED** as corrected.

Communications: Judy reported that the office has received the following:

- A thank you from Great Plains Small Church Connection for the Presbytery donation of \$350.00.
- A thank you from Calvin Crest Camp & Retreat Center for the Presbytery donation of \$1200.00.
- A gift of \$1200.00 from Robert Thom, retired pastor.

Polly shared her Executive Presbyter & State Clerk report for the February 3, 2024 Presbytery meeting. She highlighted the following:

- She has contacted Gary Neal Hansen who will be leading a Preaching Webinar on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 9-11 am on Zoom.

Reports of Council Committees:

Personnel – no report

Business and Budget- Don reported on the following:

- He has received the November financial statements but is not sharing them until some questions have been answered.
- The committee needs to decide how to use \$64,000.00 received from the Hendrickson Trust Fund. This money is restricted to scholarship and emergency use only. Don recommended that the accrued interest be added to the investment and the entire amount remain in a CD until a plan is approved for the use of the money. The committee agreed.

Nominating – no report.

Reports of Presbytery Committees:

COM Committee – no report.

CPM Committee – no report.

Youth Committee – no report.

PW – no report.

Synod – next meeting will be in person at Mt. Olivet in Farmington, MN, April 28-30, 2024.

Presbytery – next meeting will be on Zoom, February 3, 2024.

- Docket – Audrey Richert will be added.
- Preacher will be Kevin Geurink.
- Offering – participants will be encouraged to give to a cause of their own choosing.

Other business –

- 2024 Presbytery dates and locations:
 - 2/3/2024 – Zoom
 - 4/27/2024 – Valentine
 - 10/26/2024 – North Platte
- Special guests/topics for 2024 meetings:
 - 2/3/2024 – Presbytery manual
 - 4/27/2024 – Phillip Blackburn, rural ministry
 - 10/26/2024 –
- Presbytery Manual
 - Polly will host a zoom meeting on Tuesday evening, January 30, 2024 to discuss changes and answer questions regarding the manual updates.
 - Updates which have been completed will be discussed and voted upon at the February Presbytery meeting. Three sections still need to be rewritten and will not be voted upon at Presbytery. Sue has volunteered to edit.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm and closed with prayer given by Jill.

Next Stated Meetings:

- March 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm by zoom.
- April 9, 2024 at 1:00 pm by zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Rothenberger

Central Nebraska

12/31/2023

Statement of Financial Position						12/31/2023	
Central Nebraska							
Net Assets							
Designated Accounts:	2510p	Peacemaking Fund	\$ 6,042	\$ 7,038	\$ 7,967	\$ 9,306	\$ 9,977
	2540p	Mission & Ministry Fund	244,319	244,319	262,305	262,305	262,305
	2542p	Stuckey/Next Gen Fund	299,656	348,435	402,902	469,793	386,125
	2544p	Leadership Development Fund	94,915	94,915	113,171	113,171	113,171
	2550p	Johnson Scholarship Fund	944	944	2,288	2,695	3,568
	2565p	Mission Development Fund	8,644	8,644	8,644	8,644	8,644
	2570p	Youth Triennium Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Total Designated Accounts			\$ 654,520	\$ 704,295	\$ 797,277	\$ 865,914	\$ 783,790
Reserves:	3000p	Prior Surpluses or Deficits	\$ 181,113	\$ 151,454	\$ 137,252	\$ 197,212	\$ 54,194
		Year-to-date Surpluses or (Deficits)					209,653
	3010p	Designated Reserve	50,692	50,692	50,692	50,692	50,692
Total Reserves			\$ 231,805	\$ 202,146	\$ 187,944	\$ 247,904	\$ 314,538
Total Net Assets			\$ 886,325	\$ 906,442	\$ 985,220	\$ 1,113,818	\$ 1,098,328
Asset Composition							
		Assets Covering Liabilities	\$ 69,763	\$ 58,959	\$ 55,037	\$ 53,032	\$ 23,749
		Assets Supporting Dedicated Accounts	654,520	704,295	797,277	865,914	783,790
		Non-Financial Assets	5,955	5,955	5,955	5,955	-
		Year-to-Date Unallocated Income Net of Expense				-	209,653
		Undesignated Operating Assets (excluding YTD)	244,991	280,635	309,246	-	104,886
Total Assets:			\$ 975,230	\$ 1,049,844	\$ 1,167,515	\$ 944,209	\$ 1,122,078

Central Nebraska Presbytery Church Remittance Reporting												12/1/2023	to	12/31/2023			
		Per Capita (total)	Mission GA	Mission SYN	Mission Presb.	One Great Hour	GA Peace	Pres Peace	Christmas Joy	Tri- ennium	Pente- cost	Desig. Mission*	Hunger Relief	Theo. Edu.	Disaster Relief	Camp	
Income GL	4101p	4001p	4002p	4003p	4121p	4136p	4138p	4126p	2570p	4131p	4151p	4171p	4150p	4170p	4620p		
Expense GL		9001p	9002p		9121p	9136p		9126p		9131p	9151p	2110p	9150p	2100p			
A/P GL		2050p	2055p		2121p	2136p		2126p		2131p	2151p	9137p	2150p	9152p			
Totals:		7,883.30	282.26	445.41	3,769.55		818.74	403.26				51.02		41.67		13,695.21	
Atkinson	4419																
Aurora	4503	420.00														420.00	
Axtell	4504																
Beaver City	4505																
Benkelman	7154																
Broken Bow	4506	408.34													41.67	450.01	
Campbell	4507																
Central City	4508																
Cozad	4509																
Danbury	526																
Edgar	9204																
Ewing	1495																
Ewing Bethany	4428																
Fairfield	7237	129.00														129.00	
Fullerton	4513																
Gothenburg	4516	294.58	38.30	26.51	229.78											589.17	
Grand Island	4517	778.75	108.55	75.15	651.30		278.05	136.95								2,028.75	
Hastings Second	4515																
Hastings First	4519	1,338.00		250.00	2,076.00							51.02				3,715.02	
Holdrege	4520																
Kearney	4521	606.63	21.66	15.00	129.97											773.26	
Kenesaw	4522																
Keystone	4523																
Lebanon	4524																
Lexington First	4526																
Lexington BG	4527	1,155.00														1,155.00	
Minden	9666						540.69	266.31								807.00	
North Platte	4535	455.00	48.75	33.75	292.50											830.00	
O'Neill	4435																
Orleans	4537																
St. Paul	4541																
Stapleton	4545																

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Income GL		4101p	4001p	4002p	4003p	4121p	4136p	4138p	4126p	2570p	4131p	4151p	4171p	4150p	4170p	4620p			
Expense GL			9001p	9002p		9121p	9136p		9126p		9131p	9151p	2110p	9150p	2100p				
	A/P GL		2050p	2055p		2121p	2136p		2126p		2131p	2151p	9137p	2150p	9152p				
Stuart	4441																		
Superior	4547	2,100.00	65.00	45.00	390.00												2,600.00		
Sutherland	4548																		
Valentine	4444																		
Wood River	4549	198.00															198.00		
Presbytery	CNP																		
Payment to Gen. Assembly:		2,689.87															2,689.87		
Payment to Mission Agency:			282.26				818.74						51.02		41.67		1,193.69		
Payment to Foundation:																			
Payment to Synod:		1,536.33		445.41													1,981.74		
	Disaster Giving Designations								GA Designated Giving Designations										
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		4506	Disaster	41.67	ACCT#000148														
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A/P GL		2050p	2055p		2121p	2136p		2126p		2131p	2151p	9137p	2150p	9152p		
Totals:		103,771.05	5,592.38	6,855.87	68,611.83	10,017.43	1,360.77	670.23	7,125.39		1,851.00	150.00	522.51	1,226.24	7,991.38	215,746.08
Atkinson	4419															
Aurora	4503	420.00				72.50	33.50	16.50	50.00		50.00					642.50
Axtell	4504	2,205.00			250.00											2,455.00
Beaver City	4505	3,115.00	325.00	225.00	1,950.00											5,615.00
Benkelman	7154															
Broken Bow	4506	4,900.08				211.15			100.00						666.38	5,877.61
Campbell	4507	2,443.50				260.53										2,704.03
Central City	4508	1,876.00														1,876.00
Cozad	4509	1,715.00	1,275.00	867.00	2,958.00	576.00	364.48	179.52	530.00		306.00				825.00	9,596.00
Danbury	526	536.00														536.00
Edgar	9204	3,605.00	325.00	225.00	1,950.00				175.00							6,280.00
Ewing	1495	1,645.00										150.00				1,795.00
Ewing Bethany	4428	1,890.00	260.00	180.00	1,560.00	450.00								500.00		4,840.00
Fairfield	7237	2,135.00	325.00	225.00	1,950.00				195.00							4,830.00
Fullerton	4513	3,640.00	255.45	176.85	1,532.70	258.19										5,863.19
Gothenburg	4516	3,534.96	459.60	318.12	2,757.36	910.00										7,980.04
Grand Island	4517	8,566.25	1,194.05	826.65	7,164.30	1,468.00	278.05	136.95	602.00		225.00					20,461.25
Hastings Second	4515	980.00	195.00	135.00	1,170.00	342.00			483.00		45.00			500.00	1,500.00	5,350.00
Hastings First	4519	16,100.00		3,000.00	25,000.00	1,651.50			1,006.00				522.51			47,280.01
Holdrege	4520	5,040.00			6,500.00				880.00							12,420.00
Kearney	4521	7,280.00	260.03	180.00	1,559.97	110.00	144.05	70.95	468.75		445.00					10,518.75
Kenesaw	4522	805.00														805.00
Keystone	4523	210.00	39.00	27.00	234.00	1,144.00								226.24		1,880.24
Lebanon	4524															
Lexington First	4526	7,735.00			5,000.00	535.56			777.64							14,048.20
Lexington BG	4527	2,310.00														2,310.00
Minden	9666	3,780.00			2,000.00	1,218.00	540.69	266.31	970.00		600.00					9,375.00
North Platte	4535	5,005.00	536.25	371.25	3,217.50	280.00			45.00							9,455.00
O'Neill	4435	3,234.38				480.00			167.00		180.00					4,061.38
Orleans	4537	910.00	78.00	54.00	468.00											1,510.00
St. Paul	4541															
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Stuart	4441	840.00				50.00											890.00
Superior	4547	2,100.00	65.00	45.00	390.00												2,600.00
Sutherland	4548	1,645.00			1,000.00				676.00								3,321.00
Valentine	4444	2,381.88															2,381.88
Wood River	4549	1,188.00															1,188.00
Presbytery	CNP														5,000.00		5,000.00
Payment to Gen. Assembly:		32,278.44															32,278.44
Payment to Mission Agency:			5,592.38			10,017.43	1,360.77		7,125.39		1,851.00	150.00	522.51		7,991.38		34,610.86
Payment to Foundation:														1,226.24			1,226.24
Payment to Synod:		18,435.96		6,855.87													25,291.83
Disaster Giving Designations									GA Designated Giving Designations								
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		CNP	Disaster	\$ 5,000.00	Where most needed				1495	GA Desig.	\$ 150.00	D505045 Sthreshley					
		4506	Disaster	\$ 41.67	ACCT#000148												
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**COM PRESBYTERY REPORT
FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

Church Moderators:

- Sutherland – Polly Deppen-Williams
- Keystone Presbyterian Church quarterly –Eddie Mariel (meets in Paxton)
- Buffalo Grove – Eddie Mariel
- Benkelman – Polly Deppen-Williams
- Church of the Plains, Edgar – Doodle Harris
- First Presbyterian, St. Paul – Kevin Geurink
- First Presbyterian, O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian – Wayne Owens

Churches in Transition:

- Heartland Shared Ministries MDP in online
- O'Neill and Bethany Presbyterian Churches have the MDP online

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of Central Nebraska Meeting
February 3, 2024

Current members of the CPM include Joy Church, Mary Lou Clark, Becky Dobitsch, Logan Ellis, Julia Thomsen, and Jill Boyd (chair).

Over the past year, the CPM has had two people under care – Janet Rasmussen and Sara Babcock.

Janet Rasmussen. The CPM met with Janet in January to conduct her final assessment. She preached for us, answered all of our questions; and was open to constructive feedback. We could really see her heart in her preaching and answers, and we have witnessed tremendous growth in her during her time under our care. Janet has completed her coursework at Dubuque and all other requirements that were put forth to her by the CPM. She has been adequately trained to be considered for a commission and we have recommended her to COM. It has been a pleasure to work with her and we will continue to be available if needed.

Sara Babcock. Sara graduated from Louisville Seminary last year and is currently working in their admissions department. We hope to conduct her annual assessment this spring and discuss where she is at in her discernment process.

CPM/COM Policies & Procedures. Jill has been working with Polly and Joyce on these sections of the presbytery's Manual of Operations.

New Inquirers. We are aware of two individuals who may be contacting us about entering the process, and we look forward to those conversations.

2024 Goals. The CPM has a new chair (me) and a new member (Joy Church). My hope is to get everyone together soon so that we can get to know one another, review the process and our roles, and explore options for training so that others can learn to lead the CPM.

We have deeply committed and faithful people who are serving, and it's a privilege for me to be back on the CPM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Boyd