November 17, 2022 First Presbyterian Church, Wahoo NE

Moderator -Terri Sherman

**CALL TO ORDER**

The stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Terri Sherman, at 10:02 a.m., on November 17, 2022. The moderator was in the chair and the stated clerk was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Terri Sherman. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved as printed.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and showed the following members present or excused with cause: (Attendance Key: A, Absent; P, Present; E, Excused; R, Retired; M, Military Service; VM, Validated Ministry)

**MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (TEACHING ELDERS)**

E - Jon Ashley

R/E - Sue Babovec

P - Teresa Bartlett

P - Darin Bentzinger R/E - Steve Breazier P - Alan Brehm

R/E - Stephen J. Brownlee R/E - Ronald L. Bump R/E - Robert Burdett

P - Sue Coller R/E - Gail Cross R/P - Ellen Davis

R/E - Noel DeKalb

P - Owen Derrick

R/P - John Duling

P - Thomas Dummermuth P - Stephen Earl

E - Michael Eickhoff

R/E - Lonnie Eschliman R/P - Carl Eskridge

P - Sarah Gengler R/E - James Goble

VM/E - Kara Hillhouse

P - Jane Holtzclaw

M/E - Dennis E. Hysom

R/E - Robert W. Jeamby

P - Brian Johnson

P - Melodie Jones Pointon R/E - Burton A. Knudsen

A - Sungjae Lee

P - Leanne Masters

R/E - Timothy McClain

R/E-Nancy McCurley

P - James K. McNeal

R/E - Raymond Meester

P – Michele Monroe-Clark

E - Karen Moritz

R/E - Juventino Naranjo

R/E - Gail M. Neal

P - Erica Nelson

R/P - Jon Noble

R/E- Tom Osborne

A - Jock Tut Paleak

E - Chris Peters

E - Lauren Peters

P - Steve Piper

P - Charity Potter

R/E - Harold Rainey

A - Laura Rasmussen

R/E - Jimmy Shelbourn

R/E - Robert Snell

R/E - Jim Splitt

R/E- Kathleen Splitt

R/E – Roxie Sullivan

R/E - Gary A. Thomson

R/E - Richard Tiggelaar

R/E - Nanette Tomlinson - Knoell

A – Sara Tonje

R/E - Earl Underwood Jr.

A – Ron Wakeman

P - Jeff Warrick

R/P - Duane Westing

P - Zac Wolfe

R/E - Richard Wyatt

P- Seung Edward Yang

**Temporary Members**

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| P - Gregg Gahan (Evangelical Free) | P – Diane Morgan (DOC) |  |

**Commissioned Pastors**

P - Lana Likens A - John Nellessen A - Steve Pointon

**Certified Christian Educator**

P - Kris Brammer, Lincoln, First

**Elders**

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| **Churches** | **Elders** | **Churches** | **Elders** |
| Akron | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Fourth | No Commissioner |
| Alexander | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Good Shepherd | No Commissioner |
| Auburn | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Heritage | Leanne Miller |
| Bancroft, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Korean | No Commissioner |
| Beatrice, First | Suzanne Byler | Lincoln, S. Heights | Suzie Harder |
| Belden, Union | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster | Margaret Sprude |
| Cedar Bluffs, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster (2) | No Commissioner |
| Clarkson, New Zion | Patricia Dusatko | Lincoln, Westminster (3) | No Commissioner |
| Clarkson, New Zion (2) | Barb Kudera | Lyons, First | No Commissioner |
| Columbus, Federated | No Commissioner | Nebraska City, First | Julie Hopp |
| Craig, First | No Commissioner | Niobrara-Verdel | No Commissioner |
| Dunbar | No Commissioner | Norfolk, First | No Commissioner |
| Fairbury, First | No Commissioner | North Bend, United | No Commissioner |
| Falls City, First | John Martin | Palmyra | Glenda Beckman |
| Fremont | No Commissioner | Panama | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (2) | No Commissioner | Pawnee City | Karen Richardson |
| Fremont (3) | No Commissioner | Pender | No Commissioner |
| Gresham | Wendy Wait | Primrose | No Commissioner |
| Hebron, First | No Commissioner | Schuyler, First | No Commissioner |
| Hickman | Bruce Kuster | Steele City | No Commissioner |
| Hickman (2) | No Commissioner | Tekamah, First | No Commissioner |
| Humboldt | No Commissioner | Thurston, John Huss | No Commissioner |
| Laurel, United | No Commissioner | Wahoo, Czech | Judy Proett |
| Liberty, Mission Creek | No Commissioner | Wahoo, First | Grace Ketner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge | No Commissioner | Wakefield | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (2) | No Commissioner | Wayne | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (3) | No Commissioner | Wymore, United | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, First | Joan Berglund | York | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, First (2) | Cindy Lloyd |  |  |

**OFFICERS, COUNCIL, AND STAFF**

Moderator P – Terri Sherman

Vice Moderator P – Steven Piper (Continuing Member)

Council Moderator P – Steven Piper (Continuing Member)

Stated Clerk P – Erica Nelson (Continuing Member)

Interim Executive Presbyter P - Stephen Earl (Continuing Member)

Treasurer P – Ed McClymont

Moderator, Commission on Ministry P – Charity Potter (Continuing Member) Moderator, Nominating Committee P – Teresa Bartlett (Continuing Member) Committee on Preparation for Ministry P – Jane Holtzclaw (Continuing Member)

Moderator, Administration and Finance P – Joyce Douglas

Moderator, Program and Grants P – Kris Brammer

Moderator, Presbyterian Women P - Terri Sherman

Moderator, Committee on New Worshiping Communities, Church Development, and Church Redevelopment Vacant

Moderator, Disaster Response and Beyond E – Chris Peters (Continuing Member)

Member at Large of Council P – Joan Berglund

Member at Large of Council A - Steve Pointon

Member at Large of Council E – Teri Wendel

By virtue of being invited to speak to the presbytery, Craig Huffman was seated as corresponding member.

First-time commissioners and new Ministers of Word and Sacrament were introduced and welcomed.

Worship was led by the Strategy Team and the Lord’s Supper was celebrated led by Steve Piper and Terri Sherman. Offerings collected during worship will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, for hurricane relief. Following worship, the Strategy team led the education portion of the meeting.

The Strategy Team presented the first reading of the new Strategic Plan. This plan includes a job description for a Facilitating Presbyter and a new committee structure, see Attachment A.

**CELEBRATIONS**

The presbytery celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Owen Derrick (15 years) and Zac Wolfe (10 years) and the 140th anniversary of Wahoo Czech Presbyterian Church and the 135th Anniversary of Gresham Presbyterian Church. Good Shepherd in Lincoln is celebrating the work they have done with PDA and CWS.

The presbytery also celebrated the South Sudan Mission Network and the work they are doing within the presbytery.

It was moved for Homestead Presbytery to become affiliated with the Sudan/South Sudan Mission Network. The motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The moderators of the Administration and Finance Committee reported.

The stated clerk and the executive presbyter were excused to discuss the extension of their contracts/terms. A temporary clerk was appointed for the duration of this discussion.

It was moved to extend the interim Executive Presbyter Stephen Earl’s contract through the end of February, with no further extensions. This vote was taken by ballot. The motion carried.

It was moved to extend the interim Stated Clerk Erica Nelson’s contract through the end of February, with possible further extensions. The motion was amended to change “end of February” to “end of June.” The amendment carried. This vote was taken by ballot. The motion carried, as amended.

On behalf of the Administrative Commission to Close Churches, the Administration and Finance Committee presented both the Humboldt and Liberty/Mission Creek churches to be dissolved.

For the United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek, it was moved:

1. That the United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek congregation, Liberty Nebraska, be dissolved December 31, 2022
2. That the church building be transferred to Brandon Bergmeier and Chelsea Sedlacek-Bergmeier, 105 Stout St. PO Box 417, Western NE 68464, for $1.00 effective November 17, 2022, with the responsibility of restoring the property after the building is removed.
3. That the 1.4 acres of church land be transferred to Charles (Jim) Barr, 60623 704th Rd., Liberty, NE 68381 and Harold (Skip) Barr, 51536 S 162nd Rd., Liberty NE 68381 for $2,300, said land to be converted back to farm use. The legal description is: W 233.9’ of E 990’ of S 240.6’ of SE ¼ of section 21-1-9 in Pawnee County, NE;
4. That any members of the former United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek who have not transferred their church memberships to another Presbyterian congregation or another denomination, be placed on the roster of Homestead Presbytery until the end of 2024 with the Administrative Commission providing an accounting of the transfer of members and a listing of all those remaining on the rolls to the Stated Clerk;
5. That at the November 17, 2022 Stated Meeting of Homestead Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Wahoo NE, the life and ministry of United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek be recognized and celebrated;
6. That the minutes of the Administrative Commission referring to United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek be kept on file at the Presbytery Office and that the final report of the Administrative Commission be spread on the full minutes of this stated meeting of Presbytery.

The motion carried. The minutes will be included as Attachment B.

For the Humboldt Presbyterian Church, it was moved:

1. That the sale of the property located at Lot one (1) Block Eleven (11) in Humboldt, Nebraska, to the Board of the Quad County Historical and Research Society be approved.
2. That the First Presbyterian church of Humboldt, Nebraska be dissolved December 31, 2022, and that the members of the congregation listed above who have not yet transferred membership elsewhere be retained on the rolls of Homestead Presbytery until the end of 2024.
3. That at the November 2022 Stated Meeting of Homestead Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Wahoo Nebraska, the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church be recognized and celebrated.
4. That the minutes of the Administrative Commission be kept on file at the Presbytery Office and that the final report of the Administrative Commission be spread on the full minutes of this stated meeting of Presbytery.

The motion carried. The minutes will be included as Attachment C.

It was moved to adopt the following resolution: “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Presbytery delegates the power to Joyce V. Douglas, the President, to sign any purchase agreements and to sign and execute any other documents related to the sales, including the deed, transfer statement, closing statement, indemnity agreement requested by a title company, bills of sale, receipts and any other document deemed by her to be necessary or desirable to close and otherwise effectuate the sale of the Property.” The motion carried.

It was moved to authorize Laurel Presbyterian Church to list their manse as For Sale. The motion carried.

A Closing Church Rite was celebrated so the body could celebrate the life and ministry of both First Presbyterian Church of Humboldt and United Presbyterian Church of Mission Creek.

**OFFICERS AND STAFF**

The moderator of presbytery reported.

The moderator of council reported. The called presbytery meetings for 2023 are February 18th at Fremont Church, May 18th (location TBD), August 12th (tentative based on Calvin Crest availability) and November 16th (location TBD). Council meetings will be January 17th, April 18th, July 18th, and October 17th.

The treasurer, Ed McClymont reported. Presbytery received the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Activities, and Per Capita and Mission Giving by Church statements through September 30th, included as Attachment D. The final draft of the budget was presented and approved as presented. It is attached as Attachment E.

Interim Stated Clerk Erica Nelson reported. The minutes of the August 13, 2022 presbytery meeting, January 25, 2022 and July 19, 2022 Called Council meeting were approved as printed at its October 18, 2022 meeting.

The Interim Executive Presbytery Stephen Earl reported.

The commissioner to Synod, Duane Westing, reported.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Charity Potter reported.

Rev. Heidi Wallace has resigned as pastor from Lyons Church.

The following actions of the Commission were reported:

1. Doris Martin was approved and commissioned to her work as hospice chaplain at Cottonwood Hospice Care in Beatrice.
2. The contract for Jon Noble was renewed at Wahoo, for a term of 3 months, ending on January 21st, 2023.
3. The Contrack for Jim McNeal was approved for Mission Creek, Steel City, and Wymore, for the year of 2023
4. Rev. Owen Derrick has been appointed as a moderator for Lyons going forward.
5. Jim McNeal has been appointed moderator of Falls City to relieve Tom Osborne.
6. Jim McNeal has been appointed temporary moderator of Nebraska City while Tom is under the weather.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Jane Holtzclaw provided a written report. Doris Martin was certified ready for commissioning at the August CPM meeting. There is currently one individual on the ordination track (inquirer status) and two individuals on the commissioned pastor track. Gina Meester was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on September 10th, 2022 by the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Teresa Bartlett reported. Following an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following people were elected:

**Calvin Crest Board**

Pamela Eggleston – Schuyler – class of 2025, 2nd term

**Council at Large**

Elder Steve Pointon – Lincoln 4th – 2nd term

**Commission on Ministry**

Elder Wendy Waite, Gresham – Class of 2025, 1st term

Elder Lana Likens, Alexandria – Class of 2025, 1st term

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Michele Monroe-Clark, Clarkson - Class of 2025, 1st term

Elder Kris “Bubba” Brammer, Lincoln First – Class of 2025, 1st term

Elder Carolyn Harp, Westminster – Class of 2023, 1st term

**Disaster Response**

Elder Bill Royer, Columbus – Class of 2025, 2nd term

**Vice Moderator of Presbytery**

Rev. Brian Johnson, Norfolk

**Program and Grants**

Elder Bill Wehrbein, Eastridge – Class of 2025, 1st term

Rev. Owen Derrick – nominated as moderator

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved as presented.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Joan Berglund provided a written report.

**PROGRAM AND GRANT COMMITTEE**

Kris Brammer provided a written report.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

There was no continuing business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were 27 ministers and 17 ruling elders, for a total of 44 ruling elders and minister members in attendance. These included 16 ruling elder commissioners, 25 Ministers of Word and Sacrament, 2 temporary members of presbytery, 1 commissioned lay pastor, 1 certified Christian educator, and 14 members of Council. 16 of forty-eight churches had ruling elder commissioners enrolled. (The total of the groups will be greater than the total in attendance as some have more than one role.)

The exiting moderator was thanked for her service and the incoming moderator and vice moderator were installed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. with prayer by Steve Piper.

NEXT STATED MEETING

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY

FEBRUARY 18th, 2023

10:00 AM

LOCATION – FREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Erica Nelson, Stated Clerk Date Approved: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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