



The Homesteader

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Dear Kris

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May 17, 2014

What a wonderful day for an assembly! Our southern tier folks had a wonderful welcome and great meeting.



During worship over \$200 was offered for the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



After beginning with worship and communion, we had an opportunity to learn and be inspired by two workshop leaders:

Rev. Darin Bentzinger (Panama) gave a practical how-to presentation, complete with handouts, for starting a weeknight program at the church. Ideas were shared by the participants as well. We were provided ideas and tools for a successful new ministry in our own churches.

Rev. James Goble, H.R., inspired us through wit and humor with The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. Jim's insights through these books are always enjoyable and thought-provoking. Additionally, Jim shared some a couple of compositions in Seuss-rhyme that re-told some familiar Bible stories in an engaging meter!



Fellowship at lunch was enhanced by the wonderful fried chicken dinner. It was finger-lickin' good! Money was donated to Pawnee City's local food bank.

The assembly was concluded with a little business.



- Craig Huffman shared the good news about

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Calvin Crest that the pool fund is within closing. An anonymous donor has provided a matching grant up to \$50,000 to complete the funding this year.

- Presbytery affirmed that full family medical insurance through the Board of Pensions will continue to be part of the minimum compensation for pastors.
- The request of Hopewell Presbyterian Church to close was approved and a commission appointed to work with the congregation.
- CPM requested volunteers to read Standard Ordination Exams electronically for this year.
- Vacancies in committees were filled:
 - Nominating: Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn; Charles Noren (Hickman)
 - One vacancy remains in the Class of 2014
 - Preparation for Ministry: David Hall (Palmyra)
 - Calvin Crest: James Hines (Tekamah)
 - Personnel: Rev. Andrew McDonald
 - Ministry: Terry Scheuneman (Schuyler)
- Business & Finance Committee emphasized the need for congregational mission support to continue. Giving is behind from last year. Thirty percent of the mission receipts of Homestead are shared with General Assembly and Synod for their mission regionally, nationally, and world-wide.
- November 14, those from Homestead who are interested to see how John Knox Presbytery conducts a video presbytery assembly in four locations will leave for Dubuque. Their meeting is on Saturday November 15. Those interested to attend should contact Doc, 402-613-7565 or richardw@homesteadpres.org
- Deposits of \$50 are being received for those wishing to travel with the Homestead Pilgrimage to Scotland in 2016. Details are on the web www.homesteadpres.org



BLESSING OPPORTUNITIES

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." --Jesus

Congregational Unified Mission Giving. Of the giving by congregations to the presbytery, 70% is for ministry and mission within Homestead Presbytery; 30% is shared for the work of the Synod and of the General Assembly.

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation or ministry -
Church news, event promotion, mission articles and photos are all welcome!
Please submit articles to Jessica at hpooffice@homesteadpres.org

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