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## Homesteader - September 15, 2014

### PRIMETIME HIGHLIGHTS

#### August 22-23 Calvin Crest

Our second annual joint meeting with Missouri River Presbytery at Calvin Crest for our August assembly was magnificent. The weather was wonderful...just a little nourishing rain! A new feature was both presbyteries sharing lunch family style, giving a good opportunity to meet new people.

The presenters, Lisa Kramme and Jodi Filipi, led us into story-telling and praying with color and doodles. Spiritually up-building as well as fun! Worship Saturday morning was a unique "Mossey Creek" style. Pastor Steve Frazier (Steel City and Fairbury) along with the Flatland Hillbillies Band presented a reformed liturgy in an informal mode with a story-telling sermon presentation.

And of course, Calvin Crest is a wonderful setting and is always an opportunity to enjoy God's creation and remember God's abiding spirit.



Fellowship through meals



Jody Filipi & Lisa Kramme



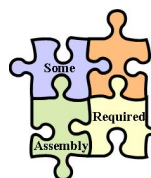
Communion together



Homestead Assembly



Resource Coordinator, Kris Peterson



#### SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

\* Nominating Committee presented the Class of 2015 for our standing committees.

\* Invitation to form a new Ministry and Mission task group to connect with the Czech Brethren Diakone of the Czech Republic [contact Duncan Nichol, Tekamah]

\* The Ordered Ministries Workshop will be held January 10, 2015 hosted by Good Shepherd in

Lincoln.

\* A new M&M is building a Habitat House. Churches are asked to donate to the PresbyBuild. Also, fairly traded coffee is available, proceeds of which will help fund this project.

\* Homestead's 2015 budget was passed. Homestead is lowering its per capita since Synod and GA have raised theirs, so that the total per capita for congregations remains at \$36.

\* Presbytery approved Southern Heights construction of a bell tower by VerizonWireless which will be leased for cell tower equipment.

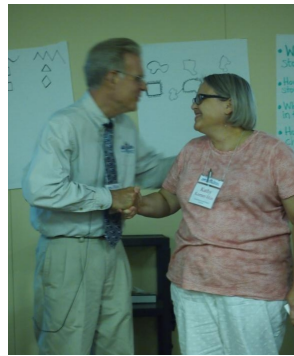
\* A special committee was authorized to investigate the future relationship of the Lincoln Korean Presbyterian Church.

\* The Rev. S. Neal Allen (North Bend) was approved for the status of Honorably Retired.

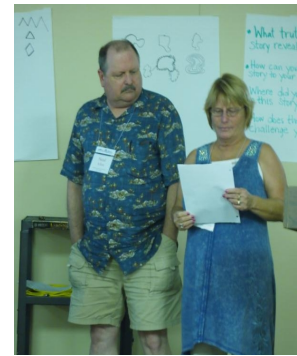
\* The Rev. Kathy Keener, Interim Pastor at Norfolk, was dismissed to Cascades Presbytery.

\* We welcomed the Rev. Alan Brehm as the new pastor at Hickman.

\* August 18, 2015 those interested will be visiting John Knox Presbytery to experience their video meeting. They have four video sites. We will be at Postville, IA.



Farewell to Rev. Kathy Keener-Han



Retirement of Rev. Neal Allen

## NEBRASKA STORM FUND UPDATE

Our members across the presbytery and beyond have shown extraordinary support for the needs of the people affected by the devastating storms this year. Many people donated clothes and furniture. Several churches sent teams to walk the fields and pick up debris. Many more contributed generously.

**Our congregations sent a total of \$12,258.71 for the Homestead Storm Relief Fund.** In addition, a congregation in California sent over \$5,000, and Presbyterian Disaster Relief provided a grant of \$7,500. These funds will help in the recovery of communities in Beaver Crossing, Laurel, Wakefield and Pilger.

Thanks be to God for your generosity.

## Blessing Opportunity 2 Corinthians 9:7-8



Make a donation to the [Habitat for Humanity - Presby Build](#)

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## Keep Thinking...

Be careful how you live. Your life is a permanent sermon.  
Romans 2: 21-24

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