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The Homesteader - October 22, 2015

Be a YAV!

The Young Adult Volunteer Program

What's next? What's now? The Young Adult Volunteer program is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in Intentional Christian Communities, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August-July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.



YAV Promotional Video

[Apply today](#) to be apart of the YAV program!
For more information go to [The YAV Experience](#)

Synod fetes Barber, Wilkinson; elects Prouty stated clerk

By: Duane Sweep

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies, conducting its

Get your Presbytery Gear

Get a Homestead Presbytery shirt in time to wear to the next stated meeting! We have several different styles for you to choose from. We have Red Oxford shirts for \$20, Blue polos, long sleeve denim and grey t-shirts all for \$5, and Presbybuild shirts for \$12.



Call to reserve yours now! You can reach the Homestead office at 402-474-0612 or email us at hpooffice@homesteadpres.org. You could always stop in for a visit too during our office hours on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9-Noon.

Making Space for God

Disciple Making Church Conference

"Focusing on rhythm and practices that allow us to create margin in our lives, discover how to truly engage in the ministry of disciple-making out of our relationship with God." -Ray Jones, *The Presbyterian Disciple*

Hurry and make plans to attend! January 18-21, 2016 at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Early bird registration ends November 1. [Making Space For God](#)

Looking for a new bible study?

fall meeting last week at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center, feted two long-serving members of its leadership team. The synod recognized the service of Diana Barber,



associate executive for leadership development, and J. Jay Wilkinson, stated clerk and treasurer, who plan to retire shortly after the new year.

The synod also elected Pam Prouty, stated clerk of the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, as its new stated clerk.

She will take office Jan. 1. The synod also elected Fern Cloud, commissioner from Dakota Presbytery to serve as the 2016 moderator, and Greg Braatz, commissioner from Winnebago Presbytery, to be its next vice moderator. These stories and more from the synod meeting can be found at [Synod Summary](#).



Covenant Bible Study is designed in three, 8-week sessions, they examine God's covenants within scripture. Each week, the class can watch a 20-minute conversation between two co-hosts and a leading biblical scholar, then engages in a guided discussion around the video and the week's scripture. If this sounds like something you would like to do with your church you can request a [free sample](#) of the material!

Outstanding Homesteader: Extended Date, Nominations Due by October 29

The Outstanding Homesteader application due date has been extended until the 29th, please have all applications in by Noon. Think of someone you know who has done a lot for Homestead Presbytery and nominate him or her for the Outstanding Homesteader award. The nomination form is on the Presbytery website. Click [here](#) to download the nomination requirements and form. Nominations are due by October 30.

Blessing Opportunity *2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

Leadership...

Leaders are committed to seeing their people flourish and become their best selves. So while we're busy being good leaders, will we love even our enemies or those not like us? It isn't the easiest route, but it's the way of leadership that Jesus modeled. Are we able to love like Jesus loved without knowing and loving God first? Are we willing to wash feet? -every pair assigned to us? Go out and Serve!

Please give directly to your congregation or send to Homestead Presbytery.

Keep Thinking...

Who dares to teach must never cease to learn.

- J.C. Dana

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