August 13, 2022 Camp Calvin Crest, Fremont NE

Moderator -Terri Sherman

**CALL TO ORDER**

The stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Terri Sherman, at 10:08 a.m., on August 13, 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)**

A - Jon Ashley

R/E - Sue Babovec

P - Teresa Bartlett

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

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

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

R/E - Noel DeKalb

A - Owen Derrick

R/E - John Duling

A - Thomas Dummermuth P - Stephen Earl

E - Michael Eickhoff

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

E - Sarah Gengler R/E - James Goble

A - 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 - Joungnam Lee

A - Sungjae Lee

E - 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/E - Jon Noble

R/P- Tom Osborne

E - Jock Tut Paleak

A - Chris Peters

A - Lauren Peters

P - Steve Piper

P - Charity Potter

R/E - Harold Rainey

P - 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

P – Sara Tonje

R/E - Earl Underwood Jr.

P – Ron Wakeman

P - Jeff Warrick

R/P - Duane Westing

A - Zac Wolfe

R/E - Richard Wyatt

E- Seung Edward Yang

**Temporary Members**

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| P - Gregg Gahan (Evangelical Free) | A – Diane Morgan (DOC) | A - Heidi Wallace (ELCA) |

**Commissioned Pastors**

P - Lana Likens A - John Nellessen A - Carla Patterson E - 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 | Peg Molver |
| Auburn | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Heritage | No Commissioner |
| Bancroft, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Korean | Hongwook Suh |
| Beatrice, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, S. Heights | Suzie Harder |
| Belden, Union | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster | Kathleen Rohwedder |
| Cedar Bluffs, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster (2) | Margaret Sprude |
| Clarkson, New Zion | Patricia Dusatko | Lincoln, Westminster (3) |  |
| Clarkson, New Zion (2) | Barb Kudera | Lyons, First | No Commissioner |
| Columbus, Federated | No Commissioner | Nebraska City, First | No Commissioner |
| Craig, First | No Commissioner | Niobrara-Verdel | Wanda Dekay |
| Dunbar | No Commissioner | Norfolk, First | Teri Wendel |
| Fairbury, First | Debbie Hellbusch | North Bend, United | Tony Hartman |
| Falls City, First | Rick Martin | Palmyra | No Commissioner |
| Fremont | Bonnie Forney | Panama | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (2) | No Commissioner | Pawnee City | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (3) | No Commissioner | Pender | No Commissioner |
| Gresham | Wendy Wait | Primrose | No Commissioner |
| Hebron, First | Vicki Fleming | 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 | Michael Sabatka |
| Liberty, Mission Creek | No Commissioner | Wahoo, First | Grace Ketner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge | Alinda Stelk | Wakefield | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (2) | No Commissioner | Wayne | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (3) | No Commissioner | Wymore, United | Brad Keller |
| Lincoln, First | Joan Berglund | York | Donn Atchison |
| 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 P – Chris Peters (Continuing Member)

Member at Large of Council P – Joan Berglund

Member at Large of Council E - Steve Pointon

Member at Large of Council P – Teri Wendel

By virtue of being invited to speak to the presbytery, Audrey Richert 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 Charity Potter. Offerings collected during worship will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, half for Ukrainian relief and half for general relief. Following worship, the Strategy team led the education portion of the meeting.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The moderators of the Administration and Finance Committee reported.

**CELEBRATIONS**

The presbytery celebrated the five-year tenure of the Administrative Assistant of the Presbytery, Jes, as she leaves to pursue a different career. We also celebrated the ordination anniversaries of Melodie Pointon Jones (20 years) and Michael Eickhoff (25 years) and the 150th anniversary of Alexandria Presbyterian Church. The presbytery also celebrated the South Sudan Mission Network and the work they are doing within the presbytery.

**OFFICERS AND STAFF**

One of the delegates to the 225th General Assembly, Wendy Wait, presented their recap of the assembly.

The commissioner to Synod, Duane Westing, reported.

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 June 30th, included as Attachment A. There were funds left from a grant to Latino Ministries from several decades ago that will be folded into the presbytery financials and utilized within the presbytery. Carl Eskridge of the Administration and Finance Committee reported on the draft 2023 budget.

Interim Stated Clerk Erica Nelson reported. The minutes of the May 19, 2022 presbytery meeting and April 26, 2022 Called Council meeting were approved as printed at its July 19, 2022 meeting. The Synod reviewed the minutes from 2019, 2020, and 2021 and they were approved with minor exceptions. The roll books were approved.

The Interim Executive Presbytery Stephen Earl reported.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Charity Potter reported.

The following actions of the Commission were reported:

1. Auburn and North Bend have both been cleared to and have elected PNC’s.
2. Edward Yang will become moderator of the Niobrara church upon his return from sabbatical.
3. Dennis Hysom has been transferred to MAL status.
4. Kara Hillhouse has been moved to Validated Ministry status.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Jane Holtzclaw provided a written report. Gina Meester was examined and has been certified ready to receive a call. Dave Fritz, previously a candidate to become a Commissioned Pastor, has asked to be removed from care of CPM, and his request was approved. There is currently one individual under care of CPM on the Ordination track and three under care in the Commissioned Pastor track.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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

**Commission on Ministry** – Rev. Charity Potter, designated as moderator

Kris Adler Brammer, class of 2024

Rev. Tom Osborne, Class of 2022

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

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Terri Sherman provided a written report.

**PROGRAM AND GRANT COMMITTEE**

Kris Brammer provided a written report.

**STRATEGY TEAM**

The strategy team is changing the staffing model they had previously planned with new information regarding the budget. They will present this new model to Council in October, and present the first reading to presbytery in November.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

There was no continuing business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were 19 ministers and 25 ruling elders, for a total of 44 ruling elders and minister members in attendance. These included 23 ruling elder commissioners, 18 Ministers of Word and Sacrament, 1 temporary members of presbytery, 1 commissioned lay pastor, 1 certified Christian educator, and 14 members of Council. 20 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 meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. with prayer by Terri Sherman.

NEXT STATED MEETING

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

10:00 AM

LOCATION – TO BE DETERMINED

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

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