

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY
One Hundred Seventy-Eighth Meeting

May 16, 2019
Moderator-Jeff Warrick

United Presbyterian Church
North Bend, Nebraska

All times approximate except lunch, which is order of the day.

- 10:00 a.m. PRESBYTERY CONVENES: Jeff Warrick
Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Declaration of Quorum
Adoption of Docket
Seating of corresponding members
Welcome of first time commissioners
Welcome by the host-**HOST LETTER**
- 10:20 a.m. WORSHIP..... The offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- 11:20 a.m. DAY OF DISCERNMENT REPORT: **REPORT**..... Cheryl Rennick
- 11:50 p.m. NEBRASKA PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION Audrey Richert
- 12:00 p.m. RECESS FOR LUNCH. A reminder that at each table will be a can for the
“Two-Cents-A-Meal” (Cents-ability) hunger program of the PC (U.S.A.)
- 1:00 p.m. STAFF AND OFFICERS: Moderator Jeff Warrick
Treasurer Cheryl Rennick
Stated Clerk-**REPORT/MOTIONS** Raymond Meester
- 1:15 p.m. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY-**REPORT/MOTIONS** Kristi Hill
- 1:45 p.m. INTERIM EP SEARCH COMMITTEE- **REPORT/MOTIONS** Carl Eskridge
- 2:15 p.m. PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE- **REPORT**
Sue Babovec and Gary Haller
- 2:30 p.m. NOMINATING COMMITTEE **REPORT/MOTIONS** Jim McNeal
- 2:35 p.m. PROGRAMS AND GRANTS-**REPORT/MOTIONS** Jim McNeal
- 2:50 p.m. NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES-**REPORT/MOTIONS** John Duling
- 3:00 p.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN..... Terri Sherman
- 3:05 p.m. NEW BUSINESS
- 3:10 p.m. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 3:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

WRITTEN REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

NEXT MEETING: The One Hundred and Seventy-Ninth stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery will be August 16 and 17, 2019, (Friday evening and Saturday), at Calvin Crest Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center, Fremont, Nebraska. It is a joint meeting with Missouri River Presbytery. The Co-Moderator of 223rd General Assembly, Cindy Kohlmann, will be our speaker and preacher.

TIPS ON NAVIGATING THE PRESBYTERY PACKET

In Homestead Presbytery's efforts to reduce the use of paper, the packet for presbytery meetings is sent digitally. It is posted on the presbytery's website about ten days to a week before the meeting. You may bring your computer or other device to the presbytery meeting to access the pdf format of the packet. We recommend you download the packet onto your computer/device before coming to the meeting. Internet access may not be available at the meeting or may be very slow.

An advantage to using the document on your computer/device is the ability to navigate and search for items in the packet. On the agenda page(s), you will see red boxes. Clicking on a box will get you to that page. For example, by clicking on the red box behind "COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY," you will go to the first page of the documents for their report. By clicking on the bookmark icon, a listing of each document appears. If using Adobe Acrobat Reader, the bookmark icon (🔖) is on the left side of the window. If you do not see any icons on the left, click on the arrow on the far left side. The documents are listed in the order they appear in the packet. By clicking on a document in bookmark list, you will be taken to the page in the packet.

ACRONYMNS

AC: Administrative Commission

COM: Committee on Ministry (See pp. 5 and six of the presbytery's bylaws)

CPM: Committee on Preparation for Ministry (See p. 6 of the presbytery's bylaws)

EP: Executive Presbyter

GA: General Assembly, the national offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). GA also refers to the biennial national meeting of the PCUSA.

M&M: Ministry and Mission Task Group (See p. 66 of the Manual of Operations.)

PDA: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PJC: Permanent Judicial Commission (See Rules of Discipline, in the *Book of Order*.)

PW: Presbyterian Women

LINKS TO VARIOUS WEB RESOURCES (click on the blue text)

[Book of Order](#) The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part II. (You can view it online, and download to your computer for free.)

Homestead Presbytery [Bylaws](#)

Homestead Presbytery [Manual of Operations](#)

Homestead Presbytery [Minutes](#) (Scroll down the page. The presbytery minutes are on the left side, and the council minutes are in the middle)

Homestead Presbytery [Online Directory](#) You will need a password, which will change from time to time. If you do not have it, please call the Presbytery office. Please contact the presbytery office if you see any errors or need to update any of the information.

Homestead Presbytery [website](#)

Robert's Rules Cheat Sheet

The *Book of Order* stipulates, "Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, except when it is in contradiction to this Constitution." Below is a summary of your rights and responsibilities under Robert's Rules. Generally speaking, these rules are intended to reduce tension, protect the rights and voice of the minority opinion, and of course, keep us doing things "decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40, ESV).

- Always address your comments to the Moderator or presenter, never to other commissioners
- Generally, do not interrupt another speaker, but wait until you are recognized by the Moderator
 - EXCEPT for these reasons (not exhaustive):
 - You cannot hear what is going on or you are so uncomfortable over the room temperature, etc. (say, "Point of Privilege" then explain the problem)
 - You think something was wrong with what just happened (say, "Point of Order" then state your objection. The chair will then decide if you are right or not.)
 - You want to request information from the speaker (say, "Point of Information" and ask your question. This is NOT an opportunity to give information, but only to request it.)
- Useful information about some motions:
 - Motions coming from committees do not need a second.
 - Call the Question, aka, Move the Previous Question
 - A request to end debate and vote on the motion(s). Typically it is made when someone thinks we have hit the limit of productive discussion, and we are running in circles. The Moderator needs to recognize you before you make the motion. You cannot "Call the Question" without being recognized by the moderator. This motion requires a second, and is not debatable. It requires a 2/3rds majority to pass.
 - When you hear "Call the Question," be aware that the next vote is *not* on whatever it is we are debating, but on whether or not to continue discussion. An affirmative 2/3rds majority vote will end discussion, and the next vote is on the main motion.
 - Amendments to Main Motions
 - If you want to slightly modify the language of a motion, to add, delete or replace some language, you will want to say "I move to amend the motion..." when the Moderator recognizes you. This requires a second, and will then be debated and voted on.
 - Substitute Motions
 - If you want to substantially modify a motion on the floor, changing the intent or most of the language, you need to use a Substitute Motion instead of amending the current motion. When the Moderator recognizes you, you will say "I move the following substitute motion" and read your alternative suggestion.

- Division of the House
 - If you think that a voice vote was too close to call, any member of the Presbytery may request a “Division of the House” which is to vote by raised hands, standing, or ballot. You do not need to obtain the floor and you can interrupt whoever is speaking to call for a division. It does not require a second and does not require a vote. It must be made while, or immediately after, the moderator announces the result of the vote. It takes only one person to demand a division.
- Order of the Day
 - Not a motion, but something you will see on the agenda, usually related to lunch. “Order of the Day” means that we need to drop whatever it is we are doing when the time for that agenda item arrives and start doing the “Order of the Day.”
- Not necessarily in Robert’s, but please follow these conventions of our Presbytery regardless:
 - When you want to speak, please come to the microphone, then state your name, status (clergy or elder) and church.
 - Please read the Presbytery Packet thoroughly *before* the meeting.
 - You should also bring a copy of the Presbytery Packet with you, as there will not be any additional printed packets at the meeting. Digital copies are fine.
 - If you will be making a motion, please request a motion sheet from the stated clerk. If, at all possible, please write the motion (legibly!) before making the motion. After making the motion, please deliver the motion sheet to the stated clerk. If you did not complete a motion sheet before making the motion, please write the motion and deliver the motion sheet to the stated clerk immediately after making the motion. At times, the meeting may need to wait for the written motion.

If you have any questions about *Robert’s Rules of Order*, please contact the Stated Clerk.

(“Robert’s Rules Cheat Sheet” was heavily copied from Tampa Bay Presbytery’s document.)

My Dear Friends,

Welcome to United Presbyterian Church here in North Bend. Thank you for joining us here today as we come together to worship the Lord and serve the church.

United Presbyterian Church was formed in 1861 and is one of the oldest churches still worshipping in Nebraska. Our first building was located on the lot just south of the church. In 1968 the current building was constructed. We are blessed congregation working to spread the gospel in God's world.

Our most active mission is Blessings Food Pantry. Three years ago, Blessings opened to serve this community. Blessings is open multiple times each week, allowing those in need to come in and "shop" for the items they need, all provided free of charge. The pantry is completely sustained by our community, through food and monetary donations this mission has been thriving. It has been amazing to see the churches and people in this community answer the call to serve their neighbors.

As many know, in March our community was divested by the flood. The entire town was covered in water. Many homes were damaged and thousands of acres of farmland has been devastated. The effects of the flood will be felt for years to come. We are thankful for the care and response of the PC (USA) and Homestead Presbytery. Thank you to those who have sent workers, given donations, and lifted up prayers for this congregation and my own family. Please continue to pray for all those hurt by the flooding and we are thankful for your continued support.

Blessings,

Rev. Michael Hill

Core Values: As a presbytery we affirm that our cores values are:

- **Connectedness:** The Book of Order notes that this fellowship is not designed to work without trust and love. Therefore, we prioritize building relationships of trust and love through effective, authentic communication that demonstrates support and caring for all as well as the building of networks throughout the presbytery.
- **Hopefulness:** We affirm that we have gifts from God to build up the body of Christ. Therefore, in our life together we seek to embody and reflect vibrant, life-giving practices that feed our souls and empower us to be the Church.
- **Outreach:** We are called to be the light of the world, to act with justice, to share mercy and hope, to walk humbly with God, as we pray that the kingdom of God comes on earth as it is in heaven. This also means that as a presbytery we will support one another, outside of our own ministries and “boxes,” reaching out to be truly present with each other in mission and ministry.
- **Creativity:** We will learn and grow together as disciples of Jesus and leaders of the Church in order to better understand what it means to be Presbyterian and to be the Church in a changing world. We will share ideas and discover new ways of sharing ministry.

We will live out our core values through these priorities for 2019-2024:

The goals listed under each priority are for 2019-2020. Goals will need to be developed annually.

The Presbytery of Homestead will:

1. **Empower and support communication that gives opportunity for all to be heard, participate and be empowered for their ministries.** We will do this by:
 - a. Creating a team of “presbytery ambassadors” to visit each congregation on a quarterly basis to share news, thanks and to learn about each congregation and their ministry quarterly. These may include presence at special events and celebrations as well as Sunday worship or committee/Session meetings.
 - i. The COM and EP will work with clusters in the presbytery to identify PW enablers, representatives of the Program and Grant Committee, representatives of the M & M Committee, as well as COM liaisons to identify people willing to be ambassadors.
 - ii. The Presbytery Office will develop and maintain a spreadsheet of visits to each congregation by the ambassadors and the Presbytery staff.
 - iii. COM will review the list of visits at least quarterly to make sure the goal of quarterly visits is being met.
 - b. Encouraging members of the presbytery and its congregations to visit at least one other church from the Presbytery each year as a way of showing support and interest in other ministries. (COM and Council; add a Sunday away to terms of call so pastors can do this, too)
 - c. Doing small group conversations/projects during each presbytery meeting. (Council)

- d. Orienting first time presbytery commissioners and providing their first meal for free. This orientation will include how to share what happens at presbytery meetings with their congregations and Sessions. (Moderator and Council Chair)
 - e. Providing a summary and highlights of each meeting to all commissioners and congregations within a week of each presbytery meeting. (Moderator and Staff)
 - f. Annually updating recipients of Presbytery newsletters and information by asking congregations who should be included (Office Administrator).
 - g. Ensuring each congregation has an online presence by providing a host page on the Presbytery website for congregations that don't have a webpage. (M&M)
2. **Help presbytery and congregational leaders and congregations thrive by providing support, fellowship and resources.** We will do this by:
- a. Providing annual training for clerks of session in each of the four regions of the presbytery (Stated Clerk and an experienced Clerk of Session).
 - b. Docketing an intentional “ice-breaker” at each presbytery meeting to build connections with each other (Council).
 - c. Developing a pictorial directory of Presbytery members and leaders. (Presbytery staff)
 - d. Creating strong connections and support within regional groups.
 - a. M&M to appoint a regional task force to define regions, identify communications point person(s) for each region.
 - b. Regions to meet in 2019 for fellowship and to discuss possibilities of mini-mission work, staying connected, and other fun events such as hobby/interest groups where all are welcome (novice or experienced). (Fly fishing, quilting, photography, scrapbooking, origami boxes, etc.)
 - c. Create regional Facebook groups for sharing information and ideas to be administered by regional communications point person.
 - d. Have regional study groups (both clergy and lay). (who?)
 - e. Establishing a “clearing house” of workshop/retreat topics available within the presbytery and keeping it available on the Presbytery website. (Task Force)
3. **Be the Church God needs in a changing world.**
In 2019-2020 the focus will be exploring the role and use of as well as access to technology in our presbytery. We will do this by:
- a. Assessing the current technology capacity of each congregation by developing an assessment tool/survey. This will include cell phones, computers, email addresses, the use of technology in worship, capacity for video conferencing, social media usage, access to internet. (Ad hoc committee)
 - b. Analyzing the information gathered from every congregation. (Ad hoc committee)
 - c. Developing a technology plan for the Presbytery based on the analysis of current status, desires, and access. (Ad hoc committee)
 - d. Developing a grant program that help congregations improve their technology capacity based on their needs and the technology plan. Those in need are us. (M&M)
 - e. Developing a system of communications within the Presbytery that reflects the preferences and capacity of each congregation. How will we communicate with congregations that don't have internet? How can we be more inclusive with

registration for events for those who don't have internet capacity? Who disseminates information? How can we help more people participate in meetings at all levels? (Ad hoc committee makes recommendations to Council for action/implementation)

4. **Creatively seek ways to share ministry together.** We will do this by:
 - a. Enlivening worship at Presbytery meetings by encouraging creativity and greater participation. (Council)
 - b. Having at least one Presbytery meeting annually by Zoom where people meet in the four regional sites. The meeting would include interaction and fellowship in sites, reports/leadership from each site. The purpose would be to build relationships within the region, reduce travel, increase participation, and to ensure the voice of folks from all parts of the presbytery. (Council)
 - c. Developing a searchable database for the Presbytery on ministries in the churches. (Office administrator and/or ad hoc task force)
 - a. Ask each congregation to submit their annual report (or a developed form).
 - b. Create a listing of ministries in each congregation that can be searched so that if a congregation is interested in starting something (or supporting something) they will know who to call to ask "how did you start xyz?"
 - c. Highlight some of the unique ministries/success stories in presbytery newsletters.
 - d. Developing educational opportunities for congregations about what it means to be Presbyterian. Have clear information on website about what it is to be Presbyterian. (EP and designated individuals).
5. **Provide resources, staffing and structure to support our core values.** We will do this by:
 - a. Ensuring every church will have an intentional visit from Presbytery every year with goal of sharing greetings, opportunities, resources for the purpose of building trust and enthusiasm. (Council)
 - b. Redesigning Program and Grants to build in accountability in the decision-making process by including a second level of approval. (Program and Grants in consultation with Council and Business and Finance)
 - c. Redesigning Council to ensure that the work of the Presbytery supports the goals and core values of the Presbytery. (Task group appointed by Moderator of five members to bring final recommendation to August presbytery meeting).
 - d. Developing educational opportunities at Presbytery meetings beginning in November 2019 to highlight resources of denomination by bringing in denominational leaders who can remind us of who we are as Presbyterians in a relevant manner. (Council)

ANTICIPATED COSTS OF PROPOSED GOALS:

Priority 1:

- a. Mileage; staff time to maintain spread sheet; EP time
- b. None
- c. None
- d. Meals of first time commissioners
- e. None
- f. Staff time to make inquiry and updates
- g. Additional pages on website

Priority 2:

- a. Mileage and meals
- b. None
- c. Staff time to take and add pictures to directory
- d. Depends...
- e. Cost of adding document to presbytery website

Priority 3:

- a. Postage
- b. None
- c. None
- d. Grants to help congregations achieve technology goals
- e. Depends – may increase postage

Priority 4:

- a. Depends – may need supplies for worship
- b. Cameras and speakers/microphone for each site
- c. Cost of adding searchable database to website
- d. Depends on delivery (all day event? Online videos? Speakers?)

Priority 5:

- a. Mileage
- b. None
- c. None
- d. \$600 for lodging for speakers, if needed



STATED CLERK REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

1. The minutes of the February 16, 2019 stated meeting, and of the March 29, 2019 called meeting of Homestead Presbytery were approved by the Council at the April 25, 2019 meeting.
2. Included is the 2018 GA Statistical Report for Homestead Presbytery, and will be included in the minutes of this presbytery meeting.
3. The following churches did not submit their annual statistical report for 2018:

Akron	Dunbar	Humboldt
Korean Church of Lincoln		Walthill
4. The following churches submitted partial reports for 2018:

Alexandria	Auburn	Lincoln, First
Schuyler	Steele City	York
5. Included is the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install Doug Hileman as pastor of the Fairbury Church, and will be included in the minutes of this presbytery meeting.
6. Included is the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install Zac Wolfe as pastor of the Beatrice Church, and will be included in the minutes of this presbytery meeting.
7. To fulfill some of the requirements concerning the decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission regarding Richard Wyatt:
 - a. An extract of the February 16, 2019 presbytery meeting minutes showing compliance with the decision of the PJC to forward to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies the full text of the PJC decision was submitted to the stated clerk of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.
 - b. The charges, censure document, and the order of the PJC were placed in Wyatt's personnel file.

2018 Presbytery Statistical Report

Presbytery	Homestead		
Address	840 S 17th St, Lincoln, NE 68508-3411		
Phone	402-474-0612	Fax	402-474-0678
Email	hpooffice@homesteadpres.org		
Web Site	www.homesteadpres.org		



Membership

Prior Active Members	6864	Adjusted membership	6759
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Gains		Losses	
Certificate	51	Certificate	57
Youth Professions	46	Deaths	178
Professions & Reaffirmations	88	Deleted for any Other Reason	736
Total Gains	185	Total Losses	971
Total Ending Active Members	5973		

Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	2352
Presented by Others	51	Female Members	3406
At Confirmation	5	Friends of the Congregation	421
All Other	10	Ruling Elders on Session	368
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	28 / 15

Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
25 & Under	592	Hearing impairment	233
26 - 40	758	Sight impairment	85
41 - 55	766	Mobility impairment	307
56 - 70	1190	Other impairment	158
Over 70	1571		
Total Age Distribution	4877		

Christian Education			
Birth - 3	140	Grade 7	98
Age 4	74	Grade 8	72
Kindergarten	59	Grade 9	57
Grade 1	54	Grade 10	67
Grade 2	76	Grade 11	69
Grade 3	108	Grade 12	108
Grade 4	72	Young Adults	137
Grade 5	69	Over 25	369
Grade 6	87	Teachers/Officers	216
		Total Christian Education	1932

Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	10	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	4
Black/African American/African	49	White	4761
Middle Eastern/North African	0	Multiracial	12
Hispanic/Latino-a	24		
		Total Racial Ethnic	4860

Financial Data			
Annual Income	5,983,955	Mission Expenses	587,317
Annual Expenses	6,425,642	Personnel Expenses	3,447,722
		Facilities Expenses	1,114,115

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION MINUTES
INSTALLATION OF DOUGLAS HILEMAN**

The administrative Commission to install the Rev. Douglas Hileman met at the First United Presbyterian Church in Fairbury, Nebraska at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, February 17, 2019.

The Rev. Jeff Warrick convened the commission with prayer

The membership of the commission consisted of:

Teaching elders Jeff Warrick, moderator, Steve Piper, Kristine Hileman, Tom Osborne, Gail Cross, and Zac Wolfe;

Ruling elders Terri Black, Deb Woles, Kim Schroeder, and Thayne Tatro, all of the Fairbury church.

Motion carried that the following be seated as guests of the Commission and as participants in the worship service: Mrs. Lana Likens (CLP, Alexandria Church), Mr. Leroy Bust, Mrs. Jlee Yantz, and Mrs. Bobbie Likens, from the First United Presbyterian Church, Fairbury.

Final arrangements were made for the participants' functions in the worship service.

Motion carried that the worship liturgy be the agenda; that upon completion of the service, the installation be declared complete; that the commission be adjourned with the benediction following the worship service, and that the commission be dismissed with the thanks and appreciation of the presbytery.

/s/ Jeff Warrick

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION MINUTES
INSTALLATION OF ZAC WOLFE**

The administrative Commission to install the Rev. Zac Wolfe met at the First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice, Nebraska, at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

The Rev. Jeff Warrick convened the commission with prayer.

The membership of the commission consisted of:

Teaching elders Jeff Warrick, moderator, Steve Piper, Melodie A. Jones-Pointon, Jeff Hopson, and Alan Brehm;

Ruling elders Chris Hansen, Co-op 513 NWC; Doris Martin, First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice; Kent Wolfe, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln; and Randy Schlueter, First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice.

Final arrangements were made for the participants' functions in the worship service.

Motion carried that the worship liturgy be the agenda; that upon completion of the service, the installation be declared complete; that the commission be adjourned with the benediction following the worship service, and that the commission be dismissed with the thanks and appreciation of the presbytery.

/s/ Jeff Warrick



COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

Reported by: Kristi Hill, Vice-Moderator

SECTION A: Information background: The latest COM church liaison assignments can be found by going to <https://homesteadpres.org/committee-on-ministry> and click on COM Liaisons.

SECTION B: Actions taken/Decisions made:

1. Voted to approve the MIF for Tekamah First.
2. Voted to approve the stated supply contract between Jane Holtzclaw, candidate for ordination from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains, and Lincoln First. The committee also approved a recommendation to presbytery that Jane be ordained as a minister of the word and sacrament.
3. Voted to recommend to presbytery that Carla Patterson be commissioned to serve Auburn First as a commissioned pastor.
4. Voted to recommend to presbytery that the request of Rev. Richard Tiggelaar to be Honorably Retired effective April 1, 2019, be approved.
5. Voted to approve the request of the Rev. Connie Stone to be dismissed to the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery effective September 16, 2018.
6. Voted to add Christy Dempsey, candidate for ordination from Homestead Presbytery, and Linda Steele, ruling elder from Norfolk, to the lay pulpit supply list.
7. The Rev. Stephanie Guzman, a member of the Minnesota Valley Presbytery, was examined for membership in the presbytery. Her examination was sustained. The committee voted to add Stephanie to the clergy pulpit supply list.
8. We discussed next steps for overseeing the stipulations of the alternate form of resolution (AFR) reported at the February presbytery meeting.

SECTION C: Number of recommendations requiring Presbytery action: 5

1. Recommendation to change to presbytery bylaws regarding the number of members on COM. (Second reading)
2. Recommendation to approve 2019 pastor terms of call.
3. Recommendation to ordain Jane Holtzclaw.
4. Recommendation to commission Carla Patterson.
5. Recommendation to approve the request of Rev. Richard Tiggelaar to be Honorably Retired.



Motion Sheet

COM Motion#1

Subject: Committee on Ministry

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: That the presbytery bylaws be changed to reduce the number of members on COM from 18 to 15.

Background: It is the committee's opinion that 15 members can serve the number of churches currently in the presbytery.

Related Issues: This is the second reading of this motion.



Motion Sheet

COM Motion#2

Subject: Committee on Ministry

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: That the terms of call of pastors in the presbytery listed in the attached report be approved.

Background: The HP manual of operations stipulates that COM will present the salaries of Homestead Presbytery pastors each year for approval by presbytery at the May meeting.

Related Issues:

Name	Position	Church Served	1. Cash Salary	2. Deferred Compensation	3. Medical Deductible Reimbursement	4. Other	5. Cash Housing in Addition to Free Manse
Alan Brehm	Pastor/Head of Staff	Hickman	47,767.08				
Brian J. Johnson	Pastor/Head of Staff	Norfolk First	36,630.00			1420 (dental coverage)	
Carla Patterson	Commissioned Pastor	Auburn First	27,000.00				
Charity Potter	Pastor/Head of Staff	Unity Parish (Wakefield & Thurston) 1/2 Time	1,743.00			443 (dental)	
Darin Bentzinger	Pastor/Head of Staff	Panama	38,200.00				
Duane Westing	Pastor/Head of Staff	Pawnee City United Church Council	1,070.00	21,600.00	2,700.00		
Douglas Hileman	Pastor/Head of Staff	Fairbury First	60,000.00				
Edward Yang	Associate Pastor	Columbus Federated	27,840.00				
Gregg Gahan	Pastor/Head of Staff	Craig-Alder Grove Parish	20,892.00	1,332.00			
Heidi Wallace (ELCA)	Pastor/Head of Staff	Lyons First	18,000.00			8,537.50 (Disability & Life Insurance Pension and Retiree Support Health Insurance)	
Jeff Hopson	Interim Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln Heritage	25,000.00				
Jeff Warrick	Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln Good Shepherd	40,932.00			1632.36 (dental)	
Jim McNeal	Pastor/Head of Staff	Wymore/Mission Creek/Steele City	33,480.00				
Jon Ashley	Pastor/Head of Staff	The Presbyterian Church of Fremont	40,800.00		6,500.00	\$1,200 auto allowance	
Kathleen Splitt	Pastor/Head of Staff	Laurel/Belden	20,725.33				
Leanne Masters	Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln Southern Heights	40,032.60				
Martha Atkins (ELCA)	Pastor/Head of Staff	Niobrara/Verdel Presbyterian	18,975.00		7,200.00	\$1,200 fuel allowance	
Melodie Jones Pointon	Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln Eastridge	41,680.00				
Michael Hill	Pastor/Head of Staff	North Bend United	39,661.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mike Eickoff	Pastor/Head of Staff	York First	38,870.00				
Sarah Gengler	Pastor/Head of Staff	Schuyler First	34,272.00	0.00	3,000.00		
Steve Niles	Pastor/Head of Staff	Clarkson New Zion	33,862.00	2,400.00			
Steve Piper	Pastor/Head of Staff	Palmyra (3/4 time)	30,456.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Steve Pointon	Commissioned Pastor	Lincoln Fourth	43,108.00				
Sue Collier	Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln First	27,240.00	18,000.00	2,160.00		
Teresa Bartlett	Pastor/Head of Staff	Wayne First	32,325.00	3,030.00		1500 for long term health insurance	
Thomas Dummermuth	Associate Pastor	Lincoln Eastridge	12,000.00	18,000.00			
Tom Osborne	Stated Supply	Nebraska City First	31,600.00				
Val Putnam	Interim Pastor/Head of Staff	Lincoln Westminster	90,000.00				
Zac Wolfe	Pastor/Head of Staff	Beatrice First	18,400.00	1,200.00			

Name	6. Housing Allowance/ Free Use of Mansse	7. Board of Pensions Effective Salary	8. Board of Pensions Dues	9. Social Security Offset	10. Books & Periodicals	11. Professional/ Miscellaneous Expenses
Alan Brehm	12,000.00	59,767.08	23,148.92	4,599.73		750.00
Brian J. Johnson	20,000.00	58,050.00	21,479.00			1,000.00
Carla Patterson		27,000.00	0.00			
Charity Potter	18,850.00	20,593.00	13,968.00	1,565.00		200.00
Darin Bentzinger	10,936.00	49,136.00	18,180.32			
Duane Westing	18,000.00	43,370.00	16,046.00			
Douglas Hileman	included in cash salary	60,000.00	22,200.00		750.00	
Edward Yang	21,600.00	49,440.00	18,292.80	3,426.81		1,500.00
Gregg Gahan	6,000.00	28,224.00	0.00			1,968.00
Heidi Wallace (ELCA)	3,600.00	30,137.50	0.00	1,800.00	575.00	
Jeff Hopson	15,000.00	40,000.00	4,800.00			3,000.00
Jeff Warrick	18,000.00	60,564.00	22,408.81	4,633.00		
Jim McNeal	13,800.00	47,280.00	17,494.00			1,000.00
Jon Ashley	41,996.00	90,496.00	33,484.00	6,334.00	600.00	1,000.00
Kathleen Splitt	10,208.00	30,933.33	14,712.00			200.00
Leanne Masters	15,000.00	52,648.00	20,362.06	4,127.45	250.00	2,396.00
Martha Atkins (ELCA)	0.00	27,375.00	0.00	1,887.00		250.00
Melodie Jones Pointon	40,000.00	81,680.00	30,221.60			2,400.00
Michael Hill	11,896.15	51,557.69	19,076.35	3,866.83	250.00	600.00
Mike Eickoff	26,670.00	65,540.00	24,250.00			
Sarah Gengler	10,285.00	47,557.00	17,596.09			750.00
Steve Niles	10,578.00	46,840.00	16,960.80			600.00
Steve Piper	9,136.80	39,592.80	17,000.00		500.00	
Steve Pointon	0.00	43,108.00	0.00			2,000.00
Sue Coller	35,000.00	82,400.00	30,580.00		Inc. in Professional Ex.	2,000.00
Teresa Bartlett	14,550.00	51,405.00	19,019.85	3,930.00	750.00	
Thomas Dummermuth	23,092.00	53,092.00	19,644.04			2,085.00
Tom Osborne	14,400.00	46,000.00	5,520.00			
Val Putnam		90,000.00	10,800.00			3,000.00
Zac Wolfe	24,000.00	43,600.00	16,132.00	3,243.60		2,000.00

Name	12. Continuing Education	13. Mileage	14. Use of church owned vehicle	15. Other	16. TOTAL	17. TOTAL PACKAGE
Alan Brehm	1,000.00	2,500.00			4,250.00	91,765.73
Brian J. Johnson	3,000.00	1,500.00			5,500.00	85,029.00
Carla Patterson	500.00				500.00	27,500.00
Charity Potter	500.00	3,600.00		Health Reimbursement Account \$4891	9,191.00	45,317.00
Darin Bentzinger	1,200.00	3,600.00			4,800.00	72,116.32
Duane Westing	600.00	6,000.00		1200 for ink, paper, phone, computer use, half of internet costs	7,800.00	67,216.00
Douglas Hileman	1,000.00	2,800.00			4,550.00	86,750.00
Edward Yang	750.00	1,000.00		600 (cell phone)	3,850.00	75,009.61
Gregg Gahan	300.00				2,268.00	30,492.00
Heidi Wallace (ELCA)	500.00	1,500.00			2,575.00	34,512.50
Jeff Hopson					3,000.00	47,800.00
Jeff Warrick	500.00				500.00	88,105.81
Jim McNeal	1,000.00	6,000.00			8,000.00	72,774.00
Jon Ashley	1,000.00	1,250.00			3,850.00	134,164.00
Kathleen Splitt	500.00	1,000.00			1,700.00	47,345.33
Leanne Masters	1,000.00	1,500.00			5,146.00	82,283.51
Martha Atkins (ELCA)	0.00				250.00	29,512.00
Melodie Jones Pointon	2,400.00				4,800.00	116,701.60
Michael Hill	1,750.00	2,000.00			4,600.00	79,100.87
Mike Eickoff	1,100.00				1,100.00	90,890.00
Sarah Gengler	1,500.00	3,000.00		\$1,200 (cell phone)	6,450.00	71,603.09
Steve Niles	500.00	2,500.00			3,600.00	67,400.80
Steve Piper	500.00	600.00		\$200 (cell phone)	1,800.00	58,392.80
Steve Pointon	2,100.00				4,100.00	47,208.00
Sue Coller	2,250.00	Inc. in Professional Ex.			4,250.00	117,230.00
Teresa Bartlett	1,500.00	1,000.00			3,250.00	77,604.85
Thomas Dummermuth	2,085.00				4,170.00	76,906.04
Tom Osborne	1,500.00	2,500.00			4,000.00	55,520.00
Val Putnam	2,000.00	1,200.00			6,200.00	107,000.00
Zac Wolfe	500.00	3,000.00		\$4,000 medical reimbursement	9,500.00	72,475.60



Motion Sheet

COM Motion#3

Subject: Committee on Ministry

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: That PC(USA) candidate Jane Holtzclaw be ordained as a minister of the word and sacrament.

Background: Jane is a candidate for ordination under the care of the presbytery of the Northern Plains. She moved to Lincoln a few months ago and is working as a psychiatrist at the VA. She has accepted a stated supply position at Lincoln First. Her statement of faith is included in the package.

Related Issues: Candidates for ordination must be examined on the floor of presbytery.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Jane Holtzclaw

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I believe in God the Father – Creator, Lord, and Redeemer.
I believe that the God of Israel is the divine Father to all of humanity and that we are claimed and created by him before we are born.
I believe that God, by offering his saving grace to both “Jews and Gentiles”, offers salvation to all of humanity, transcending the worldly diversity of religious faiths.
I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior - homoousios with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. He has my life in covenant with his. My trust in him is absolute.
I believe that God’s enduring presence to humanity through Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God himself in human form, fully human and fully divine.
I believe that the divinity of God, the Father and Jesus Christ are inextricably intertwined. I believe that in our humanity we are unable to consciously fully comprehend, in a humanly communicable manner, the true nature of the divinity of Christ.
I believe in the Holy Spirit as God’s continual presence on earth and his breath within us.
I believe in God’s saving grace of salvation, unconditionally offered to us through Christ through the mystery of the Cross.
I believe that we only need to accept God’s gift of saving grace – that by loving others within our brokenness, as directed by Christ, we say “yes” to acceptance of his gift.
I believe that God’s gift of grace and salvation is offered to all – that the image of Christ and of God may take many forms and that we are not to judge another.
I believe in the mystery of the Cross, that to accept the mystery requires a step of faith.
I believe that the mystery of the Cross is not for us in our humanity to explain nor is it possible to do so.
I believe that the sacrament of baptism symbolizes our eternal inclusion into God’s family, the family of Christ, and the family of the Church.
I believe that the sacrament of Holy Communion, with Christ present through the presence of the Holy Spirit, serves as a symbolic reminder of our oneness with Christ and the mystery of God’s gift of salvation.
I believe that by partaking of the bread and “wine” in the sacrament of Holy Communion I am a participant in the covenant that Christ offered to us – His life for mine, my life for Him.
I believe in scripture as the word of God to humanity, open to prayerful interpretation through time.
I believe that the church is an instrument of God to be used as a guide and support to its members in their life journey and journey of faith.
I believe that true faith is a process of growth. I believe that doubt is the springboard of faith and that the strength to ask questions is the key to a stronger relationship with God and with Christ.



Motion Sheet

COM Motion#4

Subject: Committee on Ministry

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: That Carla Patterson be commissioned to serve Auburn First as a commissioned pastor.

Background: Carla was originally approved as a Certified Lay Pastor on August 20, 1998 and has since served a number of churches in Homestead Presbytery. She is currently serving Auburn First in a stated supply position.

Related Issues:

Motion Sheet

COM Motion#5

Subject: Committee on Minisry

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: That the request of the Rev. Richard Tiggelaar to be Honorably Retired effective April 1, 2019, be approved.

Background:

Related Issues:

Stephen G. Earl – Statement of Faith

I believe in the one Sovereign Triune God, who created and continues to create this world in which all God's children live. Through God's creative and redemptive process God celebrates and continues to celebrate all of life. As children of God we are called into a special relationship with our Creator and though we often separate, rebel, and distance ourselves in this relationship we are continually asked to choose life and called into reconciliation with God, with each other, and with all of creation. In this intimate relationship with creation our Maker continues to make all things new.

I believe in Jesus Christ in which God's word became flesh through the wonder of a miraculous birth. Through this mysterious but touchable human gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, God demonstrates incredible love for us experiencing our joy, our pain, our sorrows, and calls us to turn from that what separates us from God's love and into a new relationship with a faith to be lived out through both words and actions. Christ announced the reign of God to us and showed us what it means to stand with the hurt, the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, and the marginalized. In the ultimate act of love Christ was crucified and died for our and the world's sin and separation from God. Yet through God's power Christ rose for us and gave us the gift of reconciliation and eternal life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit through which God continues to share the gift of love and reconciliation with all of creation. God's Spirit works in and through us, individually and as a community. Through the Spirit we are enabled to respond to God's call to redemption, to live our lives faithfully and prayerfully, to join with others to serve Christ with imagination and creativity, to challenge the assumptions of the powerful, to work for justice, peace, and the wholeness of all creation.

I believe God created us for and calls us into covenanted community, which is God's gift to us as the Church where believers in all times and places are united to live out and proclaim the love of God. We experience God's grace of holy reconciliation through a common meal shared at the Lord's table and as new life is claimed and celebrated through the redemptive waters of Baptism. It is through the power of the Spirit in this community that we are enabled to be honest with God, ourselves, and with each other about our failures and acts of separation and to pray and act for the reconciliation and healing of the whole creation. In this community we are guided by the Spirit to understand and live out God's word for us through the Holy Scriptures, the inspired Word of God and authoritative witness to the truth of what it means to be children of God and how best to live our lives as our Creator intends.

It is through the Spirit and life in the community of faith that we are enabled to understand and accept God's amazing love, saving grace, readiness to forgive, and serve as ambassadors of Jesus Christ sharing the good news of God's continuing relationship and redemption with all of creation so that love, compassion, mercy, and peace may be experienced by all.

Stephen G. Earl - Personal Biography

I am Presbyterian by birth, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism on March 29, 1959, at the First Presbyterian Church of Port Townsend, WA. My forbears were mostly Presbyterians, immigrants to the Pacific Northwest from Wales, Scotland, Western North Carolina, Nova Scotia, and the territory of Alaska. I am Christian by nurture. My parents, grandparents, pastors, and church members fostered in me a love for God and encouraged a life of faith in Jesus Christ lived out through active participation in a worshiping community. In this small congregation I discovered a sense of belonging and identity through regular Sunday school attendance, assisting in leadership of worship, activities with our small youth group, adventure in Presbytery summer camps, and at the age of seventeen being ordained as an elder. I am thankful that my parents, both educators, instilled in me a deep commitment to learning, exploring new opportunities, and set clear expectations for living an ethically grounded life. My grandmother, also an educator and church elder, was a primary mentor in my faith development. She modeled an approach to faith that was steadfast, inquisitive, expansive, and inclusive.

Though I was encouraged to explore a call into ministry, when I entered the University of Washington I decided to follow in the footsteps of my parents and graduated with a degree in education. I spent 3 years after college teaching second grade. During these years I also worked as a youth director at the First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup, WA, and became involved with youth ministry work at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

The voices, both external and internal, encouraging me to discern a call into the ministry of Word and Sacrament remained and so with intent to open myself to that call and to the diversity in the Presbyterian Church I left the Northwest and entered Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA. As I continued to discern my call, I was led to deepen my knowledge and experience in global mission and cross-cultural work. For my seminary internship I spent 18 months as a mission volunteer in Brazil. I served as an educator with lay-training institutions and worked in grass-roots education with the very poor in the city of Recife. In the six years after graduating from seminary I served as an associate pastor with a focus on youth and young adult ministry, Christian education, and mission in two very different congregations: Three Chopt Presbyterian, a young and rapidly growing congregation in Richmond; and First Presbyterian, Greenwood, SC, an older, established, and larger congregation.

Though I was not actively seeking another call I experienced what Presbyterian minister and writer Frederick Buechner names: “The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” In 1993 I began service as the Coordinator for International Volunteers in the Worldwide Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council. A major part of this call was to create and develop with colleagues a program that would engage young adults in a year-long service-learning experience to develop young adult leadership in the PCUSA, The Young Adult Volunteer Program. After 12 years of traveling the world, training and deploying hundreds of mission personnel, through much prayer and discernment, I decided it was time to leave my position and seek a call back into congregational ministry. I served for four years at Shandon Presbyterian, a large congregation in Columbia, SC, as Associate Pastor for Education and Mission. In April 2009 I began a new journey as a “tentmaker.” While serving as a supply pastor with a small and aging congregation in Columbia, I worked as a consultant with congregations, councils, campus ministries, and other non-profit organizations in leader

development, strategic planning, transformation, and teaching cross-cultural ministry to seminary students and pastors. I also worked for the Starbucks Corp as a Partner Resource Trainer and Coach.

In October of 2012 I began service as the Associate Presbyterian for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Central and Southwest Virginia). In this position I served as the Pastor to Pastors; staffed the Committees on Ministry, Preparation for Ministry, Examinations, and Sexual Misconduct. Working with congregations, sessions, and pastors through leadership transitions was an important and meaningful part of my work. I found much joy and fulfillment in coaching pastors in developing best practices in ministry. In the Peaks I was the primary staff person to lead the process of closing/dismissing 17 congregations over 5 years. My knowledge and ability to interpret and guide others through conflict, in Presbyterian polity, and the Book of Order has deepened immensely. This process has assisted me in developing an understanding of polity as a resource to build up the church through all stages of ministry.

Believing that God calls us to a particular place of ministry I also believe God can and does call us out of a particular place in ministry. I left my position in the Peaks in September 2018 and have spent the last few months discerning God's call in my life and ministry. Through the support of a several close colleagues, friends, and family God has been working greatly in me. I've been blessed and affirmed with the call to continue ministry with congregations, councils, and pastors seeking to be faithful to the mission of Jesus Christ in their communities and in the world in this season of rapid change and transition. As I begin this new journey, I am truly blessed to be called into ministry with Homestead Presbytery during its season of transition.

God is our
refuge and **strength,**
a very present **help**
in times of
trouble.

Psalms 46:1

That scripture verse is one we have quoted often to those dealing directly or indirectly with the aftermath of melting snow, rain and flash floods since mid-March in Homestead Presbytery. God's Word continues: "Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult...the Lord of hosts is with us." (v. 2-3, 11a)

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) sent an initial assessment team to Homestead Presbytery and a Presbytery Disaster Response Team was formed to oversee the ongoing clean-up and repair that will be needed for many YEARS to come. We have received our initial \$7,500 grant from PDA and shared a goodly portion of it with those in immediate need.

Many within the Presbytery responded with clean-up buckets, personal hygiene kits, physical labor and initial acts of kindness and contributions – all of which are appreciated and needed. And we thank you for being Christ's hands and feet here on earth!

Site visits have happened, as well as seeking potential housing sites for volunteers. We look forward to a visit from PDA housing evaluators in the near future and to getting registered on the PDA website for future volunteer groups interested in helping with long term recovery coming to Homestead Presbytery to help those in need.

We have (and continue) to spend a goodly number of hours on conference phone calls and face-to-face meetings with many other long-term help groups as we move into the long-term recovery from the flood. Additionally, we are connecting with FEMA and benefiting from their prior work/experience in long-term recovery.

Here are things that YOU (and those you know and love) can do right now:

1. **Pray** (and pray again – after all, the power of prayer is in the One we pray to --- NOT in those of us praying)
2. **Contribute financially** as you are able:
 - *to PDA (#DR000191)
 - *to Homestead Presbytery (for disaster relief)
3. **Help**
 - *make arrangements to work days/weeks (when such needs are clearly known) – individual and as groups
 - *volunteer for various sub-committees within the Homestead Presbytery Disaster Relief group being formed

More information/contact can be secured from coordinators:

Gary Haller: phone: 817-757-2980 – txhaller2@att.net

or

Sue Babovec: phone: 515-490-3982 – chaplainsueb@hotmail.com

Selected verses from Isaiah 43 complete this report: God says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know that I am He. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. Thus, says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

Reported by: Jim McNeal, Moderator

SECTION A: Information background:

1. All pastors (except those excused for health or other reason) are serving Presbytery in some capacity.
2. Most churches are represented on committees of Presbytery.

SECTION B: Actions taken/Decisions made:

1. Selected nominees to serve Presbytery for 2019 that satisfy requirements for balance of clergy/elder, female/male, and geographical representation.

SECTION C: Number of recommendations requiring Presbytery action: #1

1. The following people are nominated to Presbytery:

Committee on Ministry:

Zak Wolfe (CL, Beatrice) for Class of 2021, 1st term.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Kristine Hileman (CL, At Large) for Class of 2019, 1st term.

Committee on New Worshiping Communities:

Kris Alder-Brammer (RE, Lincoln First) for Class of 2021, 1st term.



Nominating Committee Motion Sheet

From: Jim McNeal, Moderator

Subject: Approval of Nominees

Date: May 16, 2019

Recommendation: The Nominating Committee moves that the following nominees be approved for service:

Committee on Ministry:

Zak Wolfe (CL, Beatrice) for Class of 2021, 1st term.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Kristine Hileman (CL, At Large) for Class of 2019, 1st term.

Committee on New Worshiping Communities:

Kris Alder-Brammer (RE, Lincoln First) for Class of 2021, 1st term.

Background: Nominees satisfy requirements for balance of clergy/elder, female/male, and geographical representation.

Related Issues: None.



PROGRAM-GRANT COMMITTEE REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

Reported by: Jim McNeal, Moderator

SECTION A: Information background:

1. Continuing to seek those with a passion for ministry across Homestead Presbytery.
2. Receiving applications for validation and funding for M&Ms for 2019.

SECTION B: Actions taken/Decisions made:

1. Currently validated and funded the following M&Ms for 2019: CLD (\$5,000), Wee Kirk (\$2,000), Social Justice Advocacy (\$2,000), and Homestead Bucket Brigade (\$5,000).

SECTION C: Number of recommendations requiring Presbytery action: _____

None.

New Worshipping Communities

NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES REPORT TO PRESBYTERY



Date of Meeting: May 16, 2019

SECTION A: The New Worshipping Community Committee heard a presentation by Ms. Christine Dempsey, a graduating seminary student who is proposing a new worshipping community for college students at UNL called Bridge Builders, beginning in the fall of 2019.

The committee heard reports from Contemplate and Coop 513.

Names of persons have been requested of those who would want to serve on the committee for New Worshipping Communities. Names for consideration were: Rev. Valerie Putnam, Interim Pastor at Westminster, Lincoln, Rev. Zach Wolfe, pastor at Beatrice 1st Presbyterian Church, Kris Adler-Brammer, ruling elder at Eastridge Presbyterian Church, Lincoln. Ms. Kris Peterson, ruling elder, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

SECTION B: Actions taken/Decisions made:

- The committee voted to approve Bridge Builders as a New Worshipping Community and to ask Presbytery for their approval. Action on this is contingent with COM, CPM, and M & M application.
- NWC voted to provide scholarship support for leaders of New Worshipping Communities in Homestead Presbytery to attend the “Discerning Mission Leadership.” It is an assessment of leadership qualities and need. Opportunities are for May and August of 2019.
- That Council grant 10 minutes for NWC to report on Bridge Builders

SECTION C: Number of recommendations requiring Presbytery action: ___#___

1. That the Presbytery approve Bridge Builders as a New Worshipping Community for college students at UNL beginning in the Fall of 2019.

New Worshiping Communities

Motion Sheet

From: New Worshiping Communities

Subject: New NWC: Bridge Builders

Date: May 16th Presbytery Meeting Motion

Recommendation: The Committee on New Worshipping Communities recommends the approval of Bridge Builders – a prospective new worshipping community for college students -- be approved as a New Worshipping Community beginning in August of 2019.

Background: The NWC committee feels the timing for this motion is appropriate due to:

- scheduling needs
- timeliness of being available as soon as possible for students at the UNL campus especially for entering freshman.
- support of a partnering congregation – First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice.
- readiness of Ms Christine Dempsey, who is ready to pursue a call, who has passed her standard ordination exams, and (if the way be clear) is desirous of being ordained to the college ministry of Bridge Builders.
- an organizing board of persons and churches to advise and counsel

Related Issues:

If the way be clear, that

- financial support would be available through M & M, sponsoring groups,
- COM approval and CPM approval for call and ordination plans would be set.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Date of Meeting: Presbytery meeting, May 16, 2019

Reported by: Kathleen Splitt and Brian Johnson, co-Moderators

SECTION A: Information background: CPM met at Calvin Crest Camp at 11:00 A.M. on May 7, 2019.

Currently under care of Homestead Presbytery: Dave Fritz (CP), Christy Dempsey (Candidate), Richard Martin (Inquirer), Gina Meester (Candidate), Steve Pointon (Inquirer).

SECTION B: Actions taken/Decisions made: Liaisons were appointed for all under care of Homestead Presbytery. An application to come under care of the Presbytery by Sebit Deng was considered. Plans were made for the annual consultations for all who are under care of the Presbytery.

SECTION C: Number of recommendations requiring Presbytery action: __0__