



HOMESTEAD
PRESBYTERY

2026 YEARBOOK

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Homestead Presbytery
Mission Statement:
The Mission of God calls us to:
Empower Congregations,
Connect Communities,
Equip the people of God.

2026 STEERING THE SHIP

Homestead Presbytery Teams

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Rev. Leanne Masters pastor@southernheights.org

Moderator of Steering the Ship

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Steering the Ship job is to facilitate effective communication across the Presbytery and coordinate the work of the Presbytery in support of the Presbytery mission.

Moderator of Reconciliation & Trust

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This team performs on-going work to restore relationships and build and sustain trust within the Presbytery.

Moderators of Congregational Networking

Rev. Jane Holtzclaw pastorjane728@gmail.com

This team works to facilitate relationships between congregations.

Moderator Of Ministries for Extraordinary Times

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This team provides knowledge and skills to assist congregations in whatever ways needed.

Co-Moderators of Companions for the Journey

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This team works to provide proactive care for pastors and congregations and future pastoral needs.

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Nominating Team

Chair -Rev. Charity Potter charitypot987@gmail.com

This team searches, contacts and nominates people to fill our teams on Steering the Ship

Homestead Current Churches: 42 Churches

1. Alexandria Presbyterian Church	(402) 587-0432	CRE Lana Likens
2. Auburn-First Presbyterian	(402) 274-3531	
3. Bancroft-First Presbyterian		
4. Beatrice-First Presbyterian	(402) 223-3933	Doris Martin
5. Cedar Bluffs-First Presbyterian	(402) 628-3485	
6. Clarkson-New Zion Presbyterian	(402) 892-3362	
7. Columbus-Federated	(402) 564-2812	Rev. Edward Yang
8. Craig-First Presbyterian	(402) 870-2738	Rev. Gregg Gahan
9. Dunbar Presbyterian Church	(402) 259-2865	
10. Fairbury-First Presbyterian	(402) 729-6129	Dave Conde
11. Fremont Presbyterian Church	(402) 721-7904	
12. Gresham Presbyterian Church	(402) 735-7369	CRE John Nellessen
13. Hebron Presbyterian Church	(402) 768-6760	
14. Hickman United Presbyterian	(402) 792-2800	Rev. Alan Brehm
15. Laurel-United Presbyterian	(402) 870-1059	Rev. Charity Potter
16. Lincoln Eastridge Presbyterian	(402) 488-7844	Rev. Melodie Jones Pointon
17. Lincoln-First Presbyterian	(402) 477-6037	Rev. Sue Collier
18. Lincoln-Fourth Presbyterian	(402) 466-9201	CRE Stephen Pointon
19. Lincoln-Good Shepherd Presbyterian	(402) 484-8844	Rev. Jeff Warrick
20. Lincoln-Heritage Presbyterian	(402) 477-3401	Rev. Erica Nelson
21. Lincoln Korean Church	(402) 470-3604	Rev. Kyeong Park
22. Lincoln-Southern Heights Presbyterian	(402) 421-3704	Rev. Leanne Masters
23. Lincoln-Westminster Presbyterian	(402) 475-6702	Rev. Chris Peters
24. Lyons-First Presbyterian	(402) 687-2581	
25. Nebraska City-First Presbyterian	(402) 873-5306	Rev. Tom Osborne
26. Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian	(402) 857-3457	
27. Norfolk-First Presbyterian	(402) 371-1635	Rev. Brian Johnson
28. North Bend-United Presbyterian	(402) 652-8361	Rev. Connie Stone
29. Palmyra Presbyterian Church	(402) 405-2487	Rev. Steven Piper
30. Panama Presbyterian Church	(402) 788-2847	Rev. Darin Bentzinger
31. Pawnee City- United Presbyterian	(402) 852-2401	
32. Primrose-First Presbyterian Church		Roy Schilousky
33. Schuyler-First Presbyterian	(402) 352-3822	Rev. Samuel Kagwi
34. Steele City Presbyterian	(402) 442-2230	Rev. Jim McNeal
35. Tekamah-First Presbyterian	(402) 374-2228	Rev. Garton
36. Thurston-United Presbyterian	(402) 870-1059	Rev. Charity Potter
37. Wahoo-First Presbyterian	(402) 443-4220	Rev. Jonathan Sloan
38. Wahoo Czech Presbyterian	(402) 642-5650	
39. Wakefield-United Presbyterian	(402) 870-1059	Rev. Charity Potter
40. Wayne-First Presbyterian	(402) 375-2669	Rev. Teresa Bartlett
41. Wymore-United Presbyterian	(402) 645-5016	Rev. Jim McNeal
42. York-First Presbyterian	(402) 362-5176	

2026 Stated Meetings

February 21	Saturday	Zoom
May 21	Thursday	Panama
August 15	Saturday	Calvin Crest
November 19	Thursday	Fourth Presbyterian, Lincoln

We encourage ministers and elders to attend these quarterly meetings of Homestead Presbytery to keep you informed and involved in our presbytery growth. This is a time for fellowship, questions and learning.

9:00am Registration table opens

9:30am Stated Clerk Rev. Erica Nelson has orientation for all new officers.

10:00am The meeting will start with updates, educational hour, worship & celebrations

12:00pm Moderator will have us break for lunch

1:00pm We will hear staff and officers' reports

3:00pm Meeting usually adjourns about this time

We would like representatives from all churches in Homestead to attend the meetings for information, discussion and fellowship.

If childcare would be holding you back from attending, please call the Presbytery office at (402) 413-2143 and we will help with childcare.

Please always register before Registration closing date as indicated on the Homesteader announcement so that we may have accurate head count for the church hosting the meeting to have adequate time to prepare.

The Homesteader- Monthly Newsletter

The Homesteader is our monthly newsletter to keep churches informed. This is our main form of communication of events within our Presbytery. It is sent out on the 2nd Thursday of every month. If there are any announcements or information that needs to go out before the publication, we will send it out throughout the month. Please have clerk of session, Treasurer, secretary of church, elders and any of your church members subscribe to the publication by going on Homestead Presbytery website and on home page scroll too the

“Click here to subscribe to the Homestead Presbytery Monthly Newsletter” button. Any Homestead churches that would like to announce any invitations/announcements may be sent to the Homestead Presbytery office by first Friday of each month.

Church Data Collection Sheet

Each year, there are changes in our churches such as new clerks of session and contact information for personnel. Please send in Church Data collection sheet at beginning of each year. Each year we need updated contact information, personnel and clerk of session current information.

Necrology Report

Each year at a Stated Meeting, we have a reading of the Necrology report from our Homestead Presbytery churches at our Stated meeting and included in our minutes. The form and date of reading will be announced in the Homesteader to be filled out from all our churches before the applicable stated meeting.

Annual Statistical Report

Each December, Annual Statistical Reports for each church are completed. These reports affect how much Per Capita your congregation is set to pay, so at the very least please submit your membership numbers. Due dates for the report each year are February 1st and announced in the Homesteader. Also listed on the announcement will be the portal to complete the report

Terms of Call

Each year, each church is required to send in the Terms of Call for the church's pastor to be reviewed and recorded. Please send in these forms immediately after your Annual Congregational Meeting when the terms are approved. The blank form will be published on the Homesteader at beginning of year and will also be on our website.

Grants

Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation, NPF, offers semi-annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach efforts that enhance or expand your ministry.

Grants will be listed on the Homesteader in each monthly edition.

Also, two funds that are offered are:

- Kessler Fund: Assistance is available for active or retired Nebraska pastors, or their surviving spouse, who is experiencing an urgent financial need.
- Malmsten Fund: An annual gift is available to retired pastors, or their surviving spouse, who was installed in a Nebraska congregation at some point in their ministry.

NPF contact for more information on grants or funds is:
Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or (402) 420-9877

Pertinent Data

PER CAPITA

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
General Assembly	8.98	9.85	9.80	10.84	11.26
Synod	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50
Presbytery	30.65	30.65	22.20	22.20	22.20
Totals	45.13	46.00	37.50	38.54	38.96

227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2026)

June – July 2026: Committees meet online

July – July 2026: Plenary meetings will be in person at Presbytery of Milwaukee 227th General Assembly (2026) COMMISSIONERS

Teaching Elder: Chris Peters

Ruling Elder: Kris Adler-Brammer

YAAD: TBA

SYNOD

COMMISSIONERS

Teaching Elder: Jon Sloan

Ruling Elder: Maggie Horak

2026 SCHEDULED MEETINGS

April 26-28, in person

September 27-28 online

PRESBYTERY

2026 STATED MEETINGS

February 21	10:00 AM	Zoom
May 21	10:00 AM	Panama
August 15	10:00 AM	Calvin Crest
November	10:00AM	4 th , Lincoln

Moderator: Julie Hopp (RE)

Vice-moderator: Leanne Masters (TE)

Steering the Ship moderator: Charity Potter (TE)

MISC. INFORMATION

2026 Board of Pensions Pastor's Participation Dues: 37% (PPO Medical, 27%; Defined Benefit Pension Plan, 8.5%, Death & disability, 1%; Temporary Disability 0.5%)

2026 Minimum Salary: Clergy-\$56,000

Certified Christian Educators-\$35,000

2025 IRS Business Mileage: \$0.70

Effective Jan. 1, 2025: The pulpit supply rate is \$150 for the first service, an additional \$75 for each additional service, plus the current IRS business mileage rate. Moderator rate: \$75 for the first two hours, \$50 per additional hour or portion of an hour, plus the current IRS mileage rate.

Total Church Membership of Homestead Presbytery, December 31, 2024: 4,377

2026 Per Capita

2026 Per Capita	
General Assembly	\$11.26
Synod	\$ 5.50
<u>Presbytery</u>	<u>\$ 22.20</u>
Total	\$ 38.96

Each year a letter is sent to each church that contains your per capita remittance thus far and your planned per capita for coming year. Your per capita dollars are used to fund our Presbytery budget. Homestead Presbytery pays 100% of all our churches' shares to the Synod & GA each year.

This is just some of what your per capita dollars make possible:

Through the Presbytery:

- The vital congregation's initiative that can help ALL our churches
- Resources to work with churches in pastoral transitions
- The ability to shepherd individuals exploring calls to ministry
- The ability to be present in concrete ways with our communities and churches affected by disasters.
- Scholarships for your pastors and church members to attend workshops when your budgets are tight

Through the Synod:

- Leadership training for our Committee on Ministry members
- Boundary training for all pastors and Presbytery leaders
- Facilitation of Presbytery events, such as the Day of Discernments held last year
- Human resource payroll and benefits administration

Through the General Assembly:

- Oversight of preparation for ministers and the mechanisms for calling new ministers
- Maintenance of the invaluable Presbyterian historical collection in Philadelphia
- The biennial meeting of the General Assembly
- Resources ranging from training for ruling elders to assistance with immigration challenges
- Administrative leadership and support that allows Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to respond with hearts and hands to meet critical needs of people all around the world and right here in Homestead Presbytery

Remittance

When sending in any checks for things such as mission and Special offerings,, Christmas Joy, etc., A Remittance form must always accompany the check.

This form is always available for download on bottom of all Homesteader publications and most monthly announcements.

Remittance payments from all Homestead churches are made payable to
 “Homestead Presbytery”
 and mailed to
 Synod of Lakes and Prairies
 2115 Cliff Drive
 Eagan, MN 55122-3327

Changes are coming to the Special offerings program in 2026. Hopefully, you are already seeing information on these changes from actions taken at the last General Assembly to other correspondence from the office of Special Offerings

1. GA will be going from four churchwide offerings to three special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, World Communion Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering. Below is more information about the change:
 - a. The Pentecost offering will no longer be received. If you still have gifts for Pentecost, please be sure to remit those before the books close on 2025. The work supported by the Pentecost offering will be continuing through the Christmas Joy Offering.
In 2026, if a Pentecost remittance is sent to GA, they will record it as a gift to Christmas Joy.
 - b. The Peace & Global Witness offering will also no longer be received. The World Communion Offering is taking its place and will begin in 2026.
 In 2026, if a Peace & Global Witness or its predecessor, Peacemaking, remittance is sent to GA, they will record it as a gift for the World Communion Offering.
 The World Communion Offering will NOT have a 25%/25%/50% split between the congregation, presbytery, and GA as Peace & Global Witness did. It will be a straight pass-through remittance.
 - c. If you have any questions about any of the changes to the Churchwide Special Offerings, you to reach out to the Special Offerings office. You can email them at special.offerings@pcusa.org
2. There are changes happening with the ministry area that used to be called World Mission. This area is being reimagined and refocused, now bearing the name Global Ecumenical Partnerships. As a part of this change, the mission co-worker (MCW) model that has been around for years has been concluded.
 - a. The fund that has been receiving gifts in support of MCWs, D500115, will be closed on November 15, 2025. Gifts after that date will be processed using a new fund: E052199 Global Ecumenical Partnerships
 - b. If you have any questions about this change, please email wilkinson.john@pcusa.org

Pulpit supply

The pulpit supply list is in every monthly Homesteader publication. Updated list will be available on Homesteader when any changes are made.

Anyone who would like to join our pulpit supply list, please call the Presbytery office. Also, as a reminder, that elders can fill the pulpit as needed.

Pulpit Supply List-updated 4/2025

*=preferred [h]=home [c]=cell [o]=office [ch]=church

Sue Babovec Minister of Word and Sacrament Nov-Feb Lincoln only, or Zoom/Video	(515) 490-3982 [c]. chaplainsueb@hotmail.com	8700 Fremont #107 Lincoln, NE 68507
John J. Duling Minister of Word and Sacrament Lincoln, Eastridge	(402) 713-1696[c]. pastorjjd@gmail.com	6327 O St. Apr 312 Lincoln, NE 68510
Carl Eskridge Minister of Word and Sacrament	(402) 730-1225 [c]. (402) 423-6356 [h]. eskridgecb@gmail.com	128 N 13th St #1007 Lincoln, NE 68508
Dave Friedli Ruling Elder-MRV	402-297-0313 df68409@gmail.com	8617 Pawnee Lane Plattsmouth, NE 68048
Jane Holtzclaw Minister of Word and Sacrament	(269) 277-4850 [c]. pastorjane728@gmail.com	7421 Kentwall Ln Lincoln, NE 68516
Craig Huffman MDIV Fremont	(402) 607-0071 craig.huffman@calvincrest.org	Calvin Crest Camp, Conf. & Retreat Cntr. 2870 County Rd. 13 Fremont, NE 68025
Jon Noble Minister of Word and Sacrament MRV	315-868-6023 jon.a.noble66@gmail.com	6748 S. 73rd St. Cir. Omaha, NE 68127
Jimmy Lee Shelbourn Summer months only Must be within 70 miles of Lincoln Minister of Word and Sacrament	(402) 239-5555 [c]. jimmy@westminsterlincoln.org	9229 Keystone Dr Lincoln, NE 68516
Linda Steele Ruling Elder, Norfolk 1st Norfolk within 100 miles	(720) 329-2398 [c] (402) 316-7430 [h] topazjinx@aol.com	600 S. 8th street Norfolk, NE 68701
	Pulpit Supply Rate \$150 for one service, \$75 for each additional service	
	Moderating Rates \$75 for first 2 hours then \$50 for each extra hour or portion of hour	
	Mileage Rates (Current IRS Rate) \$0.70-mile round trip (Same for Pulpit Supply & Moderator)	Reminder: Elders of your church fill the pulpit as needed Please contact Homestead office if you know of anyone that would like to join the pulpit supply list

**This form is for Church Preparedness
Churches can use this form and modify as needed**

Church Information for Disaster Plan

Complete information as appropriate for your church

Name of Church _____
Street Address _____ Phone _____
Web page address _____ Facebook Page _____
Twitter Feed _____

Pastors' Name _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Office Administrator _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Clerk of Session _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Building/Property Contact _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Add Additional Lines for additional staff as needed _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Director of Disaster Preparation and Response _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Backup Director of Disaster Preparation and Response _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Volunteer Coordinator _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Back up Volunteer Coordinator _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Resource Coordinator _____
Contact information email _____ phone _____
Address _____

Backup resource Coordinator _____

Contact information email _____ phone _____

Address _____

Media Spokesperson (not the Pastor) _____

Contact information email _____ phone _____

Address _____

Back up Media Spokesperson _____

Contact information email _____ phone _____

Address _____

Data Base Information

Location of hard copy data base information and member map to use during a disaster.

Members or Employees with electronic access to Data base

List of Identified Volunteers.

A hard copy of the volunteer list is located _____

List of members with essential skills or equipment

A hard copy of the essential skills or equipment list is located _____

Member identified to provide support to Pastor and Staff and contact information

Communication tools to share critical information with your members.

Who can change the Voice mail on the phone? What is the password location and instructions_____

Who has access to change information on the website? What are the password location and instructions?_____

Who has access to change information on the church Facebook or other social media sites? What are the password and instructions?_____

Property Information

Name and Contact information for Church alarm system. Instructions for use.

Location of Church Property Inventory

Electronic_____

Hard Copy_____

Church Insurance Company_____

Contact Information for insurance_____

Develop a list of property you may want to protect if you have advanced warning.

Identify a person responsible for protecting property as able _____

Contact information: email_____ phone_____

Address_____

Location of material that may be needed to protect the property such as tarps etc.

Location of Instructions for Utility Shutoffs_____

Location of Emergency Generator_____

Member appointed to inspect church property immediately following a disaster.

Contact information email _____ phone _____

Address _____

Offsite location to conduct church business _____

Attach facility floor plan marking identified safe rooms.

Church Records

Location and passwords to access backed up church records and documents

Person responsible for maintaining and regularly backing up church records

Completed by: _____ Date _____

Reviewed Annually by: _____ Date _____

Reviewed Annually by: _____ Date _____

Reviewed Annually by: _____ Date _____

Reviewed Annually by: _____ Date _____

**Something no church wants to talk about is
active shooter preparedness.**

**It would be good to discuss as to what your church should do in such an instance
such as exits, how to lock doors, who is going to help children, who will help
elderly and so forth.**

