



STATED MEETING of the Presbytery of Great Rivers
COMPLETE DOCKET
 April 29th, 2023

The Mission of the Presbytery:
*“We are called to share Christ’s love
 by partnering in service, uniting in worship, and risking in ministry”*

To access the meeting, you must pre-register by following the link below (see full instructions for virtual meeting etiquette under papers for this meeting on the presbytery website.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlduyqrz4pHNF6Ky3vOntZ3mN0wMF500yC#/registration>

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

- 9:30 Sign-in to Zoom/Meeting site opens
- 10:00 Call to Order with Prayer Moderator MWS Katie Styr
- 10:05 Acknowledging Native American Heritage of Gathering Sites MWS Elissa Bailey
- 10:10 Welcome and Instructions Moderator MWS Katie Styr
 - Meeting Etiquette and Voting Procedure
 - Establish the Roll and Seat Corresponding Members
 - Establishment of quorum
 - Introduction and seating of first-time Teaching Elder commissioners
 - Introduction of first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners
 - Introduction of Corresponding Members
- 10:15 Adoption of the Docket

UNITING IN WORSHIP

- 10:20 Worship Service
- Voluntary “May Song” by Felix Mendelssohn Dale Rogers, piano
- *Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

Leader: In life and in death we belong to God.

People: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, God is faithful.

Leader: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

People: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Leader: Let us worship in gratitude and joy.

*Hymn 749 "Come! Live in the Light! We are Called"

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and Loving God, who calls us to live in the light, to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with you. We confess we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

*Declaration of Pardon

Scripture Readings Psalm 23, John 10:1-10

Meditation "Between Us and the Gatepost" Rev. Chuck Goodman

Offertory "Feed My Lambs" by John Angotti Adam Miller, Tenor
Our offering today benefits Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. To donate remotely, please go to <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000148/> or text "PDA" to 41444.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Music "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas

*Hymn 187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd" Bradbury

*Charge and Benediction

PARTNERING IN MISSION, RISKING IN MINISTRY

11:00 Omnibus Motion:

- Enter Administration Report (Page 4), Finance Report (Page 5), and all other written reports into the permanent minutes

11:05 Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee (Page 9) MWS Maura McGrath Nagle & MWS Adam Quine

Motion to approve candidate for Lead Presbyter

12:00 Meal Instructions & Lunch MWS Blythe Kieffer

12:45	Nominating (Page 14) See report for motions regarding nominations	MWS Cheyanna Losey & RE Gary Terpstra
12:55	Visioning	MWS Jessica Hawkinson Dorow
1:00	CRE/CLP Coordinator (Page 20)	MWS Cheyanna Losey
1:05	Presbyterian Foundation (Page 22)	Sherri Finke

SHARING IN CHRIST’S LOVE

1:10 **NEW BUSINESS** - This is not a time for announcements, but for introducing other business not previously docketed before the assembly.

1:15	Sharing Good News	Mod-Elect MWS Frosty Krummel
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Please go to a microphone in person or raise your virtual hand to be recognized, then unmute and briefly share your ministry’s good news!

1:20	Announcements	Mod-Elect MWS Frosty Krummel
1:25	Adjournment and Closing Prayer	Mod-Elect MWS Frosty Krummel

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- The next Assembly is 10am-3pm on August 26th, 2023 at United PC, Peoria

Administration Team April 29, 2023 Assembly Report

Since the last Assembly the Admin Team has completed the following tasks.

E-Votes

- a. Final approval of loan application for First Presbyterian Church Springfield**
- b. Approval of February 2023 assembly minutes**
- c. Approval of funds distribution concerning the new Lead Presbyter of Great Rivers**
- b. The team received a very in depth briefing concerning presbyteries investments and budget by Bill Strawbridge**
- c. Admin is asking all churches in our presbytery to please nominate candidates for our Nominating Committee.**
- d. Dates for Admin meeting in 2023:**
 - a. July 29, 2023**
 - b. October 21, 2023**

Any questions please feel free to contact Julio Garcia @ julieman6@yahoo.com or 309-235-3999

Budget Narrative for April 29, 2023, Assembly Meeting

Investments

The Presbyterian Foundation Account History shows the closing amounts each month in the New Covenant funds; the value of our investments has risen 5.2% thus far this year. I added a new 6-months' rolling average curve to smooth the peaks and valleys, showing a more general trend of the account. It shows the big upswing in 2021, the downward trend in 2022, and the slight uptick in 2023.

Balance Sheet

Our investments are down compared to a year ago (shown on the Account History curve discussed above). Our checking balance went up due to two influxes of money:

1. Visioning established a "Church Support for Family Leaves." This fund is to support churches whose pastors are on family leave and the church must pay for pulpit supply and session moderators. This money came from the unused Visioning Funds in 2022.
2. The remaining funds came from the Sherrard Presbyterian which closed last year. These funds are managed by Visioning and will be used for grants as well.

The checking balance also contains two sets of CDs. One \$50,000 set maturing in 7 months at 2.5% and one \$50,000 set maturing in 11 months at 3.25%. We will either re-invest these in CDs upon maturation or allow the money to go into the checking account – depending on need.

Income Statement

Support & Revenue

Total Congregational Support is slightly ahead of the 25% target for first quarter and our investments are up almost \$36,000, yielding a total Budgeted income of \$108,483.

Expenses

Until we have our Lead Presbyter, Personnel expenses will continue to fall below budget.

Our Office Operation costs are high due to first quarter Service Contract expenses, which won't recur during the year. The bulk of that expense was the contract we had with Amy Garner for treasurer training.

Administrative and Program expenses are below budget. Visioning grants are ahead of their normal yearly outlay.

Overall, our Income exceeded our expenses by \$54,092. However, if we discount our investment gains, the impact on our cash flow is +\$18,108.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Strawbridge

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE
YEAR TO DATE March 31, 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>(Over)Under Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Used</u>
Support and Revenue				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita - current yr	\$ 47,638	\$ 176,308	\$ 128,670	27%
Per Capita - prior yr pd late	\$ 3,904			
Mission	17,231	60,000	42,769	29%
Trust Clause Payments	3,726	12,216	8,490	30%
Total Congregational Support	<u>\$ 72,499</u>	<u>\$ 248,524</u>	<u>\$ 171,439</u>	<u>29%</u>
Investment Income	35,984	31,500	(4,484)	114%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 108,483</u>	<u>\$ 280,024</u>	<u>\$ 166,956</u>	<u>39%</u>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	<u>(320)</u>			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ -			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	320			
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 320</u>			
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 108,483</u>			
Expenses				
Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 245	\$ 119,085	\$ 118,840	0%
Stated Clerk	7,802	30,745	22,943	25%
Bookkeeper	6,386	25,500	19,114	25%
PT Admin Asst (Virtual) & CW	4,830	18,720	13,890	26%
CLP Coordinator	2,579	10,811	8,233	24%
Bridge Presbyter Salary	15,840	-	(15,840)	
Workers Compensation Insurance	780	900	120	87%
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	<u>\$ 38,461</u>	<u>\$ 205,761</u>	<u>\$ 167,300</u>	<u>19%</u>
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 1,050	\$ 4,263	\$ 3,213	25%
Office Operations and Supplies	6,396	14,525	8,129	44%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	<u>\$ 7,446</u>	<u>\$ 18,788</u>	<u>\$ 11,342</u>	<u>40%</u>

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS
ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE
YEAR TO DATE March 31, 2023

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>(Over)Under Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Used</u>
Expenses (continued)				
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	-	2,800	2,800	0%
Moderator Training	-	1,250	\$ 1,250	0%
Assembly Meetings (PGR)	440	1,200	\$ 761	37%
Per Capita Shortfall	-	18,650	18,650	0%
Payroll Service	422	1,900	1,478	22%
Legal Fees	-	100	100	0%
PGR Training (Elder/Deacon, Ldrshp)	46	750	704	6%
Presbyter Search	-	-	-	
Presbytery Events	-	500	500	0%
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 907</u>	<u>\$ 27,150</u>	<u>\$ 26,243</u>	<u>3%</u>
Meeting Expense - All Teams	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	<u>\$ 1,250</u>	<u>0%</u>
Program Expenses				
Committee on Ministry	\$ 76	\$ 7,750	\$ 7,674	1%
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	-	250	250	0%
Visioning Grants	7,500	40,000	32,500	19%
Continuing Education Grants	-	2,500	2,500	0%
Pastoral Care/Compassion Fund	-	750	750	0%
Illinois Conference of Churches	-	500	500	0%
Disaster Relief	-	-	-	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 7,576</u>	<u>\$ 51,750</u>	<u>\$ 44,174</u>	<u>15%</u>
Other Expenses				
Bank Fees & Expenses	-	100	100	0%
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 54,391</u>	<u>\$ 304,799</u>	<u>\$ 250,408</u>	<u>18%</u>
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 54,391</u>	<u>\$ 304,799</u>	<u>\$ 250,408</u>	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ 54,092</u>	<u>\$ (24,775)</u>	<u>(78,867)</u>	
Impact on cashflow	\$ 18,108			

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
CURRENT TO PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE
AS OF March 31, 2023

Assets	March 2022	March 2023	Increase/ (Decrease)
Cash			
Checking and CDs	\$ 203,216	\$ 244,021 *	\$ 40,805
Investments	771,799	726,487	(45,312)
Lease Deposit	-	-	-
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 977,495</u>	 <u>\$ 970,508</u>	 <u>\$ (6,987)</u>
 Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Liabilities Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pass Thru Liabilities	2,541	2,984	443
Prepaid Mission & Per Capita	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,541</u>	<u>\$ 2,984</u>	<u>\$ 443</u>
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 877,270</u>	<u>\$ 835,904</u>	<u>\$ (41,366)</u>
Designated			
Presbytery Leaders Support	-	-	-
Presbyter Relocation/Presbyter Search	10,000	10,000	-
Total Designated	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Temporarily Restricted			
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 9,129	\$ 8,662	\$ (467)
Peacemaking	19,786	22,930	3,144
Synod Pastor Support Grants	1,701	1,701	-
Synod Transformation Grant	52,652	50,364	(2,288)
Ministers Temporary Disability	3,110	3,110	-
Hands & Feet Scholarships	107	107	-
Pastor Compassion Funds	600	600	-
CLP Coordinator	600	600	-
Church Support for Family Leave	-	11,325	11,325
Sherrard Pres Restricted Funds	-	22,222	22,222
Total Temporarily Restricted	<u>\$ 87,684</u>	<u>\$ 121,620</u>	<u>\$ 33,936</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>\$ 974,954</u>	 <u>\$ 967,524</u>	 <u>\$ (7,430)</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u>\$ 977,495</u>	 <u>\$ 970,508</u>	 <u>\$ (6,987)</u>

* **\$100,000 in CDs**
\$50k at 2.5% maturing in 7 months
\$50k at 3.25% maturing in 11 months

Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee Report April 29, 2023

- ❖ Members of the Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee (LPNC): Penny Frame, Julio Garcia, Maura McGrath Nagle, Kathy Mitchell, Adam Quine, Nathan Rush, and Marilyn Simmons present Rev. Ann Mills Schwartz for the position of Lead Presbyter.

- ❖ Timeline of committee's work:
 - Committee elected at the November 19, 2022
 - December 1st committee met at First Federated in person and discussed expectations and time commitments of those on the committee; assigned who would work on writing what portions of the Ministry Information Form (MIF); these portions were then to be sent to Nate Rush for editing; assigned all to make a list of supplemental questions to ask individuals to answer and submit; Adam Quine and Maura McGrath Nagle became co-moderators; Kathy Mitchell became scribe. Deadlines were set for when writings needed to go to Nate and a preliminary timeline of process set.
 - December 16th committee met via zoom to work on completing MIF and finalize what the supplemental questions would be.
 - December 20-21 the MIF was entered into the Church Leadership Connection (CLC)
 - Deadline for applications was March 19th and the committee met on March 27th via zoom to review applications
 - April 3rd committee met via zoom making final decisions on which applicants to bring for in-person interviews and assign reference checks to be made
 - April 12th – 14th in person interview process occurred

- ❖ MOTION
 - The Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee moves that the Reverend Ann Mills Schwartz be hired as the Lead Presbyter of the Presbytery of Great Rivers and be received as a member of the Presbytery of Great Rivers.

- ❖ MOTION
 - The Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee moves that the terms of the contract for the Lead Presbyter be approved. (see attached contract)

- ❖ MOTION:
 - The Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee moves that, upon the successful completion of our work, the committee be dismissed with thanks by the Assembly. Members of the committee are glad to be among those the Rev. Ann Mills Schwartz can call on for support in her work with us.

**The Presbytery of Great Rivers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Lead Presbyter Contract and Covenant
with the Rev. Ann Mills Schwartz**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers contracts and covenants with the Rev. Ann Mills Schwartz to serve as Lead Presbyter for a term beginning June 12, 2023 and concluding June 11, 2026. This term may be extended upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee and approval by the Presbytery. She will be head of staff and this position is designated a full-time, exempt position.

POSITION PURPOSE

Great Rivers Lead Presbyter’s role is to provide visionary leadership, practical support and connectional, team-building assistance to the Presbytery and its members. In collaboration with the Stated Clerk and Leadership Team, this person will facilitate the transition to a new Presbytery structure, building upon the work of the Finance & Staffing Task Force report, 2020 Mission Statement and our Matthew 25 Initiative.

➤ **PRIMARY TASKS**

- Lead the presbytery in refining and implementing a new structure that will awaken, enliven and enhance our worshipping communities, building upon the work of the Finance & Staffing Task Force Report, 2020 Mission Statement and the Matthew 25 Initiative.
- Participate in the life of the churches of the presbytery, through a regular schedule of visitation, worship participation and faith-filled leadership.
- Work with the Leadership Team to assist congregations and members to connect and support one another in our common ministry goals and fellowship needs.
- Provide pastoral support, and coaching to our minister members.
- Provide ongoing assessment of the ministry and mission of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, developing and facilitating plans to address challenges, cultivate accountability and build upon our strengths.
- Encourage and foster new forms of ministry and new visions of worship and service in alignment with the intent of our 2020 Mission Statement.
- Coach and encourage the development and training of lay leadership, and encourage participation in the work of Presbytery by all of our churches.

➤ **SECONDARY TASKS**

- Be a staff resource to Presbytery committees--in particular working closely with the Leadership Team, Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- Oversee critical tasks such as background checks.
- Serve as head of staff for Presbytery Personnel.
- Speak for the Presbytery on issues which call for public comment.
- Relate to local seminaries, Presbyterian Colleges, the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and the General Assembly to discover and share resources for our shared mission.

ANNUAL COMPENSATION, VACATION, AND STUDY LEAVE

- Effective Salary (to be annually reviewed):
 - Cash Salary (12-month equivalent prior to any elective deductions) \$ 42,000.00
 - Housing Allowance \$ 30,000.00
 - TOTAL ANNUAL EFFECTIVE SALARY \$ 72,000.00
- Full Membership in the Board of Pensions
 - Medical – Lead Presbyter and spouse \$ 20,880.00
 - Pension \$ 6,120.00
 - Death and Disability \$ 720.00
 - Temporary Disability \$ 360.00
 - TOTAL ANNUAL EMPLOYER DUES \$ 28,080.00
- Optional Dental Coverage
 - Lead Presbyter and spouse \$ 1,025.28
- Vacation: Four weeks
- Study Leave: Two Weeks (may be accumulated up to three years)

ANNUAL REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES (BY VOUCHER)

- Continuing Education: \$1,500 (may be accumulated up to three years)
- Professional Expenses: \$2,500
- Transportation/Mileage \$10,000

FAMILY LEAVE POLICY – In Accordance with G-2.0804, the Presbytery of Great Rivers provides for a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave. Family leave is defined as:

- Leave to accommodate the birth, foster placement, or adoption of a child.
- Leave to provide care to an ill or disabled family member.
- Leave to heal following a loss or tragic event

MOVING AND RELOCATION EXPENSES: none requested

REVIEW OF SERVICE: A review of service will be made at the 6 month mark and then annually thereafter.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT:

The Lead Presbyter may terminate this agreement with 60 days' notice. In this event, she shall forfeit all claim to compensation beyond the effective date of termination except for accrued vacation and study leave allowance.

The Presbytery may terminate this agreement with a minimum of 60 days' notice. At the end of the 60-day period, effective salary and Board of Pensions membership shall continue for a period of 90 days, or until the Lead Presbyter secures full-time employment, whichever occurs first.

Lead Presbyter: _____ Date _____

Stated Clerk: _____ Date _____

Welcome

REV. ANN SCHWARTZ Lead Presbyter Presbytery of Great Rivers



Meet Ann...

The Rev. Ann Schwartz has been Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Illinois since 2016. Prior to that she was a staff Chaplain at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois (2014-2016) and Co-Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston, Illinois (1999-2012).

During her 24 years in the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, she has served in a variety of ministries, including the Commission on Ministry, General Council, the Committee on Representation, and the Permanent Judicial Commission. She recently completed two terms as the commissioner to the Synod of Lincoln Trails and was a commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis.

Ann is eager to connect with folks in the Presbytery of Great Rivers. She feels called to partner with others to build beloved community based on our common identity and mission; to give encouragement, support, and hope to leaders and congregations; and to help prepare and equip the church for an uncertain future – **always trusting in the transformative power of God to make all things new.**



Ann earned a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary and an undergraduate degree in English and Secondary Education from Central Michigan University.



Ann is married to the Rev. Wade Meranda, also a PCUSA pastor, who served First Presbyterian Church in Hoopeston (1999-2023) and recently began as Business Administrator of Wesleyan United Methodist Church in Bloomington. They have two adult daughters.



She loves traveling and exploring new places, reading, writing, walking, cooking, spending time outside, and most recently, birdwatching.

HERE'S WHAT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS SAYING ABOUT ANN...



“I am grateful to have spent some time with the Rev. Ann Schwartz during our time together on April 13th & 14th. I was impressed with her friendliness and wanting to get to know each of us during our meal together. I believe she has a great sense of vision for our Presbytery.”

“Ann has a true pastoral presence and during our time with her, I found myself feeling a renewed sense of hope for our Presbytery. Ann communicated well her vision for the future. I am excited to work with Ann as we re-imagine how the congregations in Great Rivers Presbytery can be the church together.”

“Ann is someone who exhibits wise discernment, and the ability to apply her Christian faith to challenging matters that confront our churches today.”

“Ann is one who immediately engages with you and is an active listener. She has the heart of a pastor and the skills of an administrator who brings vision to her work.”

“Impressions: attention to detail, entering into conversation, listening, asking questions, seeing the possibilities.”

“Ann has the heart of a very caring pastor, her participation at all levels within the PCUSA will bring to us the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the needs of our presbytery in the short and long term.”



PGR Nominating Committee Report, April 29 2023

The full Nominating Committee (NC) met via Zoom March 10, 2023 and April 21, 2023. The co-chairs also communicated regularly via email, phone, and text as we continue the work for 2023. We bring the following motion before the assembly for consideration.

MOTION #1.

The Nominating Committee nominates to service:

Committee on Ministry – RE Kent Wurmnest, Class of 2024

A reminder . . .

The NC would appreciate receiving the list about eligible ruling elders we asked each clerk of session to fill out. Forms can be emailed Gary Terpstra or Cheyanna Losey or mailed to PO Box 383 Woodhull, IL 61490.

In other news . . .

We have begun our work to find nominees for the Class of 2026. We have a number of committee chairs rotating off at the end of 2023 and want to begin the process of determining their replacements to minimize the interruption of the work of our committees. If you have an interest in serving, please contact one of the NC members.

In Christ's Service,

The Nominating Committee, nominating@greatriverspby.org

Co-Chair RE Gary Terpstra, g.terpstra@comcast.net

Co-Chair TE Cheyanna Losey, cheyannalosey@gmail.com

RE Gary Davis, RE Julio Garcia, RE Larry Lawson

<p>Gary Davis – 21 217-737-3359 gwdavis44@comcast.net</p>	<p>Julio Garcia – 21 309-235-3999 julieman6@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Cheyanna Losey – 21 309-299-4790 cheyannalosey@gmail.com</p>	<p>Gary Terpstra – 21 217-415-2090 g.terpstra@comcast.net</p>
<p>Bloomington, Second Bloomington, St Luke Union Chenoa, First Clinton, Clinton Presbyterian Danvers, First Delavan, First Greenview, United LeRoy, First United Lincoln, First Mason City, United Middletown, First Morton, First Normal, First Normal, New Covenant Pekin, First Peoria, First Federated Peoria, United Peoria, Westminster Petersburg, Central Tallula, Rock Creek Presbyterian Washington, Washington Pres</p>	<p>Aledo, College Avenue Aledo, Sunbeam Alexis, Norwood Biggsville, United Coal Valley, First East Moline, First Geneseo, First Hamilton, Bethel Media, Community Milan, First New Windsor, New Windsor Pres Niota, Appanoose Faith Oneida, United Orion, Beulah Reynolds, Hamlet-Perryton Rio, Rio Presbyterian Rock Island, Grace Seaton, Center Stronghurst, Stronghurst Pres. Viola, United Warsaw, First</p>	<p>Adair, West Prairie Bartonville, Trinity Bushnell, First Canton, First Carthage, First Carthage, Fountain Green Edwards, Korean Elmwood, First Eureka, Eureka Presbyterian Farmington, First Galesburg, First Ipava, Ipava Presbyterian Kirkwood, Westminster Knoxville, First United Lewistown, First Macomb, First Macomb, Scotland Trinity Monmouth, Faith United Monmouth, Sugar Tree Grove Woodhull, United Yates City, Faith United</p>	<p>Athens, Indian Point Carrollton, First Chatam, Chatham Presbyterian Clayton, First Federated Divernon, First Jacksonville, First Mt. Sterling, Mt. Sterling Pres. Perry, Perry Presbyterian Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale Quincy, Ellington Memorial Rushville, First Springfield, First Springfield, Hope Springfield, Korean United Springfield, Third Springfield, Westminster Virden, First Virginia, First Virginia, Sangamon Valley White Hall, First Woodson, Unity</p>

Bold congregation names = have at least one person serving on a presbytery committee.

If you see a mistake we have made please let Gary Terpstra or Cheyanna Losey know so we can update our records. Thank you.

This list provides information for each congregation as to which Nominating Committee member to contact when you have a recommendation, questions, or would like help filling out your “eligible ruling elder” list. We are looking forward to strengthening our connections with each other.

	Name	Cell Phone Number	Notes
1	Cheyanna Losey	309-299-4790	Retired, active elder
2	Gary Terpstra	217-415-2090	Works full-time, nurse, active elder
3			Works full-time, caterer
4			Retired
5			College student, PGR Visioning Team
6			Farmer
7			In the Navy
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Presbytery of Great Rivers
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I would like to suggest and endorse (name) _____

for consideration for the committee, council, board or assembly checked below.

From (church name & city) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Name of person making nomination _____

Committee on Ministry: (24 members including the Chair)
This Committee meets eleven times each year and conducts some business by email between meetings. These are Tuesday, daylong meetings in Peoria. The members of the Committee meet together to address all of the issues that arise between the pastor or other leaders of a congregation and the members of the congregation, including calls, dissolution of calls, and problems that may arise from time to time. Each member of the committee also serves as the representative of the committee to several congregations and will be called upon to attend meetings of the session or Pastor Nominating Committee of those congregations as needed. Members of this committee need to be able to keep confidences and to address conflict in a way that is helpful to the whole church. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders. Three-year term, 2 term limit.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: (10 members including the Chair)
This committee meets three times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee oversees the preparation of those who feel called to ministry as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. The meetings include face to face meetings with these persons and sometimes involve hard decisions that need to be made. Each member of the committee also acts as a liaison with one or more candidates and inquirers, keeping in touch with them and being available to them at all times. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders. Three-year term, 2 term limit.

Administration Team: (12 members including the Chair)
This committee meets four times each year for half day or daylong meetings in Peoria. The committee acts as the Trustees of the Presbytery, handles Personnel Issues, and oversees the budget, investments and all other financial business of the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders. Three-year term, 2 term limit.

Visioning Team: (12 members including the Chair)
This committee meets six times each year for daylong meetings in Peoria. They oversee the Mission Initiative Grants of the presbytery, plan presbytery meetings and educational events for pastors and lay members, and set the vision and strategy for the presbytery. The Committee sometimes acts on behalf of the Presbytery so all its lay members must be elders. Three-year term, 2 term limit.

- Illinois Conference of Churches:**
One member of the Presbytery serves as our delegate to this body, which meets as a whole once each year.

- Illinois Presbyterian Home**
(Springfield): The Board of the Presbyterian Home includes members of this presbytery who attend its monthly meetings at the home.

- General Assembly Commissioners:**
Our presbytery elects six people to serve as Commissioners to each General Assembly. These are three elders and three ministers. The moderator and moderator-elect of the presbytery serve in two of these slots and the other four are elected from among the congregations of the presbytery. This role involves extensive preparation before the meeting, which lasts for a week. Those elected must be comfortable with computer technology since the meeting papers are issued and revised online during the meeting. The commissioners are expected to report to the presbytery after the GA meeting. They also serve as the Bills and Overtures committee of the presbytery until the next General Assembly, making recommendations about the presbytery's vote on any overtures sent down by the GA and on any overtures received from congregations within the presbytery.

- General Assembly Young Adult Advisory Delegate:**
The YAAD must be between the ages of 16 and 24 and serves at the General Assembly, a week-long meeting. Extensive preparation before the meeting and computer skills are required. The YAAD is expected to report, along with the Commissioners, to the presbytery after the GA meeting and is a member of the presbytery's Bills and Overtures committee until the next meeting of the General Assembly.

- Synod Commissioner:**
Our presbytery elects two elders and two ministers to serve as commissioners to the Synod of Lincoln Trails for a three-year term. The Synod meets in the Champaign-Urbana area four times each year for one-day meetings. The commissioners are expected to inform the presbytery about the work of the Synod.

- Treasurer:**
The Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Presbytery Assembly at its last stated meeting of the year for a term of one year. The term of office shall begin on January 1 of the year immediately following election.

Presbytery of Great Rivers
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I would like to suggest and endorse (name) _____

for consideration for the committee, council, board or assembly checked below.

From (church name & city) _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Name of person making nomination _____

- Committee on Ministry:** (24 members including the Chair)
This Committee meets monthly and conducts some business by email between meetings. The Committee has the oversight for all relations between the presbytery and its' congregations and the presbytery and its minister members. Three year term, 2 term limit.

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry:** (10 members including the Chair)
This committee meets three times each year. The committee oversees the preparation of those who feel called to ministry as Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA, and those seeking to serve as commissioned pastors . Each member of the committee also acts as a liaison with one or more candidates and inquirers, keeping in touch with them and being available to them at all times. Three year term, 2 term limit.

- Administration Team:** (12 members including the Chair)
This committee meets four times each year. The committee acts as the Trustees of the Presbytery, and oversees the budget, investments and all other financial business of the presbytery. Three year term, 2 term limit.

- Visioning Team:** (12 members including the Chair)
This committee meets six times each year. They oversee the Mission Initiative Grants of the presbytery, plan presbytery meetings and educational events for pastors and lay members, and set the vision and strategy for the presbytery. Three year term, 2 term limit.

Lay members of most committees must be elders. Meetings are held remotely via Zoom, and are mostly 2 hours or less.

Other committees are also in need of participation: These include the Presbytery Personnel Committee, Illinois Presbyterian Home in Springfield, and Synod of Lincoln Trails. More information on these positions, as well as on the committees described here, is available from the Presbytery office.

PGR Commissioned Pastor Coordinator Report to the Assembly
April 29, 2023

The purpose of this report is to give the Assembly a summary of the work I have conducted so far as the Commissioned Pastor Coordinator.

During the month of March I had the privilege of attending a day long training at the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. This training is part of their two-year training process with ruling elders feeling called to serve in pastoral leadership. This is the training our CPM agreed in 2022 our interested ruling elders could participate in as the training process. Much to my surprise retired synod executive Rev. Carol MacDonald was one of the leaders, it was a delight learn from her again. She sends her love and prayers for all of us. The training that day was focused on the process of writing to give some new techniques and practices for those who will be writing sermons and crafting worship services soon. It was a delightful training. If you would like to learn more please let me know.

Since our last assembly meeting I have expanded my inquiries with other presbyteries to learn about how the support, train, and continue to train their ruling elders to serve commissions. There are really great programs throughout our denomination, and lots of ways we can partner with them. I am learning that many presbyteries are finding they need to have more trained ruling elders as seminary graduation rates decline. There is a lot of creativity and faithfulness in serving. I continue to seek ways we can increase our partnerships. It is my hope to begin scheduling fellowship Zoom times in partnership with my counter-part in other presbyteries for all our CP. I think increasing these connections would go far in offering support and increasing our learning from each other. I will keep you all updated as this develops.

I continue to be in regular contact with our commissioned pastors as we continue to partner together to serve the congregations in our presbytery. We continue to meet monthly for fellowship via Zoom. I also send a monthly email with news specific to our group. I have also had the joy of meeting with a number of our CP in-person this year. As you probably expect, we spend a lot of time talking and the time goes quickly. I have also been working to schedule in-person gatherings groups of our CPs. Work, family, and travel schedules make it difficult for us to gather as a whole group, so these smaller groups seem to be the next best option. We also will be meeting (met) before today's assembly meeting. Thank you to Westminster Presbyterian Church for giving us space for that meeting.

The other big project I have been working on since the spring of 2022 is an updated Commissioned Pastor Handbook that combines the work of CPM and COM. The handbook is in draft form and is working through the committees. I anticipate being able to present it to the assembly before the end of 2023.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the ministry formation training, please contact me. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) has scholarships available.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's Service.

Rev. Dr. Cheyanna L. Losey

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COM Report to Great Rivers Assembly 4.29.23

COM has met twice since the last Assembly. We continue to meet on Zoom for both our main meeting and subcommittee meetings. While we appreciate the efficiencies of meeting on Zoom, we are hoping to have one face to face meeting this summer where we can meet our new Lead Presbyter. We would conduct our usual business in a hybrid format and also delve into larger issues and visioning.

We are thankful for our congregations, and the hard work that went into so many congregations completing their statistical reports by our congregations as well as the 2023 TOC forms and contracts.

Actions taken since the 2.25.2023 Assembly

The committee has approved all Terms of Call and Contracts submitted by 3.30.2023.

Training and Resources has completed the updates to the communion training resources, and also put together a packet of supplemental resources. Any Session wishing to arrange for training or recertification for their ruling elders should ask their Ministry Partner for assistance in scheduling this. We are thankful for the work of TE Paul Stroup in guiding this updating process. His recent resignation from COM has been accepted with regret.

Most congregations with MIFs live in CLC are actively interviewing and we anticipate a busy summer with approving new calls and positions.

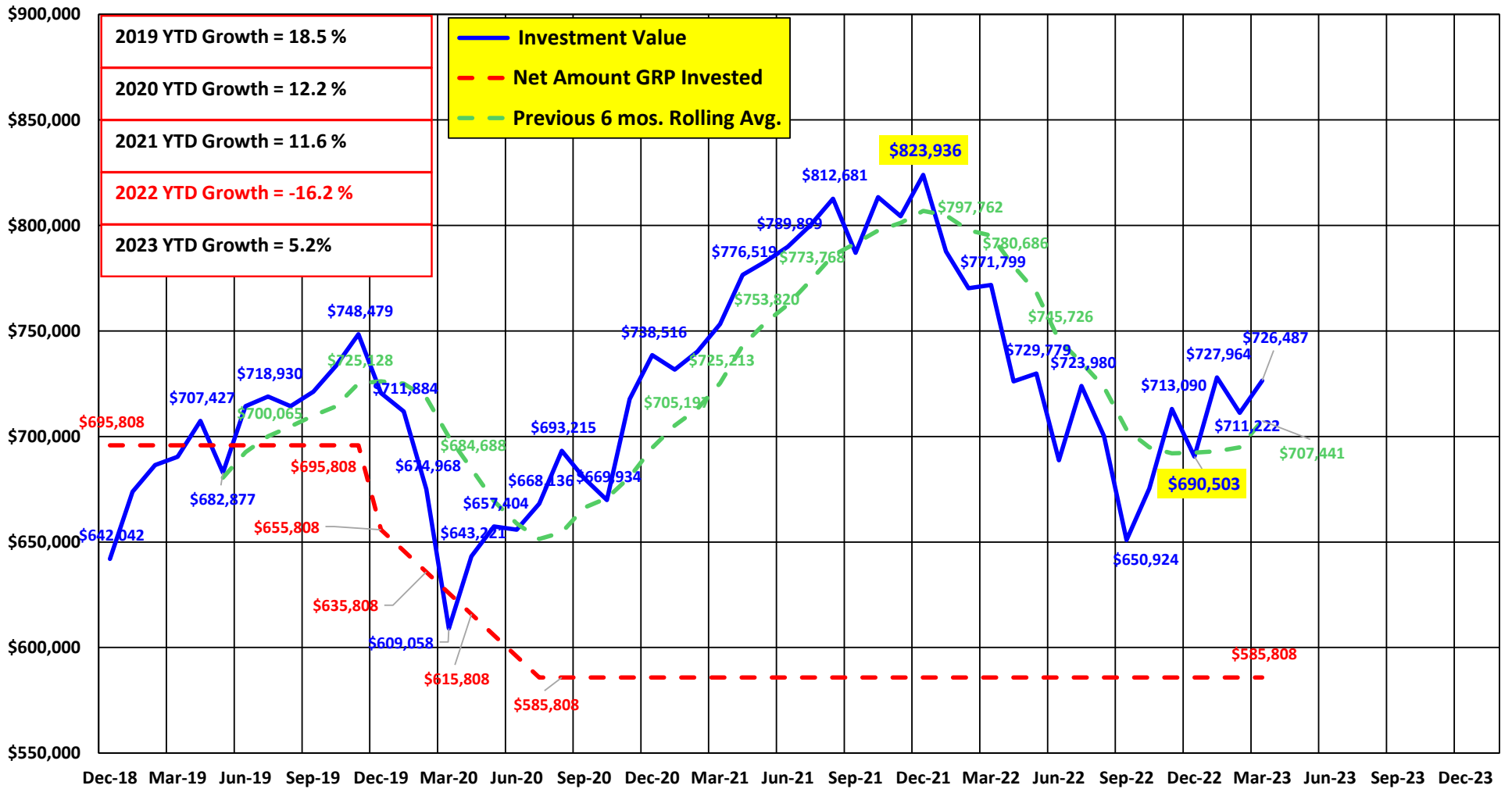
The Rev. Dr. John Shear, pastor of Springfield Third, died on 2.24.23. Pastor John and Third's Praise Team had also been supplying all the worship at Chatham since last summer. COM is especially grateful for the many colleagues who have assisted in fulfilling our charge to be Pastor, Counselor and Advisor to these congregations throughout Lent and on into Eastertide as they are adjusting to this loss and seeking new pastoral leadership.

We continue in prayer for East Moline First and their pastor Becky Sherwood during her leave and for members and neighbors of the Lewistown congregation were recently affected by tornadoes.

We have no action items for the Assembly today.

TE Laura Reason, Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION ACCOUNT HISTORY - End of Month Values



Presbytery of Great Rivers
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
April 29, 2023

UPDATES:

- The winter exam results show that Mackenzie Jager has completed both the Polity and Biblical Exegesis exams satisfactorily.
- The committee met in a special meeting on Tuesday, February 14th to examine Bryan Burris, a Disciples of Christ pastor who wishes to become a PCUSA minister of word and sacrament. The Committee on Ministry had asked that we assess his qualifications and give our recommendation of next steps in the process. It was MSA that by examination the Committee on Ministry is satisfied with Brian Burris' qualifications to transfer his ordination to the PC(USA) and so recommend that to the Committee on Ministry.
- The committee met in-person on Thursday, March 16th in Bloomington, Illinois to conduct the interview for readiness to receive a call with candidate Mackenzie Jager. A sermon was successfully given and interview done to ascertain progress on her process. She continues to work at 2nd Bloomington and participate in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program she began in the fall. Completion of that program is expected by the end of May with a report sent to the committee assessing her work there.
- The remaining dates for regularly scheduled Committee on Preparation for Ministry meetings in 2023 are Wednesday, June 21 and Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.



Highlights from the March 24, 2023, Stated Meeting of the Synod of Lincoln Trails

Seeking Mission Initiative Grant. These are one-time grants of “seed” money from the Synod to help begin new congregation-based missional activities. The grants are for amounts up to \$1,500 and are awarded to PCUSA congregations in Illinois and Indiana. The Standing Committee on Leadership Development reported on three reports from recent grantees and one new applicant. Learn more: lincolntrails.org/missions-initiative-grant/

The Synod’s investment portfolio remains robust and is well-positioned to ride out the period of market volatility. At the time of the most recent Board meeting in December, the value of the Synod’s investments was \$6.9 million, up from \$6.4 million at the end of the third quarter of 2022. Wabash Capital is the Synod’s Investment Advisor.

Synod’s Rise Up Grant Program. There will be a special synod meeting in June regarding the Rise Up Grant Program. This grant comes from 4% of the Synod’s investment proceeds and has been given to its member Presbyteries to help address specific adaptive challenges that involve imagination, innovation, and ministry experimentation. More details to come this summer!

Covenant with Kemmerer Village. [Kemmerer Village](#) is a residential treatment, education, and foster care services facility in Assumption, Illinois. A covenant among Kemmerer Village, Presbytery of Great Rivers, Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois and the Synod has been in effect since 1993. The Synod voted to approve an updated covenant, which continues to provide that Kemmerer Village will submit reports and updates about its activities to the Synod, and it will remain a validated mission agency.

Installation of new Synod Moderator, the Rev. Dan Robertson, Presbytery of Blackhawk. We thank Rev. Jana Blazek, Presbytery of Chicago who served as moderator this last year.

New Monthly Synod Newsletter. We encourage all Illinois and Indiana members and churches to sign-up for the online newsletter, which shares news, stories and job openings from around the Synod. [Click here to sign up now.](#)

Synod of Lincoln Trails Contact Information. 317-923-3681 (office), 1100 W. 42nd Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis IN 46208. Find helpful resources for nurturing and supporting the leaders at lincolntrails.org/what-we-do/



Kemmerer Village
"Helping Today's Child"

March 31st, 2023

To: Reverend Katie Styr, Moderator for the Presbytery of Great Rivers
Reverend Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Great Rivers
Jean Wollenberg, Moderator for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Dr. Rebecca Blair, Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
Sara Dingman, Executive Synod of Lincoln Trail
Blake Wood, Stated Clerk for the Synod of Lincoln Trail

The Kemmerer Village Board of Directors approved in March 2023 that the following nominees as directors, commencing September 11, 2023. The nominated directors shall be elected to the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation on Monday, May 8th, 2023, unless there are written objections on behalf of member Presbyteries regarding nominees from the particular Presbytery. Objections must be received in this office prior to May 1, 2023.

Class of 2023

1st Term

Christian Choi, GR
Glen Berry, PSEI
Bob McNabb, PSEI

2nd Term

Brian Miller, At Large

Kemmerer Village will have a total of 16 Directors on the Board beginning September 2023.

Thank you for your assistance and for your continued interest in Kemmerer Village.

Sincerely,

Schäles Nagle, LCSW
Kemmerer Village, Inc.
Executive Director



Co-Moderator Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis will be visiting Peoria on Thursday, May 18. Presbytery members are invited to join her for dinner at United Presbyterian Church (2400 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL 61614) at 6PM. UPC will host a Zoom conversation beginning at 7PM to give Moderator Shavon time to present the Co-Moderators' work and vision as well as answer questions. All are welcome. If a daytime event is preferable, there will also be a lunch from noon to 1 with local community pastors and organizational leaders.

Please call the UPC office (309) 693-2002 by Monday, May 15 if you are planning to attend either the lunch or the dinner.

Register for the zoom gathering here: tinyurl.com/CoModVisit2023