



**STATED MEETING of the Presbytery of Great Rivers**  
**COMPLETE DOCKET**  
 February 25th, 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/tZlqfuyvrjliGdH3eSh9abjUik7QZmKINEDJ>

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

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|-------|--|--------------------------|
| 9:30  | Sign-in to Zoom/Explore Resource Swap Room in person   |                          |
| 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 |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting Etiquette and Voting Procedure           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>If you need tech help, contact Brandon at 309-368-2671.</u></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Establish the Roll and Seat Corresponding Members</li> <li>• Establishment of quorum</li> <li>• Introduction and seating of first-time Teaching Elder commissioners</li> <li>• Introduction of first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners</li> <li>• Introduction of Corresponding Members</li> </ul> |                          |

**PARTNERING IN MISSION, RISKING IN MINISTRY**

10:15 Adoption of the Docket

Omnibus Motion:

- Enter CLP/CRE Coordinator (page 6), CPM Report (page 7), Finance Report (page 8), and all other written reports into the permanent minutes
- From Administration Team: 2023 Ebersolt Fund Distribution (page 15)

10:20 Stated Clerk (page 19)

MWS Elissa Bailey

- 10:25 Nominating (page 21) MWS Cheyanna Losey & RE Gary Terpstra  
See report for motions regarding bylaws changes and nominations
- 10:40 Personnel (page 24) MWS Joyce Chamberlain MWS
- 10:50 Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee (page 25) MWS Maura McGrath Nagle  
& MWS Adam Quine
- 11:05 Motion to Dismiss Administrative Commissions with Gratitude:  
Rock Island AC (page 26)  
Pleasant Plains Farmingdale AC (page 27)  
Sherrard AC (page 29)
- 11:15 5 Minute Stretch Break - please have communion elements ready for worship

### UNITING IN WORSHIP

11:20 Worship Service

Congregational Hymn

FPC Normal Musicians

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we come before you needing your grace. We have let divisions and fears keep us apart. We have lacked compassion. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, and not lived as children created in your image. Gracious God, forgive us. Refresh us. Show us your path, and bring us closer to you.**

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture

MWS Matt Wilcox

Sermon

MWS Matt Wilcox

Special Music

FPC Normal Musicians

Commissioning of Moderator-Elect Frosty Krummel

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

MWS John Rickard

Constitutional Questions

MWS John Rickard

Prayer of Installation

MWS Katie Styrt

Declaration of Installation and Welcome

MWS Katie Styrt

Communion

MWS Frosty Krummel

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 The Words of Institution  
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Prayers of the People	MWS Karol Schilling
Call to Offering	Amy Rasing, Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities
Our offering today benefits the Illinois Presbyterian Home Communities. To donate, please go to <a href="https://www.iphcommunities.org/donate">https://www.iphcommunities.org/donate</a> .	
Offertory	FPC Normal Musicians
Prayer of Dedication	Amy Rasing
Benediction	MWS Matt Wilcox

### SHARING IN CHRIST'S LOVE

12:00 **NEW BUSINESS** - This is not a time for announcements, but for introducing other business not previously docketed before the assembly.

- Motion to extend term of service of active elders Nancy Hopkins and Carrol Lewis beyond six years at Delavan Presbyterian Church
- Addition to Bushnell AC to include: "The Administrative Commission has original jurisdiction."

12:05 Sharing Good News Mod MWS Katie Styr  
 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!

12:10 Announcements	Mod MWS Katie Styr
12:15 Adjournment and Closing Prayer	Mod MWS Katie Styr
12:16 Meal Instructions & Lunch	MWS Matt Wilcox

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- The next Assembly is 10am-3pm on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Westminster PC, Springfield

## Order of Worship

February Presbytery Assembly 2023

Pre-worship: Remote participants, please get your communion elements ready.

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn  
Vision”

“Be Thou My  
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Philippians 4:1-8

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**PGR Commissioned Pastor Coordinator Report to the Assembly  
February 25, 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.

Since my last report to the Assembly, Gene Miller went home to the Lord. Gene was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Macomb, was involved over many decades and in many roles in the presbytery, and served as a commissioned pastor in a variety of ways. His obituary can be viewed at this link. <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/26542792/dr-f-gene-miller>. Thank you for your continued prayers for Gene's wife Linda (previous presbytery moderator, among many other roles), their family, his church family, and friends.

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. We are planning to meet in-person this spring.

I continue to spread the word of the variety of trainings we offer for ruling elders to become commissioned. If you or someone you know is interested, contact me. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) has scholarships available.

I offer again my suggestion that we find a way to offer organized pastoral care to all our pastors, commissioned, at-large, validated ministers, retired, designated, and installed. The continued collegiality I witness between our commissioned pastors is a wonderful example of how we can strengthen our congregations, our leaders, this presbytery, and the whole church with a designated person to organize care.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's Service.

Rev. Dr. Cheyanna L. Losey

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Presbytery of Great Rivers  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report  
February 25, 2023

We met on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, having rescheduled our meeting from January 18<sup>th</sup> due to lack of quorum. We welcomed new committee members, John Turnbull and Wayne Wrage.

Our first item of business was to approve the Committee on Preparation for Ministry portion of the updated “Commissioned Pastor’s Handbook.” After a brief discussion it was unanimously approved to be sent on to the Committee on Ministry for work on their portion of the handbook. Once that is accomplished, we will work on the forms needed to complete the handbook. When it has final committee approval it will be brought to an assembly for approval.

Updates were given on all individuals under care with a review on next steps in their journeys to ordination. It was noted that Sam La Mere has withdrawn from the care of the presbytery. Lorna Blackford continues as a student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and was approved to register for the senior ordination exams during the Fall 2023 exam cycle. Mackenzie Jager is scheduled to take the Polity and Exegesis Exams this week and next. The next step in Mackenzie’s journey will be to schedule an in person meeting with the committee for her final assessment with the committee, presuming she has completed the two exams taken in January satisfactorily. Exam results for the winter 2023 cycle are expected on February 13<sup>th</sup>. A possible date and location for this assessment have been identified by the committee and will be confirmed with all parties involved as the results of exams become known.

Bryan Burris, a Disciples of Christ pastor who has been talking to Committee on Ministry chair, Laura Reason since January 2021 about the possibility of becoming a PCUSA minister of word and sacrament has made a formal request to enter the process on January 11, 2023. The Committee on Ministry has asked that we assess his qualifications and give our recommendation of next steps in the process. We have set Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> as a possible date to meet with him in response to the outcome of the Committee on Ministry discussion at their meeting of Thursday, February 2, 2023.

In other Business, we reviewed the meeting dates scheduled for the committee as our regularly scheduled meetings. There are no changes in the schedule of regular meetings and our next regularly scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The remaining dates for regularly scheduled meetings in 2023 are Wednesday, June 21 and Wednesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m.

**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS**  
**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS**  
**ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE**  
**YEAR TO DATE December 31, 2022**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>(Over)Under Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Used</u>
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita	\$ 182,155	\$ 185,452	\$ 3,297	98%
Mission	67,126	61,600	(5,526)	109%
Trust Clause Payments	12,216	11,500	(716)	106%
Total Congregational Support	<b>\$ 261,497</b>	<b>\$ 258,552</b>	<b>\$ (2,229)</b>	<b>101%</b>
Investment Income	(133,427)	40,100	173,527	-333%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<b>\$ 128,070</b>	<b>\$ 298,652</b>	<b>\$ 171,298</b>	<b>43%</b>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	(4,557)			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ 913			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	3,144			
Other Receipts	500			
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<b>\$ 4,557</b>			
Total Support and Revenue	<b>\$ 128,070</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 5,112	\$ 121,229	\$ 116,117	4%
Stated Clerk	28,440	19,170	(9,270)	148%
Senior Administrative Assistant	-	32,871	32,871	0%
Bookkeeper	23,761	22,839	(922)	104%
PT Admin Asst (Virtual) & CW	20,878		(20,878)	
CLP Coordinator	9,537	8,874	(663)	107%
Bridge Presbyter Salary	57,073		(57,073)	
Workers Compensation Insurance	805	900	95	89%
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	<b>\$ 145,606</b>	<b>\$ 205,883</b>	<b>\$ 60,277</b>	<b>71%</b>
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 6,073	\$ 14,924	\$ 8,851	41%
Office Operations and Supplies	13,886	16,525	2,639	84%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	<b>\$ 19,959</b>	<b>\$ 31,449</b>	<b>\$ 11,490</b>	<b>63%</b>



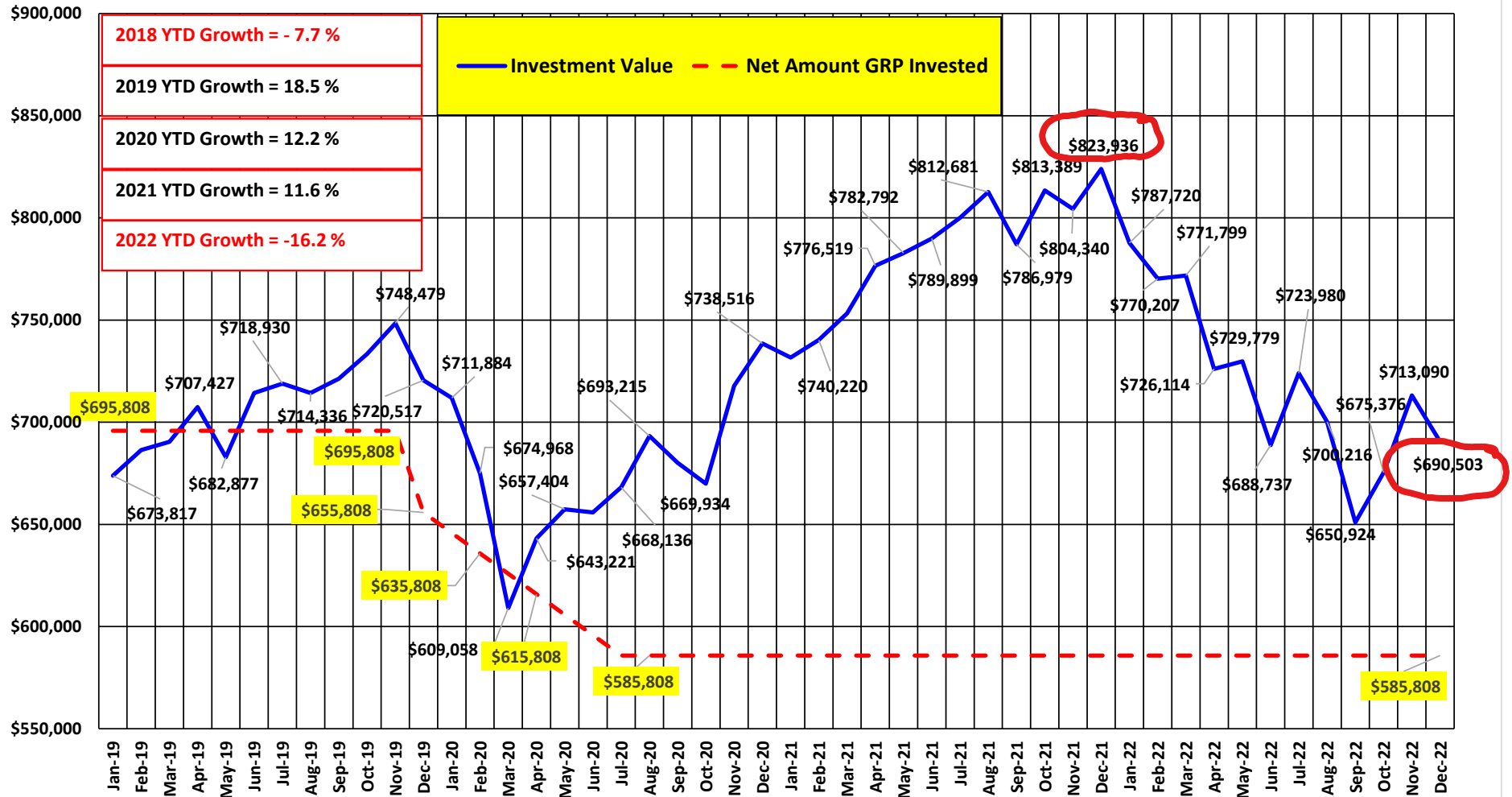
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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>(Over)Under Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget Used</u>
<b>Expenses (continued)</b>				
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	2,729	3,300	571	83%
Audit Fee	-	-	-	
Moderator Training	956	1,250	\$ 294	77%
Assembly Meetings (PGR)	1,499	1,200	\$ (299)	125%
Per Capita Shortfall	17,479	21,400	3,921	82%
General Assembly Delegates	115	2,000	1,885	6%
Payroll Service	1,715	1,600	(115)	107%
Legal Fees	-	100	100	0%
PGR Training (Elder/Deacon, Ldrshp)	-	750	750	0%
Presbyter Search	510	-	(510)	
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 25,004</u>	<u>\$ 31,600</u>	<u>\$ 6,596</u>	<u>79%</u>
Meeting Expense - All Teams	<u>\$ 598</u>	<u>\$ 900</u>	<u>\$ 302</u>	<u>66%</u>
Program Expenses				
Committee on Ministry	\$ 1,653	\$ 5,550	\$ 3,897	30%
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	-	250	250	0%
Visioning Grants	46,000	46,000	-	100%
Continuing Education Grants	-	3,000	3,000	0%
Presbytery Events	333	1,000	667	33%
Pastoral Care/Compassion Fund	-	1,000	1,000	0%
Illinois Conference of Churches	500	500	-	100%
Disaster Relief	-	-	-	-
Total Program Expenses	<u>\$ 48,486</u>	<u>\$ 57,300</u>	<u>\$ 8,814</u>	<u>85%</u>
Other Expenses				
Bank Fees & Expenses	3	100	97	3%
Depreciation Expense	2,480	-	(2,480)	
	<u>\$ 2,482</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ (2,382)</u>	<u>2482%</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 242,134</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 87,480</u>	<u>74%</u>
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 242,134</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 85,098</u>	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ (114,064)</u>	<u>\$ (28,580)</u>	<u>85,484</u>	
Impact on Cash Flow:	<u>\$ 21,842</u>			

CHURCH	MISSION			PER CAPITA		
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
	PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEDGE	DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ADAIR - WEST PRAIRIE			-	740.25	740.25	-
ALEDO - COLLEGE AVENUE			-	3,560.25	3,368.52	191.73
ALEDO - SUNBEAM	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	564.00	564.00	-
ALEXIS - NORWOOD		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	1,868.25	1,868.25	-
ATHENS - INDIAN POINT	600.00	600.00	-	1,057.50	1,057.50	-
BARTONVILLE - TRINITY	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	1,233.75	1,233.75	-
BIGGSVILLE - UNITED			-	2,256.00	282.00	1,974.00
BLOOMINGTON - SECOND			-	24,604.50	4,910.50	19,694.00
BLOOMINGTON - ST LUKE UNION			-	3,736.50	3,736.50	-
BUFFALO - BUFFALO HART (left 8/24/21)			-	3,137.25		3,137.25
BUSHNELL - FIRST			-	2,573.25		2,573.25
CANTON - FIRST			-	3,137.25	3,137.25	-
CARLINVILLE - FEDERATED	500.00	500.00	-	1,621.50	1,621.50	-
CARROLLTON - FIRST			-	1,339.50	1,339.50	-
CARTHAGE - FIRST			-	2,749.50	2,749.50	-
CHATHAM			-	6,274.50	5,997.00	277.50
CHENOA - FIRST		2,500.00	(2,500.00)	669.75	669.75	-
CLAYTON - FEDERATED			-	282.00	282.00	-
CLINTON	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	4,124.25	4,124.25	-
COAL VALLEY - FIRST		50.00	(50.00)	5,851.50	5,851.50	-
DANVERS - FIRST		400.00	(400.00)	5,322.75	2,660.00	2,662.75
DELAVAN - FIRST	2,000.00	2,094.00	(94.00)	1,692.00	1,692.00	-
DIVERNON - FIRST			-	1,480.50	1,480.50	-
EAST MOLINE - FIRST		1,500.00	(1,500.00)	4,547.25	4,547.25	-
EDWARDS - KOREAN			-	1,339.50	1,339.50	-
ELMWOOD - FIRST			-	2,820.00	141.00	2,679.00
EUREKA			-	846.00	846.00	-
FARMINGTON - FIRST UNITED	600.00	600.00	-	3,595.50	1,239.27	2,356.23
FOUNTAIN GREEN - CARTHAGE UNITED			-	2,256.00	1,681.28	574.72
GALESBURG - FIRST			-	8,142.75	3,133.50	5,009.25
GENESEO - FIRST		2,820.00	(2,820.00)	3,066.75	2,300.04	766.71
GREENVIEW - UNITED			-	1,233.75	1,233.75	-
HAMILTON - BETHEL			-	1,797.75		1,797.75
IPAVA - UNITED			-	1,656.75	1,656.75	-
JACKSONVILLE - FIRST		15,977.73	(15,977.73)	12,513.75	12,536.02	(22.27)
KIRKWOOD - WESTMINSTER		1,558.75	(1,558.75)	1,515.75	1,558.75	(43.00)
KNOXVILLE - FIRST		1,275.00	(1,275.00)	1,868.25	1,868.25	-
LEROY - FIRST		-	-	4,794.00	4,794.00	-
LEWISTOWN - FIRST			-	2,150.25		2,150.25
LINCOLN - FIRST		4,500.00	(4,500.00)	4,688.25	4,688.25	-
MACOMB - FIRST		6,000.00	(6,000.00)	9,059.25	8,883.12	176.13
MACOMB - SCOTLAND TRINITY			-	2,009.25	400.00	1,609.25
MASON CITY - UNITED	500.00	500.00	-	1,938.75	1,938.75	-
MEDIA - U P COMMUNITY			-	317.25	317.25	-
MIDDLETOWN - FIRST			-	493.50	493.50	-
MILAN - FIRST			-	4,512.00	4,512.00	-
MONMOUTH - FAITH UNITED			-	7,649.25	7,649.25	-
MONMOUTH - SUGAR TREE GROVE			-	1,057.50	1,058.52	(1.02)
MORTON - FIRST			-	740.25	740.25	-
MT STERLING - P C OF CHRIST			-	987.00	987.00	-
NAUVOO - FIRST **dis 11/14/20**			-	-	-	-
NEW WINDSOR - UNITED		3,350.00	(3,350.00)	5,217.00	4,500.00	717.00
NIOTA - APPANOOSE FAITH			-	2,220.75		2,220.75
NORMAL - FIRST	25,000.00	25,000.04	(0.04)	15,721.50	15,721.50	-
NORMAL - NEW COVENANT COMMUNITY	400.00	400.00	-	669.75	669.75	-
ONEIDA-FIRST		650.00	(650.00)	669.75	669.75	-
ORION - BEULAH		50.00	(50.00)	2,044.50	2,044.50	-
PEKIN - FIRST		1,974.00	(1,974.00)	2,538.00		2,538.00
PEORIA - FIRST FEDERATED			-	11,597.25	11,597.28	(0.03)
PEORIA - UNITED			-	14,170.50	14,170.50	-
PEORIA - WESTMINSTER		6,000.00	(6,000.00)	4,406.25	4,406.25	-
PERRY			-	423.00	253.75	169.25
PETERSBURG - CENTRAL		6,000.00	(6,000.00)	3,454.50	3,454.52	(0.02)
PLEASANT PLAINS - FARMINGDALE		1,900.00	(1,900.00)	3,172.50	3,172.50	-
QUINCY - ELLINGTON MEMORIAL		3,300.00	(3,300.00)	2,820.00	2,820.00	-
REYNOLDS - HAMLET PERRYTON			-	1,762.50	1,762.50	-
RIO			-	3,278.25	2,967.25	311.00
ROCK ISLAND - BROADWAY			-	1,374.75	1,374.75	-
ROCK ISLAND - GLORIA DEI		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	705.00	705.00	-

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	PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEDGE	DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ROCK ISLAND - GOOD SHEPHERD		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	6,627.00	6,627.00	-
ROCK ISLAND - SOUTH PARK			-	5,957.25	5,957.25	-
RUSHVILLE - FIRST			-	1,163.25		1,163.25
SEATON - CENTER			-	1,903.50	500.00	1,403.50
SPRINGFIELD - FIRST	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	9,905.25	9,905.25	-
SPRINGFIELD - HOPE	3,300.00	3,300.00	-	4,265.25	4,265.25	-
SPRINGFIELD - KNOX ** closed 12/31/21**			-	705.00		705.00
SPRINGFIELD - KOREAN UNITED			-	1,551.00	916.50	634.50
SPRINGFIELD - THIRD	1,000.00	1,026.44	(26.44)	6,274.50	6,274.50	-
SPRINGFIELD - WESTMINSTER	17,000.00	17,000.00	-	36,096.00	36,096.00	-
STRONGHURST			-	528.75	528.75	-
TALLULA - ROCK CREEK			-	2,608.50		2,608.50
VIOLA - UNITED			-	2,009.25		2,009.25
VIRDEN - FIRST			-	669.75		669.75
VIRGINIA - FIRST			-	3,172.50		3,172.50
VIRGINIA - SANGAMON VALLEY			-	1,304.25	1,304.25	-
WARSAW - FIRST			-	3,066.75	3,066.75	-
WASHINGTON			-	3,243.00	3,243.00	-
WHITE HALL - FIRST			-	951.75	951.75	-
WOODHULL - UNITED		4,000.00	(4,000.00)	4,723.50	4,723.50	-
WOODSON - UNITY			-	317.25		317.25
YATES CITY - FAITH UNITED		800.00	(800.00)	1,656.75	1,656.75	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59,400.00</b>	<b>129,625.96</b>	<b>(70,225.96)</b>	<b>342,418.50</b>	<b>276,215.57</b>	<b>66,202.93</b>

### PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION ACCOUNT HISTORY - End of Month Values



**Budget Narrative for February 25, 2023, Assembly Meeting: 2022 wrap-up.****Investments**

Looking at the Presbyterian Foundation Account History which shows the closing amounts each month in the New Covenant funds, the value of our investments dropped over 16% in 2022: -\$133,432. We did not actually sell any funds because our checking account remained strong, so the loss is on paper only.

**Balance Sheet**

As you can see our assets declined in 2022 due to the drop in our investments. Our checking account remains strong. At the end of 2022 we purchased \$100,000 worth of CDs: half at 2.5% interest maturing in 7 months and half at 3.25% maturing in 11 months. Thus, should the need for cash occur in 2023, these CDs will be available.

The Liabilities were higher due to the amount of pre-paid per capita for 2023. That money was moved to the Income Statement in January, 2023. Visioning also 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.

**Income Statement*****Support & Revenue***

While our Total Congregational Support was slightly higher than budgeted, this was due to higher missional giving. Per Capita was down – even more than the 15% we usually budget. The attached summary of per capita and mission giving is included in the financials. Our total budgeted receipts was hampered by the large loss sustained in our investments. That loss did not impact our cash flow as shown at the bottom of the income statement.

***Expenses***

Personnel expenses were well under budget mainly due to the difference in the budgeted cost of a lead presbyter and our bridge presbyter.

Our new lease for office space with FFC has dramatically reduced our occupancy charges.

Administrative expenses were below budget primarily due to reduced per capita shortfall payments from the previous year and virtual General Assembly attendance.

Program Expenses were also 15% underspent.

Overall, total expenses exceeded our Budgeted Receipts by \$114,064. However, since we didn't actually sell any of our investment funds, the actual impact on our cash flow was a positive \$21,842.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Strawbridge

**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS**  
**CURRENT TO PRIOR YEAR COMPARATIVE**  
**AS OF Dec 31, 2022**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>December 2021</b>	<b>December 2022</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>
Cash			
Checking and CDs	\$ 176,027	\$ 227,270	\$ 51,243
Investments	823,936	690,503	(133,432)
Lease Deposit	-	-	-
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>2,480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,480)</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,002,442</u>	<u>\$ 917,773</u>	<u>\$ (84,669)</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
Liabilities			
Liabilities Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pass Thru Liabilities	9,441	9,612	171
Prepaid Mission & Per Capita	-	17,270	17,270
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,441</u>	<u>\$ 26,883</u>	<u>\$ 17,441</u>
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 895,057</u>	<u>\$ 781,492</u>	<u>\$ (113,564)</u>
Designated			
Presbytery Leaders Support	-	-	-
Presbyter Relocation	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	52,912	50,364	(2,548)
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
Total Temporarily Restricted	<u>\$ 87,944</u>	<u>\$ 99,398</u>	<u>\$ 11,454</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 993,001</u>	<u>\$ 890,891</u>	<u>\$ (102,110)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,002,442</u>	<u>\$ 917,773</u>	<u>\$ (84,669)</u>

## **Administration Team February 15, 2023 Assembly Report**

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

### Ebersolt Fund 2023 Distribution

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### **Proposed Distribution of Ebersolt Funds in 2023**

<b>Indian Point United Presbyterian Church,</b>	<b>Athens</b>	<b>\$2,308.36</b>
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<b>Rock Creek Presbyterian Church,</b>	<b>Tallula</b>	<b>\$2,308.36</b>
 <b>Total Funds Available for Distribution</b>		 <b>\$9,233.44</b>

**Admin has approved this distribution and it will be to send to Assembly for their approval by way of the OMNIBUS motions.**

- a. E-Votes**
  - a. Approval of the November 2022 assembly minutes**
  - b. Approval of funds distribution concerning GEP Clerks 2023 salary increase.**
- b. The team received a very in death 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. April 25, 2023**
  - b. July 29, 2023**
  - c. October 21, 2023**

**Any questions please feel free to contact Julio Garcia @ [julieman6@yahoo.com](mailto:julieman6@yahoo.com) or 309-235-3999**



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## **Presbytery of Great Rivers Committee on Ministry Report 2.25.23**

The Committee on Ministry has met three times since the November Assembly. We continue to meet on Zoom. When we gather, we lift up joys and concerns and pray for our congregations.

At our December meeting we thanked TEs Joanne Hinds and Kathy Mitchell for their years of faithful service on COM as they completed their terms. In January we welcomed new members TEs Trey Haddon, John Napoli and Rene' Whitaker. We also updated the ministry partner assignments and elected the following to the Coordinating Team: Vice Moderator – John Napoli, Recording Secretary – Edwin Brinklow, Ministry Services Moderator – Kay Daniel, Transitions – Drew Nagle and Training and Resources Moderator – Paul Stroup. We meet on these Thursdays: 3.2, 3.30, 5.4, 6.1, 7.6, 8.3, 9.7, 10.5, 11.2 and 12.7. Reports and forms for the COM meetings that are received by 8 AM the Thursday beforehand at [greatriverscom@gmail.com](mailto:greatriverscom@gmail.com) are considered each month. We thank you for the use of this central mailbox.

Of our 85 congregations, 38 currently fall under the oversight of the Transitions subcommittee and 47 are under the oversight of the Ministry Services subcommittee. Training and Resources provides training for COM members. There are currently 9 MIFs in CLC from our presbytery, including the search for the new Lead Presbyter.

### **Actions taken**

The committee has approved all Terms of Call and Contracts submitted by 1.26.23.

We have welcomed to the presbytery:

Rev. Karol Schilling to Normal First from Maumee Valley Presbytery

Rev. Christopher Schilling (DOC) to Normal First

We have dismissed to other presbyteries:

Rev. Dr. David Ezekiel to Chicago Presbytery

Administrative Commission reports

COM has received the final report of the Administrative Commission for Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale. The AC is asking to be dismissed at this Assembly.

The AC to install John Napoli at Washington completed its work on 11.13.2023 and was dismissed with thanks.

We have no action items for this Assembly.

Blessings, Laura Reason, Moderator of COM

## **Stated Clerk's Report**

**February 25, 2023**

### **End-of-year Report for 2022**

The following are reported to the Assembly:

#### Disciplinary Reports:

- The Presbytery received a request for reference from a session following an allegation of misconduct and the presbytery formed and trained an investigative committee. Charges were filed and the procedures ended as the one for whom charges had been filed renounced jurisdiction in the PC(USA).
- An allegation of misconduct was received. An investigative committee was formed, trained, and began their work. No charges were filled.

The following MWSs have been received:

- TE John Joseph Napoli III from Ohio Presbytery.
- TE Hwa Sung Ryu from Lake Erie Presbytery.
- TE Cathy Allen from East Iowa Presbytery (in bounds of Southeastern Illinois)
- TE Cindy Bean from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
- TE Susan Krummel from Chicago Presbytery
- TE Pam Laing from Southeastern Presbytery
- TE Bill McLean from Southeastern Presbytery
- TE Karol Schilling from Maumee Valley

The following have been ordained and listed as a member of the Presbytery:

- N/A

The following have been temporarily transferred from other denominations while serving churches in the Presbytery of Great Rivers:

- Rev. Gay Behresnmeyer, Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Chris Schilling, Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Tim Mitchell, Disciples of Christ
- Rev. Dr. Scott Carnes, United Methodist Church

The following MWSs have been listed as Honorably Retired:

- TE Susan Krummel
- TE Drew Nagle
- TE Almut Spalding

The following MWSs have been dismissed:

- TE Blake Severson to Western Reserve Presbytery
- TE Sterrett Collins to Southeastern Presbytery
- TE James Benson to Beaver-Butler Presbytery
- TE David Ezekiel to Chicago Presbytery
- TE Ryan Landino to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
- TE Teri Ott to Shenandoah Presbytery
- TE James Reitz to Carlisle Presbytery
- TE Joy Ridge Edeker to North Central Iowa Presbytery
- TE Beung Hoon Choi to Midwest Korean American Presbytery (pending)

The following have been removed from the rolls:

- Candidate Sam LaMere has been removed from under care of the Presbytery of Great Rivers through the renouncement of jurisdiction in the PC(USA). He is no longer an elder or member in the PC(USA).

The following MWSs have been transferred to the church triumphant in their deaths:

- TE George Cottay Jr. who passed away on May 27, 2022.
- TE Donna Harris who passed away on July 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk

### **PGR Nominating Committee Report, February 25, 2023**

The full Nominating Committee (NC) met via Zoom December 1, 2022 and January 20, 2023. The co-chairs also communicated regularly via email, phone, and text as we began the work for 2023. We bring the following four motions before the assembly for consideration.

**MOTION #1.** The Nominating Committee seeks to suspend manual of operations, Section IV, paragraph 2, that states we need to rotate between a teaching elder and ruling elder for the election of a moderator-elect for 2023.

Rationale: We attempted for months to find a ruling elder to serve as moderator-elect and were unsuccessful. We have found a teaching elder to serve.

**MOTION #2.** The Nominating Committee nominates to service:

Moderator-elect – TE Frosty Krummel

Visioning Team – TE Chip Roland, Class of 2024 and RE Martha Dean, Class of 2024

**MOTION #3.** The Nominating Committee moves that the manual of operations be changed in Section 4 "Moderator and Moderator-Elect" to the following wording "The Nominating Committee presents a nominee for the office of Moderator Elect at the last Stated Meeting of the Presbytery Assembly of that calendar year. It will be the practice of the Nominating Committee to rotate between electing teaching elders and ruling elders, however if the rotation cannot be maintained in one year the Nominating Committee will nominate a qualified candidate regardless of designation "

Rationale: In recent years we have struggled to abide by the stated practice of having ruling elders elected in the odd years, teaching elders in the even years. The NC believes making this change will address the issue by giving a bit more freedom in the search process, and reduce the number of times we will need to approach the assembly to waive the rules.

**Motion #4.** The Nominating Committee moves that the following be added to the manual of operations Section IV, *Guiding Principles* paragraph. "That any nominee from the floor of presbytery for a standing committee will be first vetted by the Nominating Committee before being presented for election."

Rationale: Currently the NC is staffed by members who have served multiple terms over the last two decades. Experience has taught us that the NC is often given confidential information as to why certain individuals are not suited for specific work. One of the responsibilities of the NC is to vet those recommended/volunteering to be sure a person elected is a good fit. In the case when a person is nominated from the floor there is not an opportunity for vetting, and if the NC is in possession of confidential information, even if each member votes against the election, they do not make a majority to prevent the election of a person previously determined to be unsuited for the work. It will be the NC's practice to report back at the next assembly the result of that nomination – either presentation for election, or that the candidate withdrew their name from consideration.

**In other news . . .**

If you are feeling called to serve, or have a name to recommend please contact a NC member. Here are the openings we still have for 2023.

**Administration Team**

1. 2023 TE
2. 2024 TE
3. 2025 TE
4. 2025 TE

**CPM**

1. 2024 RE – recent resignation
2. 2025 RE

**COM**

1. 2023 RE
2. 2023 RE
3. 2023 RE
4. 2023 RE
5. 2024 RE
6. 2024 RE
7. 2025 RE
8. 2025 RE

**Personnel Committee**

1. 2025 TE

We have included in our papers two forms; one is a brief committee description form to use for volunteering or nominating someone for consideration. The other is a form we are hopeful each clerk of session or pastor will fill out and send to us. This form is a list of those ruling elders in your congregation available to be considered for service on a committee. We recognize some of our eligible ruling elders have health or family concerns that make serving not an option this year, so please feel free to omit their names. We are hopeful this will become an annual practice to submit an updated form. Thank you for helping us organize the work of the presbytery.

We would like to share that 41 of our congregations have at least one member serving on a presbytery committee, 4 honorably retired teaching elders who are not officially connected to a congregation are serving, and 1 at-large-member teaching elder is serving our presbytery in a variety of roles. Thank you to all our volunteers, to the congregations that support their work, and to their family & friends who continue to encourage them to build connections in our presbytery.

Finally, thank you to John Rickard, Elissa Bailey, Crystal Goforth, Sabrina McGrath, and Bill Strawbridge for their continue support in our committee's work. We appreciate your wisdom, help, patience, and flexibility.

In Christ's Service,

The Nominating Committee, [nominating@greatriverspby.org](mailto:nominating@greatriverspby.org)

Co-Chair RE Gary Terpstra, [g.terpstra@comcast.net](mailto:g.terpstra@comcast.net)

Co-Chair TE Cheyanna Losey, [cheyannalosey@gmail.com](mailto:cheyannalosey@gmail.com)

RE Gary Davis, RE Julio Garcia, RE Larry Lawson

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.

## Personnel Committee Report

**February 25, 2023**

Personnel Team makes the motion to change the terms of call for Elissa Bailey to come into compliance with COM's minimum salary requirement.

Background: Elissa works 17 hours per week for Great Rivers as our Stated Clerk and 15 hours weekly for East Iowa Presbytery in the same capacity. That makes her at 80% of Full Time employment. Great Rivers uses 53% of her time and East Iowa employs her for 47% of her time. To bring her salary into compliance, we need to increase her total compensation from \$39,940 to \$41,252 (80% of \$51,565). This is an annual increase of \$1,312.00 and will also entail the Board of Pensions increase of \$511.68.

East Iowa has agreed to their share of this increase, as well as an additional \$20.70 per month in salary, as well as the \$8.07 for the increase in Board of Pensions for that additional compensation.

**Personnel, with the approval of Administration Team, makes the motion that we alter Elissa's terms of call to reflect an annual increase of \$696.86 for salary and \$271.78 for Board of Pension Dues.** The total increase for Great River's budget is \$968.64. With the participation of East Iowa Presbytery, this will make her salary \$41,500.46 and the total Board of Pension Dues \$15,576.70. It is our plan that this salary be retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, the remaining payments for 2023 will be increased to reflect the total year salary of \$41,500.46.

Elissa is electing to take \$30,000 of her total compensation as housing allowance. This was approved by Leadership Team.



Presbytery of Great Rivers  
Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee Report  
February 25, 2023

The Lead Presbyter MIF is live! Look for this information to be on the Presbytery website, in the “Good News from Great Rivers” and on the Presbytery of Great Rivers facebook page and then share, share, share!

We have put the following dates in place so that we can meet our goal of presenting a candidate at the April 29<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Assembly:

- ✚ 03/19/2023: deadline for receiving the PIF’s
- ✚ 03/27/2023: The committee will next meet on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> via zoom. We will be meeting to review Personal Information Forms (PIF).
- ✚ 3/27-4/2/2023 – committee to conduct reference checks.
- ✚ 03/39/2023 – Finalists to be informed on or before this date.
- ✚ 04/03/2023: The committee will meet on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9-11 a.m., again via zoom, to discuss the results of the reference checks and work on interview preparations.
- ✚ 04/12 – 04/15/2023: Face to Face interviews with applicants occur. LPNC arrives at interview location on the 12<sup>th</sup> and stays until we have made a selection on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ 4/15-4/29: The committee will make plans for introductions to presbytery; negotiate terms of call and start date; request time on the April 29<sup>th</sup> Presbytery docket

Maura McGrath Nagle and Adam Quine  
Co-Moderators of the Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee

## FINAL REPORT FROM THE ROCK ISLAND AC

**MOVING TO THE FUTURE, BETTER TOGETHER:** The four Presbyterian congregations in Rock Island have moved forward and completed the extraordinary task of becoming one church (GRACE PCUSA). Initially, congregations worshiped at each of the four congregations in May. The worship was to be a time of celebration and giving praise to God for the ministry that had been, and for what would soon be. On June 5, Pentecost Sunday, the four churches joined together as a brand new congregation.

For the past two and a half years, with the assistance of the Presbytery Foundation and GRP AC, a provisional session made up of 2 members of each church has concluded the extraordinary task of consolidating four churches into one. Some of the major tasks were as follows:

- 1- The education and lengthy discussion within each church as to why the consolidation should occur.
- 2- The naming of the church.
- 3- The selling of 3 of the 4 churches
- 4- The administrative tasks such as (these are just a few of the many)
  - a. Closing on all the sales
  - b. Closing and transferring all 4 churches financial accounts into one
  - c. Renaming property deeds
  - d. Insurance change over
  - e. Establishing all the traditional presbytery church committees
- 5- While all this was going on, the provisional session and the new congregation had to deal with the reality that by the end of July 2022, the existing pastors had moved on to other callings. With the assistance of the AC, and the Quad Cities church community, they have been able to fill their pulpit every Sunday, including special services.
- 6- On January 9<sup>th</sup> of 2023, the congregation had their first congregational meeting, where they selected their new session, deacons, nominating committee and PNC. Now, with the assistance of COM, they are moving on with the task of finding a permanent pastor.
- 7- On behalf of all the members of the AC we want to state that it has been an honor and privilege to have been part of this great birth of a new church and we know for a fact that God was with us all the way. Every time we hit a wall, we prayed, and guess what, he showed us the way.

## Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale AC Final Report and Recommendation for dismissal

The Presbytery of Great Rivers held a called assembly meeting on 3/26/2022 to vote on the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to form an Administrative Commission for Pleasant Plains – Farmingdale with the following powers:

- To complete the dissolution of the call between Rev. Lonna Lee and Farmingdale Presbyterian Church
- To negotiate and approve the severance package, including the end date
- To call a congregational meeting to approve the dissolution (the call being made on behalf of the Presbytery)
- To assist and walk with their ~~next~~ *interim* pastor search process
- To assume original jurisdiction of the Session, if deemed necessary, according to G-3.0303e

The following amendment was made by COM Moderator Rev. James Benson:

- Under #4: strike the word “next” and add the word “interim” in its place.
- Add the following: “The Administrative Commission shall report to the Presbytery on its work no less than quarterly. Its reports shall be submitted through the Committee on Ministry, which shall in turn report to the Presbytery at each stated assembly meeting on the Commission’s work while preserving confidentiality in its reporting. The Committee on Ministry may release unredacted versions of the reports from the Administrative Commission to those appropriate individuals or councils who have a ‘need to know’ basis for requesting the reports. The Committee on Ministry in consultation with the Leadership Team shall determine a valid ‘need to know’.”
- Add the following: “This commission shall be valid until the May 2023 meeting of the Presbytery, at which time it shall give a final report and conclude its work, or it shall request an extension, including a rationale, of its commission for up to one year. Such extensions may be requested and approved until the Administrative Commission or Presbytery believes that the objectives of the commission have been fulfilled, at which time the final report shall be given.”

The AC began its work April 8, 2022. The first three charges were completed by June 2022. The fourth charge was satisfied by the Session and Pastor J. Steven Smith (UMC) signing an interim contract for the term of 2/1/23-1/31/24. This contract was approved by COM on 1.12.2023. Pastor Smith is approved as a Temporary Member of the Presbytery, upon successful completion of an online PCUSA polity course.

This concludes our work on behalf of the Presbytery of Great Rivers and we ask for our dismissal effective 2/25/2023. We thank you for this opportunity to serve.

## The Pleasant Plains, Farmingdale Administrative Commission

RE Julie Bruninga, secretary, Jacksonville First

RE William Opper, Lincoln First

RE Mike Orr, Moderator, Springfield First

TE John Shear, Springfield Third

RE William Ward, Springfield Westminster

TE Christopher Williams, Validated Ministry

Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission and Drew Nagle, Moderator of the Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church at time of closing

**Report to Presbytery:**

The Administrative Commission charged with assisting Sherrard Community Presbyterian in closing fulfilled many of its responsibilities and authorities between its establishment in June 8, 2019 through September 2019. The AC planned to continue one more year in order to see that the Kid's Club continued after the congregation's closure and members had a year of support while seeking a congregation to belong. All was going to plan, then COVID pandemic came in March 2020. It put a halt to much of the AC's work. Then in the Summer of 2022 the moderator of the AC and another member of the AC received calls in other Presbyteries. Since the AC as a whole had not met since the summer of 2019 and had not been apprized of what had happened since that meeting, the Moderator of Presbytery and the Stated Clerk asked Drew Nagle, TE and pastor/moderator of Sherrard from 2012 until its closing, July 31, 2019 to make a final report.

**History:**

In April, 2012 Drew Nagle, TE, was appointed Moderator and by contract between the sessions of Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church, Rock Island and Community Presbyterian Church, Sherrard served as half time supply pastor. The original intent was for Pastor Nagle to help the congregation move to a healthy closure in a year's time. The session and congregation annually covenanted from January 2013 through January 2018 to continue on in ministry and see where God was leading them with an understanding that God was not finished with them. In 2018 it became clear that they could not continue. The session requested that the Presbytery of Great Rivers create a Task Force to assist them in moving towards closure and passing on the ministry to others. The Task Force was formed November 3, 2018. With support of the Task Force a plan was developed and approved by session and congregation to have a final worship service on June 9, 2019 and close the congregation, July 30, 2019. On June 8, 2019 at the request of the Task Force the Presbytery created an AC to act on the Presbytery's behalf concluding all actions needed to complete the plan of closure. The Kid's Bible Club was a ministry that started with 3 grandchildren of members and grew to an average 17 children from kindergarten through eighth grade. It was the desire to continue after closure. From September, 2019 through mid-March, 2020, it continued with funds overseen by Beulah Presbyterian and taught by the three original teachers. The new owners graciously allowed it to continue to be in the lower level of the church building. During the pandemic the new owners repurposed the lower level and no longer allowed the Kid's Club to meet in the building. Kid's Club did not resume when the schools returned to in person classes.

**Community Presbyterian Church Plan for Closure:**

Actions by the PGR Assembly:

1. MA that the Presbytery of Great Rivers will close Sherrard Presbyterian Church (Sherrard, IL) on July 31st, 2019 with their last worship service being June 9th, 2019.
2. MA that the Presbytery of Great Rivers will endorse the plan for the sale of the Sherrard Presbyterian Church (Sherrard IL) building to Robert and Christine Breshear in the amount of \$7,000.00 and for closing of the sale to take place on or about July 1, 2019.
3. MA that the Presbytery of Great Rivers allow for all liquid assets of Sherrard Presbyterian Church (Sherrard IL) as well as the monies that will be received from the sale of property to be used on their continued ministry that includes the kid's club and that Presbytery of Great Rivers or Beulah Presbyterian Church of Orion, IL temporary take on the responsibility of the

administration of such funds. A Sherrard Presbyterian Restricted Fund will be created by the Presbytery of Great Rivers bookkeeper, Sabrina McGrath. In the event that the Kids Club fails, the funds from the sale be designated for youth ministry in the Presbytery. with the completion of the above delegated tasks.

**Responsibilities and authorities for the Administrative Commission for Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church to complete the Plan for Closure:**

1. To dissolve the Sherrard-Community Presbyterian Church.

By action of Presbytery the church was officially closed July 31, 2019; due to some legal matters the bank account and incorporation with the State of Illinois the complete closure was delayed but is completed.

2. To provide for the continuing spiritual and pastoral care of the remaining members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard.

3. To transfer members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard to other congregations and to provide for pastoral care for those who do not wish to or are unable to transfer their membership.

4. To grant letters of dismissal to members for those who have not found a new church after a period of one year.

The congregation had 30 members at time of closure. At the last meeting of session several members were transferred to other congregations effective July 31, 2019. The remaining members were transferred to Presbytery for later transfer. To date most have transferred to another congregation. Pastoral care was provided to the members who did not transfer by Drew Nagle, TE. This included two funerals, and providing the bulletin and link to Facebook live for worship at Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church during the time of the pandemic when there was no in person worship.

5. To take possession of all real and personal property of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard along with all records of the congregation and to oversee transfer of all real property and accounts to the Presbytery.

6. To ensure that bills are paid, the property is maintained and secured, and adequate insurance coverage is in place.

7. To ensure that assets given for the benefit of continued ministry in Sherrard are properly housed with a congregation or council for said benefit.

8. To consult with the Session or its representatives regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment, memorials, and other property, honoring them where possible and to retain such for future use at the discretion of the Presbytery.

9. To act as agents of the Presbytery of Great Rivers in negotiations for and/or to conclude the sale of 201 3rd Street, Sherrard, IL 6128.

10. To assert the claim of the Presbytery of Great Rivers to any property of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard, whether known or not known at this time, or property which may come as beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

The AC working with the Treasurer of the congregation and PGR Administration Team completed all fiscal and legal responsibilities. After all bills were paid the remaining funds were transferred to a special account at Beulah Presbyterian Church for the continued ministry of Kid's Bible Club in Sherard per action of PGR Assembly. With advice from the congregation ecclesiastical items were given to other congregations. Other items were sold at auction. The sale approved by the PGR Assembly was delayed because of the title and deeds to the property.

There were two plots with different deeds. The one was still in the name of denomination at the time of ownership (1946). This involved showing the continuity of denominations and getting a quick claim on the deed from the PC(USA).

11. To transfer to the Stated Clerk for forwarding to the Presbyterian Historical Society all official records of the congregation. Other historical records shall be transferred to the stated clerk for storage or transfer to PHS at the clerk's direction.

The official records were received for transfer.

12. To complete any additional tasks necessary to close the corporation of the church.

All necessary actions were taken for the dissolution of the corporation.

13. To see that the long life and faithful history of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard is suitably celebrated in a service of worship. In undertaking these actions, the Administrative Commission shall be sensitive to the memory, heritage, and concerns of the members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard.

This was done at Presbytery Assembly on June 8, 2019 and at the congregation's worship on June 9, 2019. Members of the AC and other representatives of the Presbytery shared in this worship celebration.

The members of the Administrative Commission Sherrard Community Presbyterian Administrative Commission:

Teaching Elders: James Benson, chair, Joyce Chamberlain, Blake Severson,

Ruling Elders: Keith Clement, Roger Mixer, and Iona Schnowske

MA The Administrative Commission shall invite members of the Community Presbyterian Church of Sherrard to participate in its work with voice but without vote.

Elder Helenna Freeman, Clerk, Elder Lynn Crompton, Treasurer, Linda Breiby, and Elder Mark Mueller were the primary members of the congregation to work alongside the AC in the completion of the closure.

Drew Nagle, TE, assisted the session and the AC in pastoral care and the continuing of Kid's Bible Club as well as the responsibilities of Moderator completing the closure.

#### ACTIONS:

1. That the Presbytery requests the transfer of all remaining funds in the Sherrard (Kid's Bible Club) Account administered by Beulah Presbyterian, Orion to the Presbytery of Great Rivers for an account to give grants to PGR congregations for Children and Youth Outreach ministry.
2. That the Vision Team will direct the distribution of this account with the following criteria:
  - a.) That the ministry have primarily an outreach to non-churched children and youth
  - b) That the ministry has a component of Bible study and faith sharing.
3. That the Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission for Sherrard Community Presbyterian Church be dismissed.