



**STATED MEETING**  
**Presbytery of Great Rivers**  
**DOCKET**

November 19th, 2022 ~ Call to Order @ 10:00 am  
 Host Church: Grace Church PCUSA, Rock Island, IL

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

*To access the meeting on Zoom, 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/tZYuf-yrpzgiHdQLiMODycbmyDJXYCuBg52L>

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

9:30 Registration and Sign-in to Zoom

10:00 Call to Order with Prayer TE Chuck Goodman, Moderator

Approval of Recording Clerk Pro Tem - TE Lonna C. Lee and Parliamentarian-TE Drew Nagle

Acknowledging Native American Heritage of Gathering Sites TE Lonna C. Lee

Welcome and Instructions Moderator

- Meeting Etiquette, Voting procedure, Microphone & Zoom Navigation
- Establishment of quorum
- Establish the Roll and Seat Corresponding Members
- Introduction and seating of first-time Teaching Elder commissioners
- Introduction of first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners

**PARTNERING IN MISSION, RISKING IN MINISTRY**

**BUSINESS ITEMS** *(Reports are in the Assembly tab on the website.)*

10:10 Adoption of the Docket (5)

**Motion** to Enter All Written Reports into the Permanent Minutes

**Motion the Omnibus:**

*Stated Clerk’s Report (p.1), CLP/CRE Coordinator (p.2), Administration Report (p.3), Personnel Report (p.4), Finance Report (p.5-11)*

- 10:15 Committee on Ministry (COM) (45) **(p.12)** TE Laura Reason  
 1) Change of status: Pastor William Mitchell - Requiring super majority  
 2) Plan for Rev. Scott Carnes – Galesburg First  
 3) Approved Terms of Call (Info only)
- 11:00 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (35) **(p.22)** TE Maura McGrath Nagle  
 1) Examination Candidate Mackenzie Jager  
 Charge - TE Paul Stroup Prayer - TE Laura Reason  
 2) Approve List of Exam Readers
- 11:35 Nominating Part 1 (15) **(p.24)** TE Cheyanna Losey
- 11:50 Visioning (5) **(p.28)** TE Jessica Hawkinson Dorow
- 11:55 Meal Instructions and Blessing Host Church Pastor
- 12:00 **Lunch** (45)

## UNITING IN WORSHIP

### 1:00 Order of the Day

*Commissioners on Zoom please gather elements.*

Congregational Hymn "Gather Us In" TE Joel Jackle-Hugh, guitar

#### Commissioning of Grace Church PC(USA)

The Call to Celebrate for Grace Church (Responsive) Elder Julio Garcia

Prayer TE Tim Snart

Litany of Commission for Grace Church PCUSA Grace Church PCUSA Session,  
TE Chuck Goodman

Prayer RE Julio Garcia

Special Music "How Great Thou Art" Terry Stratton, Grace Ensemble  
Charla Waite, Accompanist

Scripture Reading Joshua 24:14-19

Sermon "Choices" TE Katie Styrt

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper TE Katie Styrt + TE Chuck Goodman

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Almighty God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.** *(Prayer continues...)*

Words of Institution

Communion of God’s People

Prayer after Communion

TE Chuck Goodman

Commissioning of Moderator and Moderator-elect

TE John Rickard

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

Declaration of Installation and Welcome

Offering Introduction

Schales Nagle, Kemmerer Village

Offertory

Video from Kemmerer Village

Prayer of Dedication

Schales Nagle

Dedication of “RIP Medical Debt Campaign”

TE Jessica Hawkinson Dorow

Remembering Our Saints

TE Deb Avery and Denise Maxwell

Charge

TE Katie Styrt, Moderator

2:15 **BUSINESS ITEMS** (Cont’d) (15)

Moderator

CLP/CRE Coordinator Report **(p.2)**

TE Cheyanna Losey

Nominating Pt. 2 **(p.24)**

TE Cheyanna Losey

**Unfinished Business**

2:30 **NEW BUSINESS** - *This is not a time for announcements, but for introducing other business not previously docketed before the assembly.*

**SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE**

2:35 Recognition of Pastoral Anniversaries

TE Laura Reason

Sharing Good News

TE Katie Styrt, Moderator-elect

*Please go to a microphone if in person, or raise your virtual hand to be recognized, then unmute and briefly share your ministry’s good news!*

2:45 Announcements

3:00 Benediction

TE Chuck Goodman, Past Mod.

3:05 Adjournment

TE Katie, Styr, Moderator-elect

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- Commissioners: please turn in evaluation forms
  - The next Assembly is a Saturday in February 2023 (date TBD)  
10 am-3:00 pm at First PC Normal, IL

## **Stated Clerk's Report**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The following are reported to the Assembly:

The following MWSs have been received:

- Rev. Cynthia Bean, from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
- Rev. Karol Schilling, from Maumee Valley Presbytery

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. Christopher Schilling

The following MWSs have been listed as Honorably Retired:

- N/A

The following MWSs have been dismissed:

- Rev. Dr. David Ezekiel to the Presbytery of Chicago

The following have been removed from the rolls:

- Candidate under care, Samuel La Mere, has been removed from under care of the Presbytery of Great Rivers and membership within the PC(USA) through the renunciation of jurisdiction.

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

- N/A

**PGR Commissioned Pastor Coordinator Report to the Assembly  
November 19, 2022**

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, we have learned Robert Wagner, long time pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, went home to the Lord. His obituary can be viewed at this link.

<https://www.banksandbeals.com/obituary/robert-wagner-jr> Thank you for your prayers for his family and the congregation he served.

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 began this year sharing prayer concerns via email. I continue to meet individually on a rotating schedule. These continued points of contact have increased my knowledge of our presbytery and allowed all of us a chance to share resources, ask questions, and laugh together.

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

[cheyannalosey@gmail.com](mailto:cheyannalosey@gmail.com)

309-299-4790

## **Administration Team November 19, 2022 Assembly Report**

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

**a. Properties**

- 1. Final closing of Broadway Rock Island**
- 2. Final closing of South Park Rock Island**
- 3. Final approval of Yates sale of their Manse**

**b. The team received a very in depth briefing concerning presbyteries investments by David English from the New Covenant Trust. (Part of the Presbytery Foundation)**

**c. Admin is asking all churches in our presbytery to please nominate candidates for our Nominating Committee.**

**d. Dates for Admin meeting in 2023:**

- January 14, 2023**
- April 25, 2023**
- July 29, 2023**
- October 21, 2023**

**Any questions please feel free to contact Julio Garcia @ [juliemann6@yahoo.com](mailto:juliemann6@yahoo.com) or 309-235-3999**

## **Personnel Committee Report**

**November 19, 2022**

### **Welcome Crystal!**

If you have contacted our administrative assistant in the last few days you might have been surprised to find yourself speaking with a new voice! Lindsay Zubal will no longer be handling our account. Family obligations have arisen that required more of Lindsay's time, so Ministry Architects, the organization with whom we contract to fulfill this service, has assigned a new assistant. Crystal Goforth comes to us virtually from Clinton, South Carolina.

Crystal received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Lander University in 2006. She married her husband, Michael Goforth, in 2008. They live in Clinton, SC (home of Presbyterian College). Her husband, Michael, works full-time for the South Carolina Army National Guard. They have two kids, Christina, and Paul. They also have a dog who is like another child, N'dago. They served as foster parents for 6 years and had eleven children in their care during that time.

Crystal has been serving in administrative/ministry assistant roles since 2006 starting in collegiate ministry and moving into more of an administrative assistant role in a local church in 2012 after taking about a year and half off to stay home with Christina while her husband Michael was deployed. Crystal started serving ministries virtually in 2020. Crystal currently serves in her local church through teaching preschoolers about missionaries.

You can reach Crystal with the same email address, [office@greatriverspby.org](mailto:office@greatriverspby.org) or by phone 309-683-6980. If you choose to call, please leave a message, and Crystal will return your call as soon as possible.

Welcome Crystal! We look forward to working with you!

By Joyce Chamberlin, Personnel Chair



## **Budget Narrative for the November 19, 2022, Assembly Meeting**

### BALANCE SHEET

Total assets are down \$97,645 from last December's closing markets. (See "Pres Found monthly closing amount Oct 31 2022" curve. The markets remain very volatile.) Our checking account is up \$50,915 and our investments are down \$148,560 (-18%). (The difference between the investment drop on the Balance Sheet (\$148,560) and the drop reported on the Income Statement (\$148,554) is a \$5.26 transfer from one of our investment accounts into our checking account in August 2022.)

Part of the "bump" in the checking account is the \$15,539 prepaid per capita money from the four churches merging into Grace in Rock Island.

The rest of the "bump" comes from our Income Statement. While discussed below, it shows a deficit of (\$112,701). The main reason for the deficit is the drop in investments of (\$148,554). The actual impact on our cash flow is calculated without our investments included (since we didn't sell any) and becomes \$35,853 – positive!

### INCOME STATEMENT

#### Revenue

The total per capita revenue of \$153,361 consists of 2022 per capita \$145,579 (78% of budgeted amount) and 2021 late paid per capita of \$7,782. Mission giving to PGR is \$48,904 (79% of budgeted amount). Over \$72,000 has also been donated to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief this year. We thank the many churches who have faithfully fulfilled their per capita assessments and their mission pledges.

While the investment income shows a negative \$148,554, none of the funds were sold and our cash flow has not been adversely affected by these investment losses.

#### Expenses

Staff salaries and benefits remain much lower than budgeted. Having a part time bridge presbyter rather than a full-time lead presbyter accounts for almost \$70k of the under budgeted amount. Most of the remaining underbudgeted amount can be attributed to having a virtual Admin Assistance rather than the part time assistant.

Our new office lease is saving us almost \$1000 per month, which has also reduced costs for office operations & supplies. Both areas are well under budget for the year.

Under Administration costs, our insurance has decreased because of less office space and the 2021 late paid per capita in 2022 reduced the amount of unpaid per capita we owed for last year.

The largest under budget item in Program Expenses is the Visioning Grant line item. While churches are adapting to the new grant process, grants to churches this year are expected to be about \$13,600. Visioning has identified other needs for the remaining budgeted amount.

#### Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses (net income)

The net income is a deficit of \$112,701. As stated above, this is attributable to our lower investments. The actual cash flow is + \$35,853 into the checking account.

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

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Budgeted				
Congregational Support				
Per Capita	\$ 153,361	\$ 185,452	\$ 32,091	83%
Mission	48,904	61,600	12,697	79%
Trust Clause Payments	12,216	11,500	(716)	106%
Total Congregational Support	<u>\$ 214,481</u>	<u>\$ 258,552</u>	<u>\$ 44,787</u>	<u>83%</u>
Investment Income	(148,554)	40,100	188,654	-370%
Total Budgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 65,926</u>	<u>\$ 298,652</u>	<u>\$ 233,442</u>	<u>22%</u>
Transfer to/from Designated Funds	<u>(2,624)</u>			
Unbudgeted Receipts				
Preparation for Ministry Support	\$ 512			
Presbytery Peacemaking Support	1,612			
Other Receipts	500			
Total Unbudgeted Receipts	<u>\$ 2,624</u>			
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$ 65,926</u>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Budgeted				
Salaries, Benefits, Training & Taxes				
General Presbyter	\$ 4,775	\$ 121,229	\$ 116,454	4%
Stated Clerk	23,664	19,170	(4,494)	123%
Senior Administrative Assistant	-	32,871	32,871	0%
Bookkeeper	19,517	22,839	3,322	85%
PT Admin Asst (Virtual) & CW	16,100		(16,100)	
CLP Coordinator	7,779	8,874	1,095	88%
Bridge Presbyter Salary	46,965		(46,965)	
Workers Compensation Insurance	805	900	95	89%
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	<u>\$ 119,606</u>	<u>\$ 205,883</u>	<u>\$ 86,277</u>	<u>58%</u>
Presbytery Office				
Occupancy	\$ 5,723	\$ 14,924	\$ 9,201	38%
Office Operations and Supplies	12,075	16,525	4,450	73%
Total Presbytery Office Expenses	<u>\$ 17,798</u>	<u>\$ 31,449</u>	<u>\$ 13,651</u>	<u>57%</u>

**Expenses (continued)**

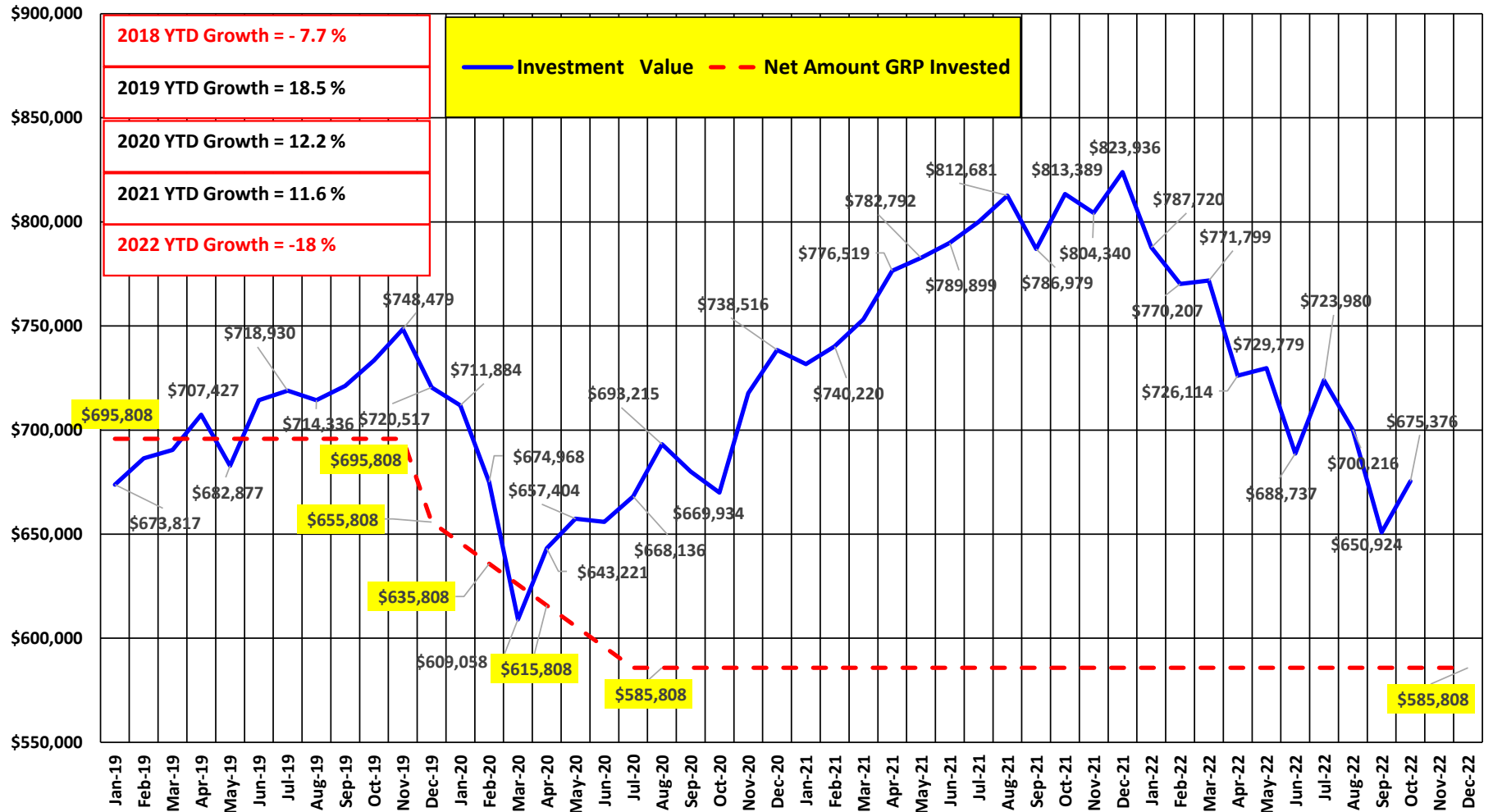
**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS**  
**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT AND REVENUES AND EXPENSES - CASH BASIS**  
**ACTUAL TO BUDGET COMPARATIVE**  
**YEAR TO DATE October 31, 2022**

	Actual	Annual Budget	(Over)Under Budget	Percent of Budget Used
Presbytery Administration				
Liability Insurance	2,729	3,300	571	83%
Audit Fee	-	-	-	
Moderator Training	-	1,250	\$ 1,250	0%
Assembly Meetings (PGR)	-	1,200	\$ 1,200	0%
Per Capita Shortfall	17,479	21,400	3,921	82%
General Assembly Delegates	115	2,000	1,885	6%
Payroll Service	1,339	1,600	261	84%
Legal Fees	-	100	100	0%
PGR Training (Elder/Deacon, Ldrshp)	-	750	750	0%
Total Presbytery Administration Expenses	<u>\$ 21,662</u>	<u>\$ 31,600</u>	<u>\$ 9,938</u>	<u>69%</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	16,475	46,000	29,525	36%
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>\$ 18,961</u>	<u>\$ 57,300</u>	<u>\$ 38,339</u>	<u>33%</u>
Other Expenses				
Bank Fees & Expenses	3	100	97	3%
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>3%</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$ 178,628</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 148,507</u>	<u>55%</u>
Unbudgeted Expenses Funded by Restricted Funds				
Pastor Support Grants	-	-	-	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 178,628</u>	<u>\$ 327,232</u>	<u>\$ 148,604</u>	
Excess of Support and Revenue Over Expenses	<u>\$ (112,701)</u>	<u>\$ (28,580)</u>	<u>84,121</u>	
Cash flow into checking acct.	<u>\$ 35,853</u>			

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

<b>Assets</b>	<b>October 2021</b>	<b>October 2022</b>	<b>'22 - '21 Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>December 2021</b>	<b>Change Oct. '22 - Dec '21</b>
Cash					
Checking and CDs	\$ 200,538	\$ 226,942	\$ 26,403	\$ 176,027	\$ 50,915
Investments	813,389	675,376	(138,013)	823,936	(148,560)
Lease Deposit	-	-	-	-	-
Fixed Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,480	2,480	-	2,480	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,407</b>	<b>\$ 904,797</b>	<b>\$ (111,610)</b>	<b>\$ 1,002,442</b>	<b>\$ (97,645)</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>					
Liabilities					
Liabilities Payable	\$ 58	\$ -	\$ (58)	\$ -	\$ -
Pass Thru Liabilities	9,441	9,612	171	9,441	171
Prepaid Mission & Per Capita (2023 RI ch PC)	-	15,539	15,539	-	15,539
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 9,499</b>	<b>\$ 25,152</b>	<b>\$ 15,653</b>	<b>\$ 9,441</b>	<b>\$ 15,711</b>
Net Assets					
Unrestricted	\$ 899,231	\$ 784,980	\$ (114,251)	\$ 895,057	\$ (110,077)
Designated					
Presbytery Leaders Support	-	-	-	-	-
Presbyter Relocation	10,000	10,000	-	10,000	-
<b>Total Designated</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Temporarily Restricted					
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 10,132	\$ 7,749	\$ (2,383)	\$ 9,129	\$ (1,380)
Peacemaking	16,066	19,786	3,719	19,786	-
Synod Pastor Support Grants	1,701	1,701	-	1,701	-
Synod Transformation Grant	65,362	51,014	(14,348)	52,912	(1,898)
Ministers Temporary Disability	3,110	3,110	-	3,110	-
Hands & Feet Scholarships	107	107	-	107	-
Pastor Compassion Funds	600	600	-	600	-
CLP Coordinator	600	600	-	600	-
<b>Total Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 97,678</b>	<b>\$ 84,666</b>	<b>\$ (13,012)</b>	<b>\$ 87,944</b>	<b>\$ (3,278)</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,006,909</b>	<b>\$ 879,645</b>	<b>\$ (127,263)</b>	<b>\$ 993,001</b>	<b>\$ (113,355)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,407</b>	<b>\$ 904,797</b>	<b>\$ (111,610)</b>	<b>\$ 1,002,442</b>	<b>\$ (97,645)</b>

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



**PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS**  
**SHARED MISSION AND PER CAPITA SUPPORT BY CHURCH**  
**YTD THROUGH Oct 31 2022**

CHURCH	MISSION			PER CAPITA		
	PLEGGED	PAID	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEDGE	DUE	PAID	BALANCE REMAINING
ADAIR - WEST PRAIRIE			-	740.25		740.25
ALEDO - COLLEGE AVENUE			-	3,560.25	2,526.39	1,033.86
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	4,156.25	20,448.25
BLOOMINGTON - ST LUKE UNION			-	3,736.50	3,736.50	-
<b>BUFFALO - BUFFALO HART (left 8/24/21)</b>			-	<b>3,137.25</b>		<b>3,137.25</b>
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			-	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			-	5,851.50	5,851.50	-
DANVERS - FIRST			-	5,322.75		5,322.75
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	500.00	100.00	3,595.50	1,239.27	2,356.23
FOUNTAIN GREEN - CARTHAGE UNITED			-	2,256.00	1,681.28	574.72
GALESBURG - FIRST UNITED			-	8,142.75	1,938.00	6,204.75
GENESEO - FIRST		1,880.00	(1,880.00)	3,066.75	1,533.36	1,533.39
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		7,151.42	(7,151.42)	12,513.75	12,536.02	(22.27)
KIRKWOOD - WESTMINSTER			-	1,515.75		1,515.75
KNOXVILLE - FIRST		1,275.00	(1,275.00)	1,868.25	1,868.25	-
LEROY - FIRST		-	-	4,794.00	3,595.50	1,198.50
LEWISTOWN - FIRST			-	2,150.25		2,150.25
LINCOLN - FIRST		4,500.00	(4,500.00)	4,688.25	4,688.25	-
MACOMB - FIRST		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	9,059.25	7,402.60	1,656.65
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	793.64	263.86
MORTON - FIRST			-	740.25	740.25	-
MT STERLING - P C OF CHRIST			-	987.00	987.00	-

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**SHARED MISSION AND PER CAPITA SUPPORT BY CHURCH**  
**YTD THROUGH Oct 31 2022**

CHURCH	MISSION			PER CAPITA		
	2022	2022	PAYMENTS (OVER) UNDER PLEDGE	2022	2022	BALANCE REMAINING
	PLEDGED	PAID		DUE	PAID	
<b>NAUVOO - FIRST **dis 11/14/20**</b>			-	-		-
NEW WINDSOR - UNITED		2,700.00	(2,700.00)	5,217.00	4,500.00	717.00
NIOTA - APPANOOSE FAITH			-	2,220.75		2,220.75
NORMAL - FIRST	25,000.00	20,833.36	4,166.64	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			-	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	11,509.50	2,661.00
PEORIA - WESTMINSTER		6,000.00	(6,000.00)	4,406.25		4,406.25
PERRY			-	423.00		423.00
PETERSBURG - CENTRAL		5,000.00	(5,000.00)	3,454.50	3,454.52	(0.02)
PLEASANT PLAINS - FARMINGDALE		1,900.00	(1,900.00)	3,172.50	2,377.36	795.14
QUINCY - ELLINGTON MEMORIAL			-	2,820.00	2,820.00	-
REYNOLDS - HAMLET PERRYTON			-	1,762.50	1,762.50	-
RIO			-	3,278.25		3,278.25
<b>ROCK ISLAND - BROADWAY *closed</b>			-	1,374.75	1,374.75	-
<b>ROCK ISLAND - GLORIA DEI *closed</b>		1,000.00	(1,000.00)	705.00	705.00	-
<b>ROCK ISLAND - GOOD SHEPHERD *closed</b>		3,000.00	(3,000.00)	6,627.00	6,627.00	-
<b>ROCK ISLAND - SOUTH PARK *closed</b>			-	5,957.25	5,957.25	-
ROCK ISLAND - GRACE			-			
RUSHVILLE - FIRST			-	1,163.25		1,163.25
SEATON - CENTER			-	1,903.50		1,903.50
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	-
<b>SPRINGFIELD - KNOX ** closed 12/31/21**</b>			-	<b>705.00</b>		<b>705.00</b>
SPRINGFIELD - KOREAN UNITED			-	1,551.00	916.50	634.50
SPRINGFIELD - THIRD	1,000.00	776.44	223.56	6,274.50	4,705.86	1,568.64
SPRINGFIELD - WESTMINSTER	17,000.00	12,749.00	4,251.00	36,096.00	29,532.00	6,564.00
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			-	4,723.50	1,200.00	3,523.50
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>96,583.22</b>	<b>(37,183.22)</b>	<b>342,418.50</b>	<b>232,243.83</b>	<b>110,174.67</b>

Presbytery of Great Rivers  
Committee on Ministry Report  
19 November 2022

## Overview

The Committee on Ministry has had three meetings since the last Assembly meeting in August 2022. We continue to meet by Zoom and foresee this practice continuing.

The 3 subcommittees meet in the weeks leading to our main committee meeting and act on all the business to be submitted to our main meeting, generally on first Thursdays. Your increasing use of our email address of [greatriverscom@gmail.com](mailto:greatriverscom@gmail.com) for inquiries and information is very helpful. Thank you. We make every effort to respond within 24 hours. You can always reach out directly to your Ministry Partner too. The updated Ministry Partner listing is in the COM part of the presbytery's website: [greatriverspby.org](http://greatriverspby.org) (Forms, COM). The 2023 Terms of Call and Contract forms are on that same page. For the first time, the forms ask for the Clerk's and pastoral leader's contact information so we can easily ask questions of clarification and quickly return the signed forms to you. Because these forms allow for the input of every variation of what's reported, Section A can be mystifying to complete. Consulting the Board of Pensions resource [Understanding Effective Salary](#) (PLN-103 061422) is an excellent guide for the whole form and especially for Section A. If you would prefer to speak to a person while completing your form, send a request to [greatriverscom@gmail.com](mailto:greatriverscom@gmail.com) asking for a call back. We are glad to help so have all the information needed to give approval.

## Actions taken

The committee has approved all Terms of Call and Contracts submitted for approval by 8/4/22 for the 2022 Annual Assembly report. The Annual report was inadvertently not provided in August and is the end of this report. The committee has also approved all Terms of Call and Contracts submitted from 8/5/22 through 11/3/22. These will be reported in the August 2023 Annual Assembly report.

The following ruling elders previously trained to serve communion in their home congregations when there is no established pastoral leadership have been re-certified for three year terms:

Carthage FUPC: REs Maureen Crawford and Laura Mosena; terms of 7/1/22-6/30/25

Biggsville UPC: REs Cathy Good and Charlotte Shafer; terms of 11/1/22-10/31/25

Stronghurst UPC: RE Don Fry; term of 11/1/22-10/31/25

Sessions may request re-certification of their ruling elders by sending an email to [greatriverscom@gmail.com](mailto:greatriverscom@gmail.com) or contacting their Ministry Partner. The COM basic Communion training and certification course will be offered in 2023.



The following section has deleted from the COM Handbook (rev. 2.26.22):

Section III, Part 2, F. COM Member Moderator (“super moderator”)

1. Committee on Ministry member who is assigned to moderate a church without a pastor in order to do the following: monitor who is preaching and serving communion; train the session; work with the nominating committee.
2. This member will be paid a stipend from the presbytery in the amount of \$100 per month. This amount would be paid in addition to the amount paid by the church for one session meeting and mileage.

COM has also:

Commissioned RE Sheila Sheer to serve a 45 day commission at East Moline First Welcomed Rev. Gay Behrensmeyer (DOC) as a Temporary Member serving at East Moline First through 12/31/2022

Affirmed the prior action of COM to certify RE Alan Willadsen ready to serve as a Commissioned Pastor

Granted permission to labor outside the bounds in short term ministries in the Presbytery of East Iowa to: Rev. Elissa Bailey and Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel

### **Administrative Commission Report to COM**

The Administrative Commission (AC) for Pleasant Plains-Farmingdale has completed all but one of their charges. The AC continues working on the remaining charge, which is to work with the Session in their interim pastor search process.

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### **Motions for the November 19, 2022 Assembly**

**Motion: To recommend to the Assembly the approval of the call of Carlinville Federated Church (PCUSA/ABC) to Pastor William T. Mitchell (ABC) as pastor, effective 8/1/2022.**

*The motion requires a three-fourths approval by the Assembly.*

### **Background and Rationale leading to recommendation:**

This congregation just celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their federation. In these decades, they have called pastors from both the PCUSA and ABC (American Baptist Churches, USA). The last installed ABC pastor left in February 2020. There was a PCUSA interim until July 2021 who for personal reasons did not renew the interim contract. An ABC pastor led them through an exhaustive self-study process in 2020-2021. This process began before the interim pastor was on site and continued well into her service time. The outcome of the self-study was a serious commitment by the congregation to implement the revitalization strategies they had developed, while also looking for a new part-time installed pastor. PCUSA polity has been used for this pastoral search. The PNC was formed in July 2021 and, at the same time, the Board began looking for a new

part time interim, welcoming applications for the position from ABC and PCUSA pastors. A few applications were received in the fall of 2021 from ABC pastors and interviews conducted. The only viable PCUSA application for interim was received in CLC on 9/1/2022. On 12/7/21, COM approved an ABC, USA interim contract for 19 hours/week for ABC Pastor William T. Mitchell, commencing 1/1/2022. Pastor Mitchell became a Temporary Member of the Presbytery of Great Rivers soon thereafter, following instruction and examination on PCUSA polity. The church and pastor finding the relationship to their satisfaction, the PNC asked for permission to consider extending a call to Pastor William T. Mitchell. On 4/7/2022, COM approved the PNC extending a call to Pastor William T. Mitchell, the way being clear. The church held a congregational meeting on 8/25/22 and approved the call to a part time installed pastorate, effective 8/1/2022, to Pastor William T. Mitchell, ABC and dismissed the PNC with thanks. On 9/8/2022, COM approved the congregation's call, pending its approval by the Assembly on 11/19/2022.

### **Book of Order references for advancing pastors within the same congregation**

#### **G-2.0504 Pastoral Relationships**

##### **a. Temporary Pastoral Relationships**

Temporary pastoral relationships are approved by the presbytery and do not carry a formal call or installation. When a congregation does not have a pastor, or while the pastor is unable to perform her or his duties, the session, with the approval of presbytery, may obtain the services of a minister of the Word and Sacrament, candidate, or ruling elder in a temporary pastoral relationship. No formal call shall be issued and no formal installation shall take place. Titles and terms of service for temporary relationships shall be determined by the presbytery. A person serving in a temporary pastoral relationship is invited for a specified period not to exceed twelve months in length, which is renewable with the approval of the presbytery. ***A minister of the Word and Sacrament employed in a temporary pastoral relationship is ordinarily not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor (emphasis added).***

##### **b. Exceptions**

***A presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits a minister of the Word and Sacrament currently called as an Associate Pastor to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor or co-pastor, or a minister of the Word and Sacrament employed in a temporary pastoral relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor. Presbyteries that permit this eligibility shall establish such relationships only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting (emphasis added).***

### **Further considerations requiring referral to the Assembly**

The Bylaws of the Presbytery of Great Rivers start, in Article X, Section 2, Committee on Ministry, "in routine, non-controversial cases, when it is able to achieve a consensus, the Committee on Ministry, in its role as a designated commission, shall have the

authority....12. to approve calls and dissolutions when the congregation and pastor agree” (*emphasis added*)

COM does not have the authority to approve this particular call because it is not routine but exceptional. PGR bylaws and G-2.0204b require referral for a decision and moving an interim to an installed position within the same congregation is done **only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting.** (*emphasis added*)

In a PCUSA/ABC federated congregation the minister in service, whether PCUSA or ABC, is directly under the jurisdiction of their own denomination. The PCUSA also grants the ABC pastor Temporary Membership in the presbytery throughout the time of service, giving the minister voice and vote at the Assembly as well as the authority to moderate and officiate the sacraments. Further, this just completed search process **could** have resulted in the extension of a call to the installed position to **any other** ABC pastor than this interim or a PCUSA pastor. Such a result would have been “routine (and) non-controversial”. The question is how to advance a pastor within the same congregation and the answer is: only with a three-fourths Assembly approval

Since the recent pastoral search for an installed pastor was conducted under PCUSA polity, COM further needed to consider the rule for federated and union congregations. In a federated church, the stricter denominational polity is always applied when process questions arise. Therefore, had there been a PCUSA interim pastor in service in this particular congregation and then called as the installed pastor, a three-fourths approval of the Assembly would have been required. Hence, therefore the stricter denominational polity of the PCUSA then is applied in Carlinville to the ABC pastor and a three-fourths approval is needed to allow **this** ABC interim pastor to become the installed pastor in **this particular situation**.

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**Motion: to recommend to the Assembly approval of the following actions ad seriatim for Galesburg First Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. Scott Carnes, a United Methodist Church (UMC) Pastor (or Teaching Elder equivalent) effective 12/1/2022:**

- **Examine**, arrest and sustain examination of the pastor (see Statement of Statement at the end of the COM report)
- **approve the call** issued by the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Galesburg, IL on 10/30/2022, **as a call pending completion of the Qualification plan**
- **approve** Rev. Carnes as the **Temporary Supply** and as a **Temporary Member** of the Presbytery of Great Rivers at FPC Galesburg effective 12/1/2022, **reserving the authority to moderate the Session until the successful completion of the Qualification Plan and Rev. Carnes’ installation** as the Pastor of FPC Galesburg
- **approve the Qualification Plan** as follows:

The Committee on Ministry (COM), in consultation with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), and the Associate Director of Ministry

Leadership Development, Mid Council Ministries of the Office of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), has met with the Rev. Dr. Scott E. Carnes and finds his credentials to become a PCUSA minister satisfactory with exceptions. The exceptions are in the area of the five Presbyterian ordination exams. The recommendations for meeting the exceptions are:

1. Successful completion of the standard Ordination exams in Bible Content, Polity, Theology and Worship and Sacraments.
2. Successful completion of the Biblical Exegesis exam by the alternate means of submitting a ten to fifteen page exegetical paper that includes the development of a sermon based on the study of the text; said paper to be evaluated by two readers appointed by CPM.

*Rationale for the request for alternate means:*

Rev. Carnes requested a waiver for taking the Biblical Exegesis standard ordination exam primarily due to the timing of the start date of 12/1/22. He is taking the four standard ordination exams in January of 2023. The Biblical Exegesis exam follows shortly after at a proscribed time. A minister transferring to the PCUSA is allowed to begin service after Assembly approval, as a Temporary Supply and a Temporary Member. The pastor then completes the Qualification Plan as soon as possible. Were it possible to waive the examination completely, that would be the recommendation. CPM and COM are satisfied with Rev. Carnes' capacity to prepare and preach sermons. Between CPM and COM he has been examined three times. Rev. Carnes has completed two courses each in Hebrew and Greek, as well as courses in the Old and New Testaments. He has preached regularly since his ordination in 2012 and earned a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching in 2020. **The requirement for testing cannot be set aside. It can be waived by providing an alternate means. This requires a three-fourths Assembly approval.** The reason the PCUSA requires the taking of the Presbyterian standard ordination exams for "those coming from outside the Reformed tradition is not because of questions about the theological competence or governance and worship practices of churches beyond the Reformed tradition. Rather, it is to assess whether the person also has the knowledge of the Reformed tradition and an ability to practice ministry within this particular expression of Christian faith." (Dr. Timothy B. Cargal, Mid Council Ministries of the Office of the General Assembly)

- **Fulfill the requirement that upon enrollment**, the minister shall furnish the presbytery with evidence of having surrendered membership in any and all other Christian churches with which the minister has previously been associated.

**The motion requires a three quarters approval by the Assembly on all the actions.**

**Background information, Projected timeline and Book of Order References**

**According to the COM Handbook (2-26-22), Section II, Part 4, E, E, iv:**

The minister will not be installed as pastor of the congregation until the requirements have been met. The minister may begin serving the congregation under a contract and received as a Temporary Member of the Presbytery. Once the requirements are met the minister by Presbytery action will be installed as pastor and a member of the PC(USA).

It is anticipated that by March 2023, COM will have received the reports on successful completion of all requirements. The installation will then occur and Rev. Dr. Scott E. Carnes becomes the called, installed Pastor and Moderator of FPC Galesburg IL

**G-2.0505 *Transfer of Ministers of Other Denominations***

- a. When a minister of another Christian church is called to a work properly under the jurisdiction of a presbytery, the presbytery, after the constitutional conditions have been met, shall recognize the minister's previous ordination to ministry. Such ministers shall furnish credentials and evidence of good standing acceptable to the presbytery, and shall submit satisfactory evidence of possessing the qualifications of character and scholarship required of candidates of this church. (G-2.0607 and G-2.0610)
- b. Upon enrollment, the minister shall furnish the presbytery with evidence of having surrendered membership in any and all other Christian churches with which the minister has previously been associated.

**G-2.0607 *Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service***

A candidate may not enter into negotiation for his or her service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament without approval of the presbytery of care. The presbytery shall record when it has certified a candidate ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call. Evidence of readiness to begin ordered ministry as a minister of the Word and Sacrament shall include:

- a. a candidate's wisdom and maturity of faith, leadership skills, compassionate spirit, honest repute, and sound judgment;
- b. a transcript showing graduation, with satisfactory grades, at a regionally accredited college or university;
- c. a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, showing a course of study including Hebrew and Greek, exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek, satisfactory grades in all areas of study, and graduation or proximity to graduation; and
- d. examination materials, together with evaluations that declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries.

**G-2.0610 Accommodations to Particular Circumstances**

When a presbytery concludes there are good and sufficient reasons for accommodations to the particular circumstances of an individual seeking ordination, it may, by a three-fourths vote, waive any of the requirements for ordination in G-2.06, except for those of G-2.0607d. If a presbytery judges that there are good and sufficient reasons why a candidate should not be required to satisfy the requirements of G-2.0607d, it shall approve by three-fourths vote some alternate means by which to ascertain the readiness of the candidate for ministry in the areas covered by the standard ordination examinations. A full account of the reasons for any waiver or alternate means to ascertain readiness shall be included in the minutes of the presbytery and communicated to the presbytery to which an inquirer or candidate may be transferred.

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason  
Moderator of COM

Statement of Faith  
By Rev. Scott Carnes

I believe God created all things. God created a world and set in motion a beautiful, sustaining, and complex natural order. We have failed to be good stewards of creation and our fallen nature has harmed the natural world.

I believe all people are created in the image of God and imprinted with God's love and goodness. Though we often fail to live up to God's intentions for us, God continues to show us love and continuously calls us back to obedience. We are called to confess our failings, to claim our faith through word and action, and to re-create alongside of our God.

I believe in Jesus Christ who redeems. The incarnation makes tangible God's great love through which God became one with the fullness of humanity. It was this messy, ambivalent, passionate and contradictory love that brought Christ among us that we could grow, through faith, in new ways. Christ came to this world that we might understand God's love more fully, experience unfailing forgiveness, love God more deeply, and love the people who surround us more completely.

I believe our redemption is rooted in God's on-going restoration of humanity. This is not a prize to be won through our own actions. However, when we experience God's redemptive grace, we are drawn to act. God's redemption restores the equilibrium between nations, peoples, cultures. Grace reveals commonality between enemies, and calls us to restorative justice.

I believe in the Holy Spirit which sustains us, is ever-present in our lives, and in the world around us. God is not an otherworldly entity that only shows up at certain moments. Holy Scripture points us toward a God that can be experienced by all living things at all times. The Holy Spirit draws us, constantly, to a renewed covenant.

I believe Scripture is foundational to individual faith and the collective faith of ordered religious life. The life, love, and faith experiences contained in the Bible still gives us the most direct understanding of God for our time and place. It leads us in our faith and action as followers of Christ. The sacraments make tangible the love and grace of God. In baptism we die to sin and are reborn, in the Spirit. We are reborn into Christ's Universal Church, and join with other people of faith to act through God's love as a community. We also experience God's love each time we come to the Lord's Table. No matter our understanding, our doubts, our failures or successes, God fills us with grace through this holy and mysterious sign. The crumbs and stains left after the Eucharistic meal reminds us of God's messy love for us.

I believe the universal Church, God's hands and feet in the world, can express God's love on earth, when in good order. It works to restore and remake the world by helping all aspects of creation to experience God more closely. The church binds us together and works to restore balance between all created things.

I believe the Triune God is one of creation, redemption, and sustaining love. I believe the church, at its best, is at work revealing that love. I believe humans are born and re-born to the work of growing with God and acting together through God's love.



City	Church	Pastor	TOC/Contr	% Time	Effective Salary
Aledo	College Ave.	TE - Furr, Wayne Cumb Pres	Contract	50	\$ 25,501.00
Aledo	Sunbeam	TE - McGrath Nagle, Maura	Contract	25	\$ 13,160.00
Athens	Indian Point	CLP-Woodward,Sandi	Contract	40	\$ 15,685.00
Bartonville	Trinity	TE - Stephen Barch UCC	Contract	50	\$ 26,767.00
Biggsville	United	CLP - Whitson, Kathleen	Contract	FT	\$ 37,739.88
Bloomington	Second	TE - Haddon, Treighton	TOC	FT	\$ 85,000.00
Bloomington	St. Luke Union	TE - Gifford, Dr. Andrew	TOC	FT	\$ 89,327.00
Bushnell	First	TE - Mark Merrill	Contract	weekly	
Canton	First	TE - Brinklow, Edwin	TOC	FT	\$ 54,075.00
Carlinville	Federated	TM - Mitchell, William ABC	Contract	50	\$ 29,900.00
Carthage	First United	TE - Ridge-Edeker, Joy	TOC	FT	\$ 50,063.00
Carthage	Fountain Green	Hanson, Mark	Contract	PT	\$ 15,132.00
Clinton	Clinton	TE - Stroup, Paul	TOC	FT	\$ 72,122.00
Coal Valley	First	TE - Snart, Tim	TOC	70	\$ 54,635.00
Danvers	First	TE Cathy Allen	Contract	50	\$ 29,000.00
East Moline	First	TE - Sherwood, Rebecca	TOC	FT	\$ 59,497.62
Elmwood	First	TE - Bauler, Marla	TOC	FT	\$ 52,812.00
Eureka	Eureka	CLP - Montgomery, Robert	Contract	60	\$ 22,536.00
Galesburg	First	TE - Daniel, Kay	Contract	FT	\$ 54,000.00
Geneseo	First	TE - Doty, Tim	Contract	FT	\$ 60,000.00
Ipava	Ipava United	TE - Walden, Charles	TOC	30	\$ 14,850.00
Jacksonville	First	TE - Warren, Jonathan	TOC	FT	\$ 78,059.86
Kirkwood	Westminster	CLP - Moore, Pamela	Contract	33	\$ 16,560.00
LeRoy	First United	TE - McLean, William (Bill)	Contract	FT	\$ 50,063.00
Lewiston	First	CLP - Penny Frame	Contract	50	\$ 24,407.78
Lincoln	First	TE - Quine, Adam	TOC	FT	\$ 83,430.00
Macomb	First	TE - Whitaker, A. Rene'	Contract	FT	\$ 51,063.24
Macomb	Scotland Trinity	TE - Walden, Charles	TOC	70	\$ 34,650.00
Mason City	United	TE - Poetschner, Charlotte	Contract	15	\$ 9,450.00
Milan	First	TE - Styrt, Katie	TOC	FT	\$ 51,834.00
Monmouth	Faith United	TE - Ouellette, Brandon	TOC	FT	\$ 50,063.00
Morton	First	CLP - Claver, Michael	Contract	50	\$ 30,144.00
Mt Sterling	Pres Ch of Christ	TE - Young, Richard	TOC	25	\$ 12,000.00
New Windsor	New Windsor	TE - Ryu, Hwa Sung	Contract	FT	\$ 50,180.00
Normal	First	TE - Mitchell, Kathryn (Kathy)	Contract	PT	hourly as need
Normal	First	TE - Wilcox, Matt	TOC	FT	\$ 79,528.00
Normal	New Covenant	TM - Burris, Bryan DOC	Contract	FT	\$ 55,900.00
Peoria	First Federated	TE - David Ezekiel	Contract	FT	\$ 127,263.07
Peoria	Westminster	TE - Clark-Jones, Denise	TOC	FT	\$ 79,722.00
Pleasant Plains	Farmingdale	TE - Lee, Lonna Chang-Ren	TOC	62.5	\$ 36,155.00
Reynolds	Hamlet Perryton	TE - Losey, Harold	Contract	47.5	\$ 30,000.00
Rio	Rio	TE - McGrathNagle, Maura	Contract	50	\$ 25,031.50
Rock Island	Gloria Dei	TE - Nagle, Drew	TOC	50	\$ 28,740.50
Rock Island	Good Sheperd	TE - Benson, James	TOC	FT	\$ 53,743.00
Rock Island	South Park	TE - Severson	TOC	FT	\$ 60,240.50
Springfield	First	TE - Phillips, Susan	OC	FT	\$ 128,497.42



Springfield	Hope	TE - Goodman, Chuck	TOC	FT \$ 67,774.00
Springfield	Third	TE - Shear, Dr. John R.	TOC	FT \$ 70,000.00
Springfield	Westminster	TE - Choi, Christian	TOC	FT \$ 70,410.00
Springfield	Westminster	TE - Kieffer, Dr. Blythe	TOC	FT \$ 109,400.00
Tallula	Rock Creek	TE - Hinds, Joanne	Contract	48 \$ 37,000.00
Virginia	Sangamon Valley	TE - Bauler, Dr Timothy	Contract	25 \$ 16,800.00
Washington	Washington	TE - Napoli, John Joseph	TOC	FT \$ 57,000.00
Woodhull	United	TE - Losey, Cheyanna	TOC	FT \$ 51,735.00
Yates City	Faith United	TE - Bauler, Marla	Contract	15 \$ 17,450.00

**Churches without current TOCs/Contracts on file with COM/Presbytery of Great Rivers**

Adair	West Prairie	Jeremy Westlake, Brethren
Alexis	Norwood	Pullen, Gary
Biggsville -	United	open
Bushnell	First	MIF on file - inactive PNC
Carrollton	First	Kirby Ballard
Chatham	Chatham	open
Clayton	Federated	open
Delavan	First	open
Divernon	First	Steve Smith, UMC
Edwards	Korean	TE - Kim, Hyaekwang (Dan)
Farmington	First	open
Greenview	United	open
Hamilton	Bethel	Pastor John Furniss
Knoxville	First	TE - Shedenhelm, Kenn
Media	Community	open
Middletown	Middletown	open
Monmouth	Sugar Tree Grove	open
Niota	Appanoose Faith	TE - Poland, David
Oneida	United	TE - Baldwin, Linda
Orion	Beulah	TE - Snart, Tim
Pekin	First	pulpit supply
Peoria	United	TE - Avery, Debra
Perry	Perry	open
Petersburg	Central	open
Pleasant Plains	Farmingdale	open
Quincy	Ellington	Ron Cox
Rock Island	Broadway	open
Rushville	First	open
Seaton	Center	open
Springfield	Korean	TE - Kim, Jaechul
Stronghurst	Stronghurst	open
Viola	Viola	TE - Downey, Matthew
Virden	First	open
Virginia	First	open
Warsaw	First	CLP Diane Ludington
White Hall	White Hall	Ballard, Kirby
Woodson	Unity	Kerr, Robert

**Presbytery of Great Rivers  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report  
November 19, 2022**

**Motions to be brought to the Assembly on November 19, 2022:**

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that the Assembly elect the following as the Presbytery of Great Rivers Ordination Exam Readers for 2023:
  - TE Reader – Drew D. Nagle
  - TE alternate reader– Cheyanna Losey
  - RE Reader – Sue Sawers
  - RE alternate reader – Vicky Carlson

**Background/Rationale:**

The Presbytery of Great Rivers is requested by the Office of the General Assembly to provide a Teaching Elder and a Ruling Elder as readers for the February reading of ordination exams. We have nominated both readers and alternates. Alternates would serve if the reader finds they are not available for the dates we are assigned – February 6–10, 2023.

2. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that Inquirer Mackenzie Marie Jager be received as a candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament and moves to proceed with the examination of Inquirer Mackenzie Marie Jager with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken and motives for seeking the ministry.

**Background/Rationale:**

Upon examination by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the committee finds that Mackenzie Marie Jager has satisfactorily achieved the goals of the Inquirer phase of preparation and is now ready to be moved to Candidacy.

Mackenzie was received as an Inquirer at the May 17, 2022 Presbytery Assembly and completed her Masters of Divinity Degree in May 2021 from Western Theological Seminary. She is a member of the Clinton Presbyterian Church. She is currently taking a course in Presbyterian Polity and engaged in a year long program of Clinical Pastoral Education. She has taken and completed satisfactorily the Bible Content, Theology, and Worship & Sacraments exams. She is scheduled to take both the Polity and Exegesis exams during the January exam period.

The Book of Order, G-2.0600 ff discusses the process for preparation for ministry.

Pertinent references from the Manual of Operations Committee on Preparation for Ministry handbook on moving from Inquiry to Candidacy:

II B 1. Admission to Candidacy an Inquirer becomes a Candidate by action of presbytery. At that time the Candidate formally agrees to accept the presbytery's supervision in her or his preparation for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments. The process of the candidacy phase can be as follows:

- a. An Inquirer shall apply to the presbytery through the session of his or her church and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to become a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments.

b. The session shall confer with the Inquirer, review the evidence of the inquiry phase, and make recommendations to the presbytery through the Stated Clerk with respect to the Inquirer's application. The Stated Clerk shall communicate this information to the CPM moderator.

c. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall confer with the Inquirer and review the evidence which indicates whether the Inquirer is ready to proceed to candidacy

d. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall make a definite recommendation to the presbytery with respect to whether the Inquirer should be received as a Candidate. Presbytery shall act on every committee recommendation regarding application for candidacy.

e. The presbytery shall receive the report and recommendation of its committee and shall examine the Inquirer in person with respect to his or her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.

f. If the examination is approved, the presbytery shall receive the Inquirer as a Candidate after the following manner. The moderator shall propose the following questions to the inquirer:

- (1) Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments?
- (2) Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?
- (3) Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?
- (4) Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a Candidate for the office of Minister of Word and Sacraments in the PCUSA?

g. If these questions are answered in the affirmative, a brief charge shall be given, the Candidate's name shall be recorded on the presbytery's roll of Candidates, and the proceedings shall close with prayer.

**The Committee has the following meetings scheduled for 2023:**

- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

## **PGR Nominating Committee Report, November 19, 2022**

The full Nominating Committee (NC) met via Zoom October 5, 2022 and October 20, 2022. The co-chairs met in-person September 6, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville. Thank you to the church for hosting us. The committee and co-chairs also communicated regularly via email, phone, and text as we completed the work before us. Given that our co-chairs did not begin their term until August 31, 2022 the entirety of our work consisted of finding current contact information, compiling a current roster of our committees, and calling to fill all the openings.

Thank you to all the committee chairs who helped provide recommendations and information about your committee's work. Thank you to all the presbytery staff for their help in locating information, and sharing the news of our committee. Thank you to everyone who replied to our messages, returned our calls, and offered prayers for us. A special thank you to Stated Clerk Rev. Elissa Bailey who helped us track down information and answered many questions.

Given the work we needed to complete there are a few items that have been paused until after this meeting, those are:

- Electing a delegate to Illinois Council of Churches. We received word that this entity is in the process of reorganizing so we will await to hear from them when it is time to elect a new delegate. This includes also a representative on the ICC Encountering Racism Team.
- Electing a new person to our presbytery CARE. This committee is in the beginning stages of their work and thanks to the help of GAP Presbyter Rev. John Rickard will begin working soon.
- Electing delegates to the Illinois Presbyterian Home. They are not in need of new representatives this year.

It is the NC's practice to make sure all chairs are current members of the committee for the purpose of continuity. Each committee chooses from their membership a vice chair and when the current chair's term ends the vice chair is the first approached to serve as the incoming chair. If the vice chair is unable to serve the current chair makes recommendations of other members to invite. It is the NC's hope to have balance in gender and ruling/teaching elder among each committee, however there are years when this is not possible. We want to assure the Assembly we have been working diligently in the area of representation in the presbytery's leadership and will continue to do so.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve.

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**MOTION #1.** After eight weeks of work the Nominating Committee was able to fill all but twenty of the forty-two openings. The NC **moves** that the following slate be elected for terms as listed:

**Administration Team** (7 openings, 4 remain open)

1. 2023 RE Matt Losey, Woodhull
2. 2023 TE **OPEN**
3. 2024 TE **OPEN**
4. 2025 RE Dave Monninger, Macomb
5. 2025 RE Pam Moore, Kirkwood
6. 2025 TE **OPEN**
7. 2025 TE **OPEN**

**COM** (14 openings with chair, 9 remain open)

1. 2023 RE **OPEN**
2. 2023 RE **OPEN**
3. 2023 RE **OPEN**
4. 2023 TE Rene Whitaker, First Macomb
5. 2024 RE **OPEN**
6. 2024 RE **OPEN**
7. 2025 RE Julie Bruninga, Jacksonville
8. 2025 RE **OPEN**
9. 2025 RE **OPEN**
10. 2025 RE **OPEN**
11. 2025 TE John Napoli, Washington
12. 2025 TE Kay Daniels, Galesburg
13. 2025 TE Laura Reason (**chair**), Honorably Retired – **elected to CHAIR**
14. 2025 TE **OPEN**

**CPM** (4 openings and correction of two terms, 1 remains open)

1. Corrected to Class of 2024 – TE Rick Tindall
2. Corrected to Class of 2024 – TE Maura McGrath Nagle (**chair**) – **elected to CHAIR**
3. 2024 RE Jim Strickland, Woodhull
4. 2025 RE John Turnbull, ?
5. 2025 RE Wayne Wrage, Yates City
6. 2025 TE **OPEN**

**Moderator-Elect – OPEN**

**Personnel Committee** (1 opening and correction of one term, 1 remains open)

1. 2025 TE **OPEN**
2. Corrected to class of 2023 - RE Mike Orr

**PJC (4 openings)**

1. 2023 TE Lonna Lee, member-at-large
2. 2026 RE Alan Willadsen, Westminster Peoria
3. 2026 RE Sheryl Essenburg, Hope Springfield
4. 2028 TE Mark Merrill, Bushnell

**Synod Commissioner (2 openings)**

1. 2024 RE Sue Sawers, Springfield
2. 2025 RE Penny Frame, Lewistown

**Treasurer (1 opening)**

1. Bill Strawbridge

**Visioning Team (8 openings, 2 remain open)**

1. 2024 RE Lee Trotter, Canton
2. 2024 RE Lorna Blackford, Faith United Monmouth
3. 2024 TE **OPEN**
4. 2024 TE **OPEN**
5. 2025 RE Cassie Mayer, Woodhull (student at Illinois College)
6. 2025 RE Bob Montgomery, Eureka
7. 2025 TE Pastor Ryu, New Windsor
8. 2025 TE Chuck Goodman, Springfield Hope

**MOTION #2.** A major task of our committee was to nominate a slate for the search committee for our next Lead Presbyter. Co-Chair Gary Terpstra handled the calling of those the NC agreed would make a good team. The NC **moves** that the following slate be elected for service on the Lead Presbytery Search Committee (LPNC).

1. RE Julio Garcia, Milan
2. RE Marilyn Simmons, Biggsville
3. RE Penny Frame, Lewistown
4. RE Nate Rush, Carlinville
5. TE Maura McGrath Nagle, Rio & Sunbeam, Aledo
6. TE Adam Quine, Lincoln
7. TE Charles Walden, Ipava & Scotland Trinity, Monmouth
8. TE Kathy Mitchell, Honorably Retired

### **Leadership Team Information**

The Leadership Team is made up of the chairs of committees and the presbytery leadership. If all are elected as nominated (as applicable), the following individuals will make up the Leadership Team in 2023:

- Moderator TE Katie Styr
- Moderator-Elect RE
- Past Moderator TE Chuck Goodman
- Stated Clerk TE Elissa Bailey
- Treasurer RE Bill Strawbridge
- GAP Presbyter TE John Rickard
- Commissioned Pastor Coordinator TE Cheyanna Losey
- Admin Chair RE Julio Garcia
- COM Chair TE Laura Reason
- CPM Chair TE Maura McGrath Nagle
- Nominating Chair RE Gary Terpstra & TE Cheyanna Losey
- Personnel Chair TE Joyce Chamberlin
- Visioning Chair TE Jessica Hawkinson Dorow

Thank you to all those who have served on the committees for however long your term has been. We greatly appreciate your work. The following individuals are completing their terms this December:

- CARE – RE Julio Garcia
- COM – TE Joanne Hinds, TE Kathy Mitchell
- Nominating Committee – TE Mark Merrill, RE Marcia Duncan, RE Julio Garcia
- Past Moderator serving on Leadership Team – RE Diane Ludington
- Visioning – RE Lance Slavish, RE Katherine Gillespie

The NC now has a standard email address that will be passed on to each new chair [nominating@greatriverspby.org](mailto:nominating@greatriverspby.org).

In Christ's Service,  
The Nominating Committee  
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Co-Chair TE Cheyanna Losey [cheyannalosey@gmail.com](mailto:cheyannalosey@gmail.com)  
RE Gary Davis  
RE Marcia Duncan  
RE Julio Garcia  
RE Larry Lawson  
TE Mark Merrill

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### **Visioning Grant Information**

The Visioning Team continues to invite creative, think-outside-the-box, open-ended, and energetic grant applications that help fulfill the Presbytery's 2020 Visioning Statement and Matthew 25 goals. Grants can support new or existing programs and/or partnerships. Grants are renewable each year for recipients that complete an end-of-year program report. Detailed application instructions available on the Great Rivers website under the Mission tab:

<http://www.greatriverspby.org/mission.html>

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year and Visioning Team members are available to assist with application completion.

Sabbatical grants will continue to be reviewed separately, and additional grants for a variety of purposes are available through the Leadership Team.

### **Initiatives Funded by the Visioning Team in 2022 (in order of approval)**

The Visioning Team directs Presbytery mission funds to serve Presbytery, regional, national, and international endeavors. Funds in 2022 have supported the following programs:

Remaining 2022 Funds to Seed Grant for the Presbytery of Great Rivers Family Leave Fund  
\$4,200 to First Federated Church in Peoria ("Sing-It-Yourself Messiah")  
\$7,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Relief  
\$10,000 to R.I.P Medical Debt  
\$3,300 to College Ave. Presbyterian, Aledo (Mercer County Backpack Program)  
\$3,300 to First Presbyterian, Lincoln (The Center for Creativity and Community)  
\$1,000 to First Presbyterian, Le Roy (Meal and a Message)  
\$1,775 to First Presbyterian, Lincoln (Consulting Grant)

### **More About Our 2022 Presbytery-Wide Mission: RIP Medical Debt**

In early 2022, the Visioning Team approved a motion to support the creation of a Great Rivers Presbytery campaign through RIP Medical Debt. Combined Visioning Team and Presbytery gifts have eliminated up to 1.8 million dollars in medical debt for individuals in Illinois and nationwide. More information about the campaign can be found at:

<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/great-rivers-presbytery/>

### **Join the Visioning Team!**

The Nominating Committee works to fill vacant spots on our team. The Visioning Team oversees mission grant funding, presbytery-wide programming, and helps set the vision and strategy for the Presbytery. We meet approximately four to five times per year for no more



than two hours by Zoom. We are looking for innovative, collaborative, caring, and connectional people. We are decent and in order (but not too much!). Current members describe the committee using the following words:

- “A place where invigorating, exciting, creative, joyous things happen.”
- “We get to make ideas happen, we can help make things bigger than ourselves a reality.”
- “We’re reckless in the best way. We get to say ‘Yes!’ Who doesn’t want to be part of the “Yes!” team?”
- “We get to know people’s stories, their projects, their dreams.”
- “All meetings are done early, but we sometimes start 12 minutes late.”