



December 11, 2019

Two Notes From The Disaster Response Team

First – an update and thanks...

We sincerely thank many of you for your generous financial response to the Spring flooding in our Presbytery, and we are happy to report that **YOU** are making a difference in the lives of many survivors of this disaster.

A lady living near Mead will have running water this winter because **YOUR** donations helped winterize the camper she lives in currently and the pipes will not freeze. Children in the Schuyler, Fremont and Columbus area have a safe place to sleep because **YOU** helped provide Shockwave to spray the walls to be mold-free. A family living outside Seward has a secure barn for their horses this winter because **YOU** helped provide the funds to repair the wall washed away in the raging flood water. People in North Bend, Niobrara, Winslow, St. Edward, David City, Bellwood and Walthill know **YOU** care because of the continued representative of our Team in these areas because of **YOUR** financial support. And we anticipate continuing to represent all of **YOU** in the coming months helping in Dodge, Butler, Boone, Platte, Colfax and Saunders Counties into the New Year.

We have also just now been able to make application to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for a third grant for help to those in need, even as we prepare for a probable response to next Spring potential disasters.

Second – an idea and how to make that idea happen...

If you still have people on your Christmas gift list to shop for AND they need nothing – or you can't think what to get them – why not make a donation in their name to the Homestead Presbytery Disaster Team?

You won't have to get out in the cold, brave the wind or fight the crowds – after you finally find a parking place! We think we have made the process as easy as possible for you to do this.

Either:

1. Send a check (in an amount you determine) made out to Homestead Presbytery with a notation in the memo "Disaster Team" OR
2. Use the Presbytery PayPal account by clicking the button below, or you can also donate via the link on the [Homestead homepage](#).

You can even make a contribution as a Memorial to someone if you are looking for a way to honor a loved one.

Attached are notes you can print yourself and include either under the tree or in your Christmas Greeting Card. If you would like the Presbytery Office to print these for you on cardstock (for a cost of \$5/10 cards) – please call Jesalyn Draper for details at 402-474-0612.

The Presbytery Disaster Response Team thanks you for your donations and wishes all of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

[DONATE HERE](#)

[Card Download](#)

[Memorial Gift Card Download](#)

Presbytery News

Congrats to ***United Presbyterian Church in Pawnee City*** for signing on to become a Matthew 25 church!

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious



[Learn More Here!](#)

Southern Heights Annual Living Nativity

Mark your calendars for Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln's Annual Living Nativity!



December 12-13

6:30-8:30pm

Free!

But monetary donations for the Lincoln Food Pantry are always welcome!



Diapers Needed!

The Community diaper closet in Falls City is in desperate need of sizes 4, 5, & 6 diapers. They are going out the door as soon as they're restocked!

Also in need of volunteers! If you can spare 2 hours on a Monday contact Judy Crawford at 402-801-2736



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Would your congregation like to increase their impact in your community but lack the funds to get a big idea started? Do you have a project already in the works but could use additional funding to take it to the next level? Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation could be the answer to help you fund your project or program. We are offering annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach activities which enhance or expand some aspect of your ministry. Grants totaling more than \$164,000 were awarded during our last grant cycle. The Spring Grant Cycle process begins in December with grants awarded in April. Visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or call Audrey Richert at 402.420.9877 to learn more about our grant guidelines.

Miss out on the 2019-2020 Planning Calendar order?



You're in luck if you missed out on ordering the 2019-2020 Planning Calendars. The Presbytery has some extra calendars available for purchase!

Contact Jes at hpoffice@homesteadpres.org to get them before they're gone!!

REGISTER

Opportunities to Learn and Grow



The Presbyterian Foundation is seeking qualified candidates for our Ministry Relations Officer position in your area. As such, we solicit your assistance in our search for candidates.

This position calls for a commitment to Jesus Christ through the church, an evident love for all people of varying views and personalities, a commitment to the governance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a responsible affirmation of personal stewardship, and a concern for the financial support of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in all its worship, mission, and witness. The position provides leadership to the Foundation for the stewardship of accumulated resources.

More Info on the Position

Women of Faith Awards

The Women of Faith Awards, sponsored by Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, will offer an awards breakfast at the 224th General Assembly (2020).

The 2020 theme is Women who Disrupt Systemic Poverty. Nominations are being sought for women who challenge systems of poverty and join in action and solidarity with low-income communities and individuals.

WoF Nomination Form



Lilly Endowment Inc.

A Private Philanthropic Foundation

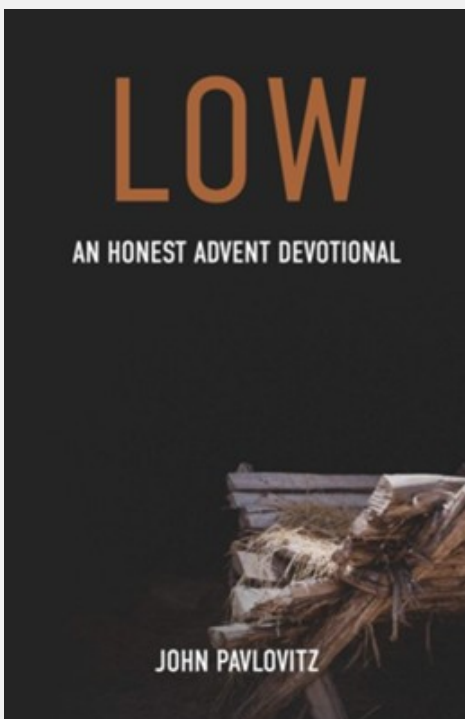
Congregations seeking renewal for their pastor are invited to apply for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

According to a news release from the program, congregations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family. Up to \$15,000 of the funds are available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away.

Through its religion grantmaking, Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

[More Info
Here](#)

Get Lost in a Book



Click Image to Order!

Advent is about God - and Jesus - coming to meet us in the low places of our lives, when we are our most vulnerable.

Description: Let's be honest about Advent: American culture forces many of us to put on a happy face, to pretend we're merry when we're frustrated and stressed and exhausted by the expectations of others. We're also frustrated by what Advent has become - a celebration of consumerism - while it forgets the season's origins in a dark, cold stable with an empty manger. In this honest Advent devotional, best-selling progressive Christian author John Pavlovitz reminds us that God came to meet us in the low places of our lives - and that Jesus continues to come low this Advent season: when we live humbly, when we seek forgiveness, in our grief and suffering, when we act on behalf of someone else, when we pray. As we walk the road of Advent, Jesus reminds us the invitation is not to escape this world to an elevated Heaven somewhere else, but to bring

Heaven down. "God with us" is Jesus, getting low. Each devotional includes a scripture and Advent reflection on Jesus meeting us on the ground, in the grit.

Weekly Prayer Requests

Humboldt

The First Presbyterian Church of Humboldt is continuing to hold a service every Sunday morning in spite of a declining membership. The "faithful few" hold a 9:00 AM worship under the leadership of Rick Martin, a pastoral student, who also conducts a service at 11:00 AM in Falls City. We ask for prayers that we may continue to serve the needs of our small town as we plan for the necessary repairs to our 146 Year-old church. We cling to the honor and glory to God as "the little white church with a golden dome and red doors."

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