



September 3, 2019

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 16-17, 2019 MEETING OF
HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY**

At Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center

Presbytery met at Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center on Friday evening and Saturday, August 16-17, 2019, as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. Cindy Kohlman, co-moderator of the 223rd General Assembly was the guest speaker. She shared some of the initiatives of the General Assembly, including Hands and Feet, Matthew 25, and Vision 2020. The co-moderators chose the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission* for the One Book One Church book study for Presbyterian churches. Kohlmann said the book focuses on the initiatives that both the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly have lifted up as essential to Presbyterians.

Presbytery will create a new standing committee to respond to issues of disasters and related concerns, including the development of preparedness plans for the Presbytery and congregations. Sue Babovec and Gary Haller, who have been leading our efforts for disaster assistance following last spring's floods, have been hard at work, will lead this effort.

The work of the Day of Discernment has been completed. The information gathered will be handed to the Council, as they work on a strategy for the future of the presbytery. The council will also be working to establish a "centralized" Presbytery office at First Presbyterian Church Lincoln, to serve the needs of the Presbytery and the congregations. This will be brought to the November 2019 presbytery meeting for action.

The New Worshiping Community (NWC), U-Kirk, Lincoln is now on "pause" due to leadership transition. It was reported that the NWC, Contemplate, did receive a 1001 New Worshiping Communities seed grant from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

One of Homestead's candidates, Christy Dempsey, under the care of Homestead

Presbytery, accepted a call to the Church of the Cross, Omaha, and was ordained on August 25, 2019.

The 2020 budget and per capita were approved. The per capita for 2020 will be \$45.10. This is a ten cent increase over 2019 as the synod increased their per capita by a dime. Presbytery and GA per capita remain the same.

The next meeting of Homestead Presbytery will be November 21, 2019 at the United Presbyterian Church, Laurel.

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Pertinent Presbytery News



It's that time of year again to start sending in nominations for the Outstanding Homesteader! You have **until October 1st** to nominate so don't delay!

The Outstanding Homesteader Award was created in memory of the Rev. Robert Giles, a former Stated Clerk of Homestead Presbytery. This award honors clergy and laity in the Presbytery who have made outstanding contributions to church and community life. One person is awarded every year with a certificate, the awardee's name added to an on-going plaque and \$100 donated in the winner's name to a special mission or ministry of their choice.

[Application Directions](#)

[Past Recipients](#)

Opportunities to Learn and Grow

E4- Empowering, Education, Engaging, Energizing
an APCE Mid-Central Region Continuing Education Event

“Being a Community of Welcome”

Nov. 3-5, 2019

registration begins in August

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REGISTER NOW

We hope that you will join us for this year's E4 Faith Formation Conference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Heartland Presbytery at 816.924.1730.

Registration Includes:

- 2 nights hotel stay at the Embassy Suites
- All meals: Sunday dinner through Tuesday breakfast
- Happy hour on Sunday and Monday
- All program fees



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Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

Bread for the World

Senior Regional Organizer Zach Schmidt will be in Lincoln the first week in September. First Plymouth United Church of Christ is hosting Zach with a “continental brunch” at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday September**



October 13-15, 2019
Platte River State Park

Elders for the Earth is a retreat dealing with Climate Change. It's a multi-day gathering including fellowship, lectures, music, the arts, being in nature and even some fun in the midst of the climate crisis.

7th, 2019, for members of the Lincoln community who are concerned about hunger issues.

Contact Tim Shaw at timothyfshaw@gmail.com
or Bill Wehrbein at wmw@NebrWesleyan.edu
by September 4th to register to attend!

This event is geared towards those 50 and over, but all are welcomed (faith-based and secular)

Single day or full registration is available.

E-mail: Elders4theEarth@gmail.com
More Info at Elders4theEarth.com
Phone: 402-431-2338



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Tools for Building Resilience

A workshop presented by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in partnership with Missouri River Valley and Homestead Presbyteries. There are TWO different dates below!

At this workshop you will learn:

- Recognizing your own signs of stress
- Learn tools to use in difficult moments
- Increase calm and effective responses to stress
- Make lifestyle choice to promote resilience

Date: Tuesday, 9/10/2019

Registration: 1:00 PM

Workshop: 1:30-5 PM

Location: Camp Calvin Crest
2870 County Road 13, Fremont, NE

Date: Monday, 9/9/2019

Registration: 1:00 PM

Workshop: 1:30-5 PM

Location: Federated Church
2704 15th Street, Columbus, NE

[Register for Fremont](#)

[Register for Columbus](#)

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering



**Synod of Lakes and Prairies
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**New Synod Event: 'Art of
Transitional Leadership'**

September 13-14th Camp Calvin Crest

We start out on Friday at around 5:00 with a light dinner and conversation with our guest speaker, Jenny Lee, our PW Churchwide Moderator. She is our First Korean Moderator. Saturday is the main day starting around 9 and should be out by 3.

There is no charge for the Friday night dinner and activities. You may stay overnight for a small fee and the Saturday cost is \$15.00. 1 registration form will be sent to each church to make copies, or you can contact Terri Sherman at 402-525-6008.

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is planning a new event this fall -- "The Art of Transitional Leadership" -- that will provide ministry skills training for today and tomorrow's church pastors, staff, committees on ministry and congregational leaders. It is set to take place Monday through Friday, September 16-20 at Christ the Kind Retreat Center in Buffalo, Minnesota.



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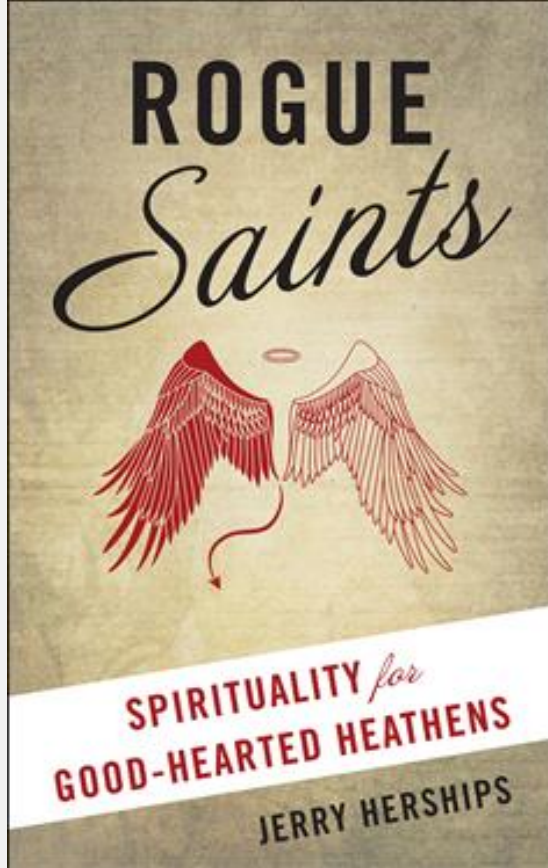
CLP/CRE Program

The overall goal of the Christian Leadership Program of UDTS is to strengthen the church through quality theological education for lay persons. While the courses offered are particularly designed for lay pastor candidates, they will serve the needs of all lay persons who are contributing their gifts to the ministry of their local church. Church officers, Christian education leaders and teachers, and persons who wish to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith will discover a rich opportunity through this program.

[More Info / Apply Now](#)

Get Lost in a Book

The world is full of good-hearted heathens, those who love people and those who want to do good in the world. They're not against God—they just have no use for church. Church is boring and hypocritical. Plus, who wants to sit through a sermon every week? But while organized religion doesn't appeal to them, these heathens long for a



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connection to something bigger than themselves: meaning, community, mission.

Pastor Jerry Hershops leads a church-ish community full of good-hearted heathens. They may hate church, but they love sitting around a bar talking about what really matters and doing some good for their city's poorest residents. Hershops takes that experience and absolves other former churchgoers of their guilt. No, you don't have to go to church to love and serve God. Yes, God still loves you and wants to help you love the world.

Weekly Prayer Requests

Bancroft

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Bancroft congregation. may they continue to grow as a caring and nurturing Christian community, as well as individuals, focusing on prayer, Bible study and worship.

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Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

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