



May 21, 2020

Presbytery News



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ASSEMBLY

Thank you to everyone who participate in Homestead's first ever Stated Meeting by Zoom today!

Be on the lookout for a survey in your e-mail tomorrow. We are looking forward to all your feedback on how the meeting went!

You can also still donate to today's offering to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance by clicking below. Note that your receipt will show First Presbyterian Church. They allowed the Presbytery to use their platform for online giving for today's offering.

[Offering to PC\(USA\)'s PDA](#)

New Worshipping/Church Vitality Committee
A series of articles on the 7 Marks of a Vital Congregation.

Many will recall that the NW/CVC hosted a series of meetings at the beginning of March with General Assembly staff concerning opportunities of a relationship in developing vital congregations in Homestead Presbytery. It just happened that a week later all change took place with social distancing, zoom bible studies, session meetings, and live streaming worship. This has caused all churches to stretch and reach out to the church family in new ways. We are now into this journey two months later. The NW/CVC wanted to continue the relationship with Presbytery and each congregation by offering resources to equip and encourage every session, congregation, and pastor. The first is in a series of articles on the 7 Marks of a Vital Congregation which comes from a Manual on Vital Congregations. (See the committee for information of how each congregation can have access to this manual)

The first mark is:

LIFELONG Discipleship Formation vs. Complacent “Christian” piety, simply teaching good morals, or offering the latest programs. Below is a bulleted description of the intent and prayer of the first mark of a vital congregation:

“The righteousness that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God based on faith.” (PHIL. 3:9B)

This mark addresses:

- From the cradle to the grave seeking to be formed for right living with God and with all people.
- Faith — seeking understanding, cultivating wisdom, and actively following Christ. It is not an extra-curricular activity nor merely head-knowledge.
- Discipleship awakened and engaged in issues facing today’s culture: injustice, inequality, divisive segregation, oppression, suffering, abuse of creation.
- Discipleship formed and strengthened in the community of Christ and permeates daily practices and daily living.

In the crisis that all of us face and pray that we will be safe and caring for our neighbors, we will offer these marks and other support to encourage relationship and a transforming dialog that leads to a revitalization of our communities of faith. If one has any questions contact the NW/CVC through the Chair, Pastor Zac Wolfe, 1st Church, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
John J. Duling
The New Worshipping/Church Vitality Committee



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

NEBRASKA PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS

Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants totaling \$137,211 to nine churches or organizations in April to partially fund projects which support outreach activities to enhance or expand some aspect of their ministry. Grantees and their projects include:

- Hope Presbyterian Church (Omaha) for food and supplies to fill backpacks for distribution at their local elementary school
- New Life Presbyterian (Omaha) in support of their free neighborhood after-school enrichment and food program
- PMRV PDA (Omaha) for home rebuilding supplies for ongoing work weeks related to Spring 2019 flooding
- First Presbyterian Church (Gordon) to upgrade their technology and increase internet capacity to livestream their worship services
- Palmyra Presbyterian Church (Palmyra) for first aid kits to distribute community wide as an outreach project
- First Presbyterian Church (Lincoln) for installation of a hearing loop to enhance the worship experience for the hearing impaired
- Eastridge Presbyterian Church (Lincoln) to enlarge their existing food pantry and build an adjoining ADA compliant sidewalk ramp to address increasing food insecurity in their community
- Church of the Plains (Edgar) for an upgrade to their recording and livestream equipment
- Community Presbyterian Church (Fairfield) for improvements to their sound system and internet throughout their building to allow all areas to be used for community events

With our current restrictions on gathering, the projects to upgrade technology are crucial to reach congregations and community members with new and creative methods, and projects that address food insecurity in our communities are needed now more than ever. NPF is proud to partner with all our grantees to help support their mission and share the love of Christ.

The next grant cycle will begin again in December and we don't anticipate any changes to our project funding or grant application schedule. If there is a project your congregation has dreamed about doing but lacked resources, or a current program you offer that you would like to expand, we would love to hear about it. Questions? Contact Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or 402-420-9877.

Ministry Leaders Summit

May 26,
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM CDT
Zoom

LEADERSHIP HARBOR

In Collaboration With



Join Ministry professionals across denominations and positions for the 2020 Ministry Summit presented by Leadership Harbor, in collaboration with Great Plains Small Church Connection, the Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network and Ministry Leadership Institute. **This free event** will provide paid and volunteer leaders across various ministry areas an opportunity to learn and then discuss how we're leading during this new time in our world and ministry.

Pastors, Worship Leaders, Tech/AV Teams, Childrens, Youth, Young Adult Ministry Leaders, Bible Study Leaders, Office Staff, ANYONE who works (paid & volunteer) in your Church setting. Big Church, Small Church and Everything in between!

[Register and Learn More](#)

Leading in Tumultuous Times

Online Series

Attending to one's leadership is more important than ever in this time of adaptive challenge and change. Equally important is staying connected to our spiritual source—the two go hand in hand, actually. Join us for a series of month-long online leadership courses, where we'll explore our own spiritual formation as leaders, adaptive leadership and leadership in general, and what it is to be a wise leader.

EVOLVING **Challenge** **better** **Overcome** **Survive** **leadership** **Innovative** **Learn** **Progressive** **responsive** **Improve** **flexible** **Transform** **Solutions** **develop** **Modify**

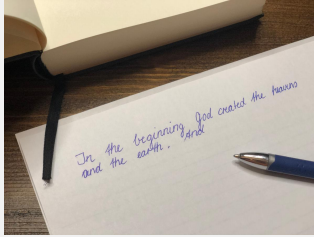
OPSF is offering fully paid scholarships for the June online Adaptive Leadership series.

Only 12 available so sign up today! Scholarships for the June series are available to all Pastors & CP's in our 13 state region as well as all PLR participants .

Be sure to mark your registration "OPSF" or "PLR" with the "Organization/Affiliation"

dropdown on the registration form to receive the scholarship.

[Register Now!](#)



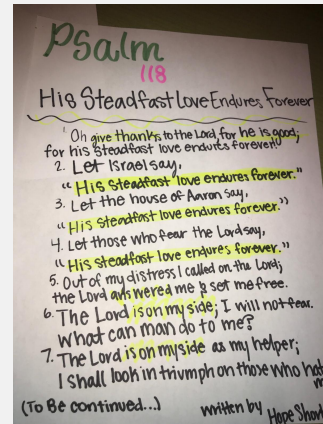
Creativity Amid Chaos: The Nebraska Corona Bible

A project both daunting and intriguingly simple: People all across the Cornhusker State are copying the whole Bible in their own handwriting. Envisioned as a means to stay connected beyond the digital divide, the Nebraska Corona Bible will be a time capsule of these unprecedented times and a powerful testimony of hope amid this crisis.

To participate or learn more, please check out the website www.nebraskacoronabible.com and sign up today for your favorite text.

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Sanitizing After Services

- [EPA List of Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](#)
- [CDC Cleaning & Disinfection for Households](#)



FRAUD ALERT - URGENT

There is a scam email being sent to Church members asking you to purchase gift cards. Members at Westminster have been victim to this scam.

Please DO NOT RESPOND to it! It is a fraud attempt.

Be assured that a Church staff member will

Weekly Homestead Zoom Forum



Click the video above to watch yesterday's Zoom forum. They happen weekly on Wednesday's at 1pm. Click the link below to register. You will receive a confirmation e-mail from Zoom with the link to connect to the meeting.

[Register now!](#)

Weekly Prayer Requests

Wahoo Czech Presbyterian

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Wahoo Czech 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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