



August 19, 2021

Presbytery News

Special Presbytery Notices

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
FOR SATURDAY'S PRESBYTERY MEETING!**



We will resend the Zoom link to new registrants tomorrow.
You can download the Packet and Addendum by clicking below.

[Packet](#)

[Addendum](#)

Support PDA's response to our neighbors in Haiti



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Photo Credit: Julio Forges / FONDAMA

The scale of the disaster facing Haiti after the Aug. 14 earthquake is becoming clearer. The quake and its aftershocks have left almost 1,500 people dead, thousands more injured and an unknown number of people are still missing. At least 13,000 homes were destroyed, and roads, bridges and communication systems have been severely damaged. This catastrophe comes on top of Haiti's ongoing struggles with endemic hunger and poverty, COVID-19 and continuing civil unrest, and as Tropical Storm Grace bears down on the region.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through our established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance and its members. The PC(USA), through PDA and together with regional World Mission colleagues, will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for rebuilding and resilience.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE: Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT:

- Download and use the bulletin insert.
- Share our Mobile Cause campaign link with your members.
- Learn how you and your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook, download resources and share updates with your congregation.

PRAY: As this earthquake continues to cause destruction and loss of life,

please pray with us that the communities affected by this event and those offering assistance will be strengthened, have their needs met and be reminded of the hope found in God.

**Wait...did I hear...
FREE WORKSHOP!?**

Keep reading to learn more!



LEADERSHIP

An Introduction to Bridgebuilders

Date

August 25, 2021
1:30pm-4:30pm

Leadership

Deborah Rundlett worked with Peter Steinke in the field and as a facilitator and trainer for over 20 years. She is a former Executive Presbyter, LeaderWise consultant and founder of Poets & Prophets, a spiritual community that supports leaders in the workplace. She was privileged to read the first draft of Leadership in Anxious Times, making suggestions for which Pete acknowledges her in the preface.

Cindy Halvorson, coach, facilitator, consultant, pastor and author, describes herself as #EverythingChurch! She is passionate about the health and well-being of clergy and congregational leadership toward the flourishing of their congregations. She is a gifted preacher and presenter, speaking at conferences and



Photo by Cameron Gibson on Unsplash

Is the Bridgebuilder process right for your congregation?

The Bridgebuilder process is a systems-based approach to help congregations build the future, while living it. The process seeks to empower congregations to create health, growth and healing toward a flourishing future.

Organizations grow under pressure, when a change or a crisis reveals new strength from all quarters.

- Max Dupress

The Bridgebuilder process has helped congregations learn how to better manage anxiety through identifying strengths and resources, thereby creating the foundation for a healthy future. This workshop will introduce participants to the process, engaging them in both theory and practice.

For lives of service!



The Why!

The Bridgebuilder process is a way to help congregations:

1. Move beyond anxiety to clarity;
2. Focus on resources rather than deficits;
3. Create a clear and hope-filled future, rather than remaining mired in conflict.

This process was developed by the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke and incorporates aspects of his earlier model of preventive care, Healthy Congregations.

Often congregations move through the Bridgebuilder process into Healthy Congregations, a series of workshops designed to promote health and vitality.

The Process

Bridgebuilder is a multistep process that typically takes three to six months. The process involves five key steps:

1. **Entry**, an exploratory meeting in which to determine readiness, clarify expectations, outline the process, assign tasks, and form a covenantal understanding of next steps.
2. **Education**, involving a teaching workshop for the whole congregation, as well as an open forum opportunity for people to ask questions and share concerns, in both written and oral form.
3. **Interviews**, the Bridgebuilder consultants conduct fifteen-minute interviews with ten leaders and ten members, as well as staff, in order to collect data.
4. **Action Report**, presented to the whole congregation, provides a synopsis of the major issues, as well as feedback on the top three to five issues.
5. **Action Planning Process**, involves a team from the congregation and leadership to identify action steps in response to the key issues. This feedback is then shared with the congregation through focus groups. A final action report is then presented to the leadership for implementation.

The Shape of the Workshop

The workshop will engage leaders around:

The Why of Congregational Systems Theory

The Bridgebuilder Process: An Overview of the Process through Three Congregations' Stories

For lives of service!

Homestead Presbytery is offering a half day workshop on the "Bridgebuilder Process" by Zoom on August 25th, 2021. Led by consultants from Leaderwise, the workshop is available to teaching elders, certified pastors, and lay leaders for free.

The Bridgebuilder Workshop is made possible by a grant from the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation to Homestead Presbytery to promote health and vitality among congregations.

Information about the workshop and registration is listed above or you can download the flyer by clicking the button below.

DOWNLOAD FLYER HERE

Pastor Retreat

Oct 27-28, 2021

Benedictine Retreat Center, Schuyler NE

SAVE THE
DATE!



Homestead Presbytery is offering, as a gift to our pastors, a fully funded 2 day spiritual retreat at the Benedictine Retreat Center (Schuyler NE) on **Wed Oct 27 through Thurs Oct 28**. Focus will be on spiritual awareness, self care, and resilience with ample opportunity for personal meditative time. Additional information will be available soon.

You may also contact Jane Holtzclaw at:
pastorjane728@gmail.com or the Presbytery office for further information.



Ever Dreamed of Being a Church Finance Administrator? Here's your chance!

First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln is seeking a new Finance Administrator. The Finance Administrator is responsible for the overall financial life of the church and First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Foundation in terms of record-keeping, accounting, payables, payroll, reporting, and working with directly with other staff responsible for receiving and recording deposits. This is a part time job, 20 hours per week, with a flexible schedule.

Fall Conference at Calvin Crest Conference Center, Fremont, NE

Best Laid Plans

Proverbs 19:21

September 20 –22, 2021

In the summer of 2019 the Great Plains Small Church Connection Planning Team chose the theme of **Best Laid Plans** based on the scripture

Proverbs 19:21:

The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will be established.



Now 2 years later we invite you to come for 3 days of retreat, rest, and renewal to **Calvin Crest Camp Conference and Retreat Center**. Beautifully situated along the Platte River near Fremont, Nebraska
4:00 p.m. Sept. 20 — 1:00 p.m. Sept. 22, 2021

Plenary speaker: Stephanie Ahlschwede, United Methodist pastor
Workshops, sharing ideas, prayer, Bible study, encouragement, lovely setting, great food.

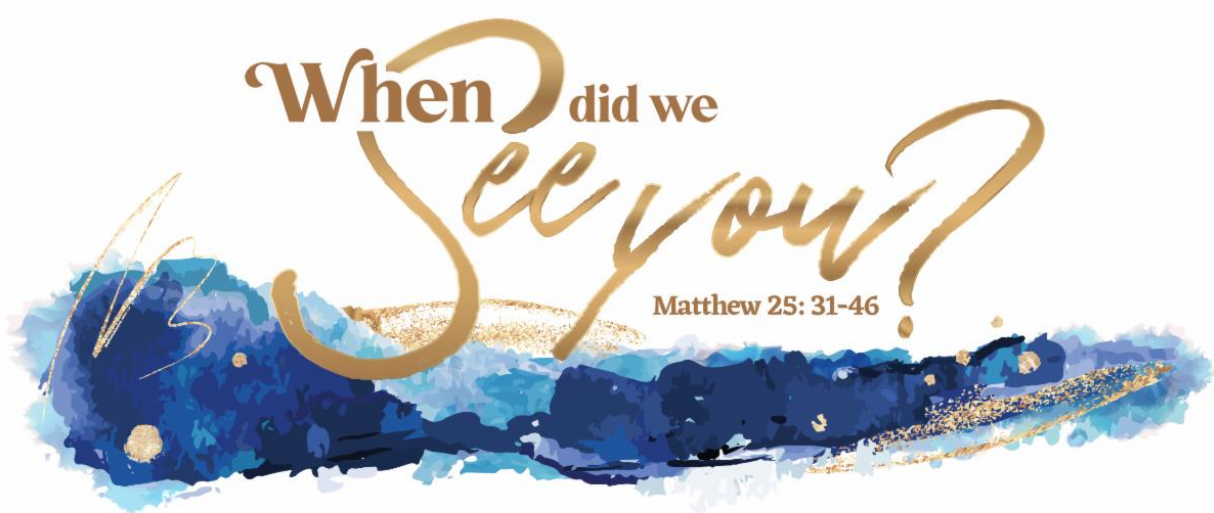
- Single occupancy, per person—\$250 INCLUDES MEALS & LODGING IN PROETT HALL
- Double occupancy, per person—\$200 INCLUDES MEALS & LODGING IN PROETT HALL
- Commuter, per person—\$125 INCLUDES MEALS

More information and Registration at:

calvincrest.org/gpsmallchurchconnection/

Registrar: Claudia Krogmann 507-665-3198

Homestead is looking for a Registrar and Leaders for next year's Youth Triennium!



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

Homestead Presbytery is looking for Youth Triennium Leaders and a Registrar for next year's Triennium! If you are interested or know someone who would be a great fit in the role, please contact the Presbytery office at hpoffice@homesteadpres.org or 402-413-2143



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

What's possible? Strategies to serve better



Wednesday, August 25, 1 - 2 p.m. ET

OR

Thursday, August 26, 3 - 4 p.m. ET

To help guide you through your benefits decisions, The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will host a one-hour webcast, *What's Possible? Strategies to Serve Better*. This webcast will examine how churches may attract, retain, and motivate employees to adapt to the changing circumstances of ministry. You will hear from several Board of Pensions representatives, including from our Benefits, Church Engagement, and Plan Operations teams.

During the webcast, we will consider the following questions:

- Why does our church need a benefits strategy?

- What are the different benefits options available? How may these be tailored to meet the needs of our employment situation?
- Which benefits are available to part-time church workers?
- Why should we offer the Retirement Savings Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
- How might the Board of Pensions assist our congregation as we develop our benefits offerings and submit your Employer Agreement for 2022?

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Homestead Presbytery has a NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

402-413-2143

Make sure to write down the new number for
Homestead Presbytery!



Weekly Prayer Requests

Craig

Praise for the 7 confirmands welcomed into our church this past spring. Praise for the 2 baptisms this month. Prayers as we attempt to resume youth group and Sunday school this fall, both of which were on break during COVID.

Homestead Presbytery

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

Friday 9:00am-12:30pm

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