



*June 4, 2021*

## Presbytery News

**Homestead Presbytery has a  
NEW PHONE NUMBER!!**

**402-413-2143**

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



## Special Presbytery Notices

### Presbytery Meeting Offering

\$130 was raised at the May 20th Presbytery Meeting for the Pentecost Special Offerings.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We are the Church, **Together**



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

**NEBRASKA PRESBYTERIAN  
FOUNDATION  
AWARDS GRANTS**

Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation Board of Directors awarded grants totaling \$182,500 in April to ten churches or organizations to partially fund outreach projects which enhance or expand some aspect of their ministry. Grantees and their projects include:

- First Presbyterian Church (Axtell) for start-up costs related to an after-school program in their community (\$10,000)
- Calvin Crest Camp (Fremont) to increase camp technology capabilities and safety improvement projects (\$66,000)
- First Presbyterian Church (Beaver City) for technology improvements to record and livestream worship services (\$15,000)
- First Presbyterian Church (Omaha) to upgrade technology to improve the quality of livestreamed worship (\$10,000)
- First Presbyterian Church (Schuyler) in support of their community-wide food & clothing distribution project (\$19,000)
- Hickman Presbyterian Church (Hickman) for technology upgrades to offer hybrid worship services (\$14,000)
- Homestead Presbytery (Lincoln) to partially fund the Healthy Congregations initiative which focuses on congregations in transition (\$15,000)
- Southern Heights Presbyterian Church (Lincoln) for improvements to their community garden space and food forest to promote growing healthy food (\$10,000)
- Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church (Omaha) to fund their food distribution project which addresses food insecurity in their neighborhood (\$13,500)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church (Lincoln) to update equipment necessary to offer quality livestreamed worship services (\$10,000)

NPF is proud to partner with all our grantees to help support their ministry and mission and share the love of Christ.

The next grant cycle will begin again in December. Is there a project your congregation has dreamed of starting but lacked financial resources to get it off the ground? Does your congregation offer an outreach program you are ready to expand? Have an idea to reimagine your impact in your neighborhood or community? We'd love to hear about it! Questions? Contact Audrey Richert at [arichert@nebpresby.org](mailto:arichert@nebpresby.org) or visit our website at [www.nebpresby.org](http://www.nebpresby.org).

**GA Commissioner and Advisory Delegate Applications are due June 30th.** Click the links below for the application as well as what you can expect in your role as a commissioner or advisory delegate.



[Complete GA Application](#)



## Webinar: Caring for the Caregiver

June 10, 2021  
2:00 PM-3:15 PMET

Providing care for a loved one can bring unexpected challenges and feel overwhelming at times. This webinar will explore how prioritizing self-care and a resilient attitude can make a difference. It will also discuss how to set limits, deal with family dynamics, and get help when you need it.



## Reparations, Repentance and Redemption Series

**When:** Sundays, June 6th, 13th & 20th  
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm  
**Where:** ZOOM

Does our Christian faith compel us to support reparations for the descendants of enslaved people? While politicians and pundits argue over the policy and economic impact, they miss the theological implication: does God present America with reparations as an opportunity to repent for centuries of race slavery? Do reparations offer at least a step toward the national redemption that will begin to heal the racism that divides the nation and tempts millions to turn to authoritarian leaders? This three-session speaker series will open Riverside's discussion of these compelling theological, ethical and political questions. This series is a "Foundations level class" – This class is a good entry point for those who are curious but perhaps are not very familiar with these ideas. This is part one of a two-part series. Part one is a beginners level class and part two in the fall will be a more advanced level.

### **Schedule:**

Sunday, June 6, 1:00-2:15pm  
Sunday, June 13, 1:00-2:15pm  
Sunday, June 20, 1:00-2:15pm

Each session will provide ample time for audience questions.

### **Featured Speakers:**

- **Rev. Anthony Jermaine Ross-Allam** - Jermaine serves as Theology and Program Co-Lead with Restorative Actions ([restorativeactions.org](http://restorativeactions.org)), a grassroots volunteer initiative for churches, individuals, mid-councils, and agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other ecumenical partners and interested organizations taking leadership in opposition to racism and racial privilege. Jermaine is currently a doctoral candidate at Union Theological Seminary in the area of Social Ethics. In addition to completing a dissertation on the social ecology of extra-legal violence against African-Americans after slavery, Jermaine continues to research the social ethical, and theological implications of social attitudes regarding reparations and reparations advocacy. Ordained by the Twin Cities Presbytery, PC(USA) in Minneapolis in 2012, Jermaine served as associate pastor at Kwanzaa Community Church, PC(USA), and Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He also holds an MDiv from United Theological Seminary.
- **Jim Koon** - Jim serves as Treasurer and Financial Services Director at the Synod of Lakes and Prairies (mid-council leadership organization of the Presbyterian Church (USA) serving 16 presbyteries and 650 churches across the upper Midwest). In association with Restorative Actions, Jim has initiated dialog with the Office of the General Assembly, PC(USA), leading to the creation of the Restorative Actions working team. Jim earned a BA in Economics at Claremont McKenna College and an MBA at the Fuqua School at Duke University. He has held leadership positions in the banking industry, including Head of National Product Management for Bank of America and President of TCF Bank of Illinois (\$3 billion subsidiaries of TCF Financial Corp.).



## **PC(USA) Job Opportunities**

Please share the attached career opportunities and invite individuals to share their gifts and talents to further the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Apply online by going to our website at [www.pcusa.org/jobs](http://www.pcusa.org/jobs) and “Search for Employment Opportunities.”

**List of Jobs in English**

**List of Jobs in Korean**

**List of Jobs in Spanish**





invites you to a special online gathering

**Monday, June 14**  
**from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**“Everything Old Is New Again!” Or is it**  
**“Everything New is Old Again!?”**

**What does it mean for the church “to get back to normal?”**

A gathering... for discussion...  
for sharing ideas... for your soul and your ministry

**Topics on the radar for this gathering...**

- Reaching the people that used to be lost
- How doing church is connecting differently
- Building on the way we’ve learned to stay connected
- Getting things done without the coffee & the stories
- What does it mean to be church?
- Normal is what we do, not what we did.

**No registration fee for this event.**

**Please share this invitation with others who might be interested in being part of this online gathering on June 14.**

**Click to Register  
Now!**



\*\*Click image to see calendar in separate window

## Weekly Prayer Requests

### Wymore

As a small congregation, we have been able to continue worship with minimal health risks since reopening our doors last summer. We continue to enjoy our partnership with Mission Creek and Steele City, and hope to reestablish joint services and activities. We also look forward as a congregation to reestablishing and opening new opportunities of outreach in our local community. Pray that we rise to the task of loving our neighbors and offering the hand of Christ.

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

**Friday** 9:00am-12:30pm

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