May 19, 2022 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln NE

Moderator -Terri Sherman

**CALL TO ORDER**

The stated meeting of Homestead Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Terri Sherman, at 10:02 a.m., on May 19, 2022. The moderator was in the chair and the stated clerk was present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Terri Sherman. A quorum was present and the agenda was approved as printed. Chris Peters gave a word of welcome to the hosting church.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and showed the following members present or excused with cause: (Attendance Key: A, Absent; P, Present; E, Excused; R, Retired; M, Military Service; VM, Validated Ministry)

**MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (TEACHING ELDERS)**

E - Jon Ashley

R/E - Sue Babovec

P - Teresa Bartlett

E - Darin Bentzinger R/E - Steve Breazier P - Alan Brehm

R/E - Stephen J. Brownlee R/E - Ronald L. Bump R/E - Robert Burdett

P - Sue Coller R/E - Gail Cross R/P - Ellen Davis

R/P - Noel DeKalb

P - Owen Derrick

R/P - John Duling

P - Thomas Dummermuth P - Stephen Earl

A - Michael Eickhoff

R/E - Lonnie Eschliman R/A - Carl Eskridge

P - Sarah Gengler R/E - James Goble

E - Kara Hillhouse

E - Jane Holtzclaw

M/E - Dennis E. Hysom

R/E - Robert W. Jeamby

P - Brian Johnson

E - Melodie Jones Pointon R/E - Burton A. Knudsen

A - Joungnam Lee

A - Sungjae Lee

E - Leanne Masters

R/E - Timothy McClain

R/E-Nancy McCurley

P - James K. McNeal

R/E - Raymond Meester

P – Michele Monroe-Clark

P - Karen Moritz

R/E - Juventino Naranjo

R/E - Gail M. Neal

P - Erica Nelson

R/E - Jon Noble

R/E- Tom Osborne

E - Jock Tut Paleak

P - Chris Peters

E - Lauren Peters

E - Steve Piper

P - Charity Potter

R/E - Harold Rainey

P - Laura Rasmussen

R/P - Jimmy Shelbourn

R/E - Robert Snell

R/E - Jim Splitt

R/E- Kathleen Splitt

R/E – Roxie Sullivan

R/E - Gary A. Thomson

R/E - Richard Tiggelaar

R/E - Nanette Tomlinson - Knoell

P – Sara Tonje

R/E - Earl Underwood Jr.

P – Ron Wakeman

E - Jeff Warrick

R/P - Duane Westing

P - Zac Wolfe

R/E - Richard Wyatt

P- Seung Edward Yang

**Temporary Members**

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| E - Gregg Gahan (Evangelical Free) | P – Diane Morgan (DOC) | P - Heidi Wallace (ELCA) |

**Commissioned Pastors**

P - Lana Likens E - John Nellessen A - Carla Patterson E - Steve Pointon

**Certified Christian Educator**

P - Kris Brammer, Lincoln, First

**Elders**

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| **Churches** | **Elders** | **Churches** | **Elders** |
| Akron | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Fourth | No Commissioner |
| Alexander | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Good Shepherd | Maggie Horak |
| Auburn | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Heritage | No Commissioner |
| Bancroft, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Korean | Hongwook Suh |
| Beatrice, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, S. Heights | Suzie Harder |
| Belden, Union | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster | Kathleen Rohwedder |
| Cedar Bluffs, First | No Commissioner | Lincoln, Westminster (2) | Margaret Sprude |
| Clarkson, New Zion | Patricia Dusatko | Lincoln, Westminster (3) | Ernie Hines |
| Clarkson, New Zion (2) | Barb Kudera | Lyons, First | No Commissioner |
| Columbus, Federated | No Commissioner | Nebraska City, First | Julie Hopp |
| Craig, First | No Commissioner | Niobrara-Verdel | No Commissioner |
| Dunbar | No Commissioner | Norfolk, First | Teri Wendel |
| Fairbury, First | Debbie Hellbusch | North Bend, United | Anne Soukup |
| Falls City, First | John Martin | Palmyra | No Commissioner |
| Fremont | Joy Ball | Panama | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (2) | No Commissioner | Pawnee City | No Commissioner |
| Fremont (3) | No Commissioner | Pender | No Commissioner |
| Gresham | Tony Cain | Primrose | No Commissioner |
| Hebron, First | Vicki Fleming | Schuyler, First | No Commissioner |
| Hickman | Charlene Cochell | Steele City | No Commissioner |
| Hickman (2) | Bruce Kuster | Tekamah, First | No Commissioner |
| Humboldt | No Commissioner | Thurston, John Huss | No Commissioner |
| Laurel, United | No Commissioner | Wahoo, Czech | Michael Sabatka |
| Liberty, Mission Creek | No Commissioner | Wahoo, First | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge | No Commissioner | Wakefield | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (2) | No Commissioner | Wayne | No Commissioner |
| Lincoln, Eastridge (3) | No Commissioner | Wymore, United | Brad Keller |
| Lincoln, First | Joan Berglund | York | Donn Atchison |
| Lincoln, First (2) | Cindy Lloyd |  |  |

**OFFICERS, COUNCIL, AND STAFF**

Moderator P – Terri Sherman

Vice Moderator E – Steven Piper (Continuing Member)

Council Moderator P – Steven Piper (Continuing Member)

Stated Clerk P – Erica Nelson (Continuing Member)

Interim Executive Presbyter P - Stephen Earl (Continuing Member)

Treasurer P – Ed McClymont

Moderator, Commission on Ministry P – Charity Potter (Continuing Member) Moderator, Nominating Committee P – Teresa Bartlett (Continuing Member) Committee on Preparation for Ministry E – Jane Holtzclaw (Continuing Member)

Moderator, Administration and Finance P – Joyce Douglas

Moderator, Program and Grants P – Kris Brammer

Moderator, Presbyterian Women P - Terri Sherman

Moderator, Committee on New Worshiping Communities, Church Development, and Church Redevelopment Vacant

Moderator, Disaster Response and Beyond P – Chris Peters (Continuing Member)

Member at Large of Council P – Joan Berglund

Member at Large of Council E - Steve Pointon

Member at Large of Council P – Teri Wendel

By virtue of being invited to speak to the presbytery, Audrey Richert, and Craig Huffman were seated as corresponding members.

First-time commissioners and new Ministers of Word and Sacrament were introduced and welcomed. Chris Peters gave a welcome as minister of the host church.

Worship was led by Thomas Dummermuth, a member of the Strategy Team and the Lord’s Supper was celebrated led by Chris Peters. As part of worship, the delegates to the 225th General Assembly, Darin Bentzinger and Wendy Wait, were commissioned. Following worship, the Strategy team led the education portion of the meeting.

**OFFICERS AND STAFF**

The treasurer, Ed McClymont reported. Presbytery received the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Activities, and Per Capita and Mission Giving by Church statements through March 31st, included as Attachment A.

Interim Stated Clerk Erica Nelson reported. The minutes of the February 19, 2022 presbytery meeting and March 8, 2022 Called Council meeting were approved as printed at its April 26, 2022 meeting. The minutes of both the Administrative Commission to install Edward Yang at Columbus Federated Church, Columbus NE (Attachment B) and the Administrative Commission to install Michele Monroe-Clark at New Zion Presbyterian Church, Clarkson NE (Attachment C) were received. Presbytery received the 2021 Presbytery Statistical Report, Attachment D.

The investigating committee concluded their work and ended their investigation choosing not to file charges. The final decision of the committee was received and is included as Attachment E.

The Interim Executive Presbytery Stephen Earl reported. On July 1, 2022, the presbytery office is moving offices from First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln. They will provide an office for the administrative assistant and storage space for files.

**COUNCIL**

Council nominated Tom Osborne (MWS) to serve on Homestead Presbytery’s Nominating Committee, class of 2024. This election was presented to the presbytery with no objection.

**ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joyce Douglas reported. The report was received and placed on file.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Charity Potter reported.

The commission is moving to a new structure and will work in teams to better do the work of the commission. Those teams are Transitions, Critical Needs, Congregational Liaisons, and Oversight.

The following actions of the Commission were reported:

1. Gave permission to First Presbyterian Church, Auburn, to elect a PNC
2. Gave permission to United Presbyterian Church, North Bend, to elect a PNC.
3. Appointed the Rev. Dr. Edward Yang to serve as Moderator of the Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church (Faiths United Parish) congregation and session.
4. Appointed the Rev. Diane Morgan, minister with the Disciples of Christ and pastor of the Pawnee City Parish, to serve as Moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, Pawnee City congregation and session.
5. Approved an allowance for other certified sources/courses for Boundary Training with documentation of completion. Alternative sources/courses for Boundary Training shall be submitted to COM for approval.

Owen Derrick, Gregg Gahan, Melodie Jones Pointon, and Chris Peters completed their required 2021 Boundary Training and are now returned to good standing within the presbytery.

The commission moved, and the presbytery approved, the appointment of an Administrative Commission for the purpose of dissolving, dismissing, and/or merging congregations within the boundaries of Homestead Presbytery who have made a request through the Commission on Ministry for such action. The work of the Commission is detailed in the report from COM, in Attachment F. The Commission will submit their final report to presbytery at the May 2023 stated meeting.

The commission moved, and the presbytery approved, to elect the following people to this Administrative Commission to serve for a period of one year: Darin Bentzinger MWS, Suzanne Byler RE, Ellen Davis MWS (to serve as moderator), Barb Kudera RE, Trev Peterson RE, Ron Wakeman MSW, Teri Wendel RE.

**PRESBYTERY DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE**

Chris Peters reported. The report was received and placed on file.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Teresa Bartlett reported. Following an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following people were elected:

**Commission on Ministry** – Rev. John Duling, class of 2023

Rev. Jim McNeal, class of 2024

The report was received and placed on file.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Terri Sherman reported.

**PROGRAM AND GRANT COMMITTEE**

Kris Brammer reported. The report was received and placed on file.

**STRATEGY TEAM**

The members of the strategy team reported. In light of the report and recommendations from LeaderWise (Attachment F), the strategy team updated the presbytery on their plan going forward.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Craig Huffman reported on the state of Camp Calvin Crest and what programs they have over the summer.

Audrey Richert reported on the grantees from this grant cycle through the Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation.

Duane Westing gave a report about the most recent Synod meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Jon Ashley was recognized for the 20th anniversary of his ordination. Lincoln Fourth Presbyterian Church was recognized for their 115th anniversary.

There were 26 ministers and 25 ruling elders, for a total of 51 ruling elders and minister members in attendance. These included 23 ruling elder commissioners, 24 Ministers of Word and Sacrament, 2 temporary members of presbytery, 1 commissioned lay pastor, 1 certified Christian educator, and 13 members of Council. 18 of forty-eight churches had ruling elder commissioners enrolled. (The total of the groups will be greater than the total in attendance as some have more than one role.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m. with prayer by Terri Sherman.

NEXT STATED MEETING

HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY

AUGUST 13, 2022

10:00 AM

LOCATION – CAMP CALVIN CREST

Erica Nelson, Stated Clerk Date Approved: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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