



November 4, 2021

Presbytery News

Special Presbytery Notices



2021 Remittances are due January 4th!



January 4, 2022 is the last day that we will receive/deposit remittances for 2021. Any 2021 remittances received after Jan 4 will be recorded as 2022 remittances.



[Click Here to Download the Presbytery Packet](#)

PASTOR MENTAL & SPIRITUAL HEALTH RETREAT
Benedictine Center, Schuyler NE
Oct 27-28, 2021



A retreat for pastors was held at the Benedictine Retreat Center in Schuyler NE from Wednesday October 27 through Thursday Oct 28, 2021 with the primary goal of offering pastors “time away” for self-care and spiritual renewal.

Facilitated by Rev. Cindy Halvorson from Leader Wise, the retreat focused upon providing dedicated time for worship, individual rest, contemplation, and meditation interspersed with structured sessions and small group discussions. In addition, there was the

opportunity to join the Benedictine monks for daily prayers. Expenses were funded through a “Mental Health in Ministry” grant awarded to Homestead Presbytery by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Written evaluation comments included:

- “Hoped to have an intentional break in the business of the fall [goal met]”
- “I wish more of my colleagues had made use of this opportunity”
- “fellowship with pastors and

discernment of call [met]"

- "more time - two nights".

The mental and spiritual health of our pastors is critical to the vitality of our congregations. With this as a priority, and in light of the overwhelmingly positive response from those participating, plans are being explored for future retreats. So-----stay tuned, more to come.

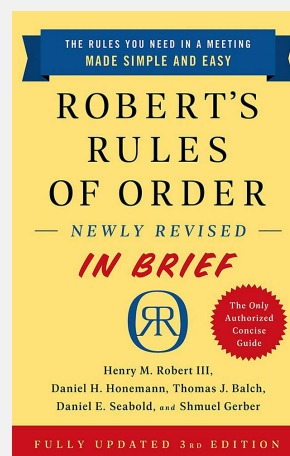


Parliamentary Procedure Workshop Saturday, November 13, 9am-3:30pm

On November 13th, from 9am-3:30pm, Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln will be hosting a workshop on Parliamentary Procedure and Robert's Rules of Order for committee participants and leadership. Subjects will include: Agendas, Minutes, Effective Meeting Moderation, Basic Robert's Rules for participants and members, and more.

The workshop will be led by Lynna Gene Cook, Professional Registered Parliamentarian and current secretary of Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians (NSAP).

Our stated clerk, Raymond Meester, has worked extensively with Lynna Gene Cook in the Star City Area Unit of Parliamentarians and the Nebraska State Association of Parliamentarians. As he said, *"She knows her stuff and I highly recommend this workshop for pastors, church moderators, clerks of sessions, and moderators and secretaries of presbytery committees!"*



Registration ends November 8th!

Registration and recommended books are available at

<http://southernheights.org/nov-2021-workshop>.



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

WHAT HAS GOD CALLED YOU TO DO?

Does your congregation want to increase their impact in your community but lack the funds to get your big idea started? Do you have a project

already in the works but need use additional funding to take it to the next level? Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation could be the answer to help you fund your project or program. We are offering annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach activities which enhance or expand some aspect of your ministry and mission. The online application process begins in December and grants will be awarded in April. To learn more about our grant process, you can visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or contact Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or 402-420-9877.

KESSLER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation offers financial assistance for PCUSA pastors who are experiencing an urgent financial crisis. Applicants must be an active or retired installed or commissioned pastor who has, or is currently serving, a Nebraska congregation and currently residing in Nebraska. For more information on the Kessler Fund, please visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or contact Audrey Richert at arichert@nebpresby.org or 402-420-9877.



From Resolution to Transformation: Finding Hope and Healing in Conflict

November 17, 1 - 4 p.m. ET

As the holiday season approaches, families, congregations, and communities will be making decisions about if, how, and when to celebrate. At the core of those gatherings is our deep desire to come to the tables of fellowship and eucharistic celebration and to be reconciled with one another when we do. Join Mindy McGarrah Sharp, PhD, Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at Columbia Theological Seminary, and a panel of colleagues in ministry for an exploration of John Paul Lederach's framework for conflict transformation. Lederach's conflict transformation approach is about not simply "How do we end something not desired?" but "How do we end something destructive and build something desired?" This model has a deep reach, enabling us to deal with immediate crises and address long-term change as we are offered both solutions and possibilities for relational and social change.

Dr. Mindy McGarrah Sharp is the Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology Program at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Dr. McGarrah Sharp's scholarship and research has focused on globalization, postcolonialism and various facets of postcolonial and intercultural pastoral theology. She has also taught courses and offered lectures addressing the importance of deep listening, conversation, racial healing and justice, and conflict transformation. She is also a trained clinical ethicist, United Methodist layperson, and returned Peace Corps Volunteer.

Dr. McGarrah Sharp holds a PhD in Psychology and Culture and a Master of Arts from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Arts in Religion from Yale Divinity School, and a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from University of Virginia.

**REGISTER
NOW**



Charitable Giving: 7 Key Takeaways for Faith-based Organizations

November 17, 2021 at 1 pm ET

Join fundraising expert Carla Maxwell Ray, Senior Generosity Strategist at Generis, as she breaks down data from The Giving Institute at the Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy and provides insights into what the research shows. In this webinar she'll share what religious organizations can do to respond to these trends.

GET REGISTERED NOW!



**Great Plains Small Church Connection
Annual Conference
Best Laid Plans
Based on Proverbs 19:21**

Grow • Enjoy • Renew • Fresh Ideas • Be Encouraged • Soul Fed • Community

Well, our Best Laid Plans have once again been changed.

Great Plains Small Church Connection (formerly Wee Kirk) has moved the conference planned for Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center in September 2021 to an online conference series of 4 sessions using Zoom.

Moving Forward: Tools to Feed Souls

Our keynote presenter will still be Rev Stephanie Ahlschwede, a United Methodist pastor with a deep commitment to the ministry of the laity and small membership churches. As Executive Director of United Methodist Ministries, she served a fifteen county area helping congregations of all sizes develop local ministries related to the alleviation of hunger and poverty.

The first session of the 4-part virtual conference:

- **Monday, October 18, 2021**, Stephanie Ahlschwede presenting a talk with breakout discussion groups. 3-5 PM Central Time
- **Monday, November 15, 2021** – Purpose and Transitions – a workshop led by Kris Peterson followed by Great Ideas to Solid Sermons, a workshop led by Steve Nofel. 3-5 PM Central Time
- **Monday, January 17, 2022** - It's Better Thank It Sounds: Embracing Evaluations & Counting for Success in the Local Church - a workshop lead by Stephanie Ahlschwede, followed by: Attitudes in Prayer, a workshop led by Kim Nofel, and A Quick Dive into Philippians, a workshop led by Newell and Claudia Krogmann 3-5 PM Central Time
- **Monday, February 21, 2022** – another presentation by Stephanie Ahlschwede with time for questions and answers, and a surprise 'hands on' experience. 3-5 PM Central Time

Register at: www.calvincrest.org

Cost: \$50 for the complete conference of 4 sessions plus 'the surprise' or \$20 per session

For more information contact:
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Partial Scholarships are available. Contact registrar claudia@krogmanns.com for information or to apply



A Conversation with Pastors, for Pastors

Join us on Wednesday, November 10 at 12:00pm Eastern via Zoom for a conversation with pastors, for pastors about the pressing issues of ministry today.

The Center for Continuing Education was launched in October 2019 to enable Yale Divinity School to “reach beyond the walls” and provide educational opportunities and resources for clergy, laity and community organizations to expand and enrich ministry and lay learning - all at little to no cost. The Center is home to some existing cornerstone programs (the YDS Summer Study, the Yale Youth Ministry Institute, and the Yale Bible Study program) and is charged with creating new opportunities for theological education and enrichment in three primary categories: Faith and Contemporary Issues, Church and Nonprofit Administration, and Leadership Development. If you haven’t already, we invite you to explore our websites at: <https://divinity.yale.edu/continuing-education> .

While our programs have existing curriculum, content and programming, we are continually looking to expand our resources. We want to be sure that we are focused on what is truly needed by those working in local ministry. Please join fellow clergy members to talk about what ministry looks like in a world where we are being allowed to gather again, but the pandemic is still very much a concern. During our time together, we’ll focus on the following questions:

- How have your various ministries survived this time and what do they look like this fall?
- What do you see as your most immediate challenge?
- What have you learned from the pivots required to minister to your congregation over the past 18 months?
- How can the Center for Continuing Education support you, either in terms of resources, informational/educational opportunities and/or connection to other clergy?

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[Register Here!](#)

Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to discussing these important issues with you on November 10th!

Homestead Presbytery has a NEW PHONE NUMBER!!

402-413-2143

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



Weekly Prayer Requests

Lincoln Heritage

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Lincoln Eastridge 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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