



*October 21, 2021*

## Presbytery News

### Special Presbytery Notices

Save the date:  
Giving Tuesday is Nov. 30!



The PC(USA)'s Giving Tuesday campaign is a virtual celebration

of the collective power of Presbyterian generosity. With our gifts, we can accomplish far more together than any one of us can do alone. Join the PC(USA) in responding to a world in need!



## **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.

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NOW**

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## **NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

Homestead Presbytery is currently accepting

applications for Stated Clerk. To apply for the position of Stated Clerk for Homestead Presbytery please submit your resume detailing your experience in work related to the position of Stated Clerk. Share why you are interested in this position and what goals you would like to achieve. Candidates for the position of Stated Clerk must be either a Ruling Elder or a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA).



Resumes will be accepted through November 4, 2021. Resumes can be emailed to John Nellessen, [jnellessen1@windstream.net](mailto:jnellessen1@windstream.net), or mailed (to arrive by November 4) to John at: 3800 W Burgess LN, Lincoln, NE 68523.

Because the Presbytery is going through a period of transition and the Strategy Team is still in the process of determining a permanent staffing plan for the Presbytery, the term of service for the Stated Clerk will be for one year January 1 – December 31, 2022. The salary for 2022 will be commensurate with your experience and not to exceed \$21,000.

The current Stated Clerk job description is attached.

[Stated Clerk Job Description](#)

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## 2023 Nebraska Clergy Gathering - SURVEY

What do you think about getting together with your brothers and sisters in ministry from across Nebraska, and across denominational lines? Would you like to hear a speaker offer insights and reflections? Would you like to have small group workshops led by clergy from the area? Would you (also) like to have small group conversations on relevant topics?



Take a quick poll to let us know your thoughts about . . .

Clergy from across Nebraska, serving Mainline Protestant Congregations gathering in February or May 2023 in Kearney at the newly expanded Younes Conference Center. Planners (that is, people like you) will work on accommodations and meals so that the price will be affordable.

But, first, we need to hear from you!

The poll will close on October 31st.

Take the Survey

## Equip clergy and ministry leaders to be more *confident* and *capable* leaders and administrators.

Discover how participants are making measurable differences in their ministries during our Nonprofit Church Leadership webinar.

NOVEMBER  
**18**  
2021  
10 a.m. (CST)

**ZOOM Meeting Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88543855433>

Kindly RSVP to [Alisha.Vincent@dwu.edu](mailto:Alisha.Vincent@dwu.edu) if you plan to attend.

Over the last three years, nearly 100 pastors and their churches have benefited from the NPCL program. NPCL is a 21 graduate credit hour, online, certificate program for working ministry leaders that builds acumen in financial development, governance, talent management, project management and communications, while offering yearlong professional coaching and executing a major church project that leads to significant ministry impact.

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# 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](http://www.calvincrest.org)

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

For more information contact:  
Claudia Krogmann, Registrar  
507-665-3198  
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Partial Scholarships are available. Contact registrar [claudia@krogmanns.com](mailto: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?

[Register Here!](#)

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

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

**402-413-2143**

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



# Weekly Prayer Requests

## *Laurel*

Prayers are requested for the well being and prosperity of the Laurel 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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### **Homestead Presbytery**

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

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

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