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April 5-6, 2019
First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead, Minnesota

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS
ONE HUNDRED and TWENTIETH STATED MEETING
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STATED MEETING

The Presbytery of the Northern Plains of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead, Minnesota, on April 5-6, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER
Host

Moderator Teaching Elder Donna Monteith called the meeting to order with worship that included the celebration of Communion and installation of the Presbytery Leader Rev. Marjorie Ackerman. Rev. Robert Drake offered greetings from the host church and led the worship service.

The roll was taken by means of registration forms filled out by the attendees. The following Teaching Elders were present unless otherwise noted: P – Present; E – Excused; A – Absent; HR – Teaching Elders Honorably Retired, excused if absent; LOB – Teaching Elders laboring outside the bounds of the Presbytery, excused if absent. (Numbers preceding Teaching Elders' names are ecclesiastical occupational designations.)

ROLL (Teaching Elders)

TEACHING ELDERS (23)

Teaching Elders		Church	Meeting # 1	2
305	Marjorie Ackerman	Presbytery Leader	P	
641	Adams, Candace	Univ of Jamestown	P	
299	Billings, Dan (HR)		P	
101	Bishop, Catherine	West Fargo	P	
101	Boyar, Robert	Jamestown	P	
108	Burger-Peery, Deborah		A	
299	Christman, David (HR)		E	
105	Cory, Darrel	Redeemer Lutheran	P	
501	Danielson, Cheri (HR)		E	
501	Danielson, Marlin (HR)		E	
101	Dill, Robin	Minto/Grafton	A	
101	Drake, Robert	Moorhead	P	
797	Dumont, Trudy	Devils Lake/Webster	E	
797	Edwards, Bob		A	
644	Emerson, Nancy	NDSU	E	
299	Graf, Gretchen (HR)		E	
299	Graham, Ron (HR)		E	
101	Henschen, Paul	Ellendale	P	
103	Holtey, Mary	Fargo	P	
101	Homan, Spencer	Grand Forks	P	

ROLL (continued)

Teaching Elders		Church	Meeting # 1 2
151	Kana-Mackey, Sue (UMC)	Langdon	P
101	Kargard, Richard (HR)		E
101	Landwehr, Marjorie	Hallock	P
101	Lang, Paul	Fargo	P
299	Mansell, Henry (HR)		E
797	McCullough, Cheryl		A
797	McDowell, Martha		E
797	Meier, Mindy		A
101	Monteith, Donna	Grandin/Hunter	P
151	Olson, Steve (UMC)	Oakes	A
701	Raum, Richard	Univ of Jamestown	A
101	Reikow, Deanna	Mandan	P
108	Reiter, David (HR)		E
797	Rhoad, John		E
101	Ritchie, John		A
151	Schlador, D. Paul (EFCA)	Rolla/St. John	A
101	Simmons, Leanne	Bismarck	E
701	Suk, Sungyoo (David)	Hope Korean	A
503	Sveet, Elaine	Luth Parish Rugby Leeds	A
299	Swanson, Joan (HR)		E
797	Watts, Gary (HR)		E
151	Werth, John (EPC)	Pembina Cty Parish	A
797	Wolpert, Dan		A
299	Woodford, Don (HR)		E

ROLL (Commissioners)

The following churches were represented by Ruling Elders as indicated (E – excused, — not represented, without excuse): (23)

Angus, Angus-Tabor		—
Argyle, Community Presbyterian		—
Arvilla, Arvilla Presbyterian		Brenda Beck
Baker, Westminster Presbyterian		—
Bismarck, First Presbyterian:	(1)	Jim Skaret
	(2)	Shari Orser
	(3)	Becky Liedtke
Bismarck, Glencoe Sloan Memorial		—
Bottineau, United Parish		—
Buffalo, First Presbyterian		—
Calvin, Glenila Presbyterian		—
Casselton, Westminster Presbyterian	(1)	—
	(2)	—
Cavalier, Cavalier Presbyterian		Zelda Hartje
Colgate, Colgate Presbyterian		—

ROLL (continued)

Cooperstown, First Presbyterian		—
Crookston, First Presbyterian		Marsha Odom
Devils Lake, Westminster Presbyterian		Rosalie Helland
Dilworth, Dilworth Presbyterian		—
East Grand Forks, Mendenhall	(1)	—
	(2)	—
Edgeley, First Presbyterian		—
Ellendale, Presbyterian- U Methodist	(1)	—
	(2)	—
Emerado, Emerado Presbyterian		Sally Jacobson
Fairview, Community Presbyterian		—
Fargo, First Presbyterian	(1)	Thomas Clusiau
	(2)	Roberta Fair Mohagen
	(3)	Ryan Johnston
Fordville, Community Presbyterian		—
Forest River, Community Presbyterian		—
Gilby, Gilby Presbyterian		—
Grafton, Federated Church		—
Grand Forks, First Presbyterian	(1)	Amber Miller
	(2)	—
Grandin, Grandin Presbyterian		—
Hallock, First Presbyterian	(1)	—
	(2)	—
Hamilton, First Presbyterian		Sharon Cummings
Hannah, Hannah Presbyterian		—
Hunter, First Presbyterian		—
Inkster, Inkster Presbyterian		—
Jamestown, United Presbyterian	(1)	Sylvia Pringle
	(2)	—
LaMoure, First Presbyterian		Catherine J. Scheibe
Langdon, Presbyterian Church of Langdon		—
Lisbon, First Presbyterian		—
Mandan, First Presbyterian	(1)	Scott Davy
	(2)	—
Minto, Knox Presbyterian		Ellen Misialek
Moorhead, First Presbyterian	(1)	Erik Swee
	(2)	Frank Kratky
Nekoma, Nekoma Presbyterian		Clinton Esckilsen
Oakes, First Presbyterian		—
Park River, Federated Church		—
Pillsbury, Baldwin		—
Portal, First Presbyterian		—
Red Lake Falls, First Presbyterian		—
Rhame, Lyle Presbyterian		—

ROLL (continued)

Rolla, Presbyterian Church of Rolla/St. John	(1)	–
	(2)	–
Rugby, Emmanuel United Church		–
Steele, First Presbyterian		–
Tower City, Tower City		–
Towner, Towner Presbyterian		–
Walhalla, Park Center-Walhalla		–
Watford City, First Presbyterian		Jamie Norstog
Webster, Webster Chapel		Wayne Lindenberg
West Fargo, Community Presbyterian	(1)	Boots Misheski
	(2)	–
Westhope First Presbyterian		–
Wilton, First Presbyterian		Wayne Ruzicka

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS

None

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Ken Green – Board of Pension – Presbytery of Chicago

RULING ELDERS WITH VOICE AND VOTE/POD & TASK LEADERS

Pod/Task Name

COR/Nominations – Elizabeth Swee (Mhd) - P
Financial – Ellen Misialek (Minto) - P
Install & Ordination (Former Moderator 2014-2016) – Sylvia Pringle (Jmst) – A
Mission Pod – Donna Preston (Grandin) - A
Records – Lana Schultz (Casselton) - A
Wellness Care – Gracia Fulwiler (Fargo) – A
Vacancy Counselor – Andrew Thostenson (WFargo) – A

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

Lorelee Benz (Former Moderator - 2011) – Baker/Downer - P
Paul Campbell – Casselton - P
Don Casmey – Argyle - A
Kevin Kaufmann – Wilton - P
Rick Larson – Dilworth - A
Nancy Legerski – A
Joe Obermeyer – Bdecan - P
Bill Weispfenning (Former Moderator - 2002) – Edgeley & LaMoure - A

FORMER MODERATORS

(Not otherwise noted)
Darrel Cory (Thief River Falls) 2013
Mary Holtey (Fargo) 2017

ROLL (continued)

Dixon Moorhead (West Fargo) 2007
Deanna Reikow (Mandan) 2012

NON-MEMBER PASTORS

Raenelle Sorensen (LP UMC) (Arvilla-Emerado)

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Michael R. Lochow – Stated Clerk
Ellen Misialek – Treasurer

VISITORS - (7)

Joyce Esckilsen (Nekoma), Walter Knipe (Grand Forks), Prakash Mathew (Fargo), Hazel Merdink (Mendenhall – EGF), Sharon Secor (Fargo), Sherri Stern (Fargo), and Karen Tankersley (Grand Forks).

SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

Classification	Present	Not Present	Excused
Teaching Elders	15	12	16
Commissioners	24	48	0
Former Moderators	1 (6)		
Comm Ruling Elders	4 (4)	4	0
Candidates/Inquirers	0		
Corresponding Members	1		
Non-Member Pastors	1		
Presbytery Officers/R.Elders	1 (3)	4	0
Visitors	7		
Totals	**54**	**68**	**16**

(Number in parenthesis is total number present; difference counted elsewhere)

Quorum

The clerk advised that a quorum was present and the Moderator declared a quorum present. A quorum as stated in the Bylaws, Article IV, B-4.0500 is as follows: *a quorum of the Presbytery shall be any three teaching elder members and the ruling elder members present, provided that at least three particular churches are represented by elders.*

Voice and Introductions

The Presbytery recognized corresponding member Rev. Ken Green (Presbytery of Chicago) regional representative from the Board of Pensions. Voice was granted to ministers serving pulpits in the Presbytery who are not members. First-time commissioners were introduced.

Consent Calendar

The reports of the Stated Clerk and the Self Development of People were removed from the Consent Calendar.

By motion the Consent Calendar and the reports of the following individuals and

committees, if any, on the Consent Calendar, were **approved:** Officer Reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Treasurer; Pod Reports: Care for Congregations, Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod, Leadership Pod and Mission Pod; Committees: Representation; Task Forces and Commissions: Permanent Judicial Commission; Commissioners to Synod; Partners: Clearwater Forest, NP Presbyterian Women, and University of Jamestown; Teams: 1001 Worshipping Communities Team Bdecan Ministry Team, and, Earth Care Team.

Agenda

The agenda, as amended to add the reports of the Stated Clerk and the Self Development of People, and to move the Necrology report to the end of the meeting, **was approved**, as the order of business for this meeting.

FROM the CONSENT CALENDAR

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Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod

Care for Pastoral Care

Approved the following in accordance with authority granted in G-3.0307 and Northern Plains Presbytery Bylaw B-5.0302 Responsibilities:

CLP Reviews

1. Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) (formerly Commissioned Ruling Elder) (*Book of Order G-2.101 requires the presbytery to review the commission of a CLP annually. The review is conducted by the session or other commissioning body. The CPL Pod then evaluates and approves the review.)*
Reviews were approved for 2019: Paul Campbell (Casselton), Nancy Legerski (St. Vincent's, Bismarck), and Kevin Kaufmann (Wilton).

Schlador contract

2. Contract between Rev. Paul Schlador and First Presbyterian Church of Rolla/St. John, North Dakota was approved for one year.

Meier contract

3. Contract between Rev. Mindy Meier and First Congregational Church in New Rockford, ND, was approved for one year.

Lifelong Learning Grant

3. A Lifelong Learning Grant from Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation was approved for $1400—to be paid as half of any expenses and after receiving receipts. Two events were planned. One event—a Lenten Preaching Bible Study was held and led by Dr. Steven Reed from the University of Jamestown on January 28th. The second event has been postponed.

McDowell grant

4. A grant was sent to Rev. Martha McDowell for $1000 to help with car expenses. Rev. McDowell provided a receipt for monies spent. (Note: Due to lack of funds, such grants will probably not be given in the future.)

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report Documents provided were a narrative Treasurer's Report, Income and Expense Statements to date in 2019, Balance Sheet for the period ending December 31, 2018, and Outstanding Per Capita for the years from 2014 – 2018. (See **Appendix 1**)

Appendix 1

Self Development of People. Diane Wray Williams asked everyone to be aware of those in the community with needs who may qualify for a grant. She briefly reviewed the prior grants received. **SDOP**

Reports I **Reports I**

Stated Clerk Report The Stated Clerk added the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 22, 2019, to his report. The written report of the Stated Clerk, as amended, was received. The minutes of the October 8, 2018, stated meeting were **approved**, with the following corrections: change spelling of "Richie" to Ritchie (page 417), change Youth Commission to Youth Connection (page 421), change Personal to Personnel (top of page 422), and show Rev. Darrel Cory as excused from the meeting (page 412). The minutes of the Special Meeting of February 22. 2019, were approved as presented. The report also included the following: **Stated Clerk Report** **Minutes**

NO PRESBYTERY ACTION BUT REQUIRED TO BE NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

PARITY/DIVERSITY OF TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS. Having determined the number of teaching elders who are members of the Presbytery (43) and the number of ruling elders (72) which the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to Presbytery's meetings, I **recommend** that Presbytery take no action to provide for the election of additional ruling elders, as there is no need for equalization. **Equalization of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders**

ROSTER OF RECENTLY RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC). In accordance with the provisions of the **Rules of Discipline** (D-5.0206b), **the following roster of names of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years are to be spread upon the minutes**: **Recent Members of PJC**

> **Class of 2018** – Teaching Elder Trudy Dumont and Ruling Elders Connie Cleveland and Betty Youngren
> **Class of 2016** – Teaching Elder Nancy Emerson and Ruling Elder Karen Tankersley
> **Class of 2014** – Teaching Elder Paul Henschen and Ruling Elder Barb Ault

Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team Sharon Secor presented a written report. The report noted the grant received from Thrivent Financial for $7500 to support the Mpangua School. Members of the regional Board of Directors at Thrivent are given grant money to donate each year as they see fit. Prakash Mathew, a member of First Presbyterian Church - Fargo and the Northland Regional Board, chose to donate grant money to the Mpangua Primary School **Chogoria Partnership**

development. The report summarized the progress at the Mpangua School. Nursing students from North Dakota State University will be traveling to Chogoria. The response was so large that two trips are planned. Sharon Secor and Jan Carlson attended a Kenyan meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Representatives will be traveling to Chogoria in 2020 to dedicate the school. A flyer was available with information about the 2020 trip. **Chogoria (continued)**

Youth Connection Joe Obermeyer presented a written report. The report listed information about Rest Fest 2019; the Crystal Springs retreat scheduled for April 26-28, 2019; and Presbyterian Youth Triennium to be held on July 16-20, 2019, at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. A pre-event for Triennium will be held in Jamestown, North Dakota, on Saturday, June 1st. Thirty youth have registered for Triennium (compared to 16 in 2016). **Youth Connection**

Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod Paul Henschen provided a written report. He highlighted the Commissioned Lay Pastor evaluation annual review, the Boundary Training and those not in compliance, the annual review of non-PCUSA pastors not in full communion with PCUSA, and that non-PCUSA pastors are required to take a polity course. **Care for Pastoral Leaders**

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:57 a.m. with prayer offered by Moderator Monteith and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. **Lunch Recess**

Stated Clerk Lochow reviewed the ten proposed amendments to the Book of Order and answered questions. Written ballots were distributed. Sylvia Pringle and Sherri Stern were appointed as tellers. **Amendments to Book of Order**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Spencer Homan, Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), presented its written report (**Appendix 2**). He noted that those on the CPM roster were reviewed and updates were given on all under care of the Presbytery. In particular, he noted Blair Moorhead and Jane Holtzclaw are seeking calls. Two more inquirers are in process with the possibility of a third. **CPM** **Appendix 2**

The CPM Task Group presented Joe Obermeyer to be examined on the floor of Presbytery to be commissioned as a lay pastor following the guidelines of the Book of Order. Joe Obermeyer read his statement of faith. The commissioners questioned Obermeyer. **Obermeyer Examination**

Kevin Kaufmann moved to arrest the examination. The motion **carried.**

The motion from the CPM to examine and approve Joe Obermeyer to be commissioned as a lay pastor at Bdecan, **passed.** **CLP Approval**

Obermeyer Commissioned

Moderator Monteith led the commissioning service for Joe Obermeyer as lay pastor to Bdecan.

Obermeyer Labor at Bdecan

Homan moved to authorize Joe Obermeyer to Labor outside the Bounds of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains at Bdecan. The motion **carried.**

Teller Report

The tellers reported the following results of the vote taken by written ballot on the proposed constitutional amendments and the Moderator made the indicated declarations:

TELLER'S REPORT

Amendment	Votes Cast	Votes to Pass	Yes	No	Declaration by Chair
18-A	41	22	41	0	Approval
18-B.1	43	22	41	2	Approval
18-B.2	42	22	41	1	Approval
18-C	37	19	18	19	Disapproval
18-D	42	22	42	0	Approval
18-E	42	22	41	1	Approval
18-F	42	22	42	0	Approval
18-G	42	22	42	0	Approval
18-H.1	40	21	39	1	Approval
18-H.2	41	22	41	0	Approval

PEC

Presbyterians for Earth Care Paul Henschen presented an oral report. Current members of Presbyterians for Earth Care are Karen Tankersley (Grand Forks), Sylvia Pringle (Jamestown), Cathy Scheibe (LaMoure), and Darrel Cory (Thief River Falls). Henschen announced he has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, South Dakota.

Good News University of Jamestown

Good News. Candace Adams provided an oral report for the University of Jamestown. Dr. Polly Peterson was elected University President earlier this year. There are two student chaplains currently; by next year, Adams hopes to have twenty-five. By the fall, she expects to have student chaplains in each dormitory. The University is in the process of hiring a new football coach.

Lang Book

Paul Lang announced the publication of his book "Pilgrim's Compass".

Various other commissioners brought stories of good news about their personal lives and their churches.

Afternoon Break Reports II

Presbytery took its afternoon break at 2:38 p.m. for a reception for new Presbytery Leader Marji Ackerman. The commissioners reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Green BOP

Ken Green from the Board of Pensions made his presentation. He reminded

commissioners that the Board of Pensions would host a meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on April 30, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. with the reading of the Necrology (**Appendix 3**) and a prayer offered by Moderator Monteith. **Adjournment**
Appendix 3

The next meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Devils Lake, North Dakota, beginning at 10:00 a.m. **Next Meeting**

ATTEST: _____
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

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Treasurer's Report

The following four pages of financial information will give you a brief overview of the financial information for 2018 and the period of January 1-March 18, 2019. The financial statements for 2018 are preliminary—the financial review has not been completed. That report will be included in the financial information at the October Presbytery meeting.

2018 was an unusual year in the life of the Presbytery. Both of the administrative staff members left their positions in the early part of the year and a temporary bookkeeper and program coordinator volunteered to assist in the short term. The Personnel Expense section of the financial report shows that nearly $100,000 less than budgeted was spent on salaries and benefits. The other sections of the report show that almost all actual expenses were less than budgeted. Generating a net income rather than the budgeted net loss for 2018 will give the Presbytery a stronger cash position in 2019.

Because the donations are passed on to the PC(USA), the Presbyterian Foundation, or the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, you cannot see the generous support from the churches in the Presbytery for the following: Christmas Joy Offering, $10,125.51; Clearwater Forest, $1044.47; GA Unified Mission, $8555.85; Hunger Offering, $1060; One Great Hour of Sharing, $20,215.80; Special Mission Donations, $997.50; GA Peace and Global Witness, $2969.66; Synod Peace and Global Witness, $288.06; Pentecost Offering, $2404.39; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, $868; Synod Unified Mission, $7780.85; Theological Mission Support, $1530; and University of Jamestown, $3825; the grand total is $61665.09. Thank you for your generosity! Other donations to the Bdecan Ministry, the Chogoria Ministry, and to the Youth Connection for the 2019 Triennium have also been very generous.

During the first 2 ½ months of 2019, 28 congregations have paid all or part of their per capita apportionment. Thank you for that faithful and prompt response!

I look forward to the arrival of our new executive leader and to working with her on the financial aspects of the Presbytery. I am in the unusual position of being the bookkeeper, the treasurer, and the financial task leader; that will sort itself out in the next few months. If there is anything I can do to answer questions or be of help in any way, please contact me. My email is emisialek@invisimax.com and my phone numbers are 701-248-3220 and 701-520-3220.

Ellen Misialek, PNP Treasurer

Presbytery of the Northern Plains-Budget vs. Actual Report for 2018
Preliminary Report-Not Yet Reviewed

INCOME (General Fund)	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Difference 2018	Budget 2019	YTD 2019 thru 3/18/19
Per Capita (Prior Years)	8400	7634	766	6000	
Per Capita (Current Year)	171204	154221	16983	163852	41878
Uncollectible Per Capita	-20000		-20000	-20000	
Investment Income	1500	1084	416	1000	
Miscellaneous Income	500	2886	-2386	1000	
Resource Sales	1000	199	801	200	
Synod Support	16402	16402	0	14763	2734
PNP Unified Mission	30000	37002	-7002	30000	6500
Reimbursable Donations		1794	-1794	0	
Fees for Retreats/Events			0	0	
Total Income to General Fund	209006	221222	-12216	196815	51112
Transfer to/from Reserves			0	69000	
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	1000		1000	2000	
Total Income and Transfers	210006	221222	-11216	267815	51112
EXPENSES					
Per Capita Payment to GA	30272	30078	194	31880	
Per Capita Payment to Synod	21011	21011	0	19235	
Total Per Capita Payments	51283	51089	194	51115	0
Personnel Expense					
Presbytery Leader-Salary & Housing			0	70000	
Presbytery Leader-BOP & Benefits			0	25900	
Presbytery Leader-Travel & Expenses			0	7000	
Admin. Comm. & Finance-BOP	25547	6189	19358	5100	
Admin. Comm. & Finance-Salary	43950	15160	28790	0	
Admin. Comm. & Finance-Travel & CE	2500	184	2316	0	
Admin. Conn. & Records-BOP	23923	2406	21517	0	
Admin. Conn. & Records-Salary	37900	4913	32987	0	
Admin. Conn. & Records-Travel & CE	2500	0	2500	0	
Personnel Expense-FICA	8744	3999	4745	8360	474
Minister of Pastoral Care-Salary	0		0	0	
Minister of Pastoral Care-Travel	750		750	0	
Stated Clerk-Salary	19850	19850	0	20040	3400
Stated Clerk-Office Expense/Travel	4800	3598	1202	4500	
Temporary Bookkeeper-Salary	0	7200	-7200	9600	1600
Temporary Program Coordinator-Salary	0	7190	-7190	9600	1200
Workers Compensation	450	250	200	300	
Total Personnel Expense	170914	70939	99975	160400	6674

Office Expense					
Books & Subscriptions	1000	13	987	500	
Copier Lease	2000	388	1612	300	
Equipment	1000	370	630	500	
Finance Software	300	240	60	300	
Insurance	2500	2391	109	2500	
Postage	2400	928	1472	1000	500
Supplies	2000	498	1502	1500	121
Telephone	3200	2326	874	2400	979
Total Office Expense	14400	7154	7246	9000	1600
Administrative Expenses					
Committee on Representation			0	50	
Nominating Committee			0	100	
Administrative Commissions		162	-162	100	
Educational Events	1500		1500	1000	
Search Committee Expense	6220	1938	4282	2000	1839
Search Committee:Moving Expense			0	6000	
GA Alternates	4000	3477	523	0	
Moderator	600	374	226	500	
Presbytery Meetings	500	187	313	500	
Total Administrative Expenses	12820	6138	6682	10250	1839
Pod Expense & Pledges					
Care for Congregations Pod	3500	42	3458	2500	
Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod	3500	1761	1739	4000	128
Leadership Pod	3500	1873	1627	2000	
Mission Pod	400		400	500	
Bdecan Ministry Team			0		
Board Reps			0		
Bdecan Food Pantry Pledge	12000	12000	0	9600	1600
Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team	1500	1500	0	1500	
Emerging Needs	500	0	500	500	
Clearwater Forest Pledge	4000	4000	0	5000	
1001 Worshipping Communities Team			0		
Earth Care Team	600	240	360	1000	
University of Jamestown Pledge	4000	4000	0	5000	
Youth Connection Ministry Team	2000	1090	910	4500	
Total Pod Expense & Pledges	35500	26506	8994	36100	1728
Total Expenses	284917	161826	123091	266865	11841
Net Income (Loss)	-74911	59396	-134307	950	39271

Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Balance Sheet

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For the period ending 12/31/2018

ASSETS	General Fund	BdecanMinDonorFund	Chogoria Ministry Donor	Cash Reserves	Other Funds	TOTAL
Checking Account	19,815.78	15,545.38	18,528.07	0.00	7,403.81	61,293.04
Savings	684.08	49,659.37	13,577.24	110,000.00	63,077.50	236,998.19
Congregational Development					40,023.99	40,023.99
Operating Reserves (CD)					160,536.80	160,536.80
Presbytery Endowment					69,437.23	69,437.23
Clergy Renewal					33,330.90	33,330.90
New Church Development (CD)					70,559.34	70,559.34
GF - First Pres. Loan					-10,892.11	-10,892.11
TOTAL ASSETS	20,499.86	65,204.75	32,105.31	110,000.00	433,477.46	661,287.38

LIABILITIES	General Fund	BdecanMinDonorFund	Chogoria Ministry Donor	Cash Reserves	Other Funds	TOTAL
Per Capita (Next Year)	0.00					0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES						0.00
NET ASSETS	20,499.86	65,204.75	32,105.31	110,000.00	433,477.46	661,287.38

Presbytery of the Northern Plains
Outstanding Per Capita Last Five Years as of 12/31/2018

City	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Total
Bottineau	572.00	1056.00	1044.00			2672.00
Calvin	1584.00	1584.00	1566.00	1557.72	1634.76	7926.48
Cavalier		844.00	1394.50	1832.49	4215.96	8286.95
Crookston		616.00		3935.77	6797.48	11349.25
Dilworth	880.00	610.00	739.50	735.59	731.34	3696.43
Fairview	440.00	440.00	435.00	432.70	645.30	2393.00
Fordville	528.00	1276.00	130.50			1934.50
Hamilton	924.00	1056.00	1044.00	1038.48	1032.48	5094.96
Hannah	528.00	528.00	522.00	519.24	516.24	2613.48
Jamestown					4268.26	4268.26
Mandan			4466.50	5352.80	4119.53	13938.83
Moorhead	3765.00			3336.81	4552.36	11654.17
Nekoma				389.43		389.43
Park River	3520.00	3088.00	3262.50	2745.25	2597.44	15213.19
Pillsbury	616.00	704.00	696.00	778.86	688.32	3483.18
Portal	176.00	176.00	174.00	173.08	172.08	871.16
Rolla/St.John	1639.00	484.00	478.50	475.97		3077.47
Steele	704.00	704.00	696.00			2104.00
	15876.00	13166.00	16649.00	23304.19	31971.55	100966.74

(CPM) - Continuing Preparation for Ministry Report
Northern Plains Presbytery
March 1st, 2019

Present: Rev. Spencer S. Homan, Rev. Marge Landwehr, Hazel Merdink [RE], Dixon Moorhead [CLP]
Absent: Erik Swee [RE], Tom Cummings [RE]

The task group met for its regularly scheduled meeting Friday March 1st, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church Grand Forks at 10:30 am.

The Rev. Homan opened the meeting in prayer.

- The task group reviewed the CPM Roster and heard updates about all those under our care.
- The task group met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Joe Obermeyer. Joe has completed every requirement that our handbook requires to be commissioned as a lay pastor in our Presbytery.
    - The task group opened our time with Joe learning about what he has been working on this previous year.
    - The task group moved into the sanctuary to hear Joe preach. The task group agreed that Joe had successfully completed the preaching requirement.
    - The task group went over Joe's statement of faith and asked some exploratory questions in order to ascertain Joe's understanding of reformed theology.
    - The task group excused Joe from the room and the task group **moved, seconded, and voted to approve** Joe to be presentedon the floor of Presbytery to be commissioned as a lay pastor.
    - The task group invited Joe back into the room and invited Joe to close our time in prayer.
- The meeting was then adjourned with a prayer from the Rev. Spencer Homan at 12:04 pm.

The task group presents Joe Obermeyer to be examined on the floor of Presbytery to be commissioned as a lay pastor following the guidelines in the book of order:

G-2.1002
The ruling elder shall be examined by the presbytery as to personal faith, motives for seeking the commission, and the areas of instruction determined by presbytery.

Please refer to Joe's statement of faith attached to this report.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for September 6th, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks at 9:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Spencer S. Homan, Task Leader of CPM

Action Items for Presbytery:
- Motion to examine and approve Joe Obermeyer to be commissioned as a lay pastor at Bdecan.

Presbytery of the Northern Plains
2018 Necrology Report

	Name	Ordination	Death	Congregation
Ruling Elder	Lauren Peterson		07/14/18	Westminster Pres. Church Baker-Downer
Ruling Elder	Michael Mahlum	2011	09/01/18	First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck
Ruling Elder	Jill Flynn Smyth	1992	10/30/18	First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck
Ruling Elder	Angus Campbell	1963	10/07/18	United Parish of Bottineau
Ruling Elder	Yvonne' Witt Mayer	1986	06/02/18	United Parish of Bottineau
Ruling Elder	Nancy Nelson	1999	02/21/18	United Parish of Bottineau
Ruling Elder	Herb G. Benneweis	1973	10/28/18	Cavalier Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder	Judy McLeod	1993	07/05/18	Community Pres. Church of West Fargo
Ruling Elder	Duane Moderow	1970	01/17/18	Westminster Pres. Church of Casselton
Ruling Elder	Arnold Heck	1983	09/15/18	Westminster Pres. Church of Casselton
Ruling Elder	Janet Calderwood	1998	08/11/18	Westminster Pres. Church of Devils Lake
Ruling Elder	Fred Wilson, Jr.	1968	08/12/18	Westminster Pres. Church of Devils Lake
Ruling Elder	Nona Brauer	1975	06/07/18	Presbyterian United Methodist of Ellendale
Ruling Elder	Caroline Kronberg	1999	08/05/18	Presbyterian United Methodist of Ellendale
Ruling Elder	John Andrist	1960	01/17/18	First Presbyterian Church of Fargo
Ruling Elder	Marjorie Hoag	1976	11/17/18	First Presbyterian Church of Fargo
Ruling Elder	Billy McCleary	1965	02/17/18	Mendenhall Pres. of East Grand Forks
Ruling Elder	Betty Nisbet	1971	08/01/18	Mendenhall Pres. of East Grand Forks
Ruling Elder	Shirley Bostrom	1997	03/06/18	First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks
Ruling Elder	David Vaaler	1999	03/27/18	First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks
Ruling Elder	Lucille Younggren	1983	01/19/18	First Presbyterian Church of Hallock
Ruling Elder	George Maruice Sugden		05/03/18	First Presbyterian Church of Hallock
Ruling Elder	Hugh Milner Sugden		12/07/18	First Presbyterian Church of Hallock
Ruling Elder	Rose Younggren	1995	12/24/18	First Presbyterian Church of Hallock
Ruling Elder	Jerry Lindegard		12/29/18	First Presbyterian Church of Hallock

2018 Necrology Report (Continued)

Ruling Elder	Margaret "Peggy" Moen		06/29/18	First Presbyterian of Hunter
Ruling Elder	Karen Landeis	1995	09/19/18	Inkster Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder	Irene Dohn	1987	04/05/18	First Presbyterian Church of LaMoure
Ruling Elder	Ardys (Hill) Morris	1967	01/14/18	First Presbyterian Church of Mandan
Ruling Elder	Donald Shaw	1970	03/31/18	First Presbyterian Church of Mandan
Ruling Elder	Jane Ellis	1977	05/07/18	First Presbyterian Church of Mandan
Ruling Elder	Rae Anne Kelsch	1995	10/30/18	First Presbyterian Church of Mandan
Ruling Elder	Joan Margaret Piepkorn	1986	04/20/18	First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead
Ruling Elder	Jean Gulsvig	1980	04/01/18	Oakes Presbyterian Church
Ruling Elder	Marion Keifenheim	2009	09/20/18	First Presbyterian Church of Red Lake Falls
Ruling Elder	Mary Barnes	2018	11/01/18	First Presbyterian Church of Red Lake Falls
Ruling Elder	Vivian Sjulson	(100 yrs)	11/28/18	First Presbyterian Church of Red Lake Falls