

PRESBYTERY OF PROSPECT HILL
February 16, 2008 Meeting of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill
Lakeside Presbyterian Church Storm Lake, IA
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The Presbytery of Prospect Meeting of February 16, 2008 was held at Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Storm Lake, IA.

CALLED TO ORDER

Moderator, Wanda Freese called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with an opening prayer by Kevin Freese.

Welcome by Duane Queen. Lakeside Presbyterian Church.
Introduction of Jason Leach, Sudanese ministry.

Passing the Gavel, Stole and Cross to Clint Loveall. Passed on information from the Council of the construction of a Presbytery Stole.

Introduction of Vice Moderator, Brian Schafer.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

A quorum was present as shown by the following roll:

MODERATOR	Clint Loveall	P
VICE-MODERATOR	Brian Schafer	P
COUNCIL MODERATOR	Wanda Freese	P
INTERIM EXEC. PRESBYTER	Bill Byrd	P
STATED CLERK	Michael Fitzsimmons	P
TREASURER	Dick Drahota	P
RECORDING CLERK	Richard Francis	P

ELDER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL (With voice and vote at Presbytery)

E-Phyllis Lewis
P-Carolyn Jamieson
P-Nancy Janssen
P-Lesleigh Wiese
P-Larry Williams

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST TIME ELDERS AND PASTORS

New Elders:

Marcy Broyhill, So.Sioux City
Jodie Schiernbeck, Ida Grove
Donna Ukena, Rockwell City
Karen Zimmerman, Sac City

New Pastors:

V. Howard Campbell, Hawarden

Visitors: Ida Grove Youth Group, Lucille Mason, Duane Rost, Yvonne Amundson, Carol Berkler, Sally Hilla, Eileen Sohl, Gladys Schmidt, Barb Votrobeck, Bill Gearke, Ken Carlson, JoAnn Selleck.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS SEATED/ none

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Clusters/Presbytery of Prospect Hill

Clusters 1

Alton, First PC

C - Ron Brink CLP, Moderator 107E
 E -

Ashton, First PC

C - Dale Lint, Installed Pastor 101A
 E -

Boyden, United PC

C - Marty McDaniel, Installed Pastor 101P
 E - Dwayne VanMeeteren

George, Ebenezer

C -
 E - Connie Timmerman/Elaine Hinsch

George, Lyon County First PC

C- Paul Fischer 101P
 E-

George, Zoar PC

C- Dale Lint, Installed Pastor 101A
 E-

Hawarden, Associated PC

C- V. Howard Campbell 155P
 E -Ken/ Jean Carlson

Little Rock, First PC

C-Scott Burdsall, Installed Pastor 101A
 E-

Paullina, First PC

C-Andrew Hilla, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-Jack Grosvenor

Sanborn, First PC

C-Gregg Johnson, Pastor (Ch. of Christ) 151A
 E-

Sibley, First PC

C-Terry Simm, Installed Pastor 101P
 CLP-Brian Schafer 117P
 E-Frank Leu

Cluster 2

Armstrong, First PC

C-Suzanne Wobig, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-

Estherville, First PC

C-Mark Gabbard, Installed Pastor 101P
 E- Belva Henrickson

Lake Park, First PC

C-Donna Gray, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-Brian Kessler

Ringsted First PC

C-Suzanne Wobig, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-

Spirit Lake, First PC

C-Clint Loveall, Installed Pastor 101P
 C-Matt Gearke, Associate Pastor 103A

Cluster 3

Bronson, Elliott Creek PC

C-

E-

Cleghorn, First PC

C-Rick Kargard, Installed Pastor 101P
 E- Bruce French

Lawton, Community PC

C-

E-Beverly Logsdon

Le Mars, Plymouth PC

C-

E-

Le Mars, PUCC

C-

E-Brenda Wilson/Jerry Scholten

Sioux City, First PC

C-Matthew Miller 101P
 E-James Buswell

Sioux City, Morningside PC

C-Roger Graf, Installed Pastor 101E
 E-Helen Lehnertz

Sioux City, Third PC

C-Jennifer Santer, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-

Sioux City, Westlawn PC

C-Paul Speidel, CLP 107A
 E-

Sioux City, Westminster PC

C- John Pehrson , Installed Pastor 101P
 E-Gene Lenkuis

South Sioux City, First PC

C-Stephen Niles, Installed Pastor 101P
 E- Marci Broyhill

Cluster 4

Alta, First PC

C-Craig Lee, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-Diane Lee

Cherokee, Memorial PC

C-Ethan Saylor, Installed Pastor 101P
 E-Galen Fliear

Early, First PC

C-Marvin Miller, Moderator 299E
 E-Ruth Ann Scott

Lytton, First PC

C-Wayne Pfannkuch, Stated Supply (ELCA) 156P
 E-Melvin Haden

Pocahontas, United PC

C-David Koehler, Moderator P
 C-Lorinda Hoover, Stated Supply 156A
 E-

Rockwell City, First PC

C-B.J. Ukena, Moderator P
 C-Jim Mossman, Pastor (ELCA) 151A
 E-Donna Ukena

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Rolfe, Shared Ministries of Rolfe (U)		Vail, First PC	
C-Charles Miller-Pastor (UMC)	151A	C-Richard Francis, Installed Pastor	101 P
E-		E-Barb Ballentine	
Sac City, First PC		Wall Lake, Trinity PC	
C-Matthew Milligan, Installed Pastor	101P	C-Carl Lee, CLP	117P
E-Karen Zimmerman		E-	
E-Joan Simpson		Westside, United C of Westside (U)	
Schaller, First PC		C-Richard Francis, Installed Pastor	101P
C-Adam Cox, Installed Pastor	101P	E-	
E-Jane Bisenius		<u>Other Ministers on the Roll of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill</u>	
Storm Lake, Lakeside PC		Alexander, Robert	299E
C-Duane Queen, Installed Pastor	101P	Armstrong, Neal	299E
C-David Koehler, Associate Pastor	103P	Ayers, Jeffrey	797E
E-Judy Wobbema		Bair, William	299E
Storm Lake SE Asian Church		Beard, Clarence	299E
C-Barry Thongvanh, CLP	107P	Fells, Kenneth	299P
Cluster 5		Gibson, Donald	299P
Auburn, United PC		Gruneich, Edwin	299E
C-Don Gibson, Stated Supply	106P	Margaret Hegeman	797P
E-Jim Dreezen		Johnson, Don	299E
Battle Creek, First PC		Kruger, Raymond	299P
C-Kevin Freese, Installed Pastor	101P	McKinley, John	701E
E-Dixie Brueck		Mead, James	644E
Breda, Wheatland PC		Forrest Rick Johnson	797P
C-Don Gibson, Stated Supply	106P	Moore, William	797E
E-Lucille Geake		Rozendaal, John	299E
E-Jim Geake		Sanders, James	302E
Carnarvon, Emmanuel PC		Shaffer, Richard J.	644E
C-Carl Lee, CLP	117P	Soults, Colette	644E
E-		Stepanek, Harold	299E
Carroll, First PC		Tollefson, Robert	299E
C-Michael Fitzsimmons, Installed Pastor	101P	Zhang, Gui Jie	797E
E-Ned Valder			
Denison, First PC			
C-Brian Rihner, Installed Pastor	101P		
E-			
Glidden, First PC			
C-Michael Fitzsimmons, Stated Supply	106P		
E-			
Ida Grove, Westminster PC			
C-Shari O'Bannon, CLP	117P		
E-Jodie Scheirnbeck			
Lake City, Lake City Union (U)			
C-Betty Weidert, Installed Pastor	101P		
E-Darlene Nichol森			
Manilla, United (U)			
C-			
E-			
Manning, First PC			
C-Marshall Brown, Installed Pastor	101P		
E-Gwen Detafsen			
Odebolt, First PC			
C-Mark Volkers, Installed Pastor	101P		
E-Phyllis Hoefling			
E-Barb Voltrobeck			

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C Approval of Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE NEW BUSINESS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

M/S/C Approve Minutes of November 13, 2007 Presbytery Meeting, as amended; Shari O'Bannon, commissioning as Lay Pastor, and add Melvin Haden, Lytton as present.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Les Bates, who died; Marshall: new granddaughter; Jim Sanders; families and students in Northern Illinois; Nancy Profit, Cancer, Scott Burdsall, Jason McDuffie & Melissa: new son; Jean Stone, terminal cancer; Ron Potts, cancer; Marilyn Williams, prayers for Don Gibson's wife, Beth; Bruce, Battle Creek, hospitalization in Rochester.

Prayers were asked for people in the Presbytery: Nancy Profit, Tom Sorenson, Dick, Chris Callison

O.D. WORSHIP

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

M/S/C to approve Jim Sanders transfer to Twin Cities Presbytery

M/S/C to approve the transfer of Shelly Corrine Wiley to the Miami Presbytery

M/S/C to approve the 2009 Presbytery meeting locations:

February 7, 2009, Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Sioux City, Westlawn

May 12, 2009, Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Ebenezer, George

September 12, 2009, Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Camp Okoboji

November 10, 2009, Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Odebolt

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Report on Minute Review: 19 Churches reported this morning at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

Minute Review: Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Storm Lake

The following churches were approved without exceptions:

First Presbyterian Church, Early	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Pocahontas	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Lake Park	Church Rolls-OK
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cherokee	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Ringsted	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek	Church Rolls-OK
Shared Ministry of Rolfe	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Manning	Church Rolls-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Alta	Church Roll-OK
Ebenezer Church, George	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Auburn	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Cleghorn	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Alton	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Denison	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Armstrong	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Lakeside	Church Roll-OK
Wheatland, Breda	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Paullina	Church Roll-OK
First Presbyterian Church, Vail	Church Roll-O

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BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dick Drahota gave an oral presentation on the Budget.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Report was presented by Wanda Freese

PRESBYTERIAN CAMP AT OKOBOJI

Report was presented by Jason McDuffie giving an update on the camp and the availability of funds for campers. He talked about the brochures for summer camp.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION, HOSPERS

A report was given by Suzanne Wobig about the commission's work to finalize the work at Hospers.

REPORT-MISSION REVIEW TASK FORCE

A report was presented by Jennifer Santer. She talked about the work of the mission review task force. Dave Kohler also spoke about the people on the task force. "What is the point of the Presbytery today?" was posed by Dave.

Three options were presented:

- (1) Stay the same as we are today; we can become an executive-less Presbytery
- (2) Share Staff with Neighboring Presbytery where we can decrease office and stated clerk duties.
- (3) Missional Presbytery; mission is who we are; becomes a resource and networking hub for our congregations. Reduce overhead and make the office more agile, part-time stated clerk, moderator of Presbytery; disband current Presbytery Council and move to working group structure, and create partnerships within Presbyteries by regions. This option will increase flexibility and agility of the Presbytery and will give freedom for laity and clergy. It does require increased commitment from everyone. Are we willing to make this investment work?

Financial Implications: A deficit budget will result in running out of money eventually. Time to insolvency is estimated. The bottom line is that we are running deficits in the budget and we need to think about changes in the way the Presbytery is doing its ministry today.

Dick and Craig Lee discussed the options: Current structure of Presbytery include no change; ½ costs in all expenses under Option B; and 80% change under Option C, the Missional Structural Option.

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Next Steps: Discussion groups gathered to discuss the future of the Presbytery and debate the three options. The goal is to approve in May 2008 the direction of the Presbytery and begin the implementation of the option following the September 2008 meeting.

Presbytery Council will meet at 12:30 p.m.

Prayer was given by Dave Kohler

Lunch at 12:00

Reconvened at 12:51 p.m.

MISSION REVIEW TASK FORCE

The Presbytery broke up into small groups to discuss the options. Jennifer reconvened the meeting discussion on the topic of the future of the Presbytery. The following is discussion that was given from the groups:

Share Executive Presbyter, do we get to keep our Stated Clerk?

The Stated Clerk could be shared (1/2) time by the Presbyteries.

Understanding the Missional Structure of Option A

The Missional Structure Option A takes us back to our heritage in the Presbyterian Church. Our polity does not support an Executive Presbyter. The mission option takes us back to living our polity. It is important for pastors and elders to take more responsibility in the church.

We cannot leave things the way they are. Sharing is a stop-gap; let us take the sharing and the Missional structure and putting them together.

A Missional structure requires that we go out to the churches.

Need to have a Presbytery to be in mission for us, churches cannot do it alone.

Maybe we should change the word from Mission to Family

M/S/C to have conversations with North Central Iowa Presbytery to discuss a shared ministry, as amended. M/S for the substitute motion was withdrawn. M/S/C Amendment to the Original Motion that we have talk to Iowa North Central Presbytery and work with the Missional Structure of our Presbytery.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION, RIVERSIDE

Duane Queen and the Administrative Commission presented a report on the work with the Riverside Church. The Commission introduced themselves: Dave Patton, Donna Gray, Marshall Brown, Jerry Scholten, B. J. Ukena., and Larry Williams.

The mission of the Administrative Commission was pastoral during the process and communication was very important. A brief history was given to the Presbytery since August 2006. They remained constant to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

An agreement of dissolution between the Presbytery of Prospect Hill and Riverside Presbyterian Church, Linn Grove, Iowa has been reached. Riverside provides total number of members. G-80201, Property held in trust, G-80601, a church in schism. Donna Gray presented that a letter has been prepared by the Administrative Commission. Riverside has agreed to survey the members.

Marshall Brown provided information about a deed. The property is held in trust. The agreement states that we sell the property for \$1.00 so that the church may buy the property.

A Press Release will be made available. Jerry Scholten and B.J. Ukena gave background information on the press release. It has been acceptable to both parties that an agreement has been reached and parties will work together in good faith.

Presbytery will receive church records from the Riverside Church prior to August, 2006.

M/S/C to support the recommendation of the Administrative Commission

BILLS & OVERTURES

Marty McDaniel gave a presentation to the Presbytery concerning the Sibley Overture concerning the recommendations of the Form of Government Task Force. Terry Sims gave a presentation about the overture to have the General Assembly not to vote on it in the upcoming General Assembly, so that the Presbyteries can review it first and then bring it up after a two year study period.

Substitute Motion by the Bills & Overtures Committee to postpone implementation of the proposed Forms of Government. Discussion was held. The proposal would say to go ahead with the General assembly receive information and then send back information to the Presbyteries for their review. The motion failed.

Motion to approve the Sibley Overture to dismiss the task force with thanks and allow the church for at least a two-year period of study, discernment, and consideration of further action; and postpone final consideration of a substitute Form of Government until the next G.A. of 2010 deadline. The motion failed.

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Overtures from many Presbyteries on the Forms of Government; and overtures to rescind the PUP Report, and some Presbyteries to delete Amendment B.

Terry Simm gave a report on the Twin Cities Presbytery action concerning one of its members and whether the member is in compliance with polity of the Presbyterian Church.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Betty Weidert gave a report on the actions of the committee. Betty gave a presentation on procedures for reference checks.

M/C approval and validate the ministry of Rev. John McKinley as Chaplain at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City.

M/C dissolution of call between Roger Graf and Morningside Presbyterian Church with regret.

Introduction of Rev. Howard Campbell, UCC Interim at Hawarden Associated Presbyterian Church. M/C to give Rev. Campbell voice and vote on the floor of Presbytery; Rev. Campbell gave a brief introduction about his ministry experience.

COMMITTEE ON THE PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Terry Simm gave a report on actions of the committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bill Byrd gave a report (Insert Report) on committees and openings. M/S/C to accept the names that have been placed on the committee lists.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Bill Byrd gave a report on the State of the Presbytery. The budget we are operating at a deficit and the budget must be brought into balance. Conflicts seem to be winding down. The Administrative Commissions are also completing their work. Bill is still concerned that we are not doing enough in mission. The Committees need to start meeting more. Bill is working on a Manual of Operations and the Policy Statements for the Presbytery. Bill talked about the work of the Lay Academy. Personnel Committee set the criteria for the selection of the Stated Clerk. Bill also discussed the extension of his contract.

Bill also discussed the Long Term Plan of the Presbytery and the commitment we have to make for the future. Bill would like to hold Regional meetings with churches to discuss the future.

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Bill challenged the Presbytery to move from a personnel agency to a strategic body engaged in the mission of God and to bring forth God's word that can be embraced.

ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING PRAYER by Duane Queen

Please fill out evaluation forms and leave name tags.

Duane talked about the SE Asian ministry, which was a new church development. Sudanese ministry is also beginning to start and Duane is looking for prayers. Praying for Duane Queen, who is retiring April 30, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT at 3:30 p.m.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2008

PRESENT: Marty McDaniel, Brian Schafer, Stephen Niles, Terry Sims, Larry Williams, Nancy Jensen, Carolyn Jamieson, Lesligh Weise, Dave Kohler, Richard Francis, Criag Lee, Jennifer Santer, Betty Weidert, Clint Loveall, Wanda Freese, Kevin Freese.

Discussion centered on the extension of the Interim Executive Presbyter's contract.

M/S/C to extend the Interim Presbyter, Bill Byrd's contract for three months, with a one month notice given by both parties.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

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