

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 23, 2018

The Presbytery of South Dakota of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Wilmot, SD on Friday, February 23, 2018.

CONVENING THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Diane Janssen Hemmen, at 10:05 A.M. and opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL

The roll for this meeting of the Presbytery was constituted by registration with the enrollment clerk.

The following Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders were enrolled and present as commissioners:

ROLL

Teaching Elders: John Armstrong, Donald Barbalace, Kennen Barber-Ensz, John Barkett, William Cooper, Andrew Crandall, Chad Ensz, David Halleen, Diane Janssen Hemmen, Rolly Kemink, David Lick, Mike McCallum, Abigail Ozanne, Janice Palmer, John Pehrson, Richard Poppen, Kevin Veldhuisen, Nina Westfall.

Commissioned Ruling Elders: Marian Cramer, Carolyn Hansen, Gayle Janzen, Steven Johnson, Jerry Lutkemeier, Ann Spitzenberger.

Commissioners: Brenda Johnson - Britton, Dolores Canaday - Brookings, Anne Glanzer - DeSmet, Diane Clayton - Huron, Jeff Nelson - Madison, Martha Gesick - Marion, Richard Palmer - Miller, Doug Marsh - Onida, Linda Jones - Sioux Falls Westminster, Diana Anderson - Sioux Falls Wild Flower, Donna Salembier - Sisseton, Roger Orton - Wentworth, Alana Hansen - Wilmot.

Other Voting Members: Larry Froistad, Jim Hulbert, Trudiann Nelson, Don Nolting.

Others in Attendance: Stephanie Brandt, Dianne Larson, Shirley McCallum, Judy Pehrson, Lauren Pierce.

Corresponding Members Present: Deb DeMeester, Synod of Lakes and Prairies; Minner Serovy, Presbyterian Foundation.

QUORUM

Moderator Janssen Hemmen declared the presence of a quorum with:

Teaching Elders: 18

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 6

Commissioners: 13

Other Members of Presbytery: 4

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 41

AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the Presbytery Agenda. **Agenda adopted as presented.**

INTRODUCTIONS

Teaching elders present for the first time: Abigail Ozanne, Sisseton, Veblen, and Browns Valley, MN

Ruling elders present for the first time: Diana Anderson, Wildflower; Ann Glanzer, Spirit Lake.

MILEAGE COMMITTEE

Moderator Janssen Hemmen appointed the following to the mileage committee: Rev. Chad Ensz and CRE Gayle Janzen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moderator Janssen Hemmen presented the Consent Agenda. **Presbytery adopted the following:**

1. That all lay persons and ministers of other denominations serving Presbyterian congregations in the Presbytery of South Dakota who are not temporary members of the presbytery be granted the privilege of the floor for this meeting with voice.
2. Approve the minutes of the October 27, 2017 stated meeting.

The following motions are coming from Administration and Coordination:

3. The following motions are made to amend our current Manual of Operations:

Regarding Electronic Meetings:

Members absent from face-to-face meetings may participate using a telephone speakerphone, may enter discussion, may cast votes as needed, and will be counted as part of the quorum during the time of their participation. Only members present either in person or telephonically (including video conferencing with audio) may vote. Email and proxy voting are not permitted. Minutes of these meetings shall be kept. The time and regular location of meetings will be decided by vote of the committee, except that the moderator may call special meetings by conference call.

4. Regarding language in the Transitional Mission Coordinator Job Description Part 1 under F.

Responsibilities #3b

General oversight of the budget in cooperation with the Treasurer and the Budget & Finance Subcommittee, including approval of reimbursement vouchers when requested by appropriate ministry moderators. Motion approved.

5. Amending Current Financial Policies

P3-4.8.3 Financial Policies

A. All reimbursements of expenses shall be with a Presbytery expense voucher. Vouchers must be submitted within 30 days of the time the approved expense is incurred or invoiced.

B. All expense vouchers will be signed by the individual requesting payment.

C. All expense vouchers will require a signature, other than the requester, for approval and proper account identification. A list of accounts and their funding amounts for the coming budget year will be provided to the moderators upon approval of the annual Presbytery budget.

D. In emergencies, when a paper check is required sooner than available from the Synod office, two officers of the Presbytery may sign.

E. Ministry team moderators must approve all expenses disbursed by Presbytery line items related to the ministry team's budget.

F. The Moderator of Presbytery must approve all expenses disbursed by Presbytery line items.

G. The Moderator of the Presbytery's Administration and Coordination ministry team must approve all expenses disbursed by Administration and Coordination's line item.

H. An officer of presbytery must approve vouchers from ministry team moderators, stated clerk, and presbytery staff. ~~The moderators, the stated clerk's, and the presbytery administrator's vouchers are to be approved by an officer of the Presbytery.~~

I. When a ministry team or budget account is out of funds, no further spending will be debited to that account without specific approval of the Administration and Coordination ministry team. The request ideally comes in advance of the time when the account is out of funds.

J. All expense vouchers will be reviewed and initialed by the Treasurer, who will direct the bookkeeper to initiate payment after keeping a copy and/or entering a scan of the voucher into the electronic log.

K. Presbytery credit cards. When utilizing a presbytery credit card for approved purchases, a copy or photo of the receipt will be placed within the A&C voucher Dropbox folder within 4 days of a purchase. Original receipts are to be retained by the individuals and attached to a voucher for payment of the credit card upon receipt of the monthly statement from the appropriate accounts. The purchaser is ultimately responsible for producing a receipt if one is missing or may be held responsible for any purchases where a receipt is not produced, or not produced in a timely manner.

L. Offerings. When offerings are received at presbytery meetings, there will be at least two ushers serving the gathering and not related by kinship. The ushers will immediately count the offering together after it is received, checking each other for accuracy, and will place it in a bag or envelope with a note of the amount and their signatures. The amount will be reported to the Stated Clerk or Moderator to share with the body as possible. The offering will then be given to the most appropriate officer or staff member present, ideally the bookkeeper or Treasurer, to be deposited and subsequently disbursed in a timely manner with report given to the Finance Subcommittee of the Administration and Coordination ministry team.

M. Back-up for Treasurer. During times of transition between treasurers or when the Treasurer is not available or away for an extended time, the moderator of the Administration and Coordination ministry team along with the moderator of Presbytery or the moderator of the Finance Subcommittee will act in her or his place.

N. Transfer of Funds by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will transfer funds only as directed by the Administration and Coordination ministry team (or other groups authorized to access funds outside the annual budget) or the Finance Subcommittee. There will always be three people aware of and in accord with transfers in excess of \$350.

O. Investment Policies The Administration and Coordination ministry team shall receive an annual review from the Finance Subcommittee on the investments and designated funds of the Presbytery and shall discuss ongoing investment strategies to discern together the best stewardship of those investments moving forward.

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERY OFFICERS AND STAFF

MODERATOR'S REPORT

I truly am excited for the upcoming meeting of the Presbytery of South Dakota! Four months hold a great deal of activity, of serving God and others, and of discernment, implementation, and growth! It will be a blessing to gather as the wider church for fellowship, worship, and business, too, in Wilmot – and our thanks in advance for your planning and preparations there!

The early days of November found our ministry Moderators and me reconnecting with our regular monthly call, though over the next few months those economical calls would give way to an even more economical, productive, and connectional service called Zoom – a type of internet-based voice AND video/webcam/smartphone app service suitable for use by groups of the presbytery, whether large or small, to span the miles between us and to work together more often and more effectively. It will not replace the ideal circumstance of being present with one another, but it will certainly augment our efforts to be the church together! Please let me know if you would like to learn more about using Zoom or have any questions or qualms about it. Our thanks to Stated Clerk/Transitional Mission Coordinator Kevin Veldhuisen for suggesting Zoom, and for continuing to stay abreast of ways we can connect effectively with one another.

Mid-November brought a meeting of the Administration and Coordination ministry in Huron and our ongoing plans for the February gathering in Wilmot as well as the “Big Tent” annual meeting at Cottonwood Lake (Yes, in a big tent!) hosted by the First Presbyterian Church of Miller. The very next day, I had the honor and privilege of teaching (in Rapid City then 11/18 in Mitchell) the Bible Survey component of the CRE training program and will get to teach “Worship and Sacraments” in February, both this weekend in Rapid City and in Wolsey the weekend of the PoSD meeting. November 26 allowed for a joyful worship service in Sisseton and the recognition of Abigail Ozanne as the new minister at Brown’s Valley, Sisseton, and Veblen. Should we have the good fortune of her attendance, please extend to her a warm welcome!

By mid-December, we had the matter of benefits for Kevin for 2017 finally tied in a bow. I cannot express deeply enough my gratitude to Jim Hulbert and Jerry Lutkemeier for serving with me to fulfill the desire of the PoSD as expressed at the June meeting. If either one of them asks you to do something, just say ‘yes’ and trust that you will enjoy yourself and learn something too!! The month closed with a few extra challenges at the holidays for our staff which they handled with sacrifice and grace. In their behalf, thank you to those of you impacted at that time for your forbearance.

In January, our various ministries resumed their regular service and meetings, some of which have led to components of our gathering in Wilmot. For example, Administration and Coordination asked us to adjust the schedule for our gathering to allow time for some discussions that are important to our camping ministry. Please look for and read the reports of our ministries in the pre-mailing, and be thinking about areas and ways in which your gifts could be used in service to our wider church in the months to come! Also, please remember that this meeting will include a boundaries training session, so feel free to invite church members beyond your commissioner(s). I will look forward to seeing all of you in Wilmot!

STATED CLERK AND TRANSITIONAL MISSION COORDINATOR REPORT

Exciting Programming Slate in the Works

In partnership with several of our ministry teams we are working to put together an exciting programming slate for our presbytery this year. So far we have been able to contract with Laurie Ferguson from Auburn Seminary to lead an entry level leadership coaching workshop May 21-22 in Sioux Falls. Laurie is the leading expert in leadership coaching within our denomination and offers a tremendous mechanism to continue to grow and strengthen the leadership within our presbytery.

We have also contracted, as I’m sure you have already heard, with Diana Butler Bass to be our keynote speaker at our June Presbytery meeting. Please make every effort possible to join us for this phenomenal opportunity to hear one of the premier authors within the Church today!

Matching Gifts Campaign for Ministries

I am thrilled by the decision of Administration and Coordination to pursue a matching gifts campaign that will support key ministries of our presbytery. This is a tremendous opportunity for individual donors to double their money in support of our critical and vibrant ministries within this presbytery. The presbytery will match up to \$500 given by individuals through their congregation. More information is on the way and I encourage you all to consider an eligible donation to our camping program, CRE program, or one of our 1001 New Worshipping Communities, such as Table of Grace.

Presbytery Calendar

I created a calendar of events on our website that shows all of the events and meetings scheduled throughout the presbytery each month. My hope is to get every event and activity on the calendar so everyone can see all of the wonderful things we have going on each month. I have also included the dates that the presbytery office is closed in order to better communicate our office hours to the general public. If you have any events you would like added, please let me know.

Shared Dropbox for Ministry Teams

The presbytery now owns a Dropbox Professional account which provides 1 TB of storage space. Due to the ongoing turnover of our moderators, and due to the ongoing troubles with Windows crashing computers during updates, etc., we have setup files for each ministry team and granted special permissions to each moderator. This gives all of our ministries a safe and dependable place to store electronic files and to create an easier transition between leadership.

Annual Report to South Dakota

On December 4, 2017 I filed our annual report with the State of South Dakota. This report confirms our address as well as any changes to our officers.

Annual Reports of Presbytery for 2017

I have completed and filed our Teaching Elder Membership summary, Church Information summary, Middle Governing Body staffing report, and the Presbytery Per Capita and Meeting date report.

Minister Transactions

The following minister transactions have been completed and are registered with the Office of General Assembly: Judy and Neil Mulock – transferred from North Central Iowa; Rebecca Gresham-Kesner – Presbytery of West Jersey; Nina Westfall - Presbytery of Boise.

Permanent Judicial Committee Membership

As a matter of protocol I must report the PJC members whose terms have expired in the last 6 years:

Class of:	2012	2014	2016
	1. Fred Cozad	1. Bonnie Erdmann	1. David Johnson
	2. Joan Jacobus	2. Cal Hanneld	2. Janice Palmer
	3. Richard Poppen	3. Carolyn Petik	

Synod Financial Services

The struggles and transition at the synod financial services office has been rough the past few months and I have spent a considerable amount of time navigating this transition and assisting people as best I can through this turbulent time. Jim Koon, the new financial services manager, has finally taken over full-time on January 22 and I am hopeful that things will improve within the next few weeks. Their goal is to be completely caught up by February 15.

Historical Documents

I am getting closer and closer to sending out a large shipment of historical documents to the Presbyterian Historical Society. So far I have 12 cartons of information ready to go, but I estimate I still have 4-5 more to go.

Representation

As a matter of protocol I am reminding everyone of our presbytery's procedures for implementation of the principles of participation and inclusiveness in order to assure fair representation in decision making:

P3.10.3.2. Representative Membership

Ordinarily the committee on nominations shall nominate and the Presbytery of South Dakota shall elect one-half congregational members and one-half teaching elders to its committees, except that an equal number of each of ruling elders (men and women) and teaching elders shall be nominated and elected to the council, committee on ministry, and committee on preparation for ministry.

P3.10.3.3. Geographic Representation

In addition to the nomination and election of qualified persons to the various offices and committees, commissions, and as representatives of the Presbytery of South Dakota, the goal is to nominate and elect congregational members and teaching elders to achieve as equitable a distribution as possible geographically according to the size of the congregation and succession in office.

Representation of POSD

Teaching elder and ruling elder representation in the Presbytery of South Dakota are in balance as of January 1, 2018 and no adjustments are needed at this time. The congregations in the presbytery are entitled to 65 commissioners to Presbytery. There are 31 ruling elder members of committees, officers and commissioned ruling elders with vote. There are 61 teaching elders on the Active and Member-at-Large Rolls.

Statistical Reports

In December I mailed out all of the end of the year reports for the clerks of session to complete and return back to us. "Stats season" is always a busy time for us clerks as we are constantly fielding calls to assist the clerks through the process. I have tried to offer more education for these forms up front and so far this year has been a bit quieter, though I would imagine things will pick up as the deadline looms on February 15.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM**Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery**

Committee voted to concur in the request of Bala and Cheryl Khylllep to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the FPC of Britton, effective December 31, 2017. Appointed the Rev. John Barkett moderator and have given the church permission to for a PNC.

Approved the MIF from the Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lemmon for circulation in Church Leadership Connection.

Voted to Concur in the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship of Rebecca Gresham-Kesner with the FPC of Mitchell, effective December 31, 2017, and to transfer her to the Presbytery of West Jersey. Appointed the Rev. Nathan Esser moderator.

Voted to receive Neil (Skip) and Judy Mulock from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa as Honorably Retired members of POSD.

Approved the request for Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Michael McCallum, effective February 23, 2018.

The Rev. David Lick has accepted a call to the FPC of St. James, Minnesota, effective March 18, 2018. CPC voted via email on his request to dissolve the relationship and to transfer him to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys.

Other information:

Westminster PC in Rapid City is in the process of calling a candidate for their Associate Pastor Position.

Laurie Ferguson will be conducting a Level 1 coaching course in our Presbytery May 21-22 in Sioux Falls. More information will be coming soon.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Deb DeMeester from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies presented boundaries training for those in attendance. The PowerPoint of this presentation is on our website at presbyteryofsd.org/meetings/

COMMISSIONING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

Moderator Diane Janssen Hemmen commissioned the following commissioners to General Assembly: RE Jim Hulbert, TE Chad Ensz, and YAAD Lauren Pierce. They will be attending General Assembly in St. Louis this June.

WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-19

Sermon: Rev. David Halleen, Westminster, Sioux Falls

OFFERING

An offering was taken to support our seminary inquires and candidates. The amount collected was \$343.

ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION MINISTRY

The following actions of A&C are taken from the minutes of November 10, 2017, January 26, 2018, and February 9, 2018.

Actions taken on behalf of Presbytery**2018 Meeting Dates**

January 12 – First Huron

April 27 – First Huron

June 1 – First Huron or Conference call

August 3 – First Huron or Conference call

September 28 – First Huron

November 30 – First Huron

A motion was made to give \$500.00 donation to the Presbyterian Historical Society for the ongoing costs of storing our historical files. Funds will come from the Emerging Needs Fund. **Motion approved.**

Kevin Veldhuisen has been tasked with sending out a letter to all of the churches to seek information about any Presbyterian properties that may be in their area. Rolly Kemink has also agreed to talk with his local county register of deeds and assessor to see if there is a way for them to do a statewide search of all of our properties so we can see what is currently under our name and liability.

Deb VanOvershelde has tendered her resignation as Treasurer of the presbytery effective December 31, 2017. A motion was made to approve Deb's resignation, with great reluctance. **Motion approved.**

Kevin Veldhuisen has been tasked with inquiring with the treasurers of our congregations and nearby synods to find an acting treasurer, effective January 1, 2018, while a search for a permanent treasurer to be named. Pay will be \$430.00 a month.

Annual reviews of staff were conducted on November 28, 2017.

A motion was made to task the Transition Task Force to discuss the creation of an Endowment Commission to oversee the investments and funds of the presbytery. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to delegate responsibility of approving our insurance policy for 2018 to Susan Wismer, Diane Janssen Hemmen and Kevin Veldhuisen, with a deadline of December 15, 2017. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to change the language in the Transitional Mission Coordinator Job Description Part 1 under F: Responsibilities #3b

General oversight of the budget in cooperation with the Treasurer and the Budget & Finance Subcommittee, including approval of reimbursement vouchers when requested by appropriate ministry moderators. **Motion approved.**

Due to the lack of vote to approve the Transitional Mission Coordinator job description Part 2 at the October 27, 2017 presbytery meeting, a motion was made to have Kevin Veldhuisen operate under the A&C approved job description on an interim basis until it is approved by presbytery on February 23, 2018. Motion approved.

Janice Palmer and Kevin Veldhuisen will talk with Cheryl Khylllep about creating a new presbytery logo. They will also discuss the need for the bi-monthly print version.

A motion was made to establish a matching gifts campaign to support camping, CRE program, and any or all of our 1001 New Worshipping Communities. The gifts must be given by individuals through their congregation and with the specific designation of the ministry supported. The congregation would then pass that donation along to the presbytery in order to be matched. A total of \$20,000.00 will be used as the seed money for 2018 and will come from the Cup of Coffee Fund. Budget and Finance will coordinate with planning to oversee and implement the campaign. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to create a task force that will look into best investment options for our undesignated money currently/formerly housed in CDs. Jerry Lutkemeier will make the appointments to this task force. Suggested names are Dave True, First Rapid City, Bob Leech First SF, Diane Janssen Hemmen, Susan Wismer, and Kevin Veldhuisen. **Motion approved.**

The February Presbytery meeting agenda was presented and approved. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to give Kevin \$500.00 and Cindy a \$250.00 bonus for their services in 2017. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to give Kevin 5 vacation days in reimbursement of vacation days lost in 2017 due to struggles in the synod financial services office. These days are to be used during the calendar year 2018. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made that when Kevin is on vacation that he is given the authority to transfer calls to a designated person who will field and distribute questions. It is Kevin's discretion as to whom this person will be during each period of vacation. **Motion approved.**

Budget and Finance tasked Kevin Veldhuisen to assign account line item numbers to each line in the budget. When completed he will send them to Susan Wismer for final approval.

A motion was made to give a \$35,000.00 transitional grant to Camping and Faith Formation. Funding will come from Emerging Needs. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to eliminate the Presbytery Uber Conference Call service, thus eliminating a toll free call in option for conference call services. Members of ministry teams who incur long distance charges on their phone bill will be strongly encouraged to voucher those expenses. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to provide camping with \$750.00 for marketing. The funding will be used to purchase 2 pop-up banners and any free handouts that the camp sees fit to best market themselves. Funding will come from the communications line item of the presbytery budget. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to provide \$2,500.00 for Kevin Veldhuisen to attend GA. Funding would come from Emerging Needs. **Motion approved.**

A motion was made to continue with a state-wide search for the treasurer position. **Motion Approved.**

A motion was made to remove former treasurer Deb VanOverschelde from all bank accounts. **Motion approved.**

A&C Actions for Presbytery

The following motion is made to amend our current By-Laws:

Treasurer Position

Add at P2-4.E as well as P2-6.F: “The person serves in only this role and resigns from other commitments for the presbytery upon election.” **Motion was referred back to A&C.**

CAMPING AND FAITH FORMATION

Time was spent in small groups to have conversation about our camping ministry.

The following was presented in preparation for those discussions.

The Presbytery of South Dakota (and its predecessors) has been involved in camping since at least 1927. Different sites were owned by different presbyteries, then the Synod of South Dakota, then the Synod of Lakes and Prairies until the ownership was transferred January 1, 1979 back to the Presbytery of South Dakota.

- Magpie Gulch served as a camp site from 1927-1954.
- Camp Koda, near Lake Andes, was operational until the early 1990s.
- Camp Rimrock opened as a camping/retreat site in 1955.
- The land for Pioneer has been owned by a Presbyterian entity dating back prior to 1970.

In 1980 the Presbytery of South Dakota had 83 churches and 14,072 members and supported three camp sites: Koda, Pioneer and Rimrock.

In 2016, the Presbytery had 6,297 members and 61 churches and supports two camps: Pioneer and Rimrock.

The Camping and Faith Formation Commission is in a time of discernment and long-range planning. We have been working with the Rev. Dr. Deb DeMeester, Director of Leadership Development for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, for a year. She will share a report about this work and seek your input as the Commission moves forward. Key elements of this work include establishing a financial foundation for this ministry as well as programs and facilities that attract year-round participation.

In preparation for this conversation, we invite you to read the enclosed documents and look forward to your input at the Presbytery meeting.

The Commission:

Don Nolting, Moderator

Dawn Meink

Jeff Kinter, Vice Moderator

Dick Palmer

Kennen Barber-Ensz, Secretary

Dick Poppen

John Armstrong

Paula Zavitz

Rolly Kemink

**The Long-Lasting Benefits of Camp
by the American Camp Association**

Camp has become a part of the fabric of America — conjuring special memories of hiking, swimming, friendships, and adventure for generations. When children go to camp, they'll likely come home gushing about the lifelong friends they've made, and the exciting adventures they had. What they probably won't tell you about are the life lessons camp has given them — those skills that, if nurtured at home after camp, translate into a lasting self-confidence, an awareness of the importance of kindness, and a greater comfort in voicing their opinions.

For more than 150 years, camp has been changing lives — allowing all children to feel successful, especially those who may struggle with traditional educational settings. Camp *is* full of fun and excitement, but it is so much more — developing children who are better equipped to lead in the twenty-first century with skills such as independence, empathy, the ability to work as part of a team, and a broader world view.

Camp is a safe and nurturing environment that enhances social skills. Camp is for everyone, so children and youth have the opportunity to meet and interact with peers from outside their school environment.

Camp supplements traditional education. Camps use intentional programming to create a balance of experiential learning opportunities that are physical, emotional, and social.

Camp provides experiences that promote self-confidence and future academic growth. American Camp Association® (ACA) independent research shows that parents and camp staff, as well as the campers themselves, report significant growth in several areas, including leadership, independence, social comfort, and values and decisions.

Camp encourages a respect and love of nature. Children are able to learn about the natural world. Camp also gives them a chance to “unplug.” More and more experts are advocating the value of time spent in nature for children — and camp is a perfect place to do that.

Camp provides the opportunity to stay physically active. Camp is the ultimate outdoor experience with programs that offer physical activities and sports that enhance health and teach self-confidence.

Camp is a natural extension of the classroom. Research indicates that by participating in strategically planned, structured summer experiences, children reduce summer learning loss. Camp challenges children, keeps them engaged, develops creativity and their talents, and expands their horizons.

About ACA

The American Camp Association® (ACA) is a national organization with more than 10,000 individual members and nearly 3,000 member camps. ACA is committed to collaborating with those who believe in quality camp and outdoor experiences for children, youth, and adults.



Pioneer & Rimrock Camps and Retreat Centers Mission Statement

Providing unique spaces and opportunities for all people to connect with God, self and others.

Pioneer & Rimrock Camps and Retreat Centers Vision Statement

Pioneer & Rimrock Camps and Retreat Centers are called by God to provide safe and sacred spaces apart from everyday distractions to encounter God while developing Christian spiritual leadership and nurturing each other's faith journey. We believe God can be encountered in life altering ways through sacred space and opportunities to come together. We partner with churches and communities to nurture all people in Christ through Christian hospitality, the work of a dynamic staff committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as a variety of camp and retreat opportunities.

Pioneer & Rimrock Camps and Retreat Centers Core Values: CONNECT

Community

Ensuring opportunities for all people to connect and grow in Christian community.

Openness

Being open to new ideas. Being open and loving to all people.

Nature

Recognizing the power of God's creation to impact the hearts and spirits of all people.

Nurture

Nurturing Christian faith, discipleship and giving ourselves to meet the needs of others.

Excellence

Committing ourselves to pursuing a high standard and high quality in all we do.

Character

Reflecting integrity that includes love, accountability and honesty in everything we do.

Teamwork

Joining arm in arm to fulfill the vision and mission of Pioneer & Rimrock Camps and Retreat Centers.

Community: Purposeful Christian community is at the heart of what we do. We strive to connect with the local community around our properties. We are a part of the community of the Presbytery of South Dakota of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and that is an important part of our identity. Community can be built in small groups at camp, a retreat, youth rally, or any other part of our ministry. We strive to build Christ centered communities.

Openness: While it is very important for us to reach and serve all Presbyterians in the State of South Dakota, we also want to be a ministry that is open to all people. We need to always be open to change and forward thinking. We are exploring ways that we can serve and invite all people to connect with our ministry.

Nature: We have two properties in the Black Hills of South Dakota that are set apart from the busyness of the world and it is important to us that we use these spaces for people to experience God's creation. We are always thinking of ways to incorporate nature in all the things we do, even when it is a day camp or youth rally. It is important to us that we teach creation stewardship.

Nurture: We strive to create safe environments for all people to feel nurtured. It is essential that we nurture Christian faith and community building. We want to be a ministry that fosters the needs of others; and we do this by providing quiet spaces, summer programs, retreat options, leadership training, traveling day camps, and being open to other ways to nurture peoples need.

Excellence: We want to commit to always doing our best. Always seeking, we can be better at what we do. This means listening to those we serve and responding to strive for excellence. We want to provide the best programming that we can. We want to provide the best crew that we can. We are striving and moving to provide the best accommodations for all of our quests.

Character: Walking the walk and showing all that we will love unconditionally, and strive to have the best integrity that we can. We have been called by God to proclaim the Gospel and to teach and live by faith to all we encounter in our ministry.

Teamwork: We are a team that includes the Presbytery of South Dakota, Camping and Faith Formation Commission, full time staff, volunteers and part-time staff. It takes all of us to come together to keep and grow the mission and vision of our ministry.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

For Presbytery Information

MDE Budget

MDE reviewed and discussed the budget for which includes: \$4000 for operations, \$7500 for CRE Training; \$2000 for Education and \$2000 for Ministry Development

Table of Grace

MDE discussed and reviewed the grant received from 1001 New Worshipping Communities for Table of Grace. MDE is also requesting quarterly financial reports from Table of Grace.

Little Stone Church Support

MDE discussed and approved the release of \$10,000 from the Church Development Fund which has already been approved and budgeted for Little Stone Church. MDE was provided a proposal from Chad Ensz for a new worshipping community in downtown Sioux Falls. MDE is also requesting quarterly financial reports from Little Stone Church.

FPC Whitewood/Jil Jennewein

MDE discussed and voted to table discussion of church development funds for FPC Whitewood's request for further funding in 2018.

David Halleen Requests

MDE was informed that CPC will now have the oversight of his quest for ordination.

Marcus Brooks

MDE provided Marcus a letter certifying he is in good standing and has completed the process for candidacy for ordination in the Presbyterian church. Marcus has been certified ready to receive a call. MDE will remain in contact with Marcus as he continues his plan to become a chaplain in the US Air Force.

CRE Task Force

MDE was notified by the CRE Task Force that the Continuing Ed CRE classes will be going from 4 classes per year to 2 classes per year (fall and spring). CRE's will be expected to conduct self-study projects which will be approved by Caroline Visser and Janice Palmer.

Matching Gift Program

This program was presented to MDE by Stated Clerk and Transition Mission Coordinator Kevin Veldhuisen.

Letters for Prisoners

MDE received information that Stan Gruneich is interested in developing a program for people to write to prisoners. Eric Noyes from MDE will be in contact with him.

MINISTRY RESOURCE

The Ministry Resource Committee submits the following **bold face** nominations for the positions and classes indicated.

Nominee	Class	Notes
Ministry Development and Education (12 members)		
Dick Poppen	2020-1	TE Agreed to serve.

NEW 1001 WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Rev. Chad Ensz gave a report about Hope Co-op which is a new worshipping community for downtown Sioux Falls. They are working together to accomplish the common goal of giving hope to people. For more information, please talk with Chad. Support and prayers are also very welcome!

MILEAGE COMMITTEE

Gayle Janzen gave the mileage committee report. The following report was **approved**:

Total Miles Driven: 4,797
Mileage subtotal: \$ 753.66
Donated to POSD: \$136.48
Final Cost: \$617.18

NEXT MEETING

Moderator Janssen Hemmen announced the next stated meeting of presbytery is Friday and Saturday, June 29-30, 2018 in Miller, SD.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator Diane Janssen Hemmen **adjourned** presbytery at 3:11 PM with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Veldhuisen
 Stated Clerk and Transitional Mission Coordinator