



June 14, 2021

Dear Colleagues in the Presbytery of South Dakota,

Within this packet is the pre-mailing for the upcoming presbytery meeting. Please read through each report ahead of the meeting since there will be minimal time for reports that do not include action items.

Meeting Held In-Person and Via Zoom Video Conference

We will joyfully return to in-person meetings, though we will include an option for commissioners to participate via Zoom Video Conference with both voice and vote. The following details will allow you to connect to the meeting using the Zoom app or at Zoom.us where you can also download the app:

Meeting ID: 986 2138 8387

Password: 573902

By Phone: 312 626 6799

I will have the meeting active 15 minutes in advance so you may join early to test your system.

Registration Required for Commissioners

We ask *all* commissioners to please register by calling the Presbytery Office or filling out the online registration form on our website under Events / Presbytery Meetings. ***Your vote will not be counted without registering in advance of the meeting.*** This is the simplest way for us to take record of those in attendance and the role they have at the meeting.

Guidelines for Debate

Because of the joint in-person and online participations we will be following the same debate protocols that were utilized by General Assembly. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak and may not speak more than twice per motion, and they will only be allowed to speak a 2nd time once everyone else has had a chance to speak first. This will maintain order and allow for the greatest number of voices to be heard.

If you have questions, please let me know!

Many blessings,

Kevin Veldhuisen
Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk

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STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Friday, June 25, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION
8:30 a.m. COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION
9:00 a.m. GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
Prayer, Hymn & Scripture Reading

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Roll of Presbytery as compiled by registration with Enrollment Clerk
Announcement of the presence of a quorum by the Moderator
Presentation of Agenda for adoption
Welcome and Arrangements by First Presbyterian Church
Announcements of Moderator and Stated Clerk
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Presbyterian Foundation Kyle Nolan

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

10:30 a.m. PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Andrew Bellisle

11:00 a.m. LUNCH & PASSING THE PEACE

11:45 p.m. OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S CALL

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1:15 p.m. BREAK / REFRESHMENT

1:30 p.m. Board of Pensions Presentation

Ken Greene

2:15 p.m. BREAK

2:30 P.M. NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Report on Salem Church
Mileage Committee Report

Jeff Nelson

3:00 P.M. SENDING INTO THE WORLD

Closing Prayer and Benediction
Adjournment

NEXT MEETING—FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22-23, 2021 at the First Presbyterian Church, Wessington, SD.

First Presbyterian Church
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Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
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Greetings to the Presbytery of South Dakota,

The members and session of First Presbyterian Church are very pleased to welcome you to Rapid City! The Black Hills are open for business if you would like to extend your stay to include some hiking or biking or sightseeing!

This will be a one-day meeting. If you plan to come out the night before, or to stay for a few days, below are some hotel options:

The Rushmore Hotel is within walking distance, 445 Mt. Rushmore Rd., (605) 348-8300

Slightly farther away, **Super Eight**, 2520 Tower Road, (605) 679-6655

Comfort Inn and Suites, 915 Fairmont Blvd., (605) 718-4444

Unfortunately, hotel prices in Rapid City are sky high right now and campgrounds are booked up.

A more reasonable option is **Terra Sancta Retreat Center**, 2101 City Springs Rd., (605) 716-0925. We have a small block of hotel style rooms with private bathrooms reserved for The Presbytery of South Dakota until Wednesday, June 16 at \$80 per night. It is a lovely setting 10-15 minutes from the church building.

Our meeting will be held in the sanctuary and lunch will be served downstairs in the social room. If the weather permits, there will be seating available outside in the courtyard.

The masking policy of First Presbyterian Church is that those who are vaccinated need not wear masks. Those who are unvaccinated should continue to mask indoors. Thank you for being gracious to one another during this unusual time of the world.

This will be our Presbytery's first hybrid meeting and we look forward to seeing you all on the 25th!

Your Friend in Ministry,

Paula Zavitz

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**Zoom Video Conference****February 26, 2021**

The Presbytery of South Dakota of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Spring Stated Meeting via Zoom Video Conference on Friday, February 26, 2021.

CONVENING THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Paula Zavitz, at 9:00 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:

Teaching Elders: Greg Anderson, Kennen Barber-Ensz, Jerry Bertelson, Marcus Brooks, Donald Buck, Ruth Clendenin, David Cook, Bill Cooper, Andrew Crandall, Lisa Danielson, Chad Ensz, Sarah Hagena, David Halleen Pat Hammond, Paul Henschen, Kristi Holler, Diane Janssen Hemmen, Brian Jones, Norlita Kaul, Yeongsik Nam, Abigail Ozanne, Janice Palmer, John Pehrson, Valerie Putnam, Peter Reynen, Allen Sager, Kathy Saxbury, Kevin Veldhuisen, Carolyn Visser, Barbara West

Commissioned Ruling Elders: Andrew Bellisle, Elizabeth Fox, Steven Johnson, Jerry Lutkemeier, Carolyn Petik, Shirley Scotter, Ann Spitzenberger

Commissioners: Lynn Hall-Bison, Steve Boomsma-Bonilla, Susan Wismer-Britton, Donna Flint-Brookings, Dave Larson-Fedora, Diane Clayton-Huron, Martha Gesick-Marion, Paula Geersen-Martin, Martin Christensen-Mitchell, Duane Jenner-Pierre, Jane Pitlick-Onida, Jane Alberda-Platte, Claire Reilly-Allen-Rapid City First, Peri Erdmann-Sioux Falls First, Claire Gillaspey-Sioux Falls First, Deborah Hout-Sioux Falls Westminster, Lori Moen-Sisseton, Dianne Larson-Spirit Lake, Wanda Blair-Sturgis, Holly Butrum-Veblen, Lonnie Greenfield-Watertown

Other Voting Members: Paula Zavitz-Moderator, Meleta DeJong, Jane Hohm, Mary Jenner, Denise Lutkemeier, Jeff Nelson.

Others Present: Rachel Byrum, Eleanor Harle, Tami McGuire, David Staniunas, Jason Wiedrich

Teaching Elders: 30

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 7

Commissioners: 21

Other Members of Presbytery: 6

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 64

AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Teaching elders present for the first time: Greg Anderson, Member-at-large, Rachel Byrum, Onida.

Ruling elders present for the first time: Lori Moen-Sisseton; Jane Pitlick-Onida; Claire Reilly-Allen-Rapid City First.

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERY OFFICERS AND STAFF

MODERATOR'S REPORT

After being installed as moderator on Friday, October 16, 2020, I attended the Moderators Conference, November 19-21, 2020. Ordinarily, this conference is held in Louisville, KY, but this year of course, it was conducted by Zoom! It was an interesting and worthwhile event.

On January 13, 2021, I participated in a transition meeting (again, by Zoom) with Kevin Velhuisen, Steve Johnson and Jane Hohm.

Since then, I have attended, in person, the meeting of the Camping and Faith Formation Commission meeting held at Camp Rimrock on January 23, 2021, and by Zoom, the meeting of the Ministry Development and Education Committee on February 4, 2021 and the Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee on February 10, 2021.

The monthly Moderator's Call with the moderators of the Ministry Teams will be a daytime meeting starting in February.

I look forward to visiting some congregations in the Presbytery beginning in March.

It is my honor to serve with all of you. One of my favorite things about our denomination is the expression, through the most ordinary things such as committees and meetings, of our belief that God speaks and works best through a diverse group of believers. Thank you, thank you for allowing me to join with you in this!

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Zavitz, Moderator, Presbytery of South Dakota

MISSION COORDINATOR AND STATED CLERK REPORT

As we continue to be in a very turbulent time within our country and within the Church I continue to have confidence in God's power to lead us through the muck and to sustain us while we wait for the storm clouds to continue clearing. I continue to work with our congregations and ministry teams on a daily basis and I feel so blessed to have such an amazing team of people to work with.

Here to Help

Please know that I am here for you all and I am eager to help during these difficult times in any way that I can. If you need assistance navigating these times, please let me know. I am here to help!

Year End Reports

All year end reports that are due to the Office of General Assembly have been completed and submitted prior to their deadlines.

Annual Report Filed for State of SD

Our Annual Report to the State of SD was filed in December to update our officers with the Secretary of State to maintain our organization.

Annual Reports for Congregations

Annual reports for congregations are continuing to come in to the office and turnout is looking quite good so far.

Minister Transactions

There were no minister transactions between meetings of Presbytery.

Presbytery of SD Membership

Total membership of active members, based on 2019 statistics of the 48 churches that reported in (out of 61), within the Presbytery of South Dakota is 5,919. We gained 149 members, lost 117 to death or certificate transfer, and 258 listed as "deleted" losses. The last category represents churches cleaning their rolls. With that in mind, the difference in actual membership may more accurately be presented as positive gain of 32 members *in the year 2019*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the year-end financial report for 2020. This is a fund based accounting system and please note this is a work in progress.

2020 Net income reflects as \$2,434,305.54. This includes several unique non-recurring deposits. I have also attached the other income section of the report so you can see where the numbers flow from. There are one-time deposits for the camp sale, the personal property, the funds moving from the General account to the Camping account, the liquidation of the Wells Fargo CD, and an overpayment of funds to the Camping account that I had to return to the General Account. If you take the total income, less these deposits of \$1,907,799.79, that would leave us with a net income of \$526,505.75. Our expenses totaled \$537,032.46. This would equate to a net loss of \$10,526.71.

Our regular income consisted of \$166,257.34 for Per Capita and we exceeded our budget.

Our Presbytery Shared Mission Income was \$107,058.36 and that put us at 89% of our estimated \$120,000.00 budget.

I have also included on the next page a list of our investment accounts, and their beginning and ending balances for 2020. Also attached is a list of our endowments at the Presbyterian Foundation that show the year-end balance, and specific detail for the use of each and any restrictions.

I worked on issuing the 10991s and learned much from that.

I applied for the PPP loan forgiveness and that was received so there is no required repayment for this loan.

I have entered the budget for 2021 into the software. I have completed the Workers Comp Audit. My goal for 2021 is to work on fine tuning the reports for each department and line item.

Investment and Endowment Accounts

Seacrest Wealth Management - beginning balance 1-1-20 was \$385,102.45. Ending balance 12-31-20 \$421,160.26. Net gain \$36,057.81.

New Covenant Mutual Funds-begging balance 1-1-20 was \$288,184.26. Ending balance 12-31-20 \$332,635.36. Net gain \$44,451.10.

New-covenant Short Term Funds - begging balance 12-1-20 was \$1,716,330.63. Ending balance 12-30-20 was \$1,749,670.37. Net gain \$33,339.74.

Presbyterian Foundation Accounts

Camp Endowment - ending balance 12-30-20 \$31,833.96. Use is to support the camping program as determined by the Presbytery of South Dakota.

Cup of Coffee - ending balance 12-30-20 \$74,613.11. Use to support the Presbytery of South Dakota Mission Budget as determined by the Presbytery.

Seminary Students Internship Fund- ending balance 12-30-20 \$25,596.41. Used for Seminary Internships for Seminary students working in the Presbyter of South Dakota churches.

McMurchie Fund - ending balance 12-30-20 \$134,746.66. To be used by the Presbytery for scholarship aid and assistance to students attending undergrad or graduate school related to the Presbyterian Church (USA). I direct in awarding such scholarships that preference be given to persons who graduated from high school in South Dakota.

New Church Development Fund - ending balance 12-30-20 \$6875.33. To be used for church development.

Plankinton Fund- ending balance 12-30-20 \$36,675.76. Donor shall have the privilege of withdraw! of principle, provided the principle balance of \$30,000.00 is maintained. Such withdraw! of principle or accumulated income shall be made according to the rules of the Foundation then in effect. Any written requests of for withdraw! must be received by the Foundation at least 10 business days prior to any given month. The donor shall use said withdrawals of income and principle from the fund hereby established to provide scholarships for Seminary students.

Reynen Endowment- ending balance \$18,760.42 - no restrictions.

Seminary Student Scholarship Fund - ending balance 12-30-20 \$21,146.61. To be used for

Seminary student scholarships under the care of the Presbytery of South Dakota.

Transformation Fund M ending balance 12M30M20 \$4687.39. Used to help existing congregations transform or redevelop their mission and ministry.

ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION MINISTRY

The following report includes a summary from the minutes of the A&C meeting on January 8, 2021.

Return of Money for Pioneer Cabins:

Motion to return to donor money designated for the building of cabins at Pioneer Camp: **Motion failed.**

Dates of Remaining 2021 A&C Meetings:

April 9th, June 4th, August 13th, October 1st, and November 12th

Designated Funds and Investment Strategies:

Budget and Finance has been asked to take a look at our designated funds and our investment strategies moving forward. A&C Moderator will appoint a temporary subcommittee of persons to work with Budget and Finance on this endeavor.

Resignation:

Rolly Kemink resigned from A&C Ministry Team. His resignation was accepted with regret.

Task Force:

The task force appointed to look at long-range staffing goals for the POSD staff will reconvene after the February Presbytery Meeting.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

The following report includes a summary from the meeting of Thursday, February 4, 2020.

Jerry Bertelson reported that there was a successful CRE ongoing education event on Family Systems Theory on October 19. There is no current ongoing CRE cohort.

The MDE team heard updates on those in the preparation for ministry process.

- Eleanor Harle is doing much better. She will be finishing some coursework from home, and she is interested in pulpit supply within driving distance to Redfield.
- Rachel Byrum is serving Oahe Presbyterian Church in Pierre and is engaged in coursework through Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Tiffany Hofer is coming under care of First Presbyterian Church of Miller.

MDE also discussed several matters regarding preparation for ministry, and clarified a few things:

- Both a psychological evaluation and Clinical Pastoral Education are not strictly required by MDE/POSD, but are strongly recommended.
- Hebrew and Greek do not necessarily have to be taken as separate classes, so long as the candidate is well-prepared for the exegesis ordination exam.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, there will be no Presbytery-wide event on Faith Formation in April of 2021.

MDE decided to create and distribute a list of online educational/equipping resources and events that people in the presbytery may want to avail themselves of. In addition, MDE will plan a general Zoom call in between POSD meetings for people to check in about the joys and challenges of what's happening in local churches, and receive some encouragement. These calls are open to anyone. Please watch your email for a link.

CAMPING AND FAITH FORMATION

We are so excited to announce in person camp will happen this summer!!

Camping and Faith Formation Commission has been busy with upcoming planning for the summer camp season. Camp schedule for 2021 has been approved and flyers distributed to church camping contacts and youth directors. We are planning extra training for staff and crew to assure proper COVID precautions are implemented to keep all campers and staff safe.

Camp fees will be transitioning from a tiered system to one price per camp this year. After review of surrounding area camps' pricing, this change is more in line with practice and pricing. It also is more reflective of actual cost to host a camper.

While it was decided to forego an in-person Youth Rally again this year, Camp Director, Jason Wiedrich and the Rally subcommittee are planning a statewide 30 Hour Famine event. Jason and the subcommittee are also exploring multiple options to restructure the Presbytery Youth Council and bolster youth and ministry support to youth leaders across the state.

Financial Report

No proceeds from the Pioneer property sale have been withdrawn from the New Covenant Fund. \$20,000 loan from Presbytery has been repaid.

A review of historical camp documents and financial reports was completed to determine intent of savings account funds. It has been determined the designated purpose of these funds has been fulfilled but transfer of funds to checking had not taken place, therefore savings account monies would be free for current camp purposes.

Rimrock Redevelopment

Several members of the Commission, Camp Director Wiedrich, Stated Clerk Kevin Veldhuisen, Presbytery moderator Paula Zavitz and Jerry Lutkemeier, member of A&C, were able to meet at Camp Rimrock and do a walk-through of the property. The Pioneer cabins are temporarily sitting in the camp parking lot and options for future placement were discussed, along with other renovation needs. Although no formal decisions have been made, multiple bids for site work, septic work, water lines and tree removal are being reviewed to help determine placement of the cabins. Interior renovations of the cabins were discussed with potentially adding a separate shower and toilet stool rooms with a vanity in between. The current small kitchenette would be relocated to an exterior cabin wall. Each cabin would have capacity to house up to 9 people. These renovations would provide a great self-contained option for families or retreaters. Options to mill the trees removed during site work to be used for interior lodge renovations and new camp gate are being explored. A property and liability insurance review was discussed to help the commission prioritize other renovation plans and best use of funds.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

The following report includes a summary from the meeting of Thursday, February 10, 2020.

Boundaries Training for Pastors and CREs. The Book of Order gives strong guidance that all Pastors and CREs should go through boundaries training every 3 years. CPC responded to require Pastors and CREs in the South Dakota Presbytery to have this training completed by June 30, 2021. Reimbursement for the training is available.

CPC is actively working with several churches and leaders in the Presbytery to support congregations through pastoral/leadership transitions.

1. Jerry Lutkemeier (CRE) has appointed moderator of Session for First Presbyterian Church in Britton, SD.
2. Rev. Steve Hammer has been appointed moderator of Session for First Presbyterian Church in Parker, SD.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women had to cancel the Fall Retreat because of concerns about Covid19. However, communication with members was a concern, so a mini-retreat was held via Zoom, Saturday, January 16, from 10 AM until noon. Twenty-three women participated. Two more were scheduled, but technical difficulties prevented them from joining. Two participants were from Synod (Donna Preston and Sue Kimball).

After prayer, reading of the PW purpose, and a devotion, Rev. Kristi Holler, of Emmanuel Presbyterian in Marion, led the group in singing, followed by meditation, "Think on these Things", using Philippians 4:8-9. A spirited discussion followed, followed by more singing.

Several books were mentioned during the discussion. Titles that members may want to read are:

American Dirt-by Jeanine Cummins

The Caste-by Isabelle Wilkerson

The Pastor-by Eugene Peterson

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee-by David Truer

3 books re: Dakota tribe-by Kent Nerburn

Neither Wolf nor Dog

The Wolf at Twilight

The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo

A video from Marion Medical Mission was shown, highlighting Shallow Wells, PW's mission for 2020-2021. So far, over \$4,000 has been raised, enough for nine wells, which brings clean water to over 890 people in Africa.

Planning for the Spring Gathering is underway. It will be held Saturday, April 24. Whether in person or by Zoom is still to be determined.

COMMISSION ON COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

- In October 2020, Rev. Jerry Bertelson hosted a CRE training event on Bowen Family Systems theory and church leadership.
- The commission has met three times since the last Presbytery meeting.
- One individual is receiving training on Reformed theology, PCUSA polity, and the Sacraments.
- A Spring CRE training is being discussed with the Ministry Development and Education team.

MINISTRY RESOURCE

The Ministry Resource Committee submits the following nominations for the positions and classes indicated.
Docket of nominations approved.

Presbytery Vice Moderator

TE Brian Jones

Congregational Pastoral Care (CPC)

TE-class of 2023. Paul Henschen

Administration & Coordination (A & C)

TE-class of 2023. Norlita Kaul

RE- class of 2023. Jeff Nelson

TE - class of 2023. . . Carolyn Visser

We are thankful for the **54** people who are currently serving our Presbytery on ministry teams and commissions, as readers of ordination exams, commissioners to Synod, they are:

Jane Alberdo, Kennon Barber-Ensz, Andrew Belisle, Tacey Braithwaite, Robert Brooks, Donald Buck, Ruth Clendenin, Bill Cooper, Andrew Crandall, Lisa Danielson, Peggy Davidson, Meleta DeJong, Terry Drew, Nathan Esser, Gale Filipek, Larry Froistad, Martha Gesick, Lon Greenfield, Sara Hagena, Lynn Hall, Eleanor Harle, David Helleen, Jane Hohm, Kristi Holler, Diane Janssen-Hemmen, Paul Henschen, Linden Hiller, Jim Hulbert, Bob Jacobs, Mary Jenner, Kay 'Boots' Johnson, Steven Johnson, Linda Jones, Diane Larson, Don Larson, Michele Loobey, Denise Lutkemeier, Jerry Lutkemeier, Mike McCullum, Ken Miller, Jeff Nelson, Eric Noyes, Abigale Ozanne, Janice Palmer, John Pehrson, Carolyn Petik, Gary Pribyl, Val Putnum, Peter Reynen, Katherine Saxby, Shirley Scotter, Carolyn Visser, Barb West, Paula Zavitz

...and we would welcome a few more.

Peace Church, Yankton

Documents concerning the following actions can be found in Appendix B.

Sale of Property

A motion was presented to authorize the sale of Peace Church in Yankton, SD, per the request of the session and congregation. **Motion approved.**

Dissolution of Congregation

A motion was presented to approve the congregation's desire to dissolve their congregation. **Motion approved.**

Appointment of Closing Commission

A motion was presented to authorize Presbytery's Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission to close Peace Church, Yankton, SD with the following responsibilities:

- a. Plan a closing worship service,
- b. Wind up the affairs of the church,
- c. Receive session records to pass on to the stated clerk,
- d. Grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the roll,
- e. Take possession of all real and personal property that might remain after the building has been sold, financial records and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of the church,
- f. Consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the church,
- g. Assert claim of the presbytery to any property of the church not known at this time or property which may come to the church as the beneficiary of a will or trust or not known at this time, and
- h. Dissolve the incorporation of Peace Church.

Motion approved.

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERY VICE MODERATOR

Moderator Zavitz led a service of installation to install Rev Brian Jones as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of South Dakota.

NEXT MEETING

Moderator Paula Zavitz announced the next stated meeting of presbytery is Friday June 25, 2021, and is tentatively scheduled to be in person in Lemmon, S.D.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator Paula Zavitz **adjourned** presbytery with prayer and a benediction at 11:44 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Veldhuisen
Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk

Report of the Moderator, June 25, 2021

Since last we met it has been my honor to join you all in service to the Church, the Body of Christ, that God loves so much.

I attended all Ministry Team and Ad Hoc committee meetings, by Zoom and in person, answered emails, and talked on the phone.

Specifically, I formed a closing commission for Peace Church in Yankton, attended those meetings by Zoom and attended their closing worship service in person on Sunday, April 25th. We celebrated the life of the Peace Church and witnessed to the resurrection. The Session of Peace Church did lovely work, caring for their congregation. It was my honor to join with them.

On May 14th, a Ministry Summit meeting was held at Al's Oasis in Oacoma, attended by the ministry team chairs of Coaching and Visioning, Ministry Development and Education, Congregational and Pastoral Care, and the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program. Camping and Faith Formation was represented by Jerry Lutkemier. Kevin Veldhuisen, Gayle Janzen and I were also present.

We discussed the difficulty that congregations have in calling a full time PCUSA pastor and how the Presbytery can support them. It was a fruitful meeting.

Kevin Veldhuisen, Diane Janssen-Hemmen and I have also been boots-on-the-ground representatives of the Presbytery, for the Spencer Memorial Church in Lemmon as they work through a difficult transition. Once again, I am touched by the faithful and caring concern of the session for their congregation, as well as the faithfulness, skill and care exhibited by my colleagues, Kevin and Diane.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Zavitz

CONSENT AGENDA
Presbytery of South Dakota
June 25, 2021

In order to optimize our time together we are heavily utilizing the Consent Agenda for this meeting. **Any Ruling Elder commissioner or Teaching Elder commissioner can remove any item on the Consent Agenda by making that request to the moderator.** The item would then be placed in the agenda and discussed. Questions for clarity about a particular item are welcome. To remove an item, no second is needed, and no discussion or vote are needed.

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 February 26, 2021 stated meeting.



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Dear friends in Christ,

This year has challenged pastors and congregations like no other. I am deeply appreciative of all that you've done to keep your congregation connected and serving - and I am here to support you. I understand the challenges of ministry and can help you discern the best ways to lead your congregation. Please get in touch if I can assist you!

Online Giving

If your church has not set up online giving yet, I can help you get started. The Presbyterian Foundation offers an [online giving portal](https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/onlinegiving/) (www.presbyterianfoundation.org/onlinegiving/) that handles all of the administrative tasks of processing gifts, transferring funds to your church once a month (more often by request). No set-up fees required. Please get in touch with me if you'd like to set up online giving.

Resources During a Pandemic

The Presbyterian Foundation has compiled resources to help your congregation deal with the challenges of worship and serving your community during a pandemic. Find those at www.presbyterianfoundation.org/covid19.

Stewardship

As you approach the fall season, you may be thinking about Stewardship. [Stewardship Navigator](https://stewardshipnavigator.com) (<https://stewardshipnavigator.com>) is a new resource that you may find helpful. It is an online resource available at no cost for PC(USA) churches. You can sign up for an online account and find resources on all aspects of stewardship, including an online calendar.

I am happy to set up a time to talk to you, your pastor or other church leaders about creating theologically sound stewardship campaigns that invite all of your members to participate.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." — 1 Peter 4:10

“The Presbyterian Foundation is a wonderful resource for local churches. First of all, it helps the pastor not have to carry all the water of stewardship education. The Foundation has helped us realize a variety of giving methods, and we know that has increased the giving, particularly of our younger cohort.” — Rev. Louise Westfall, Pastor

Planned Giving

Working through a plan for your estate is essential, and such a big relief for those who accomplish this task. Members of your congregation may find it helpful to have a session on [estate planning](http://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/) (www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/) while their calendars are more free than usual. I can lead a webinar or other similar session with members of your congregation who are ready to take this important step.

Investments

As you plan for the future of your church, it may be time to consider who holds your church's investments. Do you receive personalized service from those who manage those accounts? Can you get help when you need it? Are your investments held in ways that are consistent with Presbyterian values? I can talk with you about meeting your investment needs in socially responsible investments that help you meet your financial and moral objectives.

“The Presbyterian Foundation is a partner with us, and in being a partner, they are helping us be what God has called us to be.” —Rev. Jeremy Jenkins, Pastor

Church Financial Leadership Academy

Few pastors or commissioned ruling elders would say that they had adequate financial training for leading their church. That's why we created the Church Financial Leadership Academy. It's a Netflix-style website for church leaders who need resources to bolster their knowledge of church finances – and it's offered free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. You can find it here: <https://churchfla.com/>. Use the discount code **PCUSA** when setting up your account.

Report from Moderator of Administration and Coordination Team, Jane Hohm

Summary of Minutes from April 9, 2021 and June 11, 2021 A&C Meetings

April Meeting:

- *Authorized Kevin Veldhuisen to sign titles for vehicles sold during the Pioneer auction.
- *Authorized Tami McGuire to sign the contracts associated with the synod's transition to a new payroll system.
- *Passed a motion to continue the Matching Funds Program for the Presbytery in 2021.
- *Passed a motion to hold the June 25th Presbytery Meeting in Lemmon; with a back-up plan in Rapid City if necessary.
- *Approved June 4th A&C meeting in Huron with Zoom option available with a 10:30 am CT start. (Tentative dates for remaining meetings: June 4, August 13, October 1, November 12.)

June Meeting:

- *A motion was made and passed to approve the Template for Large Donor Agreement for POSD.
- *A motion was made and passed to approve the Template for Large Capital Donor Agreement for POSD.
- *A motion was made and passed to approve the Template for Small Donor Agreement for POSD.
- *Dissolution of Ad Hoc Finance Committee: A motion was made and passed to dissolve with thanks the Ad Hoc Committee that has worked with Budget and Finance on donor agreements and other proposals for financial policies.
- *Participation at Presbytery Meeting via Zoom: A motion was made and passed to grant voice and vote to those attending the June 25, 2021 Presbytery Meeting via Zoom.
- *Future 2021 meeting dates (tentative): Aug. 13th, Oct. 1st, Nov. 12th. A survey will be sent to all A&C members to determine preferences and availability to attend on weekdays other than Fridays.
- *Closing of Peace Church in Yankton: It was reported that the closing service was held on 4/25/21; monetary asset distributions will be made when it is determined all financials have been satisfied. The closing service was attended by Paula Zavitz, Kevin Veldhuisen, and Jane Hohm.

TEMPLATE FOR **LARGE** DONOR AGREEMENT FOR POSD

DONOR AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE (NAME/PURPOSE) WITH THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

This Donor Agreement (Agreement) shall serve as a guide to *(name and address of donor(s))* (the Donors) who are providing financial resources to establish the *(name of endowed/permanent fund)* *(the Fund)*; and, to the Presbytery of South Dakota (POSD), *(address of POSD)*, that shall provide leadership in fulfilling the wishes of the Donor and the intent of the Fund. POSD hereby accepts this gift and will provide custody of and disburse the funds.

The Donors have provided \$XXXX as the (initial) contribution to establish this Fund.

The Fund shall be known as: *name of Fund* and shall be used for the following purpose: (describe purpose)

POSD will make the sole final determination concerning the appropriate use, investment and distribution of the Fund. POSD will also consult with the Donors or if they are not available, with designated family members, namely, *(list)* as to the status and use of the Fund.

Fund Administration:

The Fund will be invested in accordance with POSD's investment policy. Since the funds may be invested in an endowment pool of funds which holds common stock and other volatile financial instruments, there is inherent risk that the value of the investment might decrease below the historical gift value, based on the nuances of the overall investment market performance. POSD may assess an annual fee from the fund to offset administrative and management expenses. POSD will set the annual fee, if any, for all endowments.

Once (\$\$\$\$\$) of endowed gifts has been received, the Fund will be eligible for distributions. The portion of the Fund's value spendable annually for the designated purpose shall be determined in accordance with POSD's spending policy. Among criteria for determining the annual funds to be spent will be preservation of the Fund, protection from the long term effects of inflation, current and future funding necessary to fulfill the designated purpose of the Fund, continuity in funding the designated purpose, expected total return on investments over the long term and other relevant general economic conditions.

The Donor or others approved by POSD may provide added annual support over and above the POSD spending policy or may contribute to increase the Fund value.

POSD which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit religious organization exempt from federal income taxes as defined by Sections 503(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and is eligible to receive tax deductible charitable contributions. As such, contributions to POSD are nonrefundable and to the extent allowed by applicable federal and state law deductible by the Donor as a charitable contribution.

The signers of this Donor Agreement acknowledge that it is possible the purpose being supported by this donation may change, may become unnecessary, may be incapable of fulfillment, or may become inconsistent with the charitable or other exempt purposes of POSD. If such circumstances occur, the Donor hereby consents to allow POSD to release or modify, in whole or in part, the purpose of this gift. However, such release or modification may not allow this gift to be used for a purpose other than a charitable purpose of POSD. Before such changes are made adequate notice will be made by POSD to communicate with the Donor or their designee's. If the Donor or their designee's are not available POSD may proceed to make such changes as allowed by South Dakota law.

Signatures:

Donor(s)

Moderator of A&C

Attest

Moderator of POSD

Attach brief biographical summary of donors including motivation for the contribution.

TEMPLATE FOR LARGE CAPITAL DONOR AGREEMENT FOR POSD

DONOR AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE (NAME/PURPOSE) WITH THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

This Donor Agreement (Agreement) shall serve as a guide to *(name and address of donor(s))* (the Donors) who are providing financial resources to *(name capital project)*, to the Presbytery of South Dakota (POSD), *address of POSD*, that shall provide leadership in fulfilling the wishes of the Donor. POSD gratefully accepts this donation and will provide custody of and disburse the funds.

The Donors have provided \$XXXX to support the development and furnishing of: *DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECT and if appropriate NAMING RIGHTS*

POSD will make the sole final determination concerning all aspects of this project and use of this contribution for such project. POSD will also consult with the Donors or if they are not available with designated family members, namely, *(list)* as to the project and use of the donation.

Fund Administration:

The signers of this Donor Agreement acknowledge that this donation may be pooled with contributions received from others and collectively used for the described capital project. The Donor and POSD acknowledge that if circumstances related to the proposed capital project change that POSD may also change the use of this donation in consideration of such change in circumstances. Any such change in the use of this donation will include prior consultation with the Donor and be for an authorized charitable purpose of POSD.

POSD is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit religious organization exempt from federal income taxes as defined by Sections 503(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code and is eligible to receive tax deductible charitable contributions. As such, this contribution to POSD is nonrefundable and to the extent allowed by applicable federal and state law deductible by the Donor as a charitable contribution.

Signatures:

Donor(s)
Moderator of A&C

Attest
Stated Clerk of POSD

Attach brief biographical summary of donors including motivation for the contribution.

SMALL DONOR TEMPLATE

Header: POSD Letterhead or Banner

Gift Acceptance and Acknowledgement

POSD hereby accepts and expresses its appreciation of the gift of: \$\$\$

In doing so POSD confirms it is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit religious organization exempt from federal income taxes as defined by Sections 503(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. As such, this gift is nonrefundable and to the extent allowed by applicable federal and state law is deductible by the Donor as a charitable contribution.

POSD also confirms that no goods or services have been provided to the Donor in return for this gift.

Gift Purpose: This gift will be used as follows:

POSD will make the sole final determination concerning the use of this gift for the purpose designated by the Donor. This gift may be pooled with gifts from other donors and to the extent possible be used collectively for the described purpose.

Thank you for your generous and vital support of the mission of the POSD.

POSD Signature _____ Date: _____

COMMISSION ON CAMPING AND FAITH FORMATION
PRESBYTERY REPORT
June 25, 2021

Members: Andrew Bellisle, Robert Brooks, Kennen Barber-Ensz, Linden Hiller, Kristi Holler, Denise Lutkemeier, Carolyn Visser and Michele Loobey

Programming Update

Work camp was held the weekend of May 21 – 23. Although the weather was cool and wet, there was a good turnout for workers. A larger group from Newcastle, WY along with several local camping friends was able to get much work completed and much unused materials and clutter were disposed of.

June 7 - 11th - Nature Adventure Day Camps were held with 8 campers. June 14-18 is Science Adventure Day Camp week with 6 camper registrations.

Upcoming camp numbers: Seekers – currently have 10 registered but inquiries continue so hope to see 15-20. Family camp numbers are low at 7. There are no registrations for You and Me camp currently. There are 14 registered for Compass (High School) and 18 for Pathfinder (middle school). These camps are another month away so are hopeful for more registrations.

COVID Precautions: CDC guidance on COVID precautions have been followed with masks being worn when campers are inside. Programming has tried to have as many activities outside as possible. During overnight camps, nurses will be available for any needs or suspected illness.

August 20-21st - Youth Leader Retreat. A survey to gather feedback from youth leaders across the state on what they would like to see happen during that weekend will be emailed out. Please encourage your youth leaders to complete the survey and we hope they will attend the retreat weekend.

Camp Rimrock Renovation Update

The Commission, along with a subcommittee of A&C including, Martha Gesick, Jerry Lutkemeier and Janice Palmer met in March and discussed options and priorities for site renovation at camp. Bids had been solicited previously for groundwork on the north side of the lodge for placement of the three cabins and creation of a turnaround road. The cabins will be plumbed and a shower room added to each. There will also be a small kitchenette area. A new firepit is planned near these cabins. As with any project, there have been delays due to weather and fires and at the time of this report, a firm completion date is not known. As part of the site work, several trees were removed and will be milled into lumber to be used for future projects. A new front gate is planned using 2 trees as side posts and the Lead Shop class is building a new gate in a combination of metal and wood. Due to the school year ending, the gate will not be completed until next fall.

The CFF Commission will be meeting July 15 – 17th at Camp Rimrock. Joel Winchip, Executive Director of PCCCA will be attending at the Commission's invitation. This will be a time of discernment and visioning as we consider future renovations and camp improvements.

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Congregational and Pastoral Care Report June 2021

At its most recent meeting on June 9th, the CPC team discussed the following:

- The Ministry Summit Meeting and how the CRE Commission, MDE and CPC might work together more effectively.
- Appointed Kevin, Nathan and Paula to work on the Committee's behalf to navigate changes at Spencer Memorial.
- Ken Miller reported that Rapid City First has a candidate they are hoping to interview soon.
- Big Bend has hired a new Temporary Pastor, Gary Pokorney. Both Gary and his wife will be going through the CRE program.

The next meeting of CPC will be Oct 13th at 9am (central time).

Ministry Resource Team Report

Between now and our next Presbytery meeting in October, the Ministry Resource Team will be working to prayerfully discern those whom God is calling to share their gifts in the life and work of the Presbytery. If you would like to know more about the various Teams, we have prepared directions to help you find the information you are looking for on the Presbytery's website. We have also included in this mailing the name and phone number of those currently chairing various teams in case you would like to speak with them directly.

Below are the directions to help you learn more about the various Ministry Team as posted on the Presbytery website.

Go to.... presbyteryofsd.org ...

In the light blue bar at the top, **click on 'About'...**

Then in the drop down menu, **click on 'Ministry Teams' ...**

Scroll down to the **photo of people having lunch at a picnic table**

...and **below it** you will **see 'Ministry Teams',...**

Click on the **little box** that says **'Learn More'...**

That will take you to the page where you can learn **'About the Teams'**.

The Teams consist of:

- **Coaching and Visioning Team**
- **Congregational and Pastoral Care**
- **Camping and Faith Formation**
- **Ministry Resource**
- **Ministry Development and Education**
- **Commissioned Ruling Elder Program Team**
- **Administration and Coordination**
- **Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)**

At the **bottom of that page** there is a light blue section that is headed... **"Want to join a ministry team?"**
Click on **'Interest Form'...**

There you will find an online form you may fill out and submit indicating your interest in serving on a Ministry Team. If there is a way in which you would like to serve and you do not see it listed on the form, please send an email to: lisadanielson@goldenwest.net so that she may share with the Ministry Resource Team the talents and skills that you would like to share to further the ministry of the Presbytery of South Dakota.

If you have further questions, you may be interested in reading more detailed information regarding the Ministry Teams by going to the **presbytery website...** clicking on **'Resources'** in the light blue bar... scrolling down to and clicking on **'For Presbytery Leaders'...** then scrolling down to **'Presbytery of South Dakota By-Laws and Manual of Administrative Operations'...** there you can click on **'Download Now!'**. After you download the Manual of Administrative Operations, you can **scroll down to page 53 and following** to learn more details about the particular Ministry Team(s) that you may be interested in.

Dear Pastors, Clerk of Sessions, Ruling Elders and Church leaders,

Have you been thinking about getting a little more information or training in how to be a more effective officer? Perhaps you are feeling a call from God to be more involved in the leadership of a congregation and even serving as a commissioned ruling elder. We have some EXCITING news for YOU! The Presbytery of South Dakota through its CRE Commission is offering Commissioned Ruling Elder/Leader Development training right here in South Dakota. Our hope is that this will make the training more convenient and less expensive for those interested elders and deacons. Let me share some of the plans we have so far.

First, this training is open to any ordained person in any of our PC(USA) or united congregations. You do not have to desire to be a commissioned ruling elder, but just desire some additional training. Maybe you want to know more about the Bible or *The Book of Order*, or you want to know how to make a hospital visit. This training is for you.

Second, we will offer the training once a month for 8 months (September through May excluding December). The training will consist of five major areas: Bible Survey; Worship, Sacraments, and Preaching; Pastoral Care Ministry; Polity and Administration; and Discerning the Ministry of a Congregation. You are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Those desiring to become a commissioned ruling elder are required to attend all sessions.

Third, through some funds available for this training, our hope is to offer this training free of charge to those seeking a commission as a CRE. Others can attend at their own expense. For those who are taking the training in order to become a commissioned ruling elder, not only will the training be free, but all required books and resources will also be free.

Location and dates/times for the training will be determined later in response to the needs of those who sign up.

For more information or to receive an application form, please contact Reverend Jerry Bertelson at jerry.bertelson@gmail.com or the Reverend Dr. Carolyn Visser at cjvisser@hotmail.com or (605) 321-0052. **The deadline for registration is July 31st.**

Sincerely,

The POSD CRE Commission

CRE Report,

Since the beginning of 2021 the CRE Commission has met 3 times via Zoom. The commission discussed the goals of CRE Training and Spring Continuing Education opportunities. The commission was represented at the “Mission Summit” on May 14th in Oacoma, SD where the CRE process was discussed. Three continuing education opportunities were available for the CRE’s this Spring – 1) submit a recent sermon to Janice Palmer for feedback, 2) attend the Festival of Homiletics and write a response paper, and 3) reflect on a chapter from the homiletics book entitled *What Do They Hear?* By Mark Allan Powell. The CRE Commission will host a new cohort of trainees this Fall. Details are included in this packet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jerry Bertelson, on behalf of the CRE Commission

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Presbyterian Women have had a challenging year, but many are returning to in-person meetings and gatherings.

While considering in-person for the Spring Gathering, the Coordinating Team (CT) decided to have the Gathering via Zoom, so all would feel safe.

The Spring Gathering, Making Mission Matter, had speakers from two organizations in South Dakota. First we heard from Coleen Globke, who started and is director of All About U Adoptions, based in Marion, SD. The organization works with women who are giving a baby up for adoption and with couples who are looking to adopt. AAUAdoptions applied for a Thank Offering grant, and received a grant of \$50,000 to start a house for women as they completed their pregnancy. Nevaeh House (heaven spelled backward) is in use constantly and is much appreciated. To learn more about the group and Nevaeh House, there are two videos seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFQI3y5SaAU&t=1s> - and at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBZOkHmoS6s>

(Contact Mary Jenner djenner@pie.midco.net to get the link via e-mail so typing all the letters, etc. can be avoided.) or click on the link when you get the digital pre-mailing.)

The second mission group was Church on the Street, in Sioux Falls. Pastor Shelly Gehring told about the program which ministers to those who don't have a home. Worship is held outdoors when possible, often in a park. Food, clothing, and household items are given, as provided by volunteers and various local churches. Twice a month, laundry facilities are opened to the homeless, with soap pods, and quarters provided so three loads of laundry can be done. Several new programs are being set up, too. Some personal stories and information can be found on the e-mail address: churchonthestreetsf.org (the sf is for Sioux Falls).

Third, we watched a video from Marion Medical Mission, about Shallow Wells, which is PWP's mission project for another year. The video can be seen by going to the MMM website. That video can be seen on youtube at : [Marion Medical Missions - Promo Video - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76j04VUWyJU) so anyone can see it without you sending it out. Website url is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76j04VUWyJU>

Time together was great, and hopefully the Spring Gathering 2022 will be held in-person.

The Churchwide Gathering, in August is virtual. I'll be attending and voting via Zoom.

Mary Jenner,

Moderator, PWP of SD