



October 11, 2022

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 Only

We will joyfully return to in-person meetings! There will be no Zoom option for commissioners, so please make every effort to be present in-person for this meeting.

Registration Required for Commissioners

We will again be asking people to register in advance of the meeting so we can make appropriate plans. Please visit www.presbyteryofsd.org/events/meetings/ to register your attendance so the host church can make preparations for lunch.

If you have questions about any of this, 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, October 21, 2022

8:00 MT / 9:00 CT REGISTRATION

THE GATHERING

9:30 OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

Roll of Presbytery as compiled by registration
Announcement of the presence of a quorum
Presentation of Agenda for adoption
Welcome and Arrangements by First Presbyterian Church, Wessington
Announcements of Moderator and Stated Clerk
Introductions of Teaching Elders attending for the first time
Introductions of Ruling Elders attending for the first time
Seating of Corresponding Members
Appointment of Mileage Committee
Consent Agenda
Initial Report of Ministry Resource – Steven Johnson

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERY OFFICERS & STAFF

Moderator – David Halleen
Mission Coordinator and SC – Kevin Veldhuisen
Treasurer – Tami McGuire

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

NECROLOGY REPORT

THE WORD

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ... Robert Brooks

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMUNION

LUNCH

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST'S CALL

Administration & Coordination (A & C) – Paula Zavitz
Ministry Development & Education (MDE) –
Camping & Faith Formation – Robert Brooks
Congregational and Pastoral Care (CPC) – Ruth Clendenin

Hope Co-op – Chad Ensz
Coaching and Visioning Team – Carolyn Visser
Synod Report – Janice Palmer
PW Report – Mary Jenner
CRE Commission – Jerry Bertelson
Ministry Resource – Steven Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Stated Presbytery Meeting: Friday, February 17, 2023, via ZOOM

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

4:00 Adjournment

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

LITTLE STONE CHURCH

July 22-23, 2022

The Presbytery of South Dakota of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated Meeting at Little Stone Church in Sioux Falls, SD on Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, 2022.

CONVENING THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dr. David Halleen, at 1:01 P.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: Kennen Barber-Ensz, Jerry Bertelson, Ruth Clendenin, Andrew Crandall, Chad Ensz, Sarah Hagena, David Halleen, Paul Henschen, Kristi Holler, Bob Jacobs, Diane Janssen Hemmen, Norlita Kaul, Duane Mullen, Yeongsik Nam, Dick Poppen, Val Putnam, Katherine Saxbury, Kevin Veldhuisen, Carolyn Visser, Diane Wonnenberg.

Commissioned Ruling Elders: Gayle Janzen, Steven Johnson, Gary Pribyl, Shirley Scotter, Ann Spitzenberger, Louise Van Poll, Paula Zavitz.

Commissioners: Sheila Enderson-Aberdeen; Aaron Wipf-Bemis; Donna Flint-Brookings; Ruth Fodness-Castlewood; Paula Larson-Endeavor; Randy Bobzien-Madison; Martha Gesick-Marion; Donald Larson-Lindsey Memorial, Martin; Brian Winter-Miller; Heidi Norgaard-Mitchell; Jane Pitlick-Onida; John Ellefson-Pierre; Lois Huisman-Rapid City, First Presbyterian; Linden Hiller-Sioux Falls, Little Stone Church; Deborah Hout-Sioux Falls, Westminster; Betty Jorgensen-Sioux Falls, Wild Flower; Denise LaRue-Sturgis; Holly Butrum-Veblen; Lonnie Greenfield-Watertown Presbyterian; Alana Hansen-Wilmot.

Other Voting Members:

Others Present: Rachel Byrum, Robby Flint, Dave Gilbert, Eleanor Harle, Maynard Isaacson, David Larson, Dale Lint, Sara Rice, James Major, Rev. Jennifer Olson, Penny Kinney, Randall Von Glan, Linda Poppen, Marshall Brown, Rebecca Brown, Mary Greenfield, Cheryl Melby Barbalace

QUORUM

Moderator Halleen declared the presence of a quorum with:

Teaching Elders: 20

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 7

Commissioners: 19

Other Members of Presbytery:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: 46

AGENDA

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

INTRODUCTIONS

Teaching elders present for the first time: Mike Japenga

Ruling elders present for the first time: Randy Bobsene, Madison. Sheila Enderson, Aberdeen, Linda Sanchez, Castlewood. Ruth Fodness, Castlewood. Sara Rice, Canistota. Aaron Wip, Bemis.

MILEAGE COMMITTEE

Moderator Halleen appointed the following to the mileage committee: CRE Gayle Janzen.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

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.

Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2022 stated meeting.

MADISON COMMISSION REPORT

The Madison Commission, appointed by Presbytery, is made up of Carolyn Visser, Martha Gesick, Ann Spitzenberger, Val Putnam and Richard Poppen. We have met regularly with the Madison Session. We have also had several phone and face to face meetings.

Elder training has been offered and several elders, either serving or others not on the current Session and other interested members looking forward to serve have participated. Some elders have also been trained to serve communion. Committees of Session are currently responding to the needs of the congregation; the Nominating Committee is readying a slate of candidates to fill Session vacancies. A community coffee day, once a regular part of the Madison outreach, has recently been reinstated. Pulpit supply is allowing for regular worship services.

They are excited to report that 9 people volunteered to receive elder training. They will then bring a new slate of nominees to the congregation to fill the remaining seats on the session.

Submitted by Richard Poppen

WORSHIP

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: "So I say to you, Ask" - Duane Mullen, candidate for ordination

OFFERING

The offering for Love Your Neighbor program to help support the teachers and students at Whittier Middle School raised \$735 for this cause!

EXAMINATION AND ORDINATION OF DUANE MULLEN

The Presbytery of South Dakota examined Duane Mullen for ordination. Mr. Mullen was already examined by the Presbytery of Prospect Hill, and the Presbytery of South Dakota affirmed his fitness for ministry through unanimous vote.

Moderator Halleen led a service of ordination for Duane Mullen. The service was concluded with a benediction by the Rev. Duane Mullen.

RECOGNITION OF REV. RICHARD “DICK” POPPEN

Rev. Dr. Val Putnam led a moment of recognition and celebration for Rev. Richard Poppen’s 50 years of service at Endeavor Presbyterian Church in Fedora, SD.

PRESBYTERY IN RECESS

At the conclusion of the day on Friday, Moderator Halleen put the meeting in recess until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

RECONVENING THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery was called back to order by Presbytery Moderator, David Halleen, at 9:04 A.M. and opened the meeting with prayer.

REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERY OFFICERS AND STAFF

MODERATOR’S REPORT

Living in the midst of a pandemic over the past two years has unfortunately widened existing fissures within our presbytery. Especially concerning the feeling of isolation. If you have felt this way over the past two years and perhaps longer, you are not alone (no pun intended)! Indeed, our presbytery is not alone. The sense of loneliness and isolation was a primary topic of concern at the Synod of Lakes and Prairies Leadership Summit that I, and others from our presbytery, attended (hopefully you have had the opportunity to read Rev. Ruth Clendenin’s excellent article on this topic). While isolation is an ongoing problem we will struggle with due to the geographical size of our presbytery, it is of utmost importance that we find ways to minimize and overcome it together. Doing so will strengthen the presbytery as well as the ministry at each of our churches.

I am thankful for our leadership within the presbytery who recognize the seriousness of this issue and are implementing strategies to combat it. Congregational & Pastoral Care (CPC) under the leadership of Ruth Clendenin and Diane Janssen-Hemmen led a retreat in April bringing together their ministry team as well as moderators from the other ministry teams. CPC has been hard at work to make sure that there is a liaison from presbytery to every church so that no church would feel “alone”. Camping and Faith Formation moderated by Carolyn Visser are planning a retreat open to all ministry teams at Rimrock at the end of September. These events are proving to be invaluable as, after 2 plus years, it is good and life-giving to gather together in person and reconnect with, or, in many instances, introduce ourselves to, each other. There are many other plans in the works, such as Elder Training Seminars, that will assist in connecting the presbytery with the local church.

While many exciting plans and ideas for the future exist, the pandemic has taken a toll on some of our ministry teams. I am so thankful for the leadership of Bob Jacobs who has been the moderator of MDE for many years but now is stepping down after a job well done. His absence leaves a hole to fill. In fact, there are many holes to

fill including the role of vice-moderator of presbytery and many other team ministry positions. Steven Johnson, moderator of our Ministry Resource Team, needs our help finding candidates to fill these positions. If we want the presbytery to function effectively, we (because the presbytery is US) need to be operating at full capacity.

My hope is that a two-day, in-person presbytery meeting can begin to heal some of the damage inflicted on all of us by the pandemic. Certainly, this is part of the rationale behind having a small group discussion over the future of the presbytery ... to get a sense of how the presbytery can better serve and connect with congregations. May each of us seek to embrace, encourage, and reach out to one another during this time together and continue to do so until we meet again!

As moderator, I am thankful and humbled by ALL the work that the ministry team moderators are doing ... Thank YOU! And Thank you, as Elders, for YOUR service to our congregations!

David Halleen
Moderator

STATED CLERK AND TRANSITIONAL MISSION COORDINATOR REPORT

The 225th General Assembly has concluded and with it comes the end of work for some and fresh beginnings for others. It was a wild ride this year as we navigated a hybrid meeting and numerous substantive pieces of business to consider. But through it all the Spirit prevailed and we as humans did our best to hear the Spirit's guidance to put it into motion.

The same is true here in our presbytery. Every day we have people working diligently to hear the Spirit's calling on our lives and on this presbytery. It is never easy, nor is it often clear, but together we celebrate our work together.

Therefore, as I always say in my reports, please know that I am here for you all and I am eager to help in any way that I can. If you need assistance, please let me know. I am here to help!

Matching Gifts Campaign for Ministries

We still have this incredible program going, so please continue to spread the word and participate in this tremendous opportunity to more closely engage with our vital ministries. Gifts up to \$500 by individuals will be matched for our Camping and Faith Formation work, Commissioned Ruling Elder trainings, Hope Co-op in Sioux Falls, and Church Development Grants. For more information, please talk with me or click the GIVE button on our website.

Minutes Review

The 2017 minutes of the Presbytery of South Dakota have been reviewed by the synod and have been approved with 3 minor exceptions which were caused by not recording 3 actions of ministry teams taken on behalf of presbytery.

Synod Minutes Review

I attended the synod minutes review for all of the stated clerks within the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. The minutes of the Presbytery of SD for 2020 and 2021 have been approved without exceptions.

Minister Transactions

There were no minister transactions between meetings of Presbytery.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have attached our year to date financials. We are currently reflecting a loss of \$344,523.04. This is due to two things:

1st - there is a loss on our investment accounts of \$276,551.221. This has been a bumpy year in our economy and all investments have declined. These are long term investments and will recover over time.

The other is a deposit that occurred in 2021 that for accounting reasons I am not able to carry over to 2022. This has skewed the numbers by an additional \$79,403.50. These are what constitutes the loss reflected of \$344,523.04.

I have attached a statement for each investment accounts for the last year for the Camping accounts held at the Presbyterian Foundation. I have also attached the most recent year-to-date statement from Seacrest so you can see the losses due to the market conditions. The finance committee will continue to monitor these funds.

Our year-to-date per Capita is \$112,676.96 or 63% of our budget.

Our year-to-date mission giving is \$51,028.49 or 64% of our budget.

If you have any questions as to how much your church has paid in for per capita, please reach out and I can help you.

We have provided each church with a Treasurers Manual that is an excellent resource. The manuals will be at the meeting, if you are not able to attend please let us know and we will get one mailed to you.

Lastly I have attached our 501C letter for nonprofit status. This is a frequent request and you can now have a copy on hand.

Sincerely,
Tami Mcguire

ADMINISTRATION AND COORDINATION MINISTRY

The second meeting of A&C for the year 2022 was held by zoom on Tuesday, May 31st. The minutes are included below:

Motion to Give Robert Brooks Voice A motion was made to give Robert Brooks voice during this meeting. Motion passed.

Hiring of Tami McGuire as Treasurer A motion was made to rehire Tami McGuire as the Treasurer of the Presbytery of South Dakota, effective immediately. Motion approved.

Benefits for Camp Director Position A motion was made to cover the cost of Jason's benefits using presbytery resources through 2023. After that time the camping commission will be asked to cover those expenses. Motion approved.

Relocation of Presbytery Meeting A motion was made to move the July 2022 Presbytery meeting from FPC in Sioux Falls to Little Stone Church. Motion approved.

Retreat A motion was made to plan a retreat Sept 30 – Oct 1, 2022 at the same time as the Camping Commission's annual meeting. Other minister teams will be invited as well. Motion approved.

A&C also met briefly to approve the sale of land by the Faith Presbyterian Church in Lennox. The minutes of that meeting are included below:

Faith Presbyterian Land Sale Rev. Sarah Hagena brought a request for approval to allow Faith Presbyterian Church in Lennox to sell approximately 2.5 acres of farm land adjacent to the church parking lot. Sale price is estimated at \$163,000. A motion was made to approve. Motion Approved.

I'm grateful for the faithful service of the members of Administration and Coordination, especially for their honest and open discussion as we discern, together with God, the way forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Zavitz

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

This is a wonderful and vibrant team, but it is in need of leadership. If you feel a call to be the moderator of this team, please talk with Kevin Veldhuisen about your interest.

CAMPING AND FAITH FORMATION

This is a very busy time of the year for Camping ministry! Our summer camps are in full swing and lots of work groups have happened. We are looking forward to breaking ground on the new cottage in late September and having our Annual Commission Meeting face-to-face at Camp Rimrock. We have discovered that the very first year for camping ministry at Rimrock was 1955. Here are some of the highlights of 2022 so far:

Youth Rally--we tried something different this year. Camp Rimrock hosted Youth Rally this spring (April 1-3). The theme was "What's God's Name?" There were fewer attendees than in the past, but some of that is due to Youth Rally being canceled the last two years because of COVID-19. The Youth Council was elected and is now in place. There will be a Youth Fall Retreat (one East River and one West River) the weekend of September 23-25. Locations to be determined as yet.

New Cabins--the 3 cabins which were moved to Rimrock from Pioneer are now ready for use! A FABULOUS group of people, led by Don Nolting, from First and Westminster Presbyterian churches in Rapid City (known affectionately as Friends of Rimrock) have been working hard to get them ready. They are now fully plumbed, have electricity, full bathroom, and microwave & small frig. Check the Rimrock website or call Jason if you are interested in renting one, or all three!

Summer Camps--Our Day Camps were combined into one week at Rimrock. Registrations were slow coming in but have been good. Middle School and High School camp registration is in the 20-30 range. The theme for summer camps is "What's in a Name?"

Outside Groups--Rimrock is pretty well booked through September 18th by outside groups. We are excited that the International Indigenous Peoples group that wanted to use the camp last September, but had to cancel due to COVID-19, has rebooked for this September! There may be up to 100 people onsite and others attending via Zoom.

Construction--With the last group gone from camp, we are hoping to begin construction on the new cottage in late September! We will begin by demolishing two of the very old cabins nearest the Lodge. Our hope is to have the cottage completed and open for business in the spring of 2023. We are also hoping to update the HAC system in the Lodge before winter sets in. The cottage will house 20 people, have indoor plumbing, showers, electricity, heating and AC, and a large meeting area. A contractor has been hired and is working with us on last minute details and changes.

Marketing--We have been asked by Administration & Coordination Ministry Team to put together a marketing plan for Camp Rimrock. We are in that process both for the summer camps and the retreat ministry development.

Annual CFF Meeting--Our annual face-to-face meeting will be held September 30th--October 1st at Camp Rimrock. We have invited all other ministry teams to join us! This will be a time for networking and for others to see all the wonderful things going on at Rimrock.

CFF Commission: Carolyn Visser, Moderator; Robert Brooks, Vice-Moderator; Andrew Bellisle; Kristi Holler; Michelle Loobey; Linden Hiller, Kennen Barber-Ensz, Beth Christensen.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Duane Mullen has been approved for reception into POSD; Duane is the new pastor for the Castlewood and Bemis Holland churches. A service for ordination and installation is pending.

Reverend Adam Knudson has been called as the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City. Plans for an installation service is pending.

Reverend Michael Japenga has relocated to Yankton and wishes to become a member of POSD. Michael holds and Master of Divinity and is an AADC Telehealth Counselor.

Changes to POSD Minimum Terms of Call:

Presbytery Minimum Effective Salaries in the Synod 2022			
Minnesota Valleys	55,080.00	Northern Plains	49,700.00
North Central Iowa	53,748.00	Missouri River Valley	49,680.00
Des Moines	52,920.00	Central Nebraska	48,852.00
East Iowa	51,610.00	John Knox	45,900.00
Milwaukee	51,305.00	Winnebago (w/manse)	45,146.00
		Prospect Hill	39,000.00
		South Dakota (w/manse)	32,000.00

****Please note: The General Assembly approved an overture that would require a minimum of 12 weeks paid family medical leave. This overture will need to be approved by a majority of presbyteries in order to take effect, however, now is the time to start planning for such contingencies and needs.

Session Minutes Review:

The CPC is the entity of the presbytery which oversees regular review of Session Minutes. Each congregation should plan to submit its session minutes for review. Ideally, each congregation would submit minutes from the last dated review; however, in some cases it has been more than ten years since a review of a congregation's minutes has happened. Please ensure you have as complete of minutes to bring for review as possible. Review teams will focus efforts on the overall presence of recorded proceedings and specifics from 2019 forward.

IRS Increase for Reimbursable Mileage:

In response to inflation and rising costs of living, the IRS has increased the reimbursable mileage rate from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile. This change went into effect on July 1, 2022.

Ongoing Work of CPC:

CPC continues to work diligently to ensure each of our congregations is well-resourced with a CPC Liaison and Session Moderator.

Commissions at Work in POSD:

Ordination/Installation Commission for Duane Mullen: *Authorize Moderator David Halleen to name a commission to oversee this work*

Installation Commission for Adam Knudson: *Authorize Moderator David Halleen to name a commission to oversee this work*

Administrative Commission working with FPC Madison

CPC Meeting Schedule:

Congregational and Pastoral Care ministry team has set a monthly meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM (Central) / 7:30AM (Mountain). Meetings will generally happen via Zoom, however, the CPC will meet in person at least once a year. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed; if no business is before the CPC, we may cancel a meeting. *The next Stated Meeting of the CPC will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 8:30 AM CDT / 7:30AM MDT.*

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen and Reverend Ruth E. Clendenin
Co-Moderators, Congregational and Pastoral Care

Action Items:

Japenga Transfer

A motion was made to receive Rev. Mike Japenga as a minister member of the Presbytery of South Dakota.
Motion approved.

Minimum Effective Salary

Recommended for POSD 2023

Cash Salary w/manse	\$37,000
Minimum Effective Salary	\$49,000

Mileage (IRS Rate) up to	\$1,200
Continuing Ed	\$2,000
Professional Expenses	\$750

Vacation:

4 Weeks (28 days including Sundays)

Study Leave:

2 Weeks (14 days including Sundays)

A motion was made to accept these new minimum terms of call. **Motion approved.**

Installation Commissions

A motion was made to task Moderator Halleen with forming Installation Commissions for Rev. Duane Mullen at Bemis and Castlewood; and for Rev. Adam Knudson at FPC Rapid City. **Motion approved.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT

RE Louise VanPoll gave a report of her experience as a commissioner to this year's General Assembly.
Appendix A.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW was glad to have an in-person Spring Gathering, April 30, at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Marion, South Dakota. "PW: Better Together" was the theme, based on Ecclesiastes 4:12. Twenty-seven women heard

from Coleen Globke about All About U Adoptions and then from Rev. Sharon Ball about her newly begun ministry at the Women's Prison in Pierre.

Some PWs brought their collected empty pill bottles, a mission project for 2021-2022. The bottles went to Matthew 25 Ministries, which sends them to various medical facilities around the world, where pill bottles are not readily available. Over \$700 was reimbursed to local PWs, to cover the cost of postage.

The 2022-2023 mission project is aiding Ruby Schlueter at Pine Ridge, who feeds homeless Native Americans three times a week. Monetary donations will defray the cost of purchasing food supplies. Sweatshirts, jackets and other clothing can be given, for distribution at Christmas.

Several members of the PW CT (Coordinating Team) went to the 2022 Synod Gathering in Sioux City, June 16-19. They listened to former SD resident, Rev. Danelle Crawford McKinney. "PW Better Together, Tied Together in Love" was the theme.

Remember, the pill bottle project is DONE! (Some groups may wish to continue collecting and send them in on their own)

MINISTRY RESOURCE

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

Administration & Coordination (A & C)

Sheila Enderson
Gayle Janzen
Robert Brooks
Rachel Byrum

Ministry Development and Education

Gary Pribyl
Heidi Norgaard

MILEAGE COMMITTEE

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

Total Miles Driven: 9,220
Mileage subtotal: \$ 1,332.24
Donated to POSD: \$ 70.00
Final Cost: \$ 1,262.24

NEXT MEETING

Moderator Halleen announced the next stated meeting of presbytery is Friday, October 21, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church in Wessington, SD.

ADJOURNMENT

Moderator Halleen **adjourned** presbytery at 11:44 A.M. with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Veldhuisen
Stated Clerk and Mission Coordinator

APPENDIX A

Report of 2022 General Assembly By Louise VanPoll

1. First, I want to thank you all for giving me this opportunity. I learned so much and was so inspired by the forward-thinking positions and attitudes of our denomination. I could not attend the first three plenaries, as I was at the Synod PW Gathering where I was installed as the new moderator.
2. But Sunday afternoon saw me flying to Louisville. While there, I toured all the art in the Presbytery Center and visited the 21C Art Gallery, which was holding an exhibit titled, “Still, Life! Mourning, Meaning, Mending.” All of the pieces inspired me, touched me, and made me pause and reflect. And I thought they all related to topics our church is dealing with right now. So, join me and the Troll Under the Bridge as I share my GA journey from Lament to Hope through art.
3. This is my nameplate and our Stated Clerk. I figured if I had the Troll Under the Bridge, I should include him, too.
4. We start with my committee meetings. These were hybrid meetings where the committee members met in person, but many advocates and resource people joined us via Zoom. I could view the Zoom meeting on the large screens in the front of our committee room, while on my laptop I had open my Parliamentary toolbox for voting, requesting recognition, etc. On the left, you can just see the top of my laptop in the bottom of the picture as I take the picture of the Zoom meeting on the screen. The right is a blow-up of that picture, where you can see me top center with my phone taking the picture. It's all very mind boggling, but it's all about perspective.
5. The Presbytery Center is two old buildings that have been joined by a 7-story atrium. This window is at the top of that atrium, seen from the 6th floor balcony and then looking down to street level. After three days of committee work, I went home and waited for all the other committees to finish their work.
6. Then on July 5 we began our GA work in earnest, with close to 400 commissioners meeting via Zoom. My committee, Theology, Worship & Education was first up, probably because we were the first committee to meet at 8 a.m. June 20th. One item we had passed was for the development of new resources to minister to veterans and service personnel. The sculptor of The Old Veteran said he made this piece because of our futile attempts to save something. Quote: “For this we had to ‘arm’ only to lose our arms.” Unquote. We also passed a resolution to write a new confession “For Such a Time as This.” According to the Confessional Nature of the Church, “In every time and place the church is called to make the implications of its fundamental confession of the Lordship of Jesus Christ unmistakably clear and relevant” (1986). The Book of Confessions has not kept up with theological developments within the church. This is particularly clear regarding theological anthropology. Oppressive theological anthropologies have elevated particular groups and reduced the humanity of those deemed “other” because of their race, gender, nationality, sexuality, or socioeconomic status. Secular anthropologies reduce the meaning and purpose of human life to immediate happiness and the accumulation of material possessions while also teaching that humanity is competitive by nature, viewing other individuals and groups as threats against the self. These anthropologies, which are widespread in our society, are part of a worldview that is destructive not only of our relationships with other people, but also of the world in which we live. These damaging

worldviews promote the oppression and exploitation of the earth and its peoples. These worldviews are not consistent with God's vision of humanity revealed in Jesus Christ, witnessed to in Scripture, and attested to in the life and ministry of the church. We have the opportunity as the church to provide a theological anthropology that is rooted in our theology and Scripture and addresses the challenges facing humanity in the 21st century.

7. Plenary 5 found me in the basement at my work under a tornado watch with 100 mph winds outside. My notes are very sketchy here, but nothing Earth shattering. Plenary 6 found me back at home in session until 11 p.m. The cherry wood Chapel doors took 6 months to hand carve. The outside of the doors depicts the cross with interlocking circles holding people. The inside of the doors includes traditional Christian elements: the dove; grapes, wine, wheat and bread; and the open Bible and hands. We passed an overture allowing the church to declare itself a "Sanctuary and Accompaniment Church." The assembly's Immigration Committee says the decision sends a message that the church is committed to working for justice in U.S. immigration policy.
8. I missed the first part of Plenary 7 as I attended to the urgent matters of damage control at my house, which only became apparent after the prior Plenary, and at work, but I did get back on in time to pass "A Litany of Repentance: On Offering an Apology to African Americans for the Sin of Slavery and Its Legacy." For Skylark, the artist states that without access to images or objects from their African origins, Black Americans relied on oral traditions and folklore stories enacting a mythic emancipation. A two-hour plenary ended with white Presbyterians reading aloud "A Litany of Repentance" which begins with the words: "As white Christians we repent of our complicity in the belief in white supremacy." During Plenary 8 we approved a call for divestment from five oil and gas companies: Chevron, ExxonMobil, Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66 and Valero Energy. The assembly said the companies were not doing enough to slow global warming. In the Chapel there is an international garden of living trees and plants from Asia, Africa, India, Europe, Australia, and North and South America. The Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee reports that this is the first time the PC(USA) has voted to divest from companies out of compliance with GA's environmental policies which were established in 2018.
9. From the International Engagement Committee, we passed a commissioners' resolution condemning the Russian military invasion of Ukraine and crimes against humanity and calling for a cease-fire and the immediate resumption of internationally mediated negotiations. And also, a resolution advocating for peace in the Korean Peninsula. The Word Made Flesh is a pencil sketch of Christ created by the arrangement of all 181,259 words of the New Testament. It took 25 years to complete and most of the work was done in a North Korean prison where the artist was jailed for his Christian beliefs after WWII.
10. We approved a motion that the church renew its commitment to end gun violence by developing a 10-year campaign, the Decade to End Gun Violence (2022 – 2032). The trauma and violence of toxic sexism and racism are the subject of this floral, flaccid semi-automatic rifle, part of a series examining gun violence and masculinity in the U.S. This work, Midnight Garden, alludes to flower-filled memorials for those killed by firearms. Found among the reedz-Dead Treez, was Inspired by images of anonymous victims found on social media. These missing and murdered women, often Indigenous women, are nearly invisible. Made in the outline of the United States, if you look closely you will see handbags, hats, jewelry, pants, and on the floor a pair of shoes. The assembly passed a resolution on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People, which would advocate for the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization. The bill will produce annual reports on known statistics of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. There is currently no system in place to

collect comprehensive data on the number of missing and murdered Native American women, which by itself makes them more vulnerable to extreme violence.

11. The Assembly overwhelmingly voted to affirm that women and pregnant people are full moral agents, created in the image of God. Recognizing that God alone is Lord of the conscience, we support their moral capacity to decide whether to continue or end any given pregnancy. And to clearly and publicly make known the PC(USA)'s consistent support of access to contraceptive and abortion care and our commitment to respect the moral agency of all God's people. We established an LGBTQIA+ task force as a permanent advocacy committee. And we approved an overture that declares that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) recognizes that the laws, policies, and practices of the government of Israel regarding the Palestinian people fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid.
12. This work's title references a Dutch painting from 1619, Tulips in a Wan-Li Vase, which depicts two luxury commodities of the time, Chinese ceramics and the striped Semper Augustus tulip, the most sought-after flower during the early 1600s. This piece builds on that painting to reflect the cyclical nature of life and the way history echoes in unexpected ways: the stripes of the prized Semper Augustus tulip were the result of a virus. General Assembly approved the appointment of a commission to oversee and facilitate the unification of the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) into a single agency. The assembly also approved a motion which moves Mission Engagement and Support (MES) from the Mission Agency to the Administrative Services Group, which supports both OGA and PMA. The assembly then voted to change the format of the 226th General Assembly, whereby committee meetings will be held online, with in-person plenaries being conducted on site in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2024.
13. I wrote in my notebook, 3:45 The End!! But it really wasn't. We came back after a break for Plenary 17 to thank everyone and have an online fireworks display.

Moderator's Report
Presbytery of South Dakota
October 2022

Since the last Presbytery meeting in July, I have had the privilege to preside over the two installation services of Duane Mullin at the First Presbyterian Church of Castlewood and Bemis Holland Presbyterian Church. In a couple of weeks, I will have the opportunity to preside over the installation service of Adam Knudson at First Presbyterian Church of Rapid City. What a joy to witness the celebration of the coming together of congregations and pastors. I am thankful for the guidance of the CPC in assisting each of these congregations through the completion of their journey.

I rejoice that throughout the year, ministry teams have begun to meet once again in person. In just the last month A&C met in Huron and Camping and Faith Formation met at Rimrock (where else would they meet?). While I was unable to attend the meeting at camp, it was wonderful to be with the A&C members in Huron. The more we are able to meet in person, the stronger we will be as a presbytery.

I am deeply thankful for the excellent work of the Madison Commission led by Dick Poppen (moderator), Val Putnam, Carolyn Visser, Ann Spitzenberger, and Martha Gesick. Healing for the church has begun and the congregation is now able to look once again toward the future thanks to the ministry and leadership of this commission.

It has been a joy to work with the leaders of the various Ministry Teams throughout the year. I am so thankful for the efforts of each of the moderators as well as for all who are willing to serve on a ministry team. My hope is that by the end of the year, we will have filled every open vacancy on each of the ministry teams. That would be wonderful for the work that happens on these ministry teams is vital and benefits every single church in the presbytery.

Serving as moderator has been an incredible learning experience and I will be a better pastor and colleague for it. I imagine the majority of those who serve as moderator feel like me in that just when you start to grasp the position, the year is over. Thank you for the honor of serving as moderator this past year.

David Halleen
Moderator

STATED CLERK AND MISSION COORDINATOR REPORT October 21, 2022

Matching Gifts Campaign for Ministries

We still have this incredible program going, so please continue to spread the word and participate in this tremendous opportunity to more closely engage with our vital ministries. Gifts up to \$500 by individuals will be matched for our Camping and Faith Formation work, Commissioned Ruling Elder trainings, Hope Co-op in Sioux Falls, and Church Development Grants. For more information, please talk with me or click the GIVE button on our website.

General Assembly Amendments

The 225th General Assembly Amendments to the *Book of Order* have arrived and we will be distributing them in preparation for our February meeting of Presbytery. If you have any questions about them please let me know.

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 Reports for Congregations

Annual reports for congregations will be sent out in early January once we've passed the busy holiday season. Anyone wishing to receive their reports earlier will be granted that ability upon request.

Proof of Insurance

Our insurance for the presbytery is up to date and I have met with our insurance agent to discuss any adjustments that may need to be made for 2022. Administration and Coordination will review these suggestions at their upcoming meeting.

Investigative Committee Named

In accordance with our presbytery Manual of Operations, an investigative committee was formed on August 31, 2022. Members of the investigative committee are Jane Hohm (moderator), Rev. Kristi Holler, and Rev. Steve Voris.

Minister Transactions

The following minister transactions have been completed and are registered with the Office of General Assembly: Ordination and installation of Rev. Duane Mullen; reception of Rev. Mike Japenga as a minister member of our presbytery.

As I always say in my reports, please know that I am here for you all and I am eager to help in any way that I can. If you need assistance, please let me know. I am here to help!

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER MEETING 2022

- Most of my report will relate to the budget which is attached. This budget was reviewed, discussed and accepted by A and cat their last meeting. I will briefly go over the budget in the meeting as well.
- Year to date income/expense report also attached. We are at 71% for budgeted Per Capita
- Income, and 75% for budgeted Presbytery Shared Mission. I also attached the breakdown of swings in our investment accounts. Please note that this has been a bumpy year and we may continue to see large swings in our accounts well into next year. Please remember that these are long term investments.
- I sent a letter to all the Treasurers early this month, going over Per Capita, how to calculate, and what this income supports. If there are any questions as always, please reach out to me directly by email or phone.
- Lastly, I will be working on the designated funds accounts during 4th quarter to determine a way to report these funds. I will also be taking a class for Excel, so I am excited about that!

Tami McGuire
Treasurer

BUDGET FOR PRESBYTERY 2023

INCOME

4001.01	Per Capita	\$169,865.00
4010.01	Presbytery Shared Mission	\$ 85,000.00
4050.01	Synod Support	\$ 10,000.00
4801.01	Interest Presbyterian Foundation	\$ 12,663.00
4820.01	Distribution Investment Accounts	\$ 77,500.00
Total Projected Income:		\$355,028.00

BUDGET PRESBYTERY 2023 EXPENSES

5001.01	GA Per Capita	\$51,801.00
5002.01	Synod Per Capita	\$29,065.00
5110.01	Presbytery Meetings	\$2,000.00
5120.01	Presbytery Moderator	\$ 500.00
5125.01	Moderator Conference	\$ 1,000.00
5163.01	Presbytery Commissions	\$ 500.00
5220.01	Financial Review	\$ 1,500.00
5230.01	Legal Services	\$ 1,000.00
5240.01	Insurance Pres/Camps	\$17,524.00
7210.01	Stated Clerk Salary	\$56,688.96
7415.01	State Clerk SSI	\$ 4,359.12
7217.01	Pension and Insurance	\$28,355.16
7220.01	Stated Clerk Travel	\$ 8,000.00
7225.01	Stated Clerk Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
7230.01	Stated Clerk Cont ED	\$ 2,000.00
7710.01	Admin Salary	\$30,220.80
7715.01	Admin SSI	\$ 2,311.92
7780.01	Treasurer Salary	\$ 7,632.00

7781.01	Treasurer SSI	\$ 583.92
7782.01	Treasurer Travel/Exp	\$ 500.00
7411	Camp Director Salary	\$48,305.52
7414	Camp Director SSI	\$ 3,709.68
7412	Camp Director Benefits	\$20,877.72
7820.01	Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
7820.01	Telephone	\$ 1,500.00
7840.01	Media/Website	\$ 2,400.00
7845.01	Background Checks	\$ 500.00
7870.01	Rent	\$ 9,840.00
7880.01	Software renewal	\$ 2,500.00
7882.01	Bank Charges/Vanco	\$ 120.00
5410.01	CPC Ops	\$ 1,500.00
5450.01	Pastors Retreat	\$ 2,500.00
5510.01	CRE Meetings	\$ 2,000.00
5530.01	CRE Training	\$ 1,500.00
5530.02	CRE Teaching	\$ 800.00
5610.01	Nominating Committee	\$ 500.00
6142.01	MDE Meetings/Materials	\$ 1,500.00
7200.01	Coaching and Visioning Ops	\$ 2,500.00
7300.01	PJC	\$ 2,500.00
Total Projected Expenses		\$355,094.80

	Camping & Faith Formation Budget	2023 Proposed	
INCOME			
4700	Benevolence Giving - Designated	\$ 5,700.00	
4701	Benevolence Giving - Undesignated	\$ 35,000.00	
4703	Summer Camper Fees	\$ 40,000.00	100 campers/\$400
4704	Retreat Fees	\$ 4,000.00	Pastor/Men/Women/Youth Leader/Young Adult
4705	Youth Rally/Fall Event Fees	\$ 8,300.00	
4706	Canteen Income	\$ 4,000.00	
	PoSD Contributions		
	Youth Rally Contribution	\$ 8,000.00	
	Endowment - Interest	\$ -	Bulid back up to our goal of 1 Million
4721	User Donations - Rimrock	\$ 30,000.00	
	New Covenant Income	\$ -	
Total Income		\$135,000.00	
EXPENSES			
	Capitla Improvemnets	\$ 600,000.00	Non-Budget expenses for New Cottage
7400	Add/Replace Equipment	\$ 2,000.00	
7401	Canteen Expense	\$ 4,000.00	
7403	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	
7404	Camp Program Food Expenses	\$ 15,000.00	
	Annual Meeting		
	Commission Food Expense	\$ 500.00	
	Commission Mileage Expense	\$ 2,000.00	
	Total-	\$ 3,500.00	
7408	Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	
7409	Online Receipts Expense(Ultra Camp)	\$ 2,000.00	
7410	Payroll Expenses		
	Seasonal Staff Salary	\$ 45,000.00	
	Staff Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,500.00	
	Total Payroll Expenses	\$ 48,500.00	
7420	Repairs and Maintenance		
	Equipment	\$ 1,000.00	Mowers, camp truck and bus
	Rimrock	\$ 3,000.00	building maintenance
	Operating	\$ 1,000.00	fuel, taxes, licenses
	Total Repairs / Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	
7430	PCCCA	\$ 2,500.00	Annual fees, director attendance
7435	Program Material		
	Camper Programs	\$ 4,000.00	
	Retreats - Men's/Women's	\$ 4,000.00	
	Trienium	\$ -	2025
	Youth Rally/Retreat	\$ 16,000.00	
	Youth Council	\$ 1,000.00	Planning meeting in Pierre - mileage
	Total Program Material	\$ 25,000.00	
7445	Publicity / Promotion	\$ 10,000.00	
7446	Staff Shirts	\$ 500.00	Shirts
7447	Staff Training	\$ 1,500.00	CPR is due this year
7449	Transportation	\$ 9,000.00	Fuel / Hotel - possible additional camp weeks / trips
7450	Utilities		
	Phone Rimrock	\$ 4,000.00	
	Rimrock	\$ 16,000.00	
	Total Utilities	\$ 20,000.00	
Total Expenses		\$135,000.00	

CONSENT AGENDA
Presbytery of South Dakota
October 21, 2022

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 July 22-23, 2022 stated meeting.

Report of Administration and Co-ordination Team**To the Presbytery of South Dakota****October 21, 2022, Wessington, SD**

The A&C Team has met twice since the last meeting of the Presbytery at Little Stone Church, in Sioux Falls, July 22nd and 23rd.

Our meeting on August 9th was held via Zoom. We welcomed new members of the team, Robert Brooks and Rachel Byrum and we look forward to welcoming Gayle Janzen in January. We are so grateful to all those who serve the Presbytery in addition to their other obligations. Thank you, All!

The team voted for the following:

- to transfer the deed for the property of Wild Flower Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery of South Dakota to Wild Flower.
- to make the Stated Clerk, the Moderator of Presbytery, and the Treasurer of the Presbytery legal signatures for the Presbytery, when accompanied by action taken by POSD or A&C as trustees of the Presbytery.
- to give a cost of living raise of 6% to Presbytery staff.
- To authorize Treasurer Tami McGuire to take a disbursement from our investments at Seacrest Investments to balance the 2022 budget.

Our meeting on September 23rd was an in-person meeting at FPC of Huron. We appreciate their willingness to host our meetings. Future meetings will be held in person, with a zoom option for those who can't make it. Zoom will be a back-up option in the event of dangerous weather. We all appreciated being together in the flesh!

The following passed unanimously with much honest discussion:

- Tami McGuire was authorized to withdraw funds from the New Covenant Fund to cover costs associated with the camp in 2023.

In a spirit of gratitude and a desire to be a blessing to three people who have been a great blessing to the Presbytery:

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- we authorized payment for continuing education for Cindy Bailey, Tami McGuire and to Shirley Scotter, our chair of Personnel.

As usual, there was quite a bit of discussion about per-capita payments and the budget of the Presbytery.

Plans for a retreat on September 30th at Camp Rimrock for A&C and all other Ministry Teams of the Presbytery fell through. A small gathering of CPC (Congregational and Pastoral Care) leaders and Presbytery leaders was held in Rapid City instead.

The 2023 meeting dates for the Presbytery of SD are as follows:

February 17-by Zoom

June 23-24-United Church of Canistota

October 20-Camp Rimrock

Thank you for the honor of serving together with you.

May God be glorified,

Paula Zavitz, Moderator

**Congregational and Pastoral Care
Report to the Presbytery of South Dakota
POSD Stated Meeting
October 21, 2022
First Presbyterian Church
Wessington, South Dakota**

Pastoral Leadership News:

Duane Mullen has been approved for reception into POSD; Duane is the new pastor for the Castlewood and Bemis Holland churches; installation services were held on September 11 and 18, respectively.

Reverend Adam Knudson has begun work as the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Rapid City. His installation service will be Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 5:00pm (MST).

Family and Medical Leave Policy: First Reading

The General Assembly approved an overture that would require a minimum of 12 weeks paid family medical leave (including birth/adoption/foster placement; provide care for ill/disabled family member; to heal following loss or tragic event). This overture will need to be approved by a majority of presbyteries in order to take effect. However, it is the belief of the Congregational and Pastoral Care team that regardless of the results of the overture from General Assembly, this presbytery should have its own policy regarding this matter. Here is the proposed policy for discussion only; action will be taken during the February 2023 meeting.

Eligibility

All ministers of Word and Sacrament serving a Presbytery of South Dakota entity, and other full-time employees of such ministries.

Leave Parameters

- *Up to 12 weeks (total, regardless of precipitating event or circumstance) of Paid Leave per year, with as much advance notice as possible. Paid Leave may be used—in accordance with need—consecutively or intermittently.*
- *During Paid Leave, the pastor will continue to receive all benefits in their terms of call, including dues paid to and benefits provided by the Board of Pensions.*
- *Use of vacation time is not required but may be used to extend leave time at the discretion of the pastor.*

Following the period of Paid Leave, the pastor shall be entitled to return to the same position with the same title, terms of call, hours worked, and job description.

Types of Leave

- *Parental Leave: Within one year of birth or adoption, a pastor may take up to twelve consecutive or intermittent weeks bonding time*
- *Caregiver/Family Leave: In times when a family member requires care due to an illness or disability, a pastor may take up to twelve weeks Paid Leave, either consecutively or intermittently, depending on the nature of illness and what is needed to provide the necessary care.*

- *Personal Loss: In the event of the death of a loved one or a tragic event, a pastor may take up to twelve weeks Paid Leave, either consecutively or intermittently.*

Church and Presbytery Support

- *While the individual church is responsible for the funding and administration of Paid Family Leave, state-provided disability and paid leave benefits and Board of Pensions financial protection programs may be considered in order to help offset income continuation costs.*
- *Where possible, communication of mutual needs and planning is vital to minimize disruption for the entity served by the pastor. Pastors are encouraged to anticipate leave with sensitivity around the needs of the church, including but not limited to temporary replacement and fulfillment of duties.*
- *Paid Family Leave is not intended to be a burden but rather a source of joy as churches encourage pastors to take time for the good of their families.*

In the spirit of the connectional church, the Presbytery and the Synod will also work together to assist individual churches in the development of funding Paid Family Leave in order best to serve the Kingdom of God and to provide financial and counseling assistance as able.

Session Minutes Review:

The CPC is the entity of the presbytery which oversees regular review of Session Minutes. Each congregation should plan to submit its session minutes for review. More than 25% of our congregations brought their minutes to the Stated Meeting in July. A team will be in place at this meeting to review minutes as well. Please ensure you have as complete of minutes to bring for review as possible. Review teams will focus efforts on the overall presence of recorded proceedings and specifics from 2019 forward. There is no punitive intent, only support for strong record-keeping.

Boundary Training through Safe Gatherings:

All Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders along with program staff for our congregations are expected to complete the specified boundary training through Safe Gatherings. The online training session will run approximately 90 minutes to two hours and is required of all pastors and CREs. The deadline for completion has been extended from June 2021 (not a typo) to January 1, 2023. If you have not completed the training by that time, a note will be placed in your personnel file in the presbytery office until such time as the training is completed. Failure to comply could impact insurance liability and ability to be transferred from one presbytery to another. The CPC will be making direct contact with those who still have not completed the training; a handful began the training but did not complete it.

If you can provide a certificate of completion of a similar training through another organization (teachers, Scouting, medical center, etc.), the CPC may waive the requirement for this training at your request.

Here are the instructions to access the Safe Gatherings program:

The Presbytery of South Dakota, through our Congregational and Pastoral Care Team, is providing free boundaries training for all pastors and CREs. For the safety of our congregations and those who are serving them, this is a very important certification to receive on a regular basis and are required to do so every 3 years.

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*Each person will setup their own account by choosing the Get Started icon at www.safegatherings.com. Enter **South Dakota** as the organization name then select **Presbytery of South Dakota** from the drop down list. At that time you will be directed to the Abuse Prevention and Boundary Awareness. Absolutely no personal information is shared with anyone, including the presbytery, though upon completion each participant will receive a certificate of completion and Kevin Veldhuisen will receive a confidential notification of this completion.*

If you have any questions, please refer them to Kevin who is the administrator of the account on behalf of the presbytery. kevin@presbyteryofsd.org

IRS Increase for Reimbursable Mileage:

In response to inflation and rising costs of living, the IRS has increased the reimbursable mileage rate from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile. This change went into effect on July 1, 2022.

Ongoing Work of CPC:

CPC continues to work diligently to ensure each of our congregations is well-resourced with a CPC Liaison and Session Moderator.

Commissions At Work in POSD:

Installation Commission for Adam Knudson will complete its work on November 6, 2022.

Administrative Commission working with FPC Madison

CPC Meeting Schedule:

Congregational and Pastoral Care ministry team has set a monthly meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM (Central) / 7:30AM (Mountain). Meetings will generally happen via Zoom, however, the CPC will meet in person at least once a year. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed; if no business is before the CPC, we may cancel a meeting. ***The next Stated Meeting of the CPC will be via Zoom on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 8:30 AM CDT / 7:30AM MDT.***

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Dr. Diane Janssen Hemmen and Reverend Ruth E. Clendenin
Co-Moderators, Congregational and Pastoral Care

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of South Dakota

Fall Report- 2022

PW was glad to get together in person this past spring. Now they are busy with fall dinners, fairs, etc.

Pill bottles go in the recycling bin now, but I still take the labels off. Matthew 25 Ministries sent a thank-you, which said:

Thank you for thinking of Matthew 25 Ministries and supporting our work with those in need. By donating clean, empty pill bottles, you are helping care for those in need and helping the environment by keeping bottles out of the landfill.

Matthew 25's pill bottle program rescues and reuses thousands of pill bottles each year! Thank you for your support of this program, and thank you for caring for others.

Mission Pledge money given in 2022 and the first half of 2023 will go to Ruby Schlueter in Pine Ridge, who feeds 60-70 homeless Native Americans (men, women, and children) three times a week. Contributions will pay part of the cost of the food.

Cheers for Louise Van Poll, from the Huron church, who agreed to be Moderator of PWS (PW in the Synod), a three-year term. That's our Synod (SNAP), the Synod of Lakes and Prairies.

Mary Jenner, Moderator PWP (Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery)

Necrology Report 2021

<u>Church</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Passing</u>	<u>Comments</u>
First Presbyterian, Aberdeen	Dennis Rossow	May 12, 2021	
	Phyllis Cogswell	July 8, 2021	
First Presbyterian, Bison	Russell Peacock	January 17, 2021	
	Darlene Price	December 17, 2021	Served as a deacon for FPC Bison.
Bonilla Presbyterian, Bonilla	Maretta Martin	December 2, 2021	Ordained as Elder in January 1972
Britton, First	Ronald Jarrett	May 30, 2021	Ordained as Elder December 28, 1969. Served for 12 years, 1970-75 & 1992-97.
	Barb Franzen	February 5, 2021	Church treasurer for many years, and President of Presbyterian Women
	Frank Farrar	October 31, 2021	Governor of South Dakota
Brookings, First	Frances Trapp	June 11, 2021	Ordained as Elder December 14, 1975
	Nona Marshall	June 19, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 2, 1983
	Arvid Dills	February 27, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 10, 1988
	David Brian Robinson	January 11, 2021	Spouse of Reverend Norlita Kaul
Endeavor, Fedora	Delores Thompson	July 28, 2021	Ordained as Elder March 3, 1973. Served 1973-1980 and 2004-2010
Second Presbyterian, Flandreau	Eugene (Gene) Gullickson	February 28, 2021	Ordained as Elder December 28, 1969
	Lorraine Reaves	March 26, 2021	Ordained as Elder December 31, 1972
	Curtis Weigel	July 20, 2021	Ordained as Elder March 6, 1969
	Roger Hanson	October 25, 2021	
The United Churches, Hot Springs	Marv Sewright	May 1, 2021	Ordained as Elder November 18, 2007
First Presbyterian, Huron	Darleen Ames	February 16, 2021	Served as Deacon and was an 85-year member of FPC Huron.
	Kathleen Amundson	May 5, 2021	73-year member of FPC Huron
First Presbyterian, Lead	Roberta Raines	August 8, 2021	
Spencer Memorial, Lemmon	Donald Merriman	May 28, 2021	
	Charlotte Hintz	November 10, 2020	Memorial service held May 22, 2021
	Betty Cain	September 9, 2021	
Madison, First	Ken Becker	March 25, 2021	Life-long member and served as Deacon Served as Deacon and was the church pianist, choir accompanist and music director for Sunday School.
	Michelle Hyland	September 9, 2021	
Emmanuel Presbyterian, Marion	Jim Gesick	February 9, 2021	Ordained as Elder March 2, 1975
	Sherri Sherard	April 11, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 18, 1987
	Conrad Buse	August 3, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 17, 1982
	Rob Globke	March 14, 2021	Ordained as Deacon January 15, 2012
Llindsey Memorial, Martin	Richard Bair	January 4, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 27, 2002
	Danny Geersen	May 6, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 30, 1977
	Jean Weinmaster	January 24, 2021	
Miller, First	Joan Bertsch	September 2, 2021	Ordained as Elder January 29, 1989
	Irene Nordeth	June 19, 2021	
Mitchell, First	Loren Kasten	October 29, 2021	Ordained as Elder December 15, 1974. Very faithful servant.
	Earl Nebelsick	November 7, 2021	Ordained as Elder in 1973. Very dedicated servant.
	Rose Carstens	April 18, 2021	Very dedicated Deacon, ordained December 6, 1981.
First Presbyterian, Onida	Phyllis Hoisington	January 16, 2021	Beloved Deacon of the church
Oahe Presbyterian, Pierre	Shirley Eisnach	January 22, 2021	Ordained as Elder September 18, 1977. Died 6 days after her husband Dennis.

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	Dennis Eisnach	January 16, 2021	Was never an Elder but was a very active member.
Olive Presbyterian, Platte	Clarence Blunck	February 2, 2021	Ordained as an Elder in 2002. Served as Commissioner to Presbytery for many years.
	Barbara Schoenrock	July 4, 2021	Ordained as Elder in 1985.
Rapid City, First	Lillie Brown	March 5, 2021	Ordained as Elder in January 1999. Served on Personnel; always a supporter of youth.
	James Roland "Jim" Dupre	August 13, 2021	Ordained as Elder in January 1987.
Sioux Falls, First	Robert Klingbile	February 24, 2021	Ordained as Elder at Faith United Presbyterian in Brandon, date unknown. Ordained as Deacon in 1989 at FPC Sioux Falls.
	Jeanne Kruse	June 16, 2021	50-year member & volunteer. Stood at Welcome Desk every Sunday.
	Jackson Shaffer	December 28, 2021	Stephen Minister. Served as hospital chaplain in his retirement.
The Little Stone Church, Sioux Falls	Donald Burnett	May 29, 2021	Ordained as Elder on January 21, 1996.
Westminster Presbyterian, Sioux Falls	Leroy "Spud" Vockrodt	January 19, 2021	Ordained as Elder on November 4, 1984. Charter member and 2-term Elder.
	Elaine Farmer	July 23, 2021	Member for 33 years.
Sioux Falls, Wild Flower	Jim St. Clair	January 18, 2021	Very active & dedicated member of both Riverside and Wild Flower Presbyterian.
	Donald Haffner, Sr.	June 29, 2021	Very active & dedicated member of both Riverside and Wild Flower Presbyterian.
Sisseton, First	Hilma Thompson	June 18, 2021	
	Lyle Ginsbach	October 22, 2021	
Presbyterian Church of Veblen	Frances Guy	June 22, 2021	Ordained as Elder on February 3, 1980. Taught Sunday School and served as secretary and treasurer of PW.