

**Presbytery of North Central Iowa  
Stated Meeting  
November 3, 2019  
Cedar Heights Community Church**

The 223<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa was held at Cedar Heights Community Church. The meeting was opened in prayer by Moderator Judy Klepfer at 2:30 pm. During worship we honored those elders who had died in the past year. Communion was celebrated by Rev. John Molacek and Rev. Ian McMullen.

Meeting reconvened at 3:45 pm with greetings and prayer from Moderator Judy Klepfer.

First-time commissioners and guests were introduced.

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum was present, as shown by the roll:

Church	Teaching Elder/ CP	Present/Absent/ Excused	Ruling Elder
Ackley, East Friesland	CP Lynn Arends	A	
Ackley, First	CP Diane Martin	A	
Albion, First	CP Charles Flick	A	
Algona, First	Rev. Stephen Nofel	P	Angelique Berry
Ames, Collegiate	Rev. Dr. Brett Becker Rev. Betsy Thompson Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee	P E P	Peter Hallock
Ames, Northminster	Rev. James DuBois	A	
Boone, First	Rev. M. Denise Group	P	
Burt	CP Walt Reemtsma	P	Mark Kelly
Cedar Falls, Cedar Heights	Rev. Dr. David Kivett Rev. Johnny Janssen	P P	Barbara Dowd
Cedar Falls, First	Rev. Brad Braley	P	Mark B. Mortenson
Clarion, United	Rev. Bill Kem	P	
Conrad, First	Rev. Kerry Carson	P	
Dows, First	Rev. Shawn Hill	A	
Fort Dodge, First	Rev. Dr. Austin Hill Rev. Sara Hill Rev. Rebecca Dix	P P A	Jean Stanley
Garner, United	CP Justin Asche	A	
Goldfield, United	Rev. Sara Sutter	P	

Greater Greene County Grand Junction, First Jefferson, First Paton, First	Rev. Mark Rabideau CP Wendy Pittman	E P	
Greene, First	Rev. Catherine Belles	P	Marilyn Watson
Grundy Center, Bethany	Rev. Al Polito, Jr.	E	
Grundy Center, First			Pat Hauser
Irvington, First	Rev. Stephen Nofel	P	Marianne Eastman
Jesup, First	Rev. John White	A	Barbara Meister
Kamrar, First			
Lakota, First	CP Kent Madison	A	Janet Chambers
LeRoy, First	Rev. Dr. John Kerr	P	Donna Bhend
Lincoln, Salem	Rev. Barbara Muhs	A	
Lone Rock	CP Walt Reemtsma	P	Kent Madison
Marshalltown, First	Rev. Dr. Richard King	A	
Mason City, First	Rev. Paul Collier	P	Tammy Hertzell
Maxwell, First	CP Adrian McMullen	P	
McCallsburg	Rev. Thomas Poppe	A	
Nevada, Central	Rev. John Molacek	P	Marlys Brehm
Reinbeck, Amity	CP Darryl Widmayer	A	
Reinbeck, First			
Rudd, Eden	Rev. Catherine Belles	P	Susie Brandau
State Center, First	Rev. Dr. Tom Bower	A	Jean Bower
Steamboat Rock, First	CP Lynn Arends	A	
Toledo, First	Rev. Dr. Tom Bower	A	Sylvia Johnson
Traer, United	Rev. Brice Hoyt	A	Greg Cluts
Washburn, St. Paul's	Rev. Dr. Clemens Bartollas	A	
Waterloo, Barclay	CP Larry Fuson	A	
Waterloo, First	Rev. Amy Wiles Rev. Pat Geadelmann	P P	Dan Klann
Waterloo, Unity	Rev. Christine Kaplunas	P	Craig Walton
Waterloo, Westminster	Rev. Dr Patricia Jacobs Rev. Dan Voigt	P P	Marie Hills
Woden, First	CP Diane Wilson	P	Jackee Eden

<b>Other Ministers on the Roll of Presbytery</b>	<b>Present/Absent/Excused</b>
Rev. Ian McMullen, Temp. General Presbyter	P
Rev. Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk	P
<b>Honorably Retired</b>	
Rev. Daniel Emmert	P
Rev. Gordon Moen	P
Rev. Dr. Glenn Wilson	P
<b>Specialized Ministry</b>	
Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, Hawkeye Comm. College	P
<b>At-Large</b>	
Rev. LeAnne Clausen de Montes	P
<b>Council Members</b>	
Judy Klepfer, Moderator	P
<b>Visitors</b>	
Harrison Gabe, Lakeshore Center at Okoboji	P
Lee Ver Mulm	P
Donna Steven Lakota First	P
Beth Ehlers, Mason City First	P
Anita Becker Ames Collegiate	P

It was VOTED to approve the meeting docket.

It was VOTED to approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of March 5, 2019.

It was VOTED to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Called Meetings of May 8, August 12, October 14.

### **New Business**

The Stewardship & Finance Committee presented two budgets – one proposed with the current staff in place and one proposed if the new staffing model is approved. Several line items have been removed for 2020 and new ones added. Motion from committee to approve the budgets. It was VOTED to approve both budgets for 2020.

The Shared Staffing Agreement was presented by Rev. Sara Hill & Rev. Kerry Carson. The presbytery will vote first on approval of the staffing plan. The structure has been constantly changing in the past 20 years to reflect our new realities. It's not the structure that helped us but the staff we hired that walked us through the changes. We need to trust in God to lead us to the people who will lead us into the future in some new ways. Motion from the Council to approve the agreement. The floor opened for discussion. After a short discussion, the ballots were passed out. Two people tallied the ballots (RE Angelique Berry & TE Brad Braley). There were 54 ballots cast and the final vote was 49 yes, 4 no and 1 abstention.

Motion from Council that Rev. Kerry Carson, RE Nancy Beenken and RE Judy Klepfer be names to the Joint Call Committee with the other two presbyteries. Rev. Dr. Austin Hill was named as the alternate. It was VOTED to approve the members of the Joint Call Committee.

Motion from Council that Rev. Brad Braley, RE Jean Bower and Rev. Dr. Austin Hill represent the Presbytery on the Joint Personnel Committee. It was VOTED to approve the members of the Joint Personnel Committee.

Motion from Council to approve the job descriptions as listed in the final report. It was VOTED to approve the job descriptions.

Rev. Kerry Carson brought the report from the Nominating Committee. The slate of nominees was presented. The floor was opened to nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed. It was VOTED to approve the slate of nominees.

### **Reports**

Temporary Supply General Presbyter Report: Rev. Ian McMullen presented a written report. He met with Personnel Committee yesterday during the Iowa Presbyteries Gathering and all went well. He handed out some of the certificates he received from the denomination recognizing the churches who have given to all four special offerings for multiple years.

Presbytery Moderator: report online

Presbytery Council: written report

Personnel Commission: written report

Commission on Ministry: Rev. Sara Sutter, Moderator

The COM changed over to a Commission back in January and took over the responsibilities of the CPM as well. Two pastors have been ordained recently: Mark Rabideau and Rebecca Dix. The COM asks that everyone pray for our churches who are searching for a pastor as well as the churches who will be in transition soon: Kamrar, Boone, First Cedar Falls, Ackley, Jesup. Kent Madison has been approved as an Eligible Ruling Elder and we have 4 more potential CRE's in the works waiting for final assessments. The COM is also working on a Family Medical Leave and Parental Leave policy as well as a Sabbatical policy.

Mission & Ministry Committee: Rev. Denise Group, Moderator

The Committee just went through the partnership application grant process. All the requests were met this year with funds to spare. There were requests from 16 churches with 24 presentations from projects. Funds will be dispersed in January. Also, a reminder that the next special offering is the Christmas Joy Offering in December.

Vital Ministries Initiative: Rev. Kerry Carson, reporting

VMI is in conversations about their future direction. They are working with lots of ideas about the future of Christian Education in the Church.

Lakeshore Center at Okoboiji: Harry Gabe, reporting

The number of summer campers was up for the fourth year in a row. Construction has begun on the deck and should be done by the end of this week. There is a new high ropes course. They are looking to expand one day events at the center. The Capital campaign has wrapped up. The summer camp scholarship funds were almost completely used up this year. The end of year stewardship letters will be going out soon. They are always looking for volunteers to help clean up the camp and during summer camps.

Presbyterian Women: no report

The Academy: Rev. Dan Emmert, reporting

The cohort has just completed their coursework. The situation now is that we only have 2 students for the next cohort and we need more ruling elders to enroll.

The Installation of new Moderator Rev. John Molacek was held.

It was VOTED to adjourn the meeting. Closed with prayer by new installed Moderator Rev. John Molacek at 4:45 pm.