

**Presbytery of North Central Iowa
Called Meeting of the Presbytery
August 12, 2019**

The presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church of Ackley, Iowa, on August 12, 2019, for the purpose of examining Mark Rabideau for ordination and examining Adrian McMullen for Commissioned Ruling Elder. Moderator Judy Klepfer opened the meeting with prayer at 3:10 pm.

Worship – led by Adrian McMullen and Mark Rabideau – sermon by Mark Rabideau was based on Matthew 8:5-13 and selections from Proverbs – the offering was collected for the pastors education debt relief fund.

The Business meeting continued at 4:03 pm

Welcome and Introduction of first-time commissioners and guests by Moderator Judy Klepfer – Guests included Rev. Jiyhun Oh from OGA in Louisville, and a number of members from the churches in Jefferson & Grand Junction

Declaration of Quorum – As a quorum of this Presbytery shall be any three Teaching elder members and ruling elders present, provided at least three churches are represented by ruling elders, the Stated Clerk declares that there is a quorum present

Motion to approve the agenda – M2A

New Business

Examination of Mark Rabideau for ordination and to be called and installed in the Greater Greene County Parish (First Presbyterian of Jefferson, Iowa; First Presbyterian of Grand Junction, Iowa; First Presbyterian of Paton, Iowa)

Rev. Sara Sutter presented Mark Rabideau on behalf of COM and brought the motion from COM – Mark read his faith statement – questions were brought by members of Presbytery – Kerry Carson moved to end the examination – approved – Before Mark left the room for the vote, Sara Sutter invited the Greene County visitors to come up and speak on Mark's behalf – two PNC members came up and spoke – any additional discussion – Motion approved

Terms of Call were presented effective September 1, 2019, and motion made to approve and seconded – approved

Rev. John Molacek prayed for Mark and his ministry with Greene County

Examination of Adrian McMullen to be commissioned as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian of Maxwell, Iowa

Rev. Sara Sutter presented Adrian McMullen on behalf of COM and brought the motion from COM – Adrian read his faith statement – questions were brought by members of Presbytery - Adrian left the room for the vote – approved

Terms of Call effective September 8, 2019, for a half time position and benefits were presented and motion made to approve and seconded – approved

Rev. Sara Hill prayed for Adrian and his ministry in Maxwell

Presentation of “A Joint Presbytery Staffing Plan with the Presbyteries of Des Moines, North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill”

Rev. Sara Hill and Rev. Kerry Carson presented the proposal that will be voted on at the November Stated Meeting – proposal for 5 staff people within the 3 presbyteries – 3 EP’s and 2 Admin Assistants – One EP is Mission Executive who would focus on mission engagement; one EP would be Pastor to the Presbyteries and focus on health & vitality; one EP would be Stated Clerk & Administrator – 1 full time office administrator - 1 full time communications & programs administrator – NCI will vote at the November meeting for a 7 year commitment to this plan – October 26 vote in Prospect Hill – November 12 vote in Des Moines – We can’t keep doing the things the way we have been doing them – We need to put our gifts and treasures to work and not bury them – the cost is \$25,000 up front from each Presbytery – after that the cost includes using up to 10% of reserves over 7 years – this is not a money saving plan but is a way to share staff and talents among us – the terms may look familiar but the way we do business will change – new ways of communicating and meeting – take the opportunity to rethink how we relate to one another – this has been four years in the planning – our presbyteries have much more in common than we thought – we hope to find new ways to serve together – Sara will stay to answer questions and many questions are answered in the 24 page document – having listening sessions on Sunday, October 20 at Fort Dodge and Conrad

Announcements

Ian McMullen announced that Synod of Lakes and Prairies is offering Transitional Ministry Training in September

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn – seconded – approved - Meeting closed in prayer by the Moderator at 5:18 pm

**Next Stated Meeting will be Sunday, November 3, 2019,
at Cedar Heights Presbyterian Church, Cedar Falls, Iowa**

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kristin Pike, Stated Clerk