

**Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys Stated Meeting  
December 6, 2022  
Via Zoom**

**Call to order, Devotions, Educational Presentation**

Teaching Elder, Presbytery Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom (a video conferencing program) with prayer. A devotion was led by Teaching Elder Anne Veldhuisen using resources from the Presbyterian Earth Care. Ruling Elder Earl Knutson from the Willmar church gave a presentation on the environment related actions from the General Assembly.

**Agenda, Roll, Quorum**

Stated Clerk Teaching Elder Pamela Prouty presented the agenda with one addition, a report from the Presbytery Youth Coordinator. PRESBYTERY VOTED to approve the agenda. A quorum was present as indicated in the roll below. There were no corresponding members to seat. First time Commissioners and guests were introduced.

	<b>2/5</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>6/7</b>	<b>8/16</b>	<b>10/8</b>	<b>12/6</b>
Candace Adams	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron Alfred	X	X			X	
Karen Anderson-Dent						
Jon Armajani						
SanDawna Ashley						
Robert Bartlett	X	X	X	X	X	
Kathy Blair		X		X		X
Steven Boots						
Elaine Boyd	X				X	
Beverly Brock	X	X	X			
Beth Buckwalter-Miller		X	X	X	X	X
Jeffrey Bullock	X			X		
Mark Chamberlain		X				
Chris Conlin						
Beverly Crute	X	X			X	X
Andrew Davis	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sue DeNio						
Douglas Dent	X	X	X		X	X
Jerry Dirks						
Daniel Duggan						
Merle Elrod						
Mark Ford	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tom Gard						

Cory Germain	X					
Edward Godshall						
Michael Hartwell	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rollin Haynes						
Lindsay Jacaruso	X	X	X			
Allen Jergenson	X		X	X	X	X
Dwight Johnson						
Brian Jones	X	X	X	X		X
Randall Knuth	X	X	X	X	X	
James Krapf	X		X	X		
Jeanne Kumbalek	X	X	X	X		X
Raymond Larson						
David Lick	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Lindholm	X					
Robert Maharry						
Lynne Matthews	X	X		X		X
Laura Messer	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Morgan						
Terry Morse						
Tony Oltmann						
Don Ottenhoff						
Pamela Prouty	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott Prouty	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wayne Purintun						
Herbert Rotunda		X		X	X	
Bonnie Sue Roys		X		X		
Michael Roys		X		X		
Patricia Schick						
Darin Seaman	X	X	X	X	X	X
Galen Smith		X	X	X	X	
Paul Snyder	X	X	X	X		X
Robert Springer						
Norma Spurgin		X	X			
Tim Sutton						
Penny Temple-Johnson		X		X		
Leanne Thompson	X	X	X		X	X
Scott Thompson	X	X				X

Elizabeth Tot						
Anne Veldhuisen	X	X				X
Tom Voigt				X	X	
Barbara Whipple						
Anna Williamson	X	X		X	X	X
Leslie Winters						
William Yueill		X				
<b>Commissioned Ruling Elders</b>						
Sue Goebel					X	
Karen Houtman			X			X
Deb Klaassen	X			X	X	
Gordon Pennertz	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dennis Peterson						X
Kathy Terpstra	X	X		X	X	X
<b>By Virtue of Office</b>						
COL – Beverly Brock	X	X	X			
COL – Deb Hess	X	X		X	X	X
CPL – Andy Davis	X	X	X	X	X	X
COO – Patty Brandts	X	X	X	X	X	X
COO – Keith Lohse						
COO – Le Roy Ennenga		X	X	X		X
CN – Galen Smith		X	X	X	X	X
PW Moderator – Gloria Rust						
Moderator – Leanne Thompson						X
Vice Mod – Douglas Dent						X
Past Mod – Nancy Skoog	X	X	X	X	X	X

Ruling Elder Commissioners

Amboy – EXCUSE

Ashby – EXCUSE

Baxter – Edith Alvarez

Beaver Creek – EXCUSE

Blue Earth – EXCUSE

Brewster – Laurie Cross

Browns Valley – EXCUSE

Cambria – Kent Wilson Jones

Canby – EXCUSE

Crosslake – Bonnie Miller

Dawson – Stan Menning

Doran – EXCUSE

Edgerton – EXCUSE

Ellsworth – EXCUSE

Fergus Falls – EXCUSE

Foley – Deb Corrigan

Fulda – EXCUSE

Holland – EXCUSE

Iona – EXCUSE

Kasota – EXCUSE

Lake Crystal – EXCUSE

Lismore – Kathy Knips

Litchfield – Susan Berg

Luverne – EXCUSE

Madelia – Todd Arduser

Maine – EXCUSE

Mankato – Kelly Vihstadt

Marshall – EXCUSE  
Maynard – EXCUSE  
Milroy – EXCUSE  
Mountain Lake – EXCUSE  
Osakis – Keven Withers  
Pipestone – EXCUSE  
Randall – Terry Coffin  
Redwood Falls – Deb Hess  
Renville – EXCUSE  
Round Lake – Ronda Sammons  
Rushmore – EXCUSE  
Russell – EXCUSE  
Saint Cloud – EXCUSE  
Saint James – Patty Brandts  
Saint Peter – Marge Johnson  
Silver Lake – EXCUSE

Slayton – EXCUSE  
Spicer Harrison – Lori Klose  
Spicer Hope – Sandy Wersal  
Willmar – Betty Knutson  
Windom – EXCUSE  
Winnebago – EXCUSE  
Worthington – Le Roy Ennenga

#### Visitors

Karen Lange, Presbytery staff  
Earl Knutson, Willmar  
Bea Hayen, Baxter  
James Connors, Mankato  
Curt Koenen, Mankato  
Daryl Arsdorf, Mankato

### **Consent Agenda**

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows with the addition of the Supplemental Commission on Leadership report. PRESBYTERY VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

1. Approve the minutes from the October 8, 2022, Stated Meeting.
2. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report (attachment A)
3. Receive the Executive Presbyter's report (attachment B)
4. Receive Administrative Commission reports from Brooten and Jackson (attachment C)
5. Receive the Commission on Presbytery Life report (attachment C)
6. Receive the Commission on Presbytery Leadership and Supplemental report (attachment D)
7. Receive the Commission on Presbytery Operations report (attachment E)
8. Receive the Committee for Congregational Nurture report (attachment F)
9. Receive the Presbytery Youth Coordinator's report (attachment G)

### **Stated Clerk's Report (attachment A)**

Stated Clerk Pamela Prouty presented the report as found in attachment A. She talked about the General Assembly business which will be presented at the February 18, 2023 presbytery meeting. The proposed amendments were included in the presbytery packet for this meeting. Also, there is an upcoming zoom for clerks of session in January.

### **Executive Presbyter Report (attachment B)**

Teaching Elder Beth Buckwalter-Miller shared that on Friday, January 20, the chairs, and co-chairs will be meeting for some visioning and work together. She expressed her gratitude to all of us for our work and support of the presbytery.

### **Commission on Operations Report**

Co-chair Patty Brandt gave the report. She presented the 2023 proposed budget. PRESBYTERY VOTED to approve the 2023 Presbytery Budget.

Patty also shared a new church property sale policy. PRESBYTERY VOTED to approve the Church Property Sale Policy

### **Committee on Representation Report**

Chair Mark Ford recognized outgoing commission/committee members for their service.

Mark presented the 2023 slate of Presbytery commission/committee members. The floor was opened for additional nominations being none, the Moderator declared nominations closed. PRESBYTERY VOTED to elect the 2023 slate of Presbytery commission and committee members.

Mark shared that they are still seeking one Budget and Finance and one person for Congregational Nurture.

### **Speak Out/Committee Highlights/Announcements New Business**

During Speak out we were reminded about the zoom Wednesday Night Advent Study and the Presbytery wide sermon for January 1 which is available as a link in the ValleyBridge. The Youth retreat for all youth in the presbytery is February 10-11; more information about this will be coming in the mail. Also we were reminded to make sure the pastor terms of call change forms are completed with the Board of Pensions.

The presbytery was led in the prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer. The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:55 p.m.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of MN Valleys will be Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church, Redwood Falls, MN. This meeting will be in person only.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela R. Prouty

Stated Clerk

Attachment A

Stated Clerk's Report

To the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys

December 6, 2022

1. Presbytery meetings in 2023 are:
  - a. Saturday, February 18, in-person only, Zoom only if bad weather, 10:00-3:00, Redwood Falls
  - b. Tuesday, April 18, Zoom, 7:00-8:30 pm
  - c. Tuesday, July 18, Zoom, 7:00-8:30 pm
  - d. Saturday, October 21, hybrid, 10:00-3:00, Willmar
2. The information about the 2022 General Assembly annual statistical report has been emailed to all clerks and moderators. The due date for this is Friday, February 2, 2023.
3. Also attached to the presbytery packet today is the amendment book "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution." On Thursday, January 5, 2023, I will host a zoom meeting at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in talking about any of these proposed amendments. Please register with Karen in the Presbytery office to receive the zoom link.
4. On Saturday, January 21 from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the Presbytery Office (Willmar church) the Presbytery is hosting a day of learning for anyone! The Rev. Deb DeMeester, Director of Leadership Development for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies will be the keynote speaker. Also, in the afternoon Ruling Elder training, Deacon training, Personnel Committee training and Treasurer training will be held. This will be in person only. Lunch will be served! Please register with Karen at the Presbytery office.
5. On Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. I will host a zoom for clerks of Session. Anyone who is interested in welcome. We will talk all things clerking plus have a few laughs! Please register with Karen to receive the Zoom link.
6. The ministerial I.D. cards will be available in March 2023.

## Attachment B

### Executive Presbytery Report

To the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys December 6, 2022

**Church Visits:** Since our last Presbytery meeting, I have had the joy of visiting the Renville church, attending a bit of Fergus Falls 150th celebration (illness took me away early), visiting the Doran Church, the Browns Valley Church, the Osakis Church, the Cambria and Madelia churches, and as I am writing this and before our Presbytery meeting, I will visit Canby and Atwater/Spicer Harrison.

**Committee & Commission Meetings:** I have also been busily zooming into the many meetings of the committees and commissions of our Presbytery. The Commission on Leadership, Budget & Finance, and Presbytery Leadership have been highlights so far, with more scheduled before our Presbytery meeting.

**Church Closure Workshop:** I attended an interesting but sobering zoom workshop on church closures. I learned that there are many ways to approach the final years of a congregation including: closure, merging, becoming a Fellowship, and something called a Parallel Start. I will be including an article in the Valley Bridge detailing all that I learned down the road a bit. While endings are always hard, they are also beginnings, and done well can lead to a hopeful outcome.

**Vacation:** I enjoyed a lovely week of vacation in Colorado, where I visited three of my four adult children and their families. They all live in the Denver area, and I was grateful for time with them.

**A Thankful Heart:** This Thanksgiving as I count my blessings, high on my list is the 5,311 Presbyterians who make up our Presbytery. I am grateful for the diverse and distinctive lives you live – involved in so many different professions and hobbies, making a difference in our world! Well done! I am grateful for all of you who serve on our committees and commissions and volunteer in your local churches and communities. What a difference you are making! I am grateful for the support I receive from my coach and my 90-day companion as a new EP, for Synod Executives who also offer support, and the zoom classes and opportunities to learn and grow. I feel blessed beyond measure in this job and sitting beside my fire with candles burning I am even grateful for the snow and the quiet hush of winter. Thank you for all of this, God, and help me to love the world as much as you do, for it is indeed a place of wonder and I marvel at your creation and the rich diversity of the people who inhabit your earth. “For God so loved the world” ...help me to do the same. Amen.

**Jackson Administrative Commission Report  
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The administrative commission for First Presbyterian continues to try to wrap up several items related to the closing of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

These include dealing with a couple of Presbyterian Foundation Funds, completing unincorporating with the state of Minnesota, and the transfer of members.

The big question still to be decided is what to recommend regarding the main building and the contents. This is on hold pending further discussion with the University of Dubuque regarding a new ministry presence in Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Galen Smith

**Brooten Administrative Commission Report  
to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys  
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The Brooten AC met on Monday, November 28. We agreed on a plan to move responsibility for the cemetery to Stearns County. Kathy will begin the process of transferring the remaining funds to the presbytery. Once the transfer of the cemetery is completed, the work of the commission will be completed.

Submitted by Stan Menning

**Commission on Presbytery Life Report  
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We have no action items. We are working on identifying funds which may be used for new church development or new worshiping communities. We hope to aid such innovative ministries in the future. We continue to work to strengthen our relationship with our mission networks.



**Commission on Leadership Report To the  
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Actions taken at the November 3, 2022, meeting:

A. COL VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Co-chair of appointing Ruling Elder Kathy Knips to moderator the December congregational meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Round Lake, MN.
2. Receiving reports:
  - a. Exit interview with the Rev. Lindsay Jacaruso at FPC, Mankato, MN
  - b. Moderator reports from Galen Smith for FPC Round Lake and Brewster

**Supplemental Commission on Leadership (COL) Report  
To the Presbytery of MN Valleys  
December 6, 2022**

Actions taken at the December 1, 2022 meeting.

1. COL VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:
  - a. Approve Co- chair actions.
    - Approve Kathy Knips to serve the Sacrament of Communion at First Presbyterian Church, Brewster MN on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.
  - b. Receive Reports. These are all on file.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from Rev. Leanne Thompson, for Harrison Community Presbyterian Church, Spicer MN.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from Rev. David Lick, for First Presbyterian Church, Winnebago MN.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from Rev. David Lick, for the First Presbyterian Church, Mountain Lake MN.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from Rev. Lindsay Jacaruso for the First Presbyterian Church, Amboy MN.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from Rev. Cory Germain, for the First Presbyterian Church, Blue Earth MN.
    - Receive the Moderator Report, from CRE Deb Klassen, for the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Creek MN.
    - Receive the Exit Interviews with Rev. Lindsay Jacaruso and also the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Mankato MN.
    - Receive the Statement of Faith; proposed arrangement between the Session and Ron Moffitt to provide Long Term Pulpit Supply; and the report from Rev. Scott Prouty and Rev. Pamela Prouty (similar to a Fitness and Suitability Interview). First Presbyterian Church, Holland MN.
    - Receive the Critical Questions from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Mankato MN.
    - Receive the minutes from the October and November, 2022 Inventive Ministries Task Force.

- Receive the exit interview with the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Brewster MN.
2. COL VOTED to grant permission to the First Presbyterian Church, Mankato to form a Pastoral Nominating Committee.
  3. COL VOTED to grant to Inquirer Bailey DeVetter \$3000 for her seminary education.
  4. COL VOTED to grant permission to the First Presbyterian Church, Dawson to extend the term of elder Dan Lee for a third term, 2025.
  5. COL VOTED to approve the position description for the transitional pastor for the First Presbyterian Church, Round Lake and Brewster. We suggest they add a statement to the duties about directing conversations about shared ministries.
  6. COL VOTED to acknowledge the Session's right to hire Ron Moffit as their worship leader from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023 with the caveats that he take a reformed theology course and other courses as part of his continuing education as decided, and work under the mentorship of Scott and Pam Prouty.

The next meeting of COL will be Saturday, January 21 at the Presbytery office.

Attachment E

**Personnel Committee Report**  
**To the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys**  
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In March we were finally able to have a Christmas party with the staff. This year we are planning to actually have it in December on the 15. Our committee assisted in the hiring of the Youth Coordinator Kali Luther. We also met and updated the questionnaires and self- assessments for staff reviews which were then sent out. Then we met with Beth, Pam, and Karen. Kali will have a 6-month review in the future. Pam and Karen both suggested changes to their job descriptions. A recommendation to accept these changes was forwarded to presbytery Operations. We are blessed to have wonderful staff serving our presbytery. Raises were also recommended, and budget figures have been forwarded to Budget and Finance. We have been tasked to assist with the hiring of the circuit pastor and are organizing ourselves to make this happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Le Roy Ennenga, chair  
Bea Ourada  
Penny Temple-Johnson

**Commission on Presbytery Operations - Budget and Finance Task Force Report  
to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys  
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We met on October 27 and November 17, 2022 via Zoom. Financial Review:

- Financial position is still positive with operating net income through October of \$4,000.
- There were no scholarship or grant requests since the last meeting.

Commission on Operations presents the following items for approval:

- 2023 Budget
- Policy on Sale of Church Property

## **Policy on Sale of Church Property**

### ***Church Building, Manse, or Other Property***

#### **Rationale:**

“The property of the Presbyterian Church (USA), of its councils and entities, and of its congregations, is a tool for the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world” (G-4.02). “All property held by or for a congregation, a presbytery...is held in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (USA)” (G-4.0203) and “whenever a congregation is formally dissolved by the presbytery, or has become extinct...” such property “may be sold or disposed of as the presbytery may direct...” (G- 4-02.05).

Furthermore “a congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property...without written permission of the presbytery...” (G- 4.0206).

However, the Book of Order lacks guidance to Presbyteries regarding the use of funds by churches from sale of property when the church remains in operation, other than the application of G-4.0203 to all assets of a congregation. The purpose of this policy is to guide the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys (PMV) with regard to the use of funds from the sale of church property by a continuing congregation.

First of all, the earlier the Session communicates with the Presbytery through the Commission on Operations the better. The congregation must in a special called meeting of the congregation take action to approve the sale of any church property (G-4.0206a & G.1.05)

#### **Sequence of Events**

1. Session lets the Presbytery through the Presbytery Commission on Operations that a property sale is being discussed.
2. Session makes a recommendation about sale to the Congregation which includes all the details of the sale (including the property description) and the plan for the profits and calls a congregational meeting. And at the same time is communicating all these details to the Presbytery through the Commission on Operations.
3. Congregation holds meeting and votes. These results are communicated to the Presbytery through the Commission on Operations.
4. The Presbytery takes action and communicates to the Session.
5. If changes are made to the plan for utilization of funds, the congregation and the Presbytery need to approve.

**Sale of Church Building or other church owned property (i.e., farmland, memorial land/property gifts)**

1. Conditions for Approval

If a congregation is NOT formally dissolving or become extinct, a Plan for Sale of any property including a Plan for Utilization of the Funds from the sale must be presented to and approved by the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations prior to proceeding with any sale.

Conditions for approval of a plan include:

- a. Funds generated from the sale must be placed in a separately identifiable account, separate from other funds of the church. This must allow for the accounting for all income and expenditures for this account.
  - b. A plan must be in place for utilization of the funds consistent with the mission of the church with approval of the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations. This may include:
    - i. Reinvestment in real property to support the current and future mission of the church.
    - ii. Support of normal, non-personnel operating expenses of the church (i.e., worship space or other program rental, maintenance, or improvement of other real estate)
    - iii. Ministry or mission(s) of or designated by the church and endorsed by Presbytery.
2. Churches establishing such funds shall report annually the Commission on Presbytery Operations regarding income and expenses for the fund until suchtime as the fund is dissipated.
3. If following the establishment of such a fund, the congregation is formally dissolved by the Presbytery or becomes extinct, the fund shall become property of the Presbytery.
4. The Session may request from the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations to use these funds in a matter other than above.

## **Sale of Manse**

All funds derived from the manse sale shall be placed in a separately identifiable by the congregation. Restrictions and guidelines for the use of this account are as follows:

- Funds may be invested with session approval.
- The session may loan monies from the account to a pastoral leader to be used for the purchase of a home. The terms of the loan shall include plans for repayment, including interest, if applicable. The congregation shall vote on this action as well as the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations. This action will be reported to the Commission on Leadership for information only.
- Funds may be used toward projects that would be classified as improvements to existing capital assets (including land, buildings, parking lots, property repair, or replacement and/or technology upgrades). If the amount used from this fund is in excess of \$10,000, the use must have approval of the session, the majority of the congregation, and the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations.
- Funds may be used by a congregation for the acquisition of real property. If the amount used from this fund is in excess of \$10,000, the use must have approval of the session, the majority of the congregation, and the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations.
- If the acquisition of the property is subject to an encumbrance or condition, it must have approval of the session, the majority of the congregation and the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations.
- Funds from this account shall not be used for general operating expenses but may be used for the purpose of supplying a housing allowance to a pastoral leader.
- The Session may request from the Presbytery through the Commission on Presbytery Operations to use these funds in a matter other than above.

*Approved by PMV: December 6, 2022*

*Adapted from a Presbytery of Scioto Valley policy.*

**Committee on Representation Report to the  
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**The Committee on Representation brings the following slate of nominees for your consideration. Please notice that there are several positions still open, so if you are willing to serve in any of those capacities, please contact one of the members found on the bottom of this report.**

**Ordination Exam Readers**

2023	David Lick	TE	Saint James
2023	Cory Germain	TE	Fairmont
2023	Elaine Boyd (Alternate)	TE	Retired

**Commission on Presbytery Life**

Presbytery Moderator  
 Presbytery Vice Moderator  
 Presbytery Past Moderator Nancy Skoog (co-chair)

2025	Scott Thompson (1)	TE	Willmar
2025	Jerry Olson (1)	RE	Saint James
2025	Bonnie Roys (1) Co-Chair	TE	Retired
2024	Jeanne Kumbalek (1)	TE	Kasota/Lake Crystal

**Commission on Presbytery Operations**

2025	Sherry Myers (1)	RE	Willmar (Personnel)
2025	OPEN	TE	(B&F)
2025	Brian Jones (1)	TE	Spicer (Personnel)
2023	Bea Hayen (1)	RE	Baxter (Personnel)

**Committee on Congregational Nurture**

2025	Rollin Haynes (1)	TE	Retired
2025	Michael Roys (2)	TE	Retired
2025	Kathy Knips (1)	RE	Lismore
2023	Beverly Brock (1)	TE	Foley
2023	OPEN		

**Commission on Leadership**

2025	Marge Johnson (1)	RE	Saint Peter
2025	Tom Voigt (1)	TE	Edgerton/Lismore
2025	Dennis Peterson	RE	Harrison-Spicer
2025	Dan Honetschlager)	RE	Kasota
2025	Andrew Davis (1)	TE	Saint Peter
2024	David Lick (1)	TE	Saint James

**Synod Commissioner**

2024	Scott Prouty (1)	TE	Redwood Falls
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Mark Ford, Chair; Andrew Davis; Kathy Knips; Elaine Boyd; Lenae Wordes



Attachment H

**Committee on Congregational Nurture  
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The Committee on Congregational Nurture met on November 11, 2022, via Zoom.

Each Committee member has five or six congregations they are to be in contact with. Members continue to reach out to the congregations of the presbytery in a variety of ways. We lift up in prayer the concerns, joys, and opportunities that are shared with us.

Members of the committee are coordinating with the Commission on Leadership to provide exit interviews with sessions and pastors leaving, and a six-month follow up interview with new pastors and sessions. We have a number of these scheduled.

We are working to update the Pulpit Supply List.

We have scheduled the Pastor's Retreat for September 17-23, 2023, at Clearwater Forest.

Recommend approval of the contract with Clearwater Forest for 20 attendees \$5,207.00. The final cost will be based on the actual number of participants with a minimum of 20.

Attachment I

Youth Coordinator Report  
to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys  
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**Visits:**

I have been visiting churches on Sundays during worship, and or on Wednesday for their Wednesday evening confirmation classes/classes. Since I started in August I have visited: Hope Presbyterian in Spicer, First Presbyterian in Willmar, First Presbyterian in Windom, Faith Presbyterian in Silver Lake, Ebenezer Presbyterian in Renville, First Presbyterian in Mankato, and First Presbyterian in Saint Cloud. I will continue traveling to churches as long as weather and road conditions allow. If you would like me to visit, please let me know!

**Happenings:**

- Early to mid-August I sent out a survey for churches to take. This would give me data and let me know what churches are looking for and or what they would like to see. The popular items on the survey that people were interested in were Zoom Confirmation, and a youth retreat rather than a Confirmation retreat. With those findings I did some research, communicated with curricula experts within the PC(USA), talked with pastors and youth leaders, and did lots of networking to come up with a schedule, curriculum, and plan in place for Zoom Confirmation to start as the school year started. Once Zoom Confirmation registration went out, I got zero responses. I plan to put what I had composed away and save it for next year.
- Next on my list was a youth retreat. I spent hours researching, networking, communicating, and composed a Fall Retreat. Due to lack of funding, and a few unknowns; the retreat was put to the side. I will keep what I had composed for another year. I didn't want to give up just yet. With many of the unknowns, and questions answered, a Winter Retreat was soon underway. Since the last Triennium was canceled, I wanted to use what they had on their website and put together a Winter Retreat using the PYT "When Did We See You?" curricula. A few months ago, I applied for a \$1,000 PYT "When did we see you?" grant. I am happy to announce that the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys has been selected to receive the \$1,000 grant.

Respectfully submitted, Kali Luther  
Youth Coordinator