



Discovering and Claiming Our Callings
Teaching and Ruling Elders Working Together
First Presbyterian Church
Monticello, IA
4:00 p.m.

167 th STATED MEETING DOCKET		
4:00 PM	The Presbytery Convenes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighting of the Christ Candle• Constituting Prayer• Declaration of Quorum• Approval of Docket/Establishing Rolls• Seating of Corresponding Members	Moderator Kyle Otterbein Stated Clerk Rebecca Blair
4:05 PM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of first-time commissioners• Welcome from host pastor• Purpose of Meeting/Covenant Community	TE Al Polito Moderator Otterbein
4:15 PM	Report of the Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes—166th Stated Meeting [Appendix A]• Information Items for Presbyters [Appendix D]	Stated Clerk Blair
4:20 PM	Nominating Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominees for Committees and Commissions	TE Al Polito
4:25 PM	Theocademy Conversation 1: Claiming Our Calling	
4:45 PM	Personnel Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised Networking Associate Position [Appendix B]• Warren Jensen—Pastor to Pastors	TE Richard Miller
4:55 PM	Commission on Ministry Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition of the Ministry of CRE Phil Leipold—Retirement [Appendix C]• Revised Policy on Validated Ministry	RE Ann Luedtka
5:10 PM	Trustees Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disposition of Brazil Mission monies• Disposition of former Knox church	RE Karen Minnis

	property	
5:25 PM	Report of the Treasurer • Current Financial Statement	RE Karen Bartel
5:30 PM	MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP	
6:30 PM	WORSHIP	
7:15 PM	Peacemaking Task Force	TE Lisa Ross Thedens
7:20 PM	Committee on Preparation for Ministry • Recommendation to certify Candidate Tammy Schmidt to circulate her PIF	TE Melody Oltmann
7:25 PM	Theocademy Discussion 2: Calling as Leading	
7:45 PM	Adjournment	

PRE-PRESBYTERY EVENTS

There will be three pre-presbytery events of interest to presbyters:

Commission on Ministry Conversation (1:00-2:30 pm)

In response to the referred item from the March 2015 stated meeting concerning the succession of those persons in temporary pastoral relationships, Interim Pastor positions, and Associate Pastor positions to the called and installed position of Pastor, the Commission on Ministry invites concerned persons to join committee leadership for conversation about this issue, starting at 1:00 pm.

Workshop for First-Time Presbyters (3:15-3:45 pm)

First-time presbyters (commissioners and minister members) are invited to meet together to be welcomed and oriented into this community and to discuss how this presbytery works together as a discerning community in covenant relationship.

Meet and Greet New Teaching Elders (3:00-4:00 pm)

Please stop by the Meet and Greet space to introduce yourself to our new teaching elder colleagues: the Reverend Trey Hegar (serving Mt. Pleasant, First), the Reverend Sarah Hegar (At-Large), the Reverend Warren Jensen (new Pastor to Pastors), and the Reverend Mary Anne Welch (serving Farmington, Sharon)



REMINDER: Commissioners are so named because they have a commission, a special responsibility to prepare for the meeting by carefully reading and thinking through the meeting materials in advance in order to make educated decisions, and then sharing the information presented at Presbytery meetings with their sessions as a part of the Presbyterian connectional system. Please take this commission seriously and share information so that your session will be “in the know.”

To steward resources wisely, all documents in the meeting packet will be available electronically on the Presbytery website. Copies of the meeting packet will be available in hard copy form only upon request.

New business must be delivered to the Stated Clerk no later than 5:00 pm. New motions and amendments must be pre-filed in writing with the Stated Clerk at this time.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MONTICELLO CHURCH

The church is located at 211 W. 1st Street (don't pay attention to Google street view if you are inclined to look there) Phone: 319-465-3393

From North: (O yeah, we are the North!)

1. Follow Highway 38 South to 1st Street
2. Turn right at stop light (1st Street)

3. Drive straight ahead for 2 blocks west and we are on the left side.

From South: (Pack a lunch, snacks, overnight bag – ‘cuz it takes a while!)

1. Follow Highway 218/380 North to Highway 30 East.
2. Continue on Highway 30 to Highway 13 North (watch carefully for the signs!)
3. Take Highway 13 to Highway 151 North
4. Continue on Highway 151 to exit 63
5. Turn left and continue to 2nd stop light (1st Street)
6. Turn left and continue to 211 West First Street

From the Nearer South via Highway 1:

1. Follow Highway 1 North to Highway 151 North
2. See #4-6 in From South directions above

From the East:

1. Follow Highway 61 North to Maquoketa (Highway 64)
2. Turn onto Highway 64 West to Highway 38 North
3. Follow Highway 38 to Main St. (Kum & Go at corner) in Monticello
4. Turn right.
5. See #5-6 in From South directions above.

From the West:

1. Follow Interstate 80 East to Interstate 380 North
2. See #1-5 in From South directions above.

Childcare will be provided. Please indicate the need for childcare on the registration form

ACTION ITEMS

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk recommends as a motion:

That the Presbytery approve the Minutes of the 166th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa, convened on 7 March 2015 at the Newcomb Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa [see Appendix A]

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to the positions and terms as listed:

	Term Begins	Term Ends
Commission on Ministry		
Teaching Elder John Hougen Independence, First	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2018
Teaching Elder Emory Gillespie Cedar Rapids, Westminster	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2018
Committee on Preparation for Ministry		
Ruling Elder Curt Mayo Monticello, First	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2018
Reported at meeting—TE Female	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2018
Permanent Judicial Commission		
Reported at meeting—RE Female	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2021
Reported at meeting—TE Female	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2021
Trustees		
Teaching Elder Julie Schuett Ely, First	January 1, 2015	December 31, 2017
Committee on Representation		
Reported at meeting—RE-Female	January 1, 2016	December 31, 2018

Report of the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee recommends:

1. That the Presbytery of East Iowa approve the revised Networking Associate position description [**See Appendix B**] and authorize the Personnel Committee to proceed with the hiring process to staff this position.
2. That the Presbytery of East Iowa affirm the Reverend Warren Jensen as the Pastor to Pastors for the Presbytery of East Iowa in accord with the position description affirmed at the October 2014 stated meeting and that, in accordance with the Formula of Agreement, the Reverend Mr. Jensen, whose membership resides in the United Church of Christ, be dually enrolled as a minister member of the Presbytery of East Iowa during his term of service in this position.

Report of the Commission on Ministry (COM)

The Commission on Ministry recommends:

1. That the Presbytery of East Iowa contribute \$50 to the Laikos Scholarship Fund (established by Commissioned Ruling Elders to support the ministry of Commissioned Ruling Elders) in honor of the ministry of CRE Phil Leipold
2. That the Presbytery of East Iowa approve amending and restating the Validation of Ministry Policy approved by COM at its April 2nd 2015 meeting in accordance with the following redline noting the recommended changes (See Rationale and restated policy at the end of this redline) and that this policy become effective immediately upon approval by the Presbytery:

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP AND VALIDATION OF MINISTRY POLICY

Citations: Book of Order 2009-2011 **2013-2015**

Introduction

~~Ministers of Word and Sacrament are accountable to the Presbytery of membership for the ministry in which they are engaged. The *Book of Order* states it this way: "...ministers shall be members of Presbytery which shall designate them to such work as may be helpful to the church in mission, in the performance of which they shall be accountable to the Presbytery." (G6.0201) The Presbytery "therefore has the responsibility and power to designate ministers to work as teachers, evangelists, administrators, chaplains, and in other forms of ministry recognized as appropriate by the Presbytery." (G 11.0103p) Basically, this means that ministers are not free to engage in ministry without the permission of the Presbytery of which they are a member. The Presbytery has final say as to what ministry a minister may perform.~~

Categories of Presbytery Membership

Venues for Validated Ministryies

The *Book of Order* defines validated ministries as occurring within and beyond the Church. A

~~minister of the Word and Sacrament~~ Teaching Elder who is an active member of Presbytery or a Ruling Elder who is certified to be commissioned to a validated ministry may be engaged in a validated ministry:

- 1) within congregations of this Church as defined by G-11.0409, G-2.0504
- 2) in other service of this Church as defined in G-11.0410, G-2.05 and G-2.10
- 3) in service beyond the jurisdiction of this Church as defined in G-11.0411, or G-2.0503 and as further specified below.
- 4) ~~may be honorably retired as defined in G-11.0412.~~

Member-at-Large

~~In addition to active members, engaged in a validated ministry or honorably retired, the Presbytery also has a roll of members at large. A member at large is a minister, who through no intentional abandonment of the exercise of ministry, is no longer engaged in a ministry which meets the criteria of G-11.0403 as further defined in G-11.0406b.~~

Inactive Member

~~An inactive member is a minister who was previously admitted to the Presbytery but is now voluntarily engaged in an occupation that does not comply with the criteria of G-11.0403. An inactive member is not entitled to take part in Presbytery meetings, vote, hold office, serve on committees, or speak, except the person may speak when the matter under consideration concerns that person.~~

Continuing Members

~~Continuing members of the Presbytery are minister members of the Presbytery who are engaged in a validated ministry, are honorably retired or are members at-large as defined above.~~

Criteria for a Validated Ministry

The criteria for determining if a ministry should be defined as a validated ministry in the three active categories above appears is defined in the Book of Order under the sections G-2.0503a, G-2.10 and G-3.0306. If the ministry in question is service beyond the jurisdiction of the Church, the Commission "In Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Church" (G11.0411) requires the Committee on Ministry to shall make a thorough review of the proposed ministerial function based on the above three citations G-11.0403. The Commission Committee on Ministry then makes its recommendation to Presbytery. Should this be deleted because COM will make the validation? The decision on whether a ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the Church is a validated ministry "In-Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Church" shall be based upon whether the proposed ministry meets the criteria in the above three citations G-11.0403 and all of the following standards established as policy by this Presbytery. A validated ministry is a ministry that:

- 1) Is a mission project or other form of ministry such as a day care project, Chaplaincy or is of the nature of pastoral care, pastoral counseling, pastoral education, or health care service ~~or hospice services~~; is a ministry related by organization, accountability and structure to other denominations with which the PCUSA is in correspondence; is a ministry related to a seminary ~~or other institution of higher learning~~ acceptable to the Presbytery; is a ministry related to a nondenominational organization dealing with ~~issues such as~~ housing programs, ~~the farm crisis~~, drug and alcohol addiction or marriage and family problems; is a ministry related to an international organization such as a council of churches; or other ministry of service acceptable to the Presbytery.
- 2) Serves others, aids others and enables the ministry of others and relates to the service of people rather than to the production of goods or of profits.
- 3) Makes active and effective use of the biblical and theological training that is required ~~to be ordained as a Teaching Elder ordination to becoming a Teaching Elder or required of a Ruling Elder to be eligible to be commissioned to a validated ministry.~~
- 4) Is carried out in accountability for its character, conduct and performance results to a management committee, board of directors or to others responsible for the overall results of the total ministry program.
- 5) Is carried out in accountability for its character and conduct and is answerable to the Presbytery for agreed upon end results or activities with a face to face review of the ministry on a yearly basis.
- 6) Will allow the continuing member to participate actively in the worship and service of a congregation of this Presbytery or in a congregation of a denomination in which the PCUSA is in correspondence and it is expected that the continuing member will so participate.

In addition to the above requirement a ministry shall meet or exceed the following criteria in order to be validated:

- In order to be validated as a validated ministry, the ministry must require that the person filling the job be a Teaching Elder or has successfully passed all requirement for ordination to the point of being eligible to receive a call. This requirement of the ministry may be satisfied by a declaration in the job description covering the ministry, or such a declaration in a letter or similar written communication directed to the Commission on Ministry from a person supervising the person in this ministry, from a person in higher authority in the supervisor's chain of command or from a person

otherwise in authority in the organization containing the ministry to make such an assertion.

- Or, the ministry must require that the person filling the job be, certified to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder having successfully passed all of the requirements to be commissioned to a validated ministry, such requirements as are stipulated in the Presbytery CRE Policy. This requirement of the ministry may be satisfied by a declaration in the job description covering the ministry, or such a declaration in a letter or similar written communication directed to the Commission on Ministry from a person supervising the person in this ministry from a person in higher authority in the supervisor's chain of command or from a person otherwise in authority in the organization containing the ministry to makes such an assertion.

If Criteria Can't be Met to Validate a Ministry for a Continuing Member of Presbytery

If one or more of the criteria cannot be met, the continuing member should ask to be designated either a member-at-large or ~~an inactive member~~ of Presbytery. If Presbytery is unwilling to grant this then the continuing member should seek release from the exercise of ordained office (~~G6.0600~~) until he or she receives a call to ministry that fulfills all criteria.

Restoration to the exercise of the office is possible without re-ordination by (1) application to and approval of the Presbytery that granted release, (2) reaffirmation of ordination vows, and (3) resumption of a ministry that qualifies for continuing active membership in Presbytery. These steps provide for ease in movement and are in no way judgmental. They are permissive in that re-ordination is not necessary. People should be encouraged to use them.

Process for a Teaching Elder ~~minister~~ or Ruling Elder Certified to be Commissioned to a Validated Ministry to Request that a Ministry be Validated

1. Ordinarily, the Teaching Elder ~~minister~~ or Ruling Elder certified to be ~~commissioned to a validated ministry~~ seeking to have a ministry ~~in-service~~ beyond the jurisdiction of the church ~~validated~~ will submit a request in writing to request a hearing of the Commission on Ministry.
2. The Commission on Ministry will either deliberate on the request directly or refer it to a task force for review and recommendation to the Commission on Ministry. ~~will refer the request to its executive committee or another appropriate sub-committee which In either case a thorough review of the ministry will be conducted a review of the ministry against the criteria of a validated ministry as above. This may include a face-to- face interview with the applicant.~~
3. The ~~minister~~ person requesting that a ministry be validated may be provided with a copy of this policy.

4. The minister seeking to validate a ministry person requesting that a ministry be validated shall provide a mission statement from the employing organization, a job description, a contract for service or other document which states expected terms of the call and any other documentation that will provide the needed information for determining if the ministry meets the requirements of this policy to be validated as a validated ministry.
5. If the review has been delegated to a task force that task force The sub-committee will make a recommendation to the entire Commission on Ministry.
6. The Commission on Ministry, following deliberation, will make the final determination on whether to validate the ministry or not. its recommendation to the Presbytery for final action.
7. If the Commission on Ministry's decision recommendation is not to validate the ministry, the minister person requesting that the ministry be validated may request an additional hearing before the full Commission on Ministry prior to consideration by the Presbytery.
8. The Commission on Ministry will provide applicants with an opportunity to be heard by members of the Commission on Ministry, and with notice of at least three weeks of the date of the meeting, unless shorter notice is mutually agreed upon.
9. At any meeting with members of the Commission on Ministry, "the burden remains with the minister person requesting that a ministry be validated to demonstrate that the proposed ministry should be validated" and the review may include the review and consideration of "relevant materials from prior years for the purpose of showing a pattern that has continuity with present" circumstances. (GA PJC decision in *Williamson v. Presbytery of Western North Carolina*, Remedial Case 2 17-7, 2006)
10. Each minister Teaching Elder serving in or Ruling Elder commissioned to a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church shall notify the Commission on Ministry of any substantial change in the elements and/or the substance of the ministry within 60 days of the change.

In addition to the "Criteria for Ministry of Continuing Members" found in G-6.0100, G-6.0200 and G11.0403, the following shall apply:

1. A continuing member shall take the initiative in establishing an active relation to Presbytery evidenced by regular attendance. Regular attendance shall normally be understood to consist of attendance in at least three (3) of the regular stated meetings each year; and request for excuse for all absences. Honorably Retired members are encouraged to attend meetings but are not required to request an excuse for all absences from regular stated meetings.

~~2. A continuing member shall exhibit and implement willingness to serve on the committees of the governing bodies.~~

Rationale

This amendment to the policy is recommended to:

- To clarify the definition of what we mean by “Validated Ministry” and in the process make the policy conform the practice followed for years, and;
- To eliminate reference to “continuing member.” This section does not relate to the purpose of the policy which is to focus on Validated Ministry and tends to confuse the reader.

The restated policy would read as follows:

VALIDATION OF MINISTRY POLICY

Citations: Book of Order 2013-2015

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- in other service of this Church as defined in G-2.05 and G-2.10,
- in service beyond the jurisdiction of this Church as defined in G-2.0503, and as further specified below.

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- Or, the ministry must require that the person filling the job be certified to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder, having successfully passed all of the requirements to be commissioned to a validated ministry, such requirements as are stipulated in the Presbytery CRE Policy. This requirement of the ministry may be satisfied by a declaration in the job description covering the ministry, or such a declaration in a letter or similar written communication directed to the Commission on Ministry from a person supervising the person in this ministry from a person in higher authority in the supervisor's chain of command or from a person otherwise in authority in the organization containing the ministry to makes such an assertion.

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Report of the Trustees

The PEIA Trustees recommend:

1. That the Presbytery of East Iowa send the monies dedicated to Brazil mission (approximately \$54,000) to Manoel Andrade, director of PRECE (Projeto Educacional Coracao de Estudante), a program to ensure that low-income rural Brazilian youth receive education, that rural communities are strengthened, and that these communities achieve greater self-sufficiency.

Rationale: The Presbytery of Ceara, our former mission partner, has split in two along theological lines, making delivery of these mission monies per the earlier Presbytery vote impossible. The Presbytery of East Iowa has partnered with Manoel Andrade since 2007, and he welcomes this funding for the PRECE program.

2. That the Presbytery of East Iowa offer for sale the former Knox Presbyterian Church property, located at 1525 Hollywood Boulevard in Cedar Rapids, and that the Presbytery engage realtor Roger Fink as the agent to represent the Presbytery for this sale.

Report of the Treasurer

See Appendix E for current financial statement.

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends:

1. That the Presbytery of East Iowa affirm the recommendation of CPM to allow Candidate Tammy Schmidt to circulate her Pastor Information Form to seek a pastoral position.

Rationale: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry engaged in the final examination and evaluation of Candidate Schmidt on Tuesday, May 19.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Report of the Stated Clerk

- In the Presbytery Minutes Review Report, presented by Ruling Elder Jay Wilkinson, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, at the stated meeting of the Synod on April 27, 2015 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center, Farmington, MN, the following report was made concerning the review of the minutes of the Presbytery of East Iowa:

EAST IOWA: Minutes of February 15, 2014, May 10, 2014, May 4, 2013, September 13, 2014, October 10, 2014, and December 13, 2013 (pages 4050-4092). **APPROVED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

- With regard to calls and invitations to ministers and those serving in ministerial capacities, the Stated Clerk reports that provisions have been stated in each

terms of call in accord with Presbytery policy and implemented to assure Equal Opportunity Employment

- In accordance with G-3.0108a, the required statistics have been transmitted to the General Assembly.
- The Synod Committee on Representation has transmitted a document entitled "Principles of Inclusiveness and Committees on Representation" as a foundational document for use as presbyteries within the bounds of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies consider means to ensure the diversity of elected and professional leadership within their bounds. Copies of this document are available upon request from Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair.
- Terms of call for 2015 as reported to and approved by the Commission on Ministry on behalf of the Presbytery of East Iowa may be found in Appendix D.

Report of the Committee on Ministry

The following motions were moved, seconded and approved by the Committee on Ministry in its meeting of April 2, 2015 and are presented here as information:

Motion: To create a task force to assist and guide the CRE program in transition. Phil Leipold and Mary Pugh will serve on this task force.

Motion: To approve Reverend Wayne Furr to be permitted to work in East Iowa Presbytery subject to verification that Rev. Furr is in good standing in the Cumberland Presbytery and verifying his work in Great Rivers Presbytery. Stated Clerk Blair will make those contacts.

Motion: To request a meeting with the Session and pastor of Echo Hill to discuss some of the items of concern that have been raised by session, members, and staff. Sam Massey, Larry Petrick and Harry Hoyt will represent the COM in the conversation with Echo Hill.

Motion: To invite input from the members of the Presbytery regarding the motion presented to Presbytery on March 7, 2015 regarding Associate, Interim and Temporary pastors. An invitation will be sent to all churches and pastors via email. Persons are invited to share their opinions and comments in a pre-Presbytery meeting June 9th 2015, 1:00 -2:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Monticello. If a party is unable to attend they are invited to respond via email or regular mail to Ann Luedtka, COM Moderator.

The COM will attempt to have a response prepared for the September 2015 Presbytery meeting.

Motion: If the way be clear, to approve the transfer of membership for the Reverend Dennis Morey from the Presbytery of Des Moines to the Presbytery of East Iowa and to place the Reverend Mr. Morey on the pulpit supply list.

The following motions were moved, seconded and approved, unless otherwise noted, by the Committee on Ministry in its meeting of April 28, 2015 and are presented here as information:

Motion: To approve the serving of Communion at various times at Camp Wyoming by Teaching Elders who have been properly trained and authorized.

Motion: To approve the Temporary Supply Contract between First United Presbyterian Church in Clinton and Rev. Kolleen Klemmedson as attached to the April COM Meeting Agenda.

Motion was withdrawn, - Because after further review it was decided that the contract as currently written was satisfactory and sufficient and the Temporary Supply Contract was not needed,

Motion: To approve the request below from First United Presbyterian Church in Clinton: May 18, 2015

Dear Committee on Ministry:

We, the Session of First United Presbyterian Church, Clinton IA, voted at our April 16 meeting to honor a request that CRE Gene Beinke officiate a wedding for Jeremy Wiebenga and Whitney Elkins on Oct. 15, 2016 in this church pending approval of COM for him to officiate a wedding here. Please put this on the agenda of your upcoming meeting, then let us know if he is approved so word can be given back to the family making the request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judy Welcher,
Clerk of Session

Motion approved

Motion: to approve Rev. Deb Kinney's request to grant permission to the Rev. Randy Webster, former Presbyterian elder, current Episcopalian priest, to serve communion at 1st Presbyterian Church Burlington. **Motion not approved**—the PCUSA is not in correspondence with the Episcopal Church

Motion: To approve David Nelson, Sandra Becker, Kathy Busch, Nancy Rutenberg, Jackie Duwa and Karen Bradway, Ruling Elders at Lost Nation, to serve communion in the absence of an installed pastor. All have received appropriate training. **Motion approved**

Motion: To approve Sally Graves, CRE, to be added to the Pulpit Supply List.
Motion not approved

Motion: To approve the request of the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg dissolve their Pastoral relationship with Rev. Kenneth (Kip) Murphy. Kip has accepted a new call. May 3, 2015 is to be Kip's last day. **Motion approved**

MOTIONS APPROVED BY E-MAIL and PRESENTED HERE AS INFORMATION **The following motion was approved by e-mail dated March 10, 2015:**

Motion: To approve the request from Lori Robinson to labor outside the bounds to officiate at a memorial service March 14, 2015 at Laughlin funeral home in Wymore, NE.

The following motions were approved by e-mails dated March 16, 2015:

Motion: To approve the following Ruling Elders Mike Gesling, Linda Gesling, Raymond McDonald, LaVerne Paidar, and Collette Cook, to officiate at Communion during 2015 at Mechanicsville First Presbyterian Church. They have received training and Mechanicsville is without a pastor.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 19 March 2015:

Motion: To appoint the Reverend Anni Mingin as temporary moderator at Williamsburg, First, effective May 4, 2015.

Rationale: Kip Murphy's last Sunday at Williamsburg will be May 3. Kitch will moderate the May Session meeting.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 7 April 2015:

MOTION: To approve the contract between the session of Central Presbyterian Church of Newhall and CRE Gene Spicer, effective dates: 1 April, 2015 through 31 March, 2016 with the following details:

Cash salary:	\$18,453
Expenses:	
Continuing Education 2 weeks -	\$500
Professional Allowance - \$50/mo. *	
*if more than \$50 must be approved by session	
All miles reimbursed at current IRS rate	
4 weeks of vacation	
6 weeks paternity leave	
5 days sick leave	
There is a 30 day out by either party. It is for 60% time.	

The following motions were approved by e-mails dated 7 April 2015:

Motion: to approve the release of the Reverend Lori Robinson to the Presbytery of South Dakota to take up the call at Kimball Protestant Parish of Kimball, SD effective 1 June 2015.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 8 April 2015:

Motion: If the way be clear, to permit the Reverend Tim Dyck to labor outside the bounds to officiate at the wedding of his niece, Katie German, and Mr. Michael Flanigan at the Manatee Central Banquet Hall in Bradenton, Florida on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 14 April 2015:

MOTION: If the way be clear, to approve the transfer of membership for the Reverend Dennis Morey from the Presbytery of Des Moines to the Presbytery of East Iowa and to place the Reverend Mr. Morey on the pulpit supply list.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 16 April 2015:

Motion: to approve the request of the Reverend Scott Nesbitt to labor outside the bounds to officiate at his niece's wedding in Beaver Lake, NE (Missouri River Valley Presbytery) on April 25th, 2015.

The following motion was approved by e-mail dated 23 April 2015:

Motion: To approve the request from First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City that Dr. Rebecca Blair be permitted to officiate at the Lord's Supper, if the way be clear, on August 9, 2015.

Report of the Peacemaking Task Force

Hope for peace, justice, and compassion

Bring the hope for world peace to your church. This fall our **International Peacemaker** will be one of the following:

Dr. Tamar Wasoian, an Armenian theologian from Syria, was in charge of Christian Education in Armenia and now teaches at McCormick Theological Seminary. She will share the haunting memories of a past unacknowledged genocide and the current survival story of her people in Syria.

or,

Deon Snyman of South Africa has been developing and implementing a community-led restitution model in Cape Town. He served 11 years as minister to rural Zulu congregations and is a research fellow in the Psychology Dept. of the University of the Free State.

or,

Rev. Berthe Nzeba first clergywoman in the Democratic Republic of the Congo has coordinated national and international support of women and children affected by the 1996-2003 conflict in Eastern Congo, which killed 5.4 million (mainly by disease and starvation) and displaced millions more, who remain at risk of violence and rape from remaining militias.

Later in June we will know who and exactly when; the visit will be in late September or the first half of October, likely to include a weekend. Please keep an opening for their visit in your church plans (youth groups, women's circles, fellowship, etc.).

To arrange a visit or reserve her/him to preach speak to Lisa at the Presbytery meeting or at 319-938-8807 or email her at lrossthedens@gmail.com.

You may bring the **Peacemaking Quilt** to your church. Contact Lisa to arrange (see above).

Saving Life in Pakistan

At the April 27th meeting of the Peacemaking Task Force, we discussed the very dangerous situation of our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Lahore, Pakistan. We concur with the PCC's request for disaster relief funds. Presbyterians there are bravely engaging their neighbors in interfaith dialogue and working hard for peace. They are in desperate need of our help to remain safe. We hope our churches will give generously.

We are lucky to have a close relationship with Stated Clerk Majid Abel, which insures the responsible use of funds.

Libby McDermott reports on Ecumenical Advocacy Days: Ending Mass Incarceration

Also at the April 27th meeting, Libby McDermott reported on 2015 Ecumenical Advocacy Days for Global Peace with Justice. Since 2002, the U.S. has been the world leader in holding people in prison, more than Stalinist Russia. In the last 35 years the federal prison population has increased 750% and now costs us \$6.874 billion. Mandatory minimum penalties are putting nonviolent offenders in prison and keeping them there longer. We may help by urging Congress to reduce mandatory minimum sentencing.

Since the start of fiscal year 2010, Congress has allocated Immigrations and Customs Enforcement the funds to incarcerate over 33,000 immigrants in deportation proceedings each day (increased to 34,000 in 2013). This is known as the immigrant detention bed quota. In 2014, 32,163 immigrants were detained every day at the cost of \$2 billion dollars. The quota was inserted into the 2010 appropriations bill under the guise of providing enough detention beds for immigrants going through deportation proceedings. It is the only legally mandated quota system within all federal and state agencies. From the start, it served as profit motive for private prison companies. From 2008-2014 one of them spent \$9.8 million dollars lobbying the DHS Appropriations Subcommittee, the home of the bed quota. Since 2009, the industry's share of immigrant detention beds has increased by 13 percent; now, these companies operate sixty-two percent of immigration detention beds.

While detaining immigrants to ensure they show up for court should be a last resort, the bed quota encourages it. In 2013, ICE detained nearly 441,000 immigrants. Many of those incarcerated include asylum seekers, Central American families, and survivors of torture and trafficking. **Effective alternatives to detention (ATD) exist**, such as release on recognizance or bond, or monitoring with ankle bracelets. ATDs range from a few dollars to **\$22 per person per day**. This is **a fraction of the \$164 per day spent per person in detention**.

We can help by urging our representatives to support the Deutch-Foster amendment to strike the quota language in the FY 2016 appropriations bill, which will be negotiated in the coming months.

Would you like an **interesting speaker** for youth groups or others interested in what our youth are doing? Libby McDermott has been a Young Adult Volunteer with

PCUSA and has many interesting experiences to share--community organizing to feed the hungry, international conferences on women's issues, peace and justice advocacy in Washington. Contact Lisa.

Keep Pentecost Going--Helping our Mission Coworkers

Kate Taber, our mission coworker in Palestine, recently alerted us that 45 of our Presbyterian mission coworkers may have to be recalled because of a funding shortfall. We can keep those 45 at work for Christ in the world if each congregation gives just **\$100** more to mission. (83% of congregations do not currently designate anything specifically for World Mission.)

This is for general donation:

<http://presbyterianmission.us3.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=6a60e33fb4858ebdcca7152f8&id=846fb16fe7&e=7e7a5c2b37>

This is for finding a specific mission coworker to support:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/find-mission-worker/>

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Ross Thedens, co-moderator

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Persons Currently Under Care Inquirers

Amanda Edwards	Earlham School of Religion	Iowa City, First
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Candidates

Name	Seminary	Church of Care
Andrew Phillips	Dubuque Seminary	Williamsburg, First
Steven Sankey Certified for call	Columbia Seminary	Westminster, Cedar Rapids
Tamara Schmidt	Graduate Louisville Seminary	Echo Hill, Cedar Rapids

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO MODERATORS AND SESSIONS

If a member of your congregation is seeking to enter the ordination process, the very first step is to invite a member of the CPM to conduct a session orientation. This will help ensure that the session asks the right questions before it makes a recommendation to the CPM to enroll the person as an inquirer. It will also help the session understand its responsibilities as one of the very important partners in the ordination process.