

**CALLED SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA
VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021
6:00-7:00 PM**

The Presbytery Coordinating Commission has requested that the Stated Clerk issue a call to a special meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa on Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 pm. The meeting will take place via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is for the Presbytery to act on the following time-sensitive items:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

MOTION: The Trustees recommend that the Presbytery approve the sale of the old mission house located adjacent to the Cedar Rapids, Westminster church building from Cedar Rapids, Westminster to the Willis Dady Homeless Shelter in Cedar Rapids for the sale price of \$55,000 with the sale to be finalized as soon as the way is clear.

Background Information

Westminster in Cedar Rapids would like to sell an old house that they have owned for years that has functioned as a mission house. The pandemic necessitated a change in the operation to the food pantry there so the house is now excess property. A homeless shelter, Willis Dady, is the identified buyer of the house. Westminster Presbyterian Church helped found Willis Dady. The purchase "price" of the house is \$55K but in actuality, WPC is using \$25K of grant money it had received and \$16K worth of insurance money it received and giving that to Willis Dady towards the purchase the house. While this is all quite convoluted, the end result it that the homeless shelter will own the house and use it for housing families in transition from homelessness.

MOTION: The Trustees recommend that the Presbytery approve the rental agreement between the Fairfield, First church and Starfire Investments to rent the property located at 605B South 23rd Street in Fairfield, IA to serve as the church office and meeting space at the rate of \$2,500 a month from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026. The church as the tenant will be responsible for all interior remodeling at their own expense and will provide telephone and janitorial services. The landlord will provide electricity, gas, water, sewer, trash removal, lawn care, and snow removal services.

Background Information

At the 197th Stated Meeting in July, the Presbytery approved the following motion concerning the sale of the Fairfield church building:

MOTION: The Trustees recommend that the Presbytery approve the following terms of sale of the Fairfield, First church building with the proceeds of the sale to remain with the church to support its ministry and mission in the Fairfield area, and to approve the terms of an attached lease agreement with the Buyers.

- Closing on this property to take place no later than June 1, 2021
- \$200,000 cash sale to Golden Magnolia Sanctuary LLC Contingent upon the approval of the Presbytery of East Iowa through its Trustees

Terms of the attached lease agreement as follows:

- Use of currently occupied office space in the church building at \$800 per month for the period between 1 June 2021 and 31 October 2021
- Use of the sanctuary space in the church building at no charge for the period between 1 June 2021 and 31 October 2021
- Tenant not liable for utilities except internet and phone services
- Church liability insurance to be in effect during this period

The church plans to expend all the proceeds from the sale of the church building to pay for this five-year rental agreement with Starfire Investments.