

PRESBYTERY COORDINATING COMMISSION MINUTES

Presbytery of East Iowa ● 1 March 2018 ● Presbytery Office ● 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Karen Bartel (Treasurer), Rebecca Blair (Stated Clerk), Gary Burnett (Nominating), Jennifer Jennings (COM), Dan Jessop (Vice-Moderator, Trustees), Curt Mayo (CPM), Karen Minnis (Moderator), Melody Oltmann (CPM), Larry Petrick (COM), Lori Wunder (Personnel)

Moderator Karen Minnis called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm with prayer. She offered a devotion from Jeremiah 7:1-11. The Moderator called upon Stated Clerk Dr. Rebecca Blair, who affirmed that a quorum was present. A **motion to approve the minutes of the 25 January 2018 meeting was seconded and APPROVED unanimously.**

Moderator's Report

Discovering and Claiming Our Common Calling Discussion

Moderator Minnis noted that the focus of this meeting should be to get our bearings to move toward the implementation of the new plan as directed by the Presbytery. The Moderator specifically asked Jennifer Jennings (member of ACOG) to reflect upon the DCCC plan and the Vision documents. Jennifer noted that the plan partially affirms ACOG's intention in that it invites broad participation across the Presbytery. The plan, however, still contains more rigidity than ACOG had envisioned and there is still the desire that the Presbytery can be generative from the bottom up. All of that being said, she affirmed that while there are some SHALLs, the plan contains room to innovate.

The broader discussion noted that PCC is not the Presbytery; it is the body charged with strategic responsibility, and it should operate with clarity and transparency in living out this responsibility. The PCC discussed more specifically the implementation timeline as a concrete means to provide confidence to the body. The PCC then discussed the questions of how authority is returned to the body in the new plan. This discussion culminated in the consideration of the assessment question: What is success? How will we know if we have achieved some measure of success with the new plan? Some responses included

- We have opened up the Presbytery so that everyone can be involved and participate equally
- The plan produces rich opportunities for education of the body
- The plan provides opportunities for deep relationship-building
- The Presbytery becomes a body in which there is a critical mass of authentic, informed participation

Concerning the lingering matter of reconciliation, after intense discussion, some members of the PCC proposed that the only way forward is to recognize the hurt and move forward. A further proposal included front loading the population of the pastor care teams, inviting Warren Jensen to train them, and implementing the teams in partnership with Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. This option would entail an expansion of Warren's position description.

Implementation Timeline and Leaderwise Consultant

The PCC discussed the proposed timeline for DCCC implementation. The Committee on Representation and Nomination will be nominated for election at the March stated meeting. The consensus on process for the development of the remaining teams concerned using a generative approach in which those persons expressing interest in each team would be considered for nomination and election. Once elected, they would form a core and begin the operation of the team. Much like new church development process, they would then seek to identify other folks with skills and expertise to serve on the team and forward these names to COR-N. With the relocation of the Pastoral Team process to earlier in the timeline, a **motion that the PCC affirms the timeline in principle was seconded and APPROVED.** The timeline will be shared with the body at the March stated meeting.

Pasrur Administrative Commission

The commission for this group expires as of February 2018. The Stated Clerk will request a final report on fundraising activities and will forward a motion to the body to formally dissolve their commission with gratitude for their faithful work

Active Shooter Training

Kevin Cullum provided an update on active shooter training. The training involves the screening of a 45 minutes video along with the 2-hour training experience. After lengthy discussion, the PCC decided by consensus to offer this experience at the September 29 stated meeting at CR, Westminster with specific plans to be finalized in the coming meetings.

Report of the Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk Blair announced that the theme for the 181st stated meeting will be "Seeing Each Other in Covenant Community." Because we have two new intentional interim pastors in the Presbytery, she has asked the Reverend Dr. Daniel DeBeer (IC, St. Andrew) to preach at the worship service and the Reverend Cathy Allen (CR, Echo Hill) to offer the educational presentation. Reverend Allen was unsure of her availability due to her commuting schedule. The Reverend Randi Henderson has offered to fill in if Reverend Allen cannot serve. The Stated Clerk then polled committee moderators for items to be docketed at this stated meeting. One idea for future meetings is to invite pastors to present on what their churches are doing in mission either inside or outside Presbytery boundaries.

Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer Karen Bartel reported that she is still closing the books for February. Once this process is complete, she can provide a benchmark on current Presbytery finances. The Trustees voted to move payroll operations to the Presbytery since the Synod, who had been handling payroll services for the Presbytery, has experienced much dysfunction in their processes.

Report of the Commission on Ministry

Moderator Larry Petrick reported that there are current six active PNCs. There will be two action items at the stated meeting concerning the enrollments of Reverend Dr. deBeer and Reverend Allen as minister members of the Presbytery.

Moderator Minnis noted that she has been honored to moderate commissions to install the Reverend Heather Hayes at Cedar Rapids, First and to commission ERE Phil Leipold to Miles, First.

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees will be bringing an action item concerning a request from the Ft. Madison, Union church for Presbytery approval of a renovation plan that exceeds 10% of their budget. The Trustees are working on the Presbytery office move and on a website review with the current vendor.

Report of the Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee will be bringing a position description for the Presbytery Communications and Projects Associate for approval at the March stated meeting. Lori Wunder will review compensation for this position with the Trustees to ensure that it meets budget requirements. She also noted that the Personnel Committee met using the Presbytery’s Zoom application. She would commend the Zoom tool for virtual meetings. The meeting went off without a hitch.

Report of Camp Wyoming

Executive Director Kevin Cullum notes that an additional Board nominee will be presented for election at the March stated meeting. An informational report will be included in the packet.

All-Iowa Group

Lori Wunder notes that she had attended a January 28 session of the All-Iowa planning group in Ames. The group will meet again on March 15. They facilitated a three-presbytery (Prospect Hill, North Central Iowa, Des Moines) shared staffing discussion and an all-Iowa mission focus on mental health. Perhaps mental health in Iowa could be a focus of an upcoming stated meeting.

A motion to adjourn was APPROVED. Vice-Moderator Minnis asked for those present to share joys and concerns. She adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm and the Reverend Lori Wunder offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Blair, Ph.D.
Stated Clerk

<p>NEXT PCC MEETING:</p> <p>Thursday, March 22, 2018 10:00 AM Presbytery Office</p>
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