

PRESBYTERY COORDINATING COMMISSION MINUTES

Presbytery of East Iowa ● 22 March 2018 ● Presbytery Office ● 10:00 a.m.

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

EXCUSED: Melody Oltmann (CPM)

Moderator Karen Minnis called the meeting to order at 10:07 am with prayer. She offered a devotion from 1 Peter 5: 1-11 concerning the ways in which accountability and discipling are essential to community life in the Spirit. The Moderator called upon Stated Clerk Dr. Rebecca Blair, who affirmed that a quorum was present. **A motion to approve the minutes of the 1 March 2018 meeting was seconded and APPROVED unanimously.**

Moderator's Report

Discovering and Claiming Our Common Calling Discussion

Moderator Minnis invited those present to share their impressions of the March stated meeting. PCC members observed the following:

- The humor throughout the meeting was energizing
- There were a significant number of new elder commissioners present—hopeful sign
- We engaged in good conversations concerning covenant community
- More folks signed up for a variety of the new teams
- Healthy discussions and good modeling of responsible transparency
- Concern regarding our follow-up with Lombard and Leaderwise

Implementation Timeline and Leaderwise Consultant

Moderator Minnis noted that she and Stated Clerk Blair had conversed by conference call with Mary Kay DuChene from Leaderwise on 21 March 2018. Ms. DuChene explained that she could offer a year-long program entitled the Shape of Leadership that would consist of four 2-night retreats over the year to explore adaptive leadership in relation to conflict, power, leading change, and gender with reflection and practice throughout the year. This option would be implemented with 4-member cohorts.

A second option would be a week-long intensive experience with practice across this time period. After further inquiring questions about our current situation, Ms. DuChene suggested a workshop on adaptive leadership to explore two questions: What is adaptive leadership? How do we as leaders in PEIA practice it? This workshop would take the form of a 2-day retreat. Ms. DuChene will review all of the documents concerning our transitional process and get back with us with a formal proposal.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bartel stated that the financial report had not changed since the stated meeting.

All-Iowa Discussion

There is a missional stream of interest, particularly concerning the collective response to mental health care in Iowa. The PCC affirmed that PEIA will seek to send folks to listen to this missional discussion.

Wapello Administrative Commission

The administrative commission appointed by the Presbytery has been working through a number of conflictive issues with this church. The Commission is exploring the polity options that are available, including original jurisdiction and disciplinary processes.

Interim Ministry

TE Gary Burnett observed that the national interim ministry group is no longer operational, leaving a gap in the collective resourcing of mid-councils. He would like to start an interim group to be appointed by the moderator, if the way be clear. This group would provide mutual support and resourcing in serving churches in this presbytery.

A motion to adjourn was APPROVED. Moderator Minnis asked for those present to share joys and concerns. She adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm and the Reverend Dan Jessop offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Blair, Ph.D.
Stated Clerk

NEXT PCC MEETING:

Thursday, April 26, 2018
1:00 pm
Presbytery Office