

**MINUTES OF THE 139<sup>th</sup> STATED MEETING  
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Muscatine, Iowa**

**4:00 p.m., Tuesday  
May 9, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The one hundred thirty-ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa, of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at First Presbyterian Church in Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Moderator, Elder Georgia Kost, with prayer.

**WELCOME**

The Moderator welcomed the presbytery, and invited host pastor, the Reverend Mike Spangler, to report on the arrangements for the day. He welcomed the Presbytery of East Iowa to the church and thanked all those in the congregation and in the presbytery who had worked to make the meeting run smoothly.

**QUORUM**

The Stated Clerk, the Reverend Dr. Dixon Jennings, declared a quorum to be present with the roll to be established from the registration forms. He announced that there was no new business and a motion to approve the docket as printed was seconded and APPROVED by the body.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT -- present at the May 9, 2006 meeting:**

Dixie Anders	P	Earl Ferguson, HR	E
Julie Anderson	P	James Fyfe, HR	E
Mike Andrew	P	Denley Ganfield, HR	E
Noelle Andrew	A	Ray Garvey, HR	E
Robert Baird, HR	E	John Gibbs, HR	E
Linda Baldwin	P	Bruce Giese	P
Karen Beals	A	Emory Gillespie	A
William Beattie, HR	P	Ron Green	A
Diane Bishop, HR	E	Mildred Grubbs, HR	E
George Bishop, HR	P	Pat Halverson	A
Russell Blaisdell, HR	E	Ed Hancock, HR	P
Jim Bonewald	P	Sandra Hanna	A
Robert Bouton, HR	E	Brad Hansen	P
David Castrodale, HR	P	Ken Harden, HR	E
Howard Chapman	P	William Harnish, HR	E
Stan Coller	A	Jean Hauter, HR	P
David Collins	A	Heather Hayes	P
Megan Collins	A	Daniel Hemken	P
Bryce Daniels, HR	E	Patte Henderson	P
Robert David	A	Dave Herron	P
Cal DeVries, HR	E	Anne-Marie Hislop	P
Telford Dindinger, HR	E	Duane Hix	P
Robert Dykstra	A	John Hougen	P
Jack Edmisson	A	Beverly Hovenkamp	A
John Elliott, HR	E	James Huston	A
Barry Ensign-George	A	Kristin Hutson	A
Jon Evans	A	Sue Howes, HR	E

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT -- present at the May 9, 2006 meeting:**

Herb Isenberg	P	Jason Pittman	P
Will Jackson	P	Elizabeth Platt	A
William Jamison, HR	E	James Pollock, HR	P
Scott Jansen	A	Al Polito	P
David Jurgens, HR	E	Russell Proffit, HR	E
R. Dixon Jennings, HR	P	Paul Rekward	A
Thomas Kalshoven, HR	E	Gerald Rife	A
Robin Kash, HR	P	Carl Riggs, HR	P
Jerry Kelly	P	Elaine Ruth, HR	E
Lucille King, HR	P	William Salzmann	P
Richard King	A	Pam Saturnia	A
Sonda Kirsteatter	A	Cindy Jean Saul	P
Wade Kirsteatter	A	George Saunders, HR	E
Jack Krch	P	Linda Shatzer	P
Kerin Lang	A	Roger Simpson, HR	E
Jim Langley	P	Paul Skelley	P
Ron Lewis	P	Lauren A. Smith, HR	E
Willis Longer, HR	E	David Snyder	P
Mark W. Martin	A	Mike Spangler	P
Charles McCracken, HR	E	Rose C. Taul	P
Cheryl McCullough	A	Lisa Ross Thedens	P
Hugh Miller, HR	E	Susan Tomlinson	A
Jay Miller, HR	P	Kurt Walker	P
Ted Miller	P	Dick Wallarab, HR	E
Charles Mills	P	William Warhover	P
Donald Moffett, HR	E	Richard Wereley	P
Marti Montovani	P	Wilmer Wernecke, HR	E
C. Edward Morgan	P	Douglas Wilson	A
Daniel Moore	A	Troy Winder	P
Willard Morris, HR	E	Karolee Wirt, HR	E
Scott Nesbitt	P	Bob Wollenberg	P
Nancy Oehler	A	Jean Wollenberg	A
Kyle Otterbein	A	Wendell Wright, HR	E
Kurt Pasko	A	Lori Wunder	P
Lori Patton	A	Darrell Yeane, HR	E
Connie Peake	A	Al Zimmerman	P

**ELDER COMMISSIONERS -- Present at the May 9, 2006 meeting:**

Ainsworth, Bethel	Dean Sandburg
Ainsworth, Community	Sallie Graves
Argyle	A
Atkins	A
Bettendorf	Sharon Pipe
Birmingham	A
Blairstown	A
Blue Grass	Clifford Stubbs
Bonaparte	A
Brighton	Marilyn Crandall
Burlington, First	A
Cascade	Nancy Macomber
Cedar Rapids, Calvin-Sinclair	A

**ELDER COMMISSIONERS – Present at the May 9, 2006 meeting:**

Cedar Rapids, Central Park	A
Cedar Rapids, Christ	A
Cedar Rapids, First (2)	Laura Runkle, Jean Bjorseth
Cedar Rapids, Hus Memorial	Terry Van Wyk
Cedar Rapids, Kenwood Park	Gene Sherman
Cedar Rapids, Knox	A
Cedar Rapids, Olivet	A
Cedar Rapids, Westminster (2)	David Jiruska, Dale Crosier
Center Junction	Norma Anderson
Clinton, First	A
Coggon	John Mathre
Columbus Junction, Cotter	Harriet Jones
Columbus Junction, Salem Welsh	Donald Davis
Columbus Junction, United	Brian Cummings
Crawfordsville	Julia Bletscher
Davenport, First (3)	Harry Hoyt, A, A,
Davenport, Newcomb	Lula Schlump
Davenport, Ridgeview Park	Shirley Irion
Davenport, St. Andrew	Timothy Huey
Davenport, West Park	Jean Bruinsma
Donnelson	A
Ely	A
Fairfield	Sandy Gillaspie
Farmington, Sharon	A
Ft. Madison	A
Hazelton	A
Hopkinton	Terry Dunlap
Independence	Donald Mumm
Iowa City, First (2)	John Koch, Bill Oglesby
Iowa City, St. Andrew (3)	Lorna Dykstra, Jane Jakobsen, Emily Stephen
Keokuk	Glenn Schulz
Keota	Dennis Gifford
Le Claire, First	A
Le Claire, Our Savior	A
Lone Tree	Vida Wollrab
Lost Nation	Lana Heilig
Manchester	A
Marengo	A
Marion (2)	Shirley Pantini, A
Mechanicsville	Rita Becker
Mediapolis	Jeanne Carter
Middletown	A
Miles	Tom Murphy
Monticello	A
Montrose	A
Morning Sun	Sheldon Kongable
Mt. Pleasant	Mary Keuhnhe
Mt. Vernon, First	A
Mt. Vernon, Linn Grove	Anne Kuntz
Muscatine	Carolyn Ohlendorf
New London	A
Newhall	Don DeKlotz

**ELDER COMMISSIONERS – Present at the May 9, 2006 meeting:**

Onslow	A
Princeton	A
Rowley	Lois Thedens
Scotch Grove	A
Shellsburg	A
Springville	Bob Erenberger
Stanwood	Dick Meyer
Tipton, Red Oak Grove	A
Vinton	Mary Crisman
Wapello	A
Washington (2)	Mary Atwood, Jane Cuddeback
West Liberty	Lois Schermerhorn
West Point	A
Williamsburg	Don Lindhart
Wilton, First	A
Wilton, Sugar Creek	A
Winfield	Myron Jennings
Wyoming	A

**PRESBYTERY MODERATOR**

Elder Georgia Kost

**GENERAL PRESBYTER / FACILITATOR**

Elder Harry Olthoff

**ELDER MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT**

Betty Colby, David Van Dusseldorp, Dorothy Russell

**MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE**

Mary Klotzbach

**MODERATOR OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Virginia Dietz

**CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**

Medora Hix

**COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS**

Jim Eads, Phil Leipold, Joyce Dean

**CANDIDATE / INQUIRER**

Carl Anderson, Shawna Weber

**STAFF**

Darlene Bergman, Rebecca Blair, Marue White, Pam Prather

**VISITORS**

Tim Barda, Marian Beattie, The Reverend Sarai Schnucker Beck (Presbytery of North Central Iowa), Don Callahan, Esther Callahan, Pat Castrodale, Holly Coddling (Hillcrest Family Services), Richard Colby, Kevin Cullum (Camp Wyoming), Marie Dare, Bob Dravis, Jan Dravis, Bev Erenberger, Chad Gammon, Marian Hart, Katelin Hawkins-Wilson, Barb Hirsler, Richard Johnston, Karen Kauffman, Susan Korch, Robyn Meyers

(Camp Wyoming), Rob Miller, Scott Minter, Stephanie Nesbitt, Wayne Noring, Nancy Olthoff, Rachel Pollock, Connie Riggs, The Reverend Minner Serovy (Presbytery of Milwaukee), Fred Stickler, Dorothy Stickler, Joshalyn Stout, The Reverend Emory VanGerpen (Presbytery of Prospect Hill), Phyllis VanGerpen, Kelly Watkins-Schoenig,

#### **RECAP OF THE ROLL:**

Ministers (eligible to vote)	54
Elders (eligible to vote)	53
Elder General Presbyter	1
Presbytery Moderator Elder	1
Moderator of Presbyterian Women	1
Other Elders (eligible to vote)	4
Commissioned Lay Pastors	3
Certified Christian Educators	1
Candidate/Inquirer	2
Presbytery Staff	4
Visitors	35
Total	<u>159</u>

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

Several new elder commissioners from around the presbytery were introduced to the presbytery.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

The Reverend Anne-Marie Hislop introduced the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament: the Reverend William Salzmann (Burlington), the Reverend Brad Hanson (Mediapolis), the Reverend Dave Herron (Keokuk), the Reverend Ted Miller (First, Cedar Rapids), the Reverend Daniel Moore (Fort Madison), and the Reverend Jon Evans (at large).

#### **INTRODUCTION OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

The Reverend Minner Serovy, Presbytery of Milwaukee, the Reverend Sarai Schnucker Beck, Presbytery of North Central Iowa and the Reverend Emory Van Gerpen, Presbytery of Prospect Hill, were seated as corresponding members.

#### **ROCKET DOCKET**

Elder Medora Hix, Continuing Education Consultant, announced four opportunities: 1) the bright pink sheet provides information on upcoming workshop and training opportunities, 2) This coming Saturday (May 13), a Worship Teams Education event will take place in Washington, IA. Today is the deadline for registration, 3) Today is also the sign-up deadline for the upcoming Liturgical Media Art workshop to take place June 3 in Coralville, and 4) Medora can help with small group ministry consultation. Her contact information is included on the pink sheet.

The Reverend Howard Chapman observed that the Marion church has engaged in a capital campaign to fund repair of the church roof, which has experienced serious decay. The goal for the campaign was \$805,000; to date, the fund total amounts to more the \$851,000. The church has pledged to tithe the excess funding to the Presbytery of East Iowa.

Commissioned Lay Pastor Elder Joyce Dean invited the presbytery to worship at Scotch Grove to celebrate the church's 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary, on June 11, 2006. The heritage worship service will be followed by a potluck meal.

Robyn Meyers, Assistant Director of Camp Wyoming provided information about the LIT (Leaders in Training) program, which will span two weeks this summer.

Elder Dave Van Dusseldorp highlighted the meaningful experiences to be had at Synod School and encouraged attendance at this event.

The Reverend Minner Serovy, Regional Representative of the Board of Pensions, offered to answer questions about the BOP programs, pension issues and the 3.6 Experience Apportionment.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

The Reverend Anne-Marie Hislop, co-moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented the following recommendation for action on behalf of the committee:

The Committee on Ministry recommends the presbytery approve the following resolution:

#### **Resolution: Continuing Membership and Validation of Ministry Policy**

**Whereas**, the presbytery is responsible for determining if the ministry of each of its continuing members is a validated ministry as described in the Book of Order and in the policy statement presented below, and;

**Whereas**, the presbytery needs a policy to define continuing membership and validated ministry;

**Therefore**, the following "Continuing Membership and Validation of Ministry Policy" is hereby approved:

### **PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP AND VALIDATION OF MINISTRY POLICY**

#### **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." (G-6.0201) 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**

##### ***Validated Ministry***

The *Book of Order* defines validated ministries as occurring within and beyond the Church. A minister of the Word and Sacrament who is an active member of Presbytery may be engaged in a validated ministry:

- 1) within congregations of this Church as defined by G-11.0409,
- 2) in other service of this Church as defined in G-11.0410,
- 3) in service beyond the jurisdiction of this Church as defined in G-11.0411, or
- 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-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 Validated Ministry**

The criteria for determining if a ministry should be defined as a validated ministry in 1), 2) and 4) above appears to be clearly defined in the Book of Order under the sections cited above. The section describing "In Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Church" (G-11.0411) requires the Committee on Ministry to make a thorough review of the proposed ministerial function based on G-11.0403. The Committee on Ministry then makes its recommendation to Presbytery. The decision on whether a ministry is a validated ministry "In Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Church" shall be based upon whether the proposed ministry meets the criteria in 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; 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 acceptable to the Presbytery; is a ministry related to a non denominational organization dealing with 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 for ordination.
- 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.

**If Criteria Can't be Met**

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 (G-11.0414) 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 Minister to Request that a Ministry be Validated**

1. Ordinarily, the minister seeking to have a ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church will request a hearing of the Committee on Ministry.
2. The Committee on Ministry will refer the request to its executive committee or another appropriate sub-committee which will conduct 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 may be provided with a copy of this policy.
4. The minister seeking to validate a ministry 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 is a validated ministry.
5. The sub-committee will make a recommendation to the entire Committee on Ministry.
6. The Committee on Ministry, following deliberation, will make its recommendation to the Presbytery for final action.
7. If the Committee on Ministry's recommendation is not to validate the ministry, the minister may request an additional hearing before the full Committee on Ministry prior to consideration by the Presbytery.
8. The Committee on Ministry will provide applicants with an opportunity to be heard by members of the Committee 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 Committee on Ministry, "the burden remains with the minister 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 in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church shall notify the Committee 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.

The governing body APPROVED the recommended motion.

Committee moderator Hislop presented the following items for information:

#### **FOR INFORMATION:**

The following motions were approved by the Committee on Ministry in its meeting of February 28, 2006 and are presented here as information:



1. **Motion:** To allow Elder Beth Jensen to serve communion at the Newhall Church effective Feb 1, 2006 through January 31 2007. Carried.
2. **Motion:** To concur with the Hopkinton congregation to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Reverend Marti Montovani effective February 28, 2006. Carried. Severance Package terms are as follows:
  - \$4,646 Cash Salary, divided into two payments spanning from March 1, 2006 through April 30, 2006.
  - Medical/Pension/Disability/death benefits, and Optional Dental dues paid through April 30, 2006.
  - Church to continue Medical up to June 30, 2006 if Pastor has not secured gainful employment by April 30, 2006.
  - Free use of the manse plus utilities through April 30, 2006, or \$800 per month through April 30, 2006 if she should vacate the manse sooner.
  - If the Rev. Montovani procures gainful employment before April 30, 2006, the congregation is released from paying the remaining balance of her salary, pension/medical/disability/life/optional dental dues, housing allowance/free use of manse, and utilities.
3. **Motion:** To designate the Rev. Marti Montovani as a "Member-at-Large." Carried.
4. **Motion:** To allow Elder Terry Dunlap to moderate the council of the Hopkinton church and to serve communion there until July 31, 2006. Carried.
5. **Motion:** To receive the Reverend Cindy Jean Saul from Des Moines Presbytery as a member of the Presbytery of East Iowa. Carried.
6. **Motion:** To approve the 50% time Stated Supply contract between the Reverend Cindy Jean Saul and the Cascade congregation until January 30, 2007, and to name her moderator of its session. Carried. Terms are as follows:
  - \$13,411 – Annual Cash Salary
  - \$1,347.24 – SECA
  - \$500 – Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses
  - \$250 – Reimbursed Professional Expenses
  - \$1,200 – Moving Expenses
  - Free use of the manse
  - Utilities paid by congregation
  - 4 weeks vacation
  - 2 weeks study leave
  - 6 weeks maternity leave
  - Full Board of Pension medical/pension/disability/death benefits dues
7. **Motion:** To approve Elder Kelly Allard to preside at the communion table for the Bethel Ainsworth Church effective Feb 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. Carried.
8. **Motion:** To name the Reverend Bill Salzman as moderator of the Burlington Church session. Carried.

9. **Motion:** To name the Reverend James Huston moderator of the Cotter and Salem sessions after the Reverend Linda Baldwin retires. Carried.
10. **Motion:** To renew the contract between CLP Alice Hawes and the Donnellson congregation until January 31, 2007. Terms have not changed. Carried.
11. **Motion:** To concur with the Keokuk congregation to call the Reverend David Herron to be their pastor, beginning March 13, 2006, to name him moderator of the session and to receive his membership into the Presbytery of East Iowa. Carried. EOE requirements were met. Terms are as follows:
- \$23,000 Annual Cash Salary
  - \$22,600 Housing Allowance
  - \$1,000 Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses
  - \$500 Reimbursed Professional Expenses
  - Mileage Reimbursed at IRS Allowable Rate
  - Full Moving Costs
  - 4 weeks vacation
  - 2 weeks study leave
  - 2 weeks paternity leave
  - Full Board of Pension medical/pension/disability/death benefits dues
12. **Motion:** To concur with the Mediapolis congregation to call the Reverend Bradley Kirk Hansen to be their pastor, beginning March 13, 2006, name him moderator of the session and to receive his membership into the Presbytery of East Iowa from the Southern Kansas Presbytery. Carried. EOE requirements were met. Terms are as follows:
- \$33,525 Annual Cash Salary
  - \$2,564.66 SECA
  - \$1,500 Deferred Compensation
  - Free use of the manse
  - \$2,000 Utility Allowance
  - \$1,000 Medical/Dental Costs Reimbursement
  - \$1,000 Continuing Education Cost Reimbursement, cumulative to 2 years
  - \$1,000 Professional Expense Reimbursement
  - Mileage Reimbursed at IRS Allowable Rate
  - Up to \$4,000 moving costs
  - 4 weeks vacation
  - 2 weeks study leave
  - 2 weeks paternity leave
  - Full Board of Pension medical/pension/disability/death benefits dues
13. **Motion:** To concur with the Winfield congregation to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Reverend Patricia Henderson, effective February 28, 2006, and to name Reverend Sue Tomlinson as the moderator of the session. Carried. Severance terms are as follows:
- \$8,052 Cash Salary, divided into three payments spanning from March 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006.
  - Medical/Pension/disability/death benefits and Optional Dental dues paid through May 31, 2006.
  - \$619 unused vacation time reimbursement.

- \$500 reimbursed from fine arts program.
  - Free use of the manse through May 31, 2006, or \$500 per month if she should vacate the manse sooner.
  - Utilities paid by church through May 31, 2006 if she remains in the manse. If the Rev. Henderson procures gainful employment before May 31, 2006, the congregation is released from paying the remaining balance of her salary, pension/medical/dental dues, rent/free use of manse, and utilities.
14. **Motion:** To inform the Reverend Patricia Henderson that the Committee on Ministry declines to release her to another call at this time. Carried.
15. **Motion:** To designate the Reverend Patricia Henderson as a "Member-at-Large." Carried.
16. **Motion:** To provide permission to the Reverend Kolleen Klemmedson, a minister ordained in the United Methodist Church, to preside over communion at First Presbyterian Church of Clinton. Carried.
17. **Motion:** To allow the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Davenport to elect an APNC at its March 19, 2006 congregational meeting. Carried.
18. **Motion:** To give permission to Elder Phil Leipold to preside over communion at the Newcomb Presbyterian Church on February 5, 2006. Carried.

**The following motions were approved by the Committee on Ministry in its meeting of March 28, 2006 and are presented here as information:**

1. **Motion:** To appoint the following individuals to serve as the installation commission for the Rev. Dave Herron at the Keokuk church on April 2, 2006. The commission will be dissolved automatically after completing its service and sending a report to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery. Carried.
  - Elder Georgia Kost, moderator, United Church of Columbus Junction
  - The Reverend Scott Nesbitt, Ainsworth Community Church
  - The Reverend Nancy Oehler, United Church of Crawfordsville
  - Elder Harry Olthoff, General Presbyter of the East Iowa Presbytery
  - Elder Lois Thedens, First Presbyterian Church of Rowley
2. **Motion:** To offer the opportunity for the Reverend Patricia Henderson to go, as soon as possible, to Midwest Ministries for Level 3 evaluation, for which the Committee on Ministry will cover reasonable expenses as they pertain to mileage, meals, lodging, and evaluation costs. Both the Reverend Patricia Henderson and COM will subsequently receive a report from Midwest Ministries. Carried.
3. **Motion:** To reimburse the Reverend Patricia Henderson, at the volunteer rate established by the Presbytery of East Iowa, \$0.20 per mile, for her vouchered mileage as such pertains to her mentoring work at the First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, and only for the duration of her shared ministry experience there. Carried.
4. **Motion:** To concur with the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Mike Spangler and the Muscatine church pending the affirmative vote of the congregation on April 2, 2006. Reverend Spangler plans to retire on June 15, 2006. Muscatine will be allowed to look for an interim pastor before the Reverend Spangler departs. Carried.
5. **Motion:** To instruct the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa to write a letter to the Reverend Jack Krch urging him to request permission to labor inside the bounds

of the presbyteries where he is serving but not a member, and subsequently seeking permission to labor outside the bounds of this Presbytery. Should the Reverend Krch not comply within 3 months, his name will be placed on to the inactive list of the Presbytery of East Iowa. Carried.

**The following motions were approved by the Committee on Ministry in its meeting of April 25, 2006 and are presented here as information:**

1. **Motion:** If the Reverend Patricia Henderson receives a call to a congregation in another presbytery of this denomination, the Committee on Ministry will approve presenting the call to her and releasing her for transfer to the Presbytery having jurisdiction over the calling church (G-14.0507b) only after it has received assurance that the calling presbytery's Committee on Ministry has done a thorough examination of the suitability of the call. The authority for this action is in accord with section G-11.0502h of the *Book of Order* which states, in part, "[Committee on Ministry] may be given authority by the presbytery...to approve and present calls for services of ministers...[and] to dismiss ministers to other presbyteries." Section VII of *Bylaws and Manual of Operations, Presbytery of East Iowa* "grants the Committee on Ministry the authority...to approve and present calls to ministers; ...[and] dismiss ministers to other presbyteries." Carried.
2. **Motion:** If the Reverend Patricia Henderson should go to Midwest Ministries for Level Three Evaluation and allows a follow-up report to be sent to the Committee on Ministry moderators, the Committee on Ministry will fully consider said report in whether and how to amend the wording of the above resolution. Carried.  
  
A letter will be given to the Reverend Patricia Henderson that she must sign and return indicating that she has received a copy of the above motions.
3. **Motion:** To name the Reverend Jay Miller as moderator of the Vinton Presbyterian Church session beginning May 1, 2006. Carried.
4. **Motion:** To concur with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Manchester in dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Reverends Wade and Sonda Kirsteatter as of April 30, 2006, and to name the Reverends Wade and Sonda Kirsteatter members-at-large of the Presbytery of East Iowa. Carried.
5. **Motion:** To name the Reverend John Hougen as moderator of the session for First Presbyterian Church of Manchester beginning May 1, 2006. Carried.
6. **Motion:** To accept, with regret, the resignation of Elder Richard Young from the Committee on Ministry and to thank him for his faithful service. Carried.
7. **Motion:** To allow the Reverend David Mixon, United Methodist minister, to serve communion in May at the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown. Carried.
8. **Motion:** To concur with the congregation of the United Presbyterian Church of Columbus Junction in the dissolution of pastoral relationship with the Reverend Linda Baldwin, as of July 1, 2006, and to declare the Reverend Linda Baldwin to be Honorably Retired at that time. Carried.
9. **Motion:** To receive the Reverend Jon Evans into the membership of the Presbytery of East Iowa from Great Rivers Presbytery and to name him a "Member-at-Large." Carried.

10. **Motion:** To approve, pending the receipt of signed official documentation, the 50% temporary supply contract between the Reverend Marti Montovani and the Olivet Presbyterian Church of Cedar Rapids, beginning 1 June 2006 and continuing through 31 May 2007. Carried. Terms are as follows:

- \$19,577.50 – Annual Cash Salary
- \$500 – Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses
- \$250 – Reimbursed Professional Expenses
- Free use of the manse
- 4 weeks vacation
- 2 weeks study leave
- 6 weeks maternity leave
- Full Board of Pension medical/pension dues

11. **Motion:** To transfer the membership of the Reverend Hugh Miller, HR, to the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, pending reception of a request from said presbytery's Stated Clerk. Carried.

**The following motion was passed via e-mail during the week of May 1, 2006:**

**Motion:** That the Reverend Mike Spangler of First Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, be Honorably Retired by the Presbytery of East Iowa, effective June 16, 2006. Carried.

#### **RETIREMENTS**

The presbytery recognized the retirements of the Reverend Linda Baldwin, Columbus Junction United, and the Reverend Mike Spangler, Muscatine First. Elder Brian Cummings, Columbus Jct. United offered words of gratitude for the ministry of the Reverend Linda Baldwin, and Elder Al Margolis, Muscatine First, expressed appreciation for the Reverend Mike Spangler's ministry. Elder Harry Olthoff, General Presbyter and Facilitator, presented a certificate to each minister. The Presbytery of East Iowa has made a donation in each minister's name to the scholarship fund for seminary students in the Presbytery of Ceara, Brazil. In addition, the Reverend George Bishop, representing the Association of Retired Minister, Spouses and Survivors, presented a check for the first year's dues in this group to each minister.

#### **PEACEMAKING**

Elder Jeff Koch, Muscatine First, called the body's attention to the green sheet in the packet detailing the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Asserting that peacemaking may be found in a range of concrete actions, he urged each church in the presbytery to enter into the covenant commitment to peacemaking printed in the center of this handout. He concluded his presentation by presenting certificates of church commitment to Kenwood Park, Cedar Rapids and First United, West Liberty.

#### **CAMP WYOMING**

Kevin Cullum, Camp Director, and the Reverend Julie Anderson-Schuett, President of the Camp Wyoming Board of Directors, announced the inception of a capital campaign to update and renovate the camp. They both emphasized the importance of the camping experience in developing character and building the future church. The renovation project will proceed in three phases: Phase I includes the camp site and facilities; Phase II focuses on building a high ropes course and climbing tower; and Phase III concerns the purchase of supplies, the addressing of maintenance issues, and the building of the endowment. With a goal of \$800,000, this campaign provides an opportunity to honor individuals meaningfully by through endowed giving. During this upcoming week, church will receive information packets about this capital campaign. Everyone at the camp urges prayerful consideration of the giving

opportunities available through this project. Both presenters requested the presbytery's prayers for students engaged in camping experiences this summer.

Moderator Georgia Kost stepped out of the chair, passing the gavel to Vice-Moderator, the Reverend Heather Hayes, to continue moderating the meeting.

### **BRAZIL TASK FORCE**

The Reverend John Hougen announced that the Brazil Task Force will be meeting during the coming week to move forward on plans for a capital campaign that aims to raise \$520,000 over the next two years for mission support and development activities in Ceara Presbytery, Brazil. In June, a group of youth and chaperones will travel to Forteleza. Elder Gil Dietz, Muscatine First, spoke on behalf of the Presbytery about the Reverend Mike Spangler's leadership of the Brazil Task Force. Since the beginning of our relationship with Ceara Presbytery, more than fifty persons for East Iowa have traveled to Forteleza. Mike Spangler has served as the foundation for this effort and has developed additional leaders within the Task Force to continue this important work. Further, he has fired up folks with this presbytery to commit time and financial gifts to support important initiatives in Ceara. The Presbytery of East Iowa owes the Reverend Mike Spangler enormous thanks for his leadership. In appreciation for his work, the Brazil Task Force is providing a scholarship for Pirambu in Mike Spangler's name.

### **RECOGNITION OF YEARS OF SERVICE**

Elder Harry Olthoff, General Presbyter/Facilitator, presented certificates to the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament to honor their ministry and service on the respective ordination anniversaries listed below:

60 years	James Pollack, William Morris
55 years	Carl Riggs, George Bishop
50 years	Darrell Yeane, Bill Beattie, Bill Jamison
45 years	Robert Hill, Richard Wallarab

To conclude this recognition, Elder Olthoff introduced the Reverend Lucille King to offer, in his words, a "Moment from the Matriarch." She observed that we need to return to the basics of our faith—the beliefs, values, and actions that started the church in the very beginning. She quoted Zechariah 4:6 in which the angel affirms that the Word of the Lord comes "not by might nor by power, but by the spirit." She further cited the second chapter of Acts, in which the Spirit descends upon the disciples, prompting them to speak in tongues to affirm that it is time for us to give up control and let the Holy Spirit lead us. We need the power of the Holy Spirit, she stated, both in our individual lives and within the church as a whole. Through the leading of the Spirit, life becomes more vivid. When we let go, God's new ideas come into us.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Elder Shirley Pantini, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, began the committee's report by reminding the governing body that the inquiry process requires a discernment team comprising the inquirer, the sponsoring church session, the CPM (representing the presbytery) and the seminary. She introduced Shawna Weber and Carl Anderson, new Inquirers, and offered the following motions on behalf of the committee:

The CPM moves that Shawna Weber, First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, be enrolled as an Inquirer.

Seminary:	McCormick Seminary
Pastor:	The Rev. Jerry Kelly
Session Liaison:	Karen Kauffman
CPM Liaison:	The Rev. Kristin Hutson



Hi, my name is Shawna Weber. I live in Mt. Pleasant Iowa with my husband Bill and three children, Matthew, Samuel and Jonah. Currently, I teach Elementary Art at two elementary schools here in Mt. Pleasant. I attend the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant with my family and take an active roll in youth programming, Christian Education and the Worship Team. I also enjoy attending both a book discussion group and a small group for elders that is focusing on the marks of Discipleship.

My family enjoys camping and hiking with friends and in my spare time I work in my studio, concentrating mostly on drawing and collage as well as a bit of painting. In recent months my journey has brought me full circle in the recognition of a quiet tugging towards ordained ministry.

I have begun the process with both joy and trepidation. Joy in offering myself in the role of servant leadership, in responding to the energy I have received in my involvement in my faith community. Joy in responding to God's call as it takes me beyond this experience and tugs me towards seminary training. Trepidation comes in considering stepping out of my comfortable and comforting community into the unknown. I have been accepted to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago for next fall, as my family makes plans for next year I realize how thankful I am to be part of this presbytery and part of this community of faith whose support is of such great value!

The governing body APPROVED the motion.

The CPM moves that Carl Anderson, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, be enrolled as an Inquirer.

Seminary: University of Dubuque Theological Seminary  
 Pastors: The Rev. Herb Isenberg; The Rev. Jim Langley  
 Session Liaison: Chad Gammon  
 CPM Liaison: The Rev. Duane Hix



Carl Anderson was raised in Omaha, NE. He attended the University of Kansas and earned a degree in Business Administration. He served a church in Omaha for 5.5 years and a church in Philadelphia for 2 years. He is currently employed by Westminster Presbyterian in Cedar Rapids as Director of Student Ministry and is completing his first year at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

Carl enjoys pop culture, most specifically movies. Carl loves sports, specifically basketball and football.

Carl and his wife, Natalie, live in Coralville. Natalie is a medical student at the University of Iowa.

The governing body APPROVED the motion.

Elder Pantini presented the following items for information.

**FOR INFORMATION:**Persons Under Care

Candidate Margaret Snyder  
 Inquirer Teresa Bartlett  
 Inquirer Erik Liljegren  
 Inquirer Dr. Heather Hartsell  
 Inquirer Dr. Kenneth Murphy  
 Seeker Carl Anderson  
 Seeker Shawna Weber

- CPM member the Reverend Rick King will attend the Board of Pensions Consultation in Kansas City on May 11 - 12, 2006.
- Annual Consultation will be held at Camp Wyoming on August 13 - 15, 2006.
- Elders and ordained ministers who are interested in reading the Spring Ordination Exams in Chicago, March 4 - 8, 2007, should submit their names to Shirley Pantini, CPM Moderator, no later than August 1, 2006.

The governing body adjourned at 5:30 p.m. for the evening meal following prayer offered by Vice-Moderator Hayes.

Moderator Georgia Kost reassumed the chair and reconvened the governing body with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Moderator Kost recognized Elder Jane Jakobsen, representative to the General Assembly Council from East Iowa for the past five years, who reflected upon her period of service in this position and the recent budget reduction process at GAC. She affirmed that this experience has offered many exciting moments, but that the current budget reduction and position cuts have brought sorrow to those associated with GAC. She called attention to the information in the packet regarding the Mission Work Plan Budget. She called that body's attention to G-13.0200, the *Book of Order* section containing the GAC mandate. Information is posted on the PCUSA website explaining the restructuring and reassignment plan, which was devised around eight major objectives. The recently-released letter from Moderator Ufford-Chase, a handout available at this meeting, details those programs that will no longer be available after these cuts become effective. Stating that she has enjoyed her work as the GAC representative, Elder Jakobsen urged the presbytery to pray for the church and especially for those affected by the budget cuts.

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Elder Mary Klotzbach, moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the motion on behalf of the committee that the following persons be elected to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Moderator Kost called for further nominations from the floor.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

The Rev. James Bonewald, Cedar Rapids, Knox	Class of 2006	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	West Region
Elder Shirley Leonard, Iowa City, St. Andrew	Class of 2008	1 <sup>st</sup> Term	West Region

No further nominations were offered. The governing body APPROVED the motion.



## ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

The Reverend Jerry Kelley, moderator of the Administrative Unit, presented the following motions on behalf of the committee:

1. The Administrative Unit moves that the *Sexual Misconduct Policy* be amended to read "training shall be offered at least once every two years and attendance shall be mandatory for all full time Ministers of Word and Sacrament who are members of the Presbytery of East Iowa." (Appendix 4)

The governing body APPROVED the motion.

2. The Administrative Unit moves that the Presbytery of East Iowa elect Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair to be the new Stated Clerk in a shared position with the Presbytery of North Central Iowa.

The governing body APPROVED the motion. Moderator Georgia Kost offered prayer as Dr. Blair begins this new position. Dr. Blair expressed deep appreciation to the governing body for their affirmation of her vocation.

3. The Administrative Unit moves that the Presbytery of East Iowa express its appreciation for the service of the Reverend Dr. R. Dixon Jennings for his service as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of East Iowa.

The governing body APPROVED the motion.

The Reverend Marti Montovani reviewed the Reverend Dixon Jennings' service in full-time ministry for 41 years, as a Stated Clerk in Utah, as an interim pastor in Illinois and Iowa, and as Stated Clerk in the Presbytery of East Iowa for the past six years. She noted his active participation in choir at Marion, First among other examples of his able service. The presbytery presented Dr. Jennings with a token of appreciation for his service.

4. The Administrative Unit moves that the Presbytery of East Iowa clarify the function and utilization of per capita income and gifts to the Unified Mission program.

Elder Dave Van Dusseldorp, Administrative Unit member, detailed the purpose of this motion. He explained that, five years ago, the Presbytery of East Iowa realized the need to be more intentional about discipleship, deciding to de-emphasize governance and foreground mission and ministry. He noted that church contributions to the Unified Mission Funds make possible the Commissioned Lay Pastor program, the visioning processes (30% of the churches in the presbytery have used visioning to spur growth and excitement), creative worship and liturgy consultations, continuing education workshops, stewardship events, pastors' retreats, and new pastor development (a program that began in September, 2004).

The Presbytery of East Iowa is working hard to provide services to churches in outreach to the communities they serve. As a connectional church, we need all members to uphold their part of the covenant we share. It takes serious financial stewardship to keep programs funded through Unified Mission going and growing. Currently, the Unified Mission funds total \$34,000 less than last year's balance at this point in time. The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. Not all churches budget for unified giving. These funds are pledged, not calculated like per capita funds. Please consider how your church can help to support these essential ministries through Unified Mission.

After sustained discussion, the governing body APPROVED the motion.

The Reverend Troy Winder announced that The Vision and Renewal Unit is functioning. He called the governing body's attention to the Emerging Missions Grants brochure, distributed with the presbytery packet. He explained in greater detail the ways in which these grants can assist congregations in designed and implementing new projects to respond to local needs and build relationships within the community. Requests for grants for emerging ministries may be directed to this unit through the presbytery office.

The Reverend Jerry Kelly presented the following items from the committee for information.

**FOR INFORMATION:**

1. The Administrative Unit approved a \$200 grant from Peacemaking funds for Marion, First to support a project in Niger, Africa.
2. The Administrative Unit concurred with the two major fund raising campaigns taking place within the Presbytery to have Camp Wyoming run its campaign from April 15, 2006 through August 31, 2006 and to have the Brazil Task Force run the Two Lands, One Hope campaign September 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.
3. Approved Sharon Presbyterian Church building project of approximately \$33,000 for a new elevator. Funds are available for this project.
4. The Administrative Unit approved forming a task force to develop ways for the presbytery and churches to fund unified mission.

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The Reverend Dr. Dixon Jennings, Stated Clerk presented the following items for presbytery action:

**FOR ACTION:**

1. The minutes of the 138th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa, held at Christ Church Presbyterian, Cedar Rapids, February 11, 2006 have been published, and members of the presbytery have had opportunity to view their contents. Therefore, the stated clerk recommends their approval by the presbytery. The motion received a second and was APPROVED by the governing body.
2. The Stated Clerk recommends that the Reverend Lisa Ross Thedens be elected Overture Advocate to speak for the Presbytery of East Iowa's overture to the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Birmingham, AL to replace the Reverend Rose Taul, who had been previously elected. The motion received a second and was APPROVED by the governing body.

The Stated Clerk presented the following items for information:

**FOR INFORMATION:**

The Committee on Ministry specified in the appointment of the Administrative Commission to install the Reverend David Lee Herron as Pastor of United Presbyterian Church of Keokuk, that the Administrative Commission would automatically be dismissed upon completion of its responsibilities. The stated clerk reports that the commission has completed its duties and is therefore dismissed.

The report of the Committee on Representation of the Presbytery of East Iowa to the presbytery and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies is submitted for presbytery's information.

The 2006 Stated Meetings of the Presbytery of East Iowa are as follows:

September 12	First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids
November 14	First Presbyterian Church, Monticello

The Reverend Robin Kash moved to reconsider the motion to approve the amendment of the *Sexual Misconduct Policy*. The motion received a second and was NOT APPROVED by the governing body.

A motion to extend the time for the meeting by ten minutes received a second and was APPROVED by the governing body.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Reverend Paul Skelley, presbytery treasurer, presented the report. A motion to receive the Treasurer's Report as printed in the presbytery packet received a second and was APPROVED by the governing body.

#### REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Elder Harry Olthoff, General Presbyter/Facilitator, observed that, by the body's discussions tonight, we have affirmed that we are not going back to Egypt. He expressed special gladness that Rebecca Blair, newly-elected Stated Clerk, will be on the journey with the presbytery. Churches in the Presbytery of East Iowa are not just growing numerically in membership; they are also growing spiritually as they focus on an intentional vision of mission and ministry. New leaders are also beginning to emerge. Elder Olthoff expressed thanks for those who have been leading and encouragement to those called into leadership to follow God's call to lead. We in the Presbytery of East Iowa are not part of a dying church, but part of the thriving church of Jesus Christ.

#### WORSHIP

At 7:15 p.m. the governing body gathered in worship in a Service for Wholeness. This service provided an opportunity for ministering to and praying for people who desire healing of the body, mind, and spirit, both for themselves and for others. We recognize the healing power of God's love, given to us in the person of Jesus Christ. Participants in this service included Pastors—the Reverend Mike Spangler, the Reverend Heather Hayes, and the Reverend Rose Taul; Liturgists—Kevin Cullum, Sharon Pipe, and Deanna Koch; Choir Director and Liturgist—David Coleman; the Muscatine First Presbyterian Church Cancel Choir; Accompanist—Carol Airola; Flutist—Michaela Calzaretta; Cantor—Darlene Bergman; and Harry and Nancy Olthoff. An offering of \$550 was received to support the work of short-term Volunteers in Mission.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was seconded and APPROVED by affirmation. Moderator Georgia Kost adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved  
12 September 2006  
RSB

The Reverend Dr. R. Dixon Jennings, Stated Clerk  
Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair, Recording Clerk