

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL (CALLED) MEETING
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA**

Presbytery of East Iowa Office
Iowa City, Iowa

10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The Special (Called) Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa, of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the Presbytery of East Iowa Office, 1700 South First Avenue, Suite 23 in Iowa City, Iowa, on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by the Moderator, the Reverend Al Polito, with prayer.

WELCOME

The Moderator welcomed those in attendance to this called meeting of the Presbytery, and provided a brief explanation of the *Book of Order* requirements for called meetings.

QUORUM

The Stated Clerk, Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair, declared a quorum to be present with the roll to be established from the registration forms. **A motion to approve the docket as printed was seconded and APPROVED by the body.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT—present at the June 2, 2009 meeting:

Mark Binder, ([UCC] Ft. Madison, United), Karen Downey Beals (Springville/LinnGrove), Matthew Froeschle (Princeton), Pat Halverson (Le Claire, Our Savior), Anne-Marie Hislop (At Large), Lucille King (HR), Ron Lewis (Cedar Rapids, Christ), Deb Miller-Kinney (Burlington, First), Marti Montovani (At Large), Nancy Oehler Love (Crawfordsville, United Church), Al Polito (Monticello, First), Mary Pugh (Blue Grass), Lisa Ross Thedens (At Large), Pamela Saturnia (Davenport, New Hope), Erv Smith ([RCA] Wapello, First), Ron Sumption (Vinton), Karolee Wirt (HR), Bob Wollenberg (Washington, Untied)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS—present at June 2, 2009 meeting

Jean Bruinsma (Le Claire, First), Terry Dunlap (Cascade, Community), Marian Hart (West Liberty, First Church United)

ELDER COMMISSIONERS—present at the June 2, 2009 meeting:

Linda Boston (Washington, United), Joanne Fahrenkrog (Le Claire, Our Savior), Dennis Gifford (Keota, United Church of Faith), Harry Hoyt (Davenport, First), Ed Kirkpatrick (Winfield, First), Georgia Kost (Columbus Junction, United), Nancy Macomber (Cascade, Community), Cindy Monroe (Cedar Rapids, First and Vice Moderator), Kate Risk (Independence, First), Alberta Spiess (Le Claire, First), Judy Sumption (Vinton) Mary Beth Young (Mt. Pleasant, First)

GENERAL PRESBYTER

Harry D. Olthoff

STATED CLERK

Rebecca Blair

CANDIDATE

Melody Oltmann

STAFF

Pam Prather, Marue White, Richard Tiegs

VISITORS:

Mary Jo Auliff (Le Claire, First), Tom Bloomingdale (Le Claire, First), Cari Bringman (Le Claire, First), Jim and Pat Collins (Le Claire, First), Phyllis Dearing (Le Claire, First), Jan Eberle (Cedar Rapids), Darlene Ewoldt (Le Claire, First), Risë Holloway (Le Claire, First), Charles Schwenke (Le Claire, First),

RECAP OF THE ROLL

Ministers (eligible to vote)	18
CLP (eligible to vote)	3
Elders (eligible to vote)	12
General Presbyter (Elder)	1
Stated Clerk (Elder)	1
Visitors	10
Staff	3
TOTAL	48

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE MELODY OLTMANN

The Reverend Nancy Oehler Love, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, introduced Candidate Melody Oltmann, a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of Indian Nations, who has been called to the position of Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Le Claire, Iowa. She noted that G-14.0402a in the 2005-2007 *Book of Order* requires candidates to appear before the presbytery to make a brief statement of faith and of commitment to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament prior to the governing body's conducting a further examination. The Reverend Ms. Oehler Love invited Candidate Oltmann to make such a statement. The Reverend Ms. Oehler Love noted that Candidate Oltmann has completed the requirements for ordination brought forth in the *Book of Order*, Chapter 14, fulfilled the requirements of her presbytery of care, Indian Nations Presbytery, and has received a call from First Presbyterian Church, Le Claire in the Presbytery of East Iowa. The governing body has received her statement of faith, and, according to G-14.0402 in the 2005-2007 *Book of Order*, the governing body may now examine Candidate Oltmann concerning her Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). **The Reverend Ms. Oehler Love moved on**

behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry that Melody Oltmann be examined for ordination to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Moderator Polito then opened the floor for questions.

The Reverend Pat Halverson called a Point of Order regarding commissioners, guests, and the right of the floor. Moderator Polito called upon the Stated Clerk for a parliamentary ruling. Stated Clerk Dr. Blair noted that the Reverend Ms. Halverson was correct in asserting that guests do not have the privilege of the floor or voice unless granted so by the governing body. **A motion to grant guests the right of the floor to pose questions was seconded and APPROVED.**

After questioning, **a motion to arrest the examination was seconded and APPROVED by the governing body.** Candidate Melody Oltmann was escorted from the room. **A motion to sustain the examination and to approve Candidate Melody Oltmann for ordination and installation at a date in July, 2009 to be determined at First Presbyterian Church, LeClaire, IA with an administrative commission to be formed by the Reverend Al Polito, Moderator of the Presbytery of East Iowa, and that she be duly enrolled as a minister member in good standing of the Presbytery of East Iowa upon her ordination and installation was seconded and APPROVED.** The body congratulated Candidate Oltmann with applause upon her entry into the room. **A motion to direct the Stated Clerk to communicate the results of this examination to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Indian Nations was seconded and APPROVED.**

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

Elder Harry Olthoff presented a motion on behalf of the Administrative Unit that the governing body of the Presbytery of East Iowa approve the following resolution to amend the *Manual of Operations of the Presbytery of East Iowa* as requested by the Committee on Ministry and recommended by the Administrative Unit:

Resolved that the *Manual of Operations of the Presbytery of East Iowa* be amended to delete the following paragraph under Section VII—Book of Order Committees and Standing Committees, Membership:

“Membership: The Committee on Ministry shall be composed of no less than twelve members and no more than eighteen members including the moderators or co-moderators.”

And replace it with the following paragraph:

Membership: *The Committee on Ministry shall be composed of no less than twenty-one (21) members and no more than twenty-eight (28) members, including the moderators or co-moderators."*

The motion was APPROVED.

No other business being docketed, a motion to adjourn was seconded and APPROVED by the governing body. Moderator Polito adjourned the meeting with prayer at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Blair".

Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair
Stated Clerk

Richard Tiegs
Recording Clerk