

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

Presbytery of East Iowa Office
Iowa City, Iowa

10:00 a.m.
Saturday, August 25, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Upon the request of the Reverend Nancy Oehler Love (at-Large), the Reverend Dr. Howard Chapman (Marion, First), Elder Dr. Clint Rila (Mt. Pleasant, First), and Elder Anita Burnett (Iowa City, First), a called (special) meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa was called to take place on August 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Presbytery of East Iowa, Iowa City.

The Special (Called) Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Vice-Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Mary Pugh, with prayer.

WELCOME

The Vice-Moderator welcomed those in attendance to this called meeting of the Presbytery and provided a brief explanation of the business to be conducted at this meeting.

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 APPROVED by consensus of the body.**

TEACHING ELDER MEMBERS—present at the August 25, 2012 meeting:

Susan Barnes (Lone Tree, United), Jim Bonewald (Cedar Rapids, Knox), Tim Dyck (Cedar Rapids, Christ Church), Faye Fedlam (Columbus Junction, United), Pamela Hooghem (Davenport, First), Nancy Oehler Love (at-Large), Sam Massey (Iowa City, First), Kip Murphy (Williamsburg, First), Mary Pugh, Vice-Moderator, (Blue Grass), Pam Saturnia (Davenport, New Hope), Kitch Shatzer (Ainsworth, Community), Lori Wunder (Mt. Vernon, First)

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS—present at the August 25, 2012 meeting:

Karen Bartel (Davenport, New Hope), Jane Skinner (Iowa City, First), Mark Gross (Williamsburg, First)

VICE-MODERATOR

The Reverend Dr. Mary Pugh (listed above)

STATED CLERK

Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair

GENERAL PRESBYTER

Elder Harry D. Olthoff

CANDIDATE

Elder Rob Smith

VISITORS:

Phil Leipold (CRE, Stanwood, Union), Barb Perry (Williamsburg, First), David Van Dusseldorp (Iowa City, First)

RECAP OF THE ROLL

Teaching Elder Members (eligible to vote) 12
 Ruling Elder Commissioners (eligible to vote) 3
 Stated Clerk (Elder-eligible to vote) 1
 General Presbyter (Elder-eligible to vote) 1
 Candidate 1
 Visitors 2
 TOTAL 20

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE ROB SMITH

The Reverend Nancy Oehler Love, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, introduced Candidate Rob Smith, a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of East Iowa, who has been called to the position of Pastor at the Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN. She noted that, according to G-2.0607, the CPM has certified Rob as ready for examination for ordination, pending a call, and that G-2.0702 states that "the presbytery placing the call to a candidate for ministry shall ordinarily examine, ordain and install" the candidate, but that the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area has graciously agreed to Rob's being ordained in his home church, First Presbyterian in Williamsburg. She offered the following motion on behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

MOTION: That Candidate Robert (Rob) Smith, a Candidate under care of Presbytery of East Iowa, having fulfilled the requirements for ordination found in Chapter 2 of the *Book of Order*, be examined for ordination as a Teaching Elder and Minister of Word and Sacrament, having received a call to serve as the Pastor of Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church in Apple Valley, MN.

Vice-Moderator Pugh asked the governing body if there was any objection. Hearing none, she declared the motion passed and invited the Reverend Ms. Oehler Love to proceed.

The Reverend Ms. Oehler Love invited Candidate Rob Smith to come forward, and, according to G-14.0402 in the 2005-2007 *Book of Order*, to respond to questions from the governing body concerning his Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

Vice-Moderator Pugh then open the floor for questions.

After questioning ceased, **a motion to arrest the examination was seconded and APPROVED by the governing body.** Candidate Rob Smith was escorted from the room. **A motion to sustain the examination and to approve Candidate Rob Smith for ordination on September 8, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, IA with an administrative commission to be formed and approved on behalf of the Presbytery by the Committee on Ministry, and to instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate the outcome of this examination to the Stated Clerk of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery was seconded and APPROVED.** The body congratulated Candidate Smith with applause upon his entry into the room.

Vice-Moderator Pugh offered congratulations to Candidate Smith and thanked presbyters for their attention. **A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and APPROVED.** Vice-Moderator Pugh closed the meeting with prayer at 10:37 a.m.

NOTICE OF A CALLED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA

Saturday, August 25, 2012

10:00 p.m.

**AT THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE
1700 South First Avenue, Suite 23
Iowa City, IA 52240**

In accordance with G-3.0304, the Reverend Nancy Oehler Love (Member-at-Large), the Reverend Dr. Howard Chapman (Marion, First), Elder Anita Burnett (Iowa City, First) and Elder Dr. Clint Rila (Mt. Pleasant, First) have requested that a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa be called on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the presbytery office, 1700 South First Avenue, Suite 23, Iowa City, IA, for the purpose of:

Conducting the examination for ordination of Candidate Rob Smith, Candidate under care of the Presbytery of East Iowa, who has been called, if the way be clear, to the position of Pastor at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN.

G-2.0702 states that "the presbytery placing the call to a candidate for ministry shall ordinarily examine, ordain and install" the candidate; however, the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area has been gracious enough to agree to Rob's being ordained in his home church, First Presbyterian in Williamsburg. Therefore, he will need to be examined by the Presbytery of East Iowa for ordination.

Since this is a Special (Called) Meeting of the presbytery, no business other than the items stated above may come before the presbytery at this time. No requests for excused absences are necessary for a called meeting.

The call of this meeting issued by the Reverend John Hougen , Moderator, and Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair , Stated Clerk, as indicated below.

The Reverend John Hougen
Moderator

Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair
Stated Clerk

Rebecca Blair

Respectfully submitted,
Elder Dr. Rebecca Blair
Stated Clerk

*minutes approved
10-9-2012
RSB*

