

**Commission on Leadership Report to the
Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys
February 3, 2018**

Actions taken at the January 23, 2018 meeting

1. COL VOTED adopt the meeting agenda. COL VOTED to approve the minutes of December 12, 2017 Zoom Meeting

2. COL VOTED to affirm the following Co-chair actions:
 - a. Mankato – Election of PNC authorized. Self-study data received.
 - b. Crosslake – Election of PNC authorized.
 - c. Fergus Falls Federated – Approved request for Elder Connie Seltz to serve communion on February 4, 2019; she has been trained
 - d. Silver Lake – MIF for part-time or full-time solo pastor approved
 - e. Kasota – Rev. Dawn Carder has been approved for pulpit supply, including waiver of the two consecutive weeks limitation. Approval also was given to serve communion and to serve as Moderator, all during the months of January and February. Pastor Dennis Secretase is ill.
 - f. Crosslake – Rev. Bill Yueill authorized to serve as Moderator for January 28, 2018 annual Meeting.

3. COL VOTED to affirm the following actions:
 - a. Accept offer from Pam Prouty to provide Minutes of Meetings
 - b. Annual Review of Terms of Call – Pam Prouty and Scott Thompson
 - c. Pulpit Supply List Maintenance – Karen Houtman
 - d. The Academy Representatives – Elaine Boyd and Kathy Knips
 - e. Lead Person for Inquirers and Candidates – Bonnie Roys
 - f. COL Meeting Schedule:

Via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.- Thursdays- March 1, April 12, June 7, August 2, October 4, November 1, and December 1

Face to Face: Monday, February 12 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. (Presbytery office), May 22 (Presbytery meeting in Renville), September 6 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. (Presbytery office)

7. COL VOTED to move Teaching Elder Patricia Schick to the member at large roll as of January 31, 2018.
8. COL VOTED to appoint Teaching Elder Mark Ford as moderator at the Crosslake church beginning February, 2018.
9. COL VOTED to appoint Ruling Elder Linda Becken as moderator at the St. James church for February and March, 2018
10. COL VOTED to appoint Elaine Boyd as moderator at the Lake Crystal church.
11. COL VOTED to remove Rev. Randy Lubbers from our rolls.
12. COL VOTED to approve the Interim Covenant between Teaching Elder Leah Elrod and Hope Presbyterian Church, Spicer starting March 1, 2018-February 29, 2019. A new background check

was not required since the one on file is current. AA/EOE policies were followed. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary (including \$25,000. for housing) \$59,433.00

Benefits

Full Board of Pensions \$21,697.00

SECA (7.65%) \$ 4,547.00

Dental \$ 800.00

Reimbursements (vouchered)

Continuing Ed. \$1,000.00

Mileage @ IRS rate \$2,000.00

Business expenses \$ 500.00

Moving expenses (actual, but not to exceed) \$3,000.00

Rent deposit (refundable to Hope, church) \$1,145.00

13. COL VOTED to continue as a Candidate Amy Levinski for another year through 2018. An annual consultation was conducted in January, 2018.
14. COL VOTED to transfer Teaching Elder Candace Adams to the Presbytery of Northern Plains.

THIS ACTION WILL COME TO THE FLOOR OF PRESBYTERY

COL VOTED to recommend the Membership Roll to the Presbytery.

MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF MINNESOTA VALLEYS PRESBYTERY (G-3.0306)

January 23, 2018

Categories of membership G-20503

Teaching Elders- Installed Pastors – G-2.0504a

Robert Bartlett – Round Lake
Elaine Boyd – Amboy
Jason Cunningham – Luverne
Andrew Davis – St. Peter
Douglas Dent – Fergus Falls, Federated
Mark Ford – Brainerd
Sharon “Lynne” Matthews – Holland
David Lick-St. James (March 19, 2018)
Scott Prouty – Redwood Falls
Herbert Rotunda (UCC) – Dawson
Michael Roys – Winnebago
Dennis Secrease (UCC) – Kasota
Darin Seaman – St. Cloud
Galen Smith – Worthington
Paul Snyder – Ellsworth/Rushmore, Emmanuel
Penny Jo Temple-Johnson – Cambria
Leanne Thompson – Willmar
Scott Thompson – Willmar
Steve Tyykila – Canby
Anne Veldhuisen – Marshall
Tom Voigt – Edgerton/Lismore
Matthew Zelic (ELCA) – Ashby

Temporary Pastor: Designated G-2.0504b

Nathan Lamb – Pipestone
Anna Williamson – Renville

Temporary Pastor: Stated Supply G-2.0504b

Bob Bartlett – Brewster
Kathy Blair – Winnebago
Beverly Crute – Maynard
Tom Junkert (ELCA) – Maine, Underwood
John Lindholm – Fergus Falls, Western
Bonnie Roys – Windom
Penny Jo Temple-Johnson – Madelia

Temporary Pastor: Interim – G-2.0504b

Beverly Brock – Foley
Leah Elrod – (starts at Hope Spicer 3/1/18)
Nancy DeVries – Mankato

Teaching Elders: Validated Ministries – G-2.0503a

SanDawna Ashley – Executive Director of
Presbytery Mission
Jon Armajani – Assistant Professor of Theology,
College of St. Benedict and St. John’s
University and Parish Associate, Foley G-
2.0504b
Kathy Blair-Hospice Chaplain, Mayo Clinic
Health Systems, Fairmont, MN
Beverly Crute – Hospital Chaplain, Willmar
Cory Germain – United Church of Christ,
Fairmont, MN
Edward Godshall – U.S. Navy Chaplain
Don Ottenhoff – Director of the Institute for
Ecumenical and Cultural Research in
Collegeville, MN
Owar Ojulu – Hope Christian Ministry,
Worthington, MN (New Worshipping
Community)
Pamela Prouty – Presbytery Stated Clerk and
Synod of Lakes and Prairies Stated Clerk-
Parish Associate at Redwood Falls – G-
2.0504b
Elizabeth Tot, pastor to Sudanese Fellowship and
Parish Associate, St. Cloud G-2.0504b
Andrew Turner, chaplain at St. Cloud’s Veteran
Hospital
**Ongoing Pulpit Supply (not a Book of Order
designation, not Presbytery members)**
Jeff Greathouse (ELCA Synodical
Minister) – Russell

Honorably Retired Teaching Elders (Pastors) (G-2.0503c)

Steve Boots, Madison Lake, MN (January 1, 2013)
George Buchin, Baxter, MN
Dawn Carder, Mankato, MN
Chris Conlin, St. Peter, MN (September 1, 2017)
Sue DeNio, Duluth, MN (December 4, 2015)
Jerry Dirks, Sauk Rapids, MN
Merle Elrod, Hutchinson, MN
Tom Gard, Fergus Falls, MN (May 4, 2015)
Roger Grussing (Pastor Emeritus – Crosslake, G-2.0504b), Pillager, MN
Rollin Haynes, Slayton, MN (September 1, 2014)
Allen Jergenson – Foley (June 30, 2017)
Dwight Johnson, Nisswa, MN
James Krapf, Worthington (December 31, 2012)
Ray Larson, Breezy Point, MN
Robert Maharry, St. Peter, MN
Kendrick Matthews, Holland, MN (December 31, 2013) (Pastor Emeritus-Holland, G-2.0504b)
Vern Maxa, Brainerd, MN
Hugh Miller, Mankato, MN
C. Edward Morgan, Fergus Falls, MN (Pastor Emeritus – Federated, Fergus Falls, G-2.0504b)
Terry Morse, Luverne (August 31, 2012)
Terry Olthoff, AZ (June 15, 2013)
Wayne Purintun, Morrow, OH
Charles Reid (Pastor Emeritus G-2.0504b – Windom), Windom, MN
Robert Springer, Hanska, MN
Norma Spurgin, Big Lake, MN (August 6, 2013)
Kathleen Stangl, Crosslake, MN (August 1, 2017)
Timothy Sutton, Albuquerque, NM (October 31, 2015)
Richard Underdahl-Peirce – Minneapolis (May 31, 2012)
Harold Utzinger, Lakeland, FL
Leslie Winters, Stillwater, MN
William Yueill, Zimmerman, MN

**TEACHING ELDERS: CONTINUING MEMBERS AT LARGE
(G-2.0503b)**

Aaron Alfred, WI (working at UMC, Berlin, WI in Winnebago Presbytery)
Karen Anderson-Dent, Fergus Falls (Parish Associate – Fergus Falls, Federated - G-2.0504b)
Mark Chamberlain, Willmar (on disability)
Donald Crissinger-Clark – Minnetonka, MN (on disability)
Stephanie Guzman, Omaha, NE
Erin Kobs, Dayton, OH
Patricia Shick, Crosslake, MN
Barbara Whipple, Philadelphia, PA

RULING ELDERS COMMISSIONED TO A PARTICULAR SERVICE: (G-2.1001)

Linda Becken, Mountain Lake: mentor: Bonnie Roys (commissioned on February 7, 2015)
Michael Blank, Beaver Creek: mentor: Jason Cunningham (commissioned on August 9, 2016)
Keith Carey – Westbrook; mentor:
David Hollis – Slayton: mentor Lynne Matthews (Commissioned on May 10, 2016)
Deb Klaassen – Iona; mentor: Lynne Matthews
Gordy Pennertz – Litchfield: mentor: Thompsons
Kathy Terpstra – Harrison, Spicer; mentor: Bev Crute
Betty Thorson – Cambria; mentor: Penny Jo Temple-Johnson
Sue Goebel – Cambria; mentor: Penny Jo Temple-Johnson (Commissioned on August 9, 2016)

Moderators (if different from who is serving the church):

Blue Earth – Rev. Michael Roys
Crosslake – Rev. Mark Ford
Doran – Rev. John Lindholm
Fulda – Rev. James Krapf
Jackson – Ruling Elder Keith Lohse
Iona – Rev. Lynne Matthews
Milroy – Rev. Pamela Prouty
Randall – Ruling Elder Richard Lawrence
Rushmore, 1st – Rev. Jim Krapf
St. James- Ruling Elder Linda Becken
Silver Lake – Rev. Darin Seaman
Spicer – Rev. Leanne and Scott Thompson (Interim starts on March 1, 2018)

THOSE DELETED FROM OTHER ROLLS DURING 2018

Randal Lubbers (RCA) – Removed from the roll on January 23, 2018
Candace Adams – Transferred to the Presbytery of Northern Plains on January 23, 2018

**Commission on Presbytery Operations Report
To the Presbytery of MN Valleys
February 3, 2018**

The Millennium Fund was cashed out at a value of \$12,474.64 on December 20, 2017; this money will be used for building maintenance. Two furnaces have been ordered for the Presbytery office and will be installed, and carpet will also be installed soon. The First Presbyterian Church, Redwood Falls donated money towards the purchase of a new dishwasher for the Presbytery office which has been installed.

The Synod has hired a new Director of Finances, Elder James Koon.

The following were established at the January 13, 2018 meeting:

Goals for 2018

Preliminary budget by August 2018

Work on having a narrative budget for 2019

Develop presbytery staff benefits policy by April 2018

Core Values

Communication

Responsiveness

Responsibility

Honesty

Order

Trustworthiness

Due Diligence

Critical Thinking

Transparency

**Report of the Administrative Commission
for First Presbyterian Church of Pipestone
February 3, 2018**

The Commission continues to have a representative attend session meetings and support them in their work as they strive to embody Christian discipleship in the life of the congregation.

We have met with the Session and the Rev. Nathan Lamb, providing support and guidance as they have sought appropriate ways to address a series of complaints and accusations a member of the community (a former member of the congregation) about the Session, the Pastor, and church members. In this matter they have sought to be open with the congregation and each other as they take appropriate steps in accord with the Book of Order.

Respectfully submitted

Galen Smith, Moderator of the Commission.