

PRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK  
STATED MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> CONGREGATIONAL/1<sup>st</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

The Presbytery of Blackhawk convened on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 in a Stated Meeting at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational/1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Rockford, Illinois. Moderator Dale Prindiville called the meeting to order with a prayer at 9:30 A.M.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. John Rickard, declared that a quorum was present as indicated by the enrollment sheets at the registration tables. He presented the proposed docket for the meeting. It was moved, seconded, and **Voted** to approve the docket.

This was a joint meeting of the Ecclesial body, the Presbytery of Blackhawk, and the corporate body, the Presbytery of Blackhawk, Inc.

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| 9:00  | Registration and Networks and Partnerships Center   |                    |
| 9:15  | First Time Commissioner Orientation   |                    |
| 9:30  | Opening Prayer  |                    |
|       | Stated Clerk's Report   |                    |
|       | Quorum/Adoption of Docket/Approval of Minutes/Orientation to the Meeting/New Elders and Pastors Introduced/Balance of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders/Session Records Review Status |                    |
| 9:45  | Nominating Report (Part 1 Committee nominations)  |                    |
| 10:00 | Worship/Installation of Moderator/Commissioning of Committee Members/Commissioning of Kenya travelers   |                    |
| 11:00 | Break   |                    |
| 11:10 | Small Group Discussion – Future Leader Competencies   |                    |
| 12:10 | Lunch and Display Center  |                    |
| 1:00  | Life Together (Business Plenary Session)  |                    |
|       | Nominating (Part 2 GA Commissioners)  | Doug Forsberg      |
|       | Committees of Council   |                    |
|       | Council Report  | Bob Kopp           |
|       | Treasurer   | Frank Finch        |
|       | Approval of 2020 Unified Budget   | Bob Kopp           |
|       | Assembly Planning Committee   | Dale Prindiville   |
|       | Stronghold  | Terry Mohaupt      |
|       | Mission   | Laurie Walker      |
|       | Personnel   | Anita Stuart-Steva |
|       | Presbyterian Women  | Bev Sharlou        |
|       | Committee on Preparation for Ministry   | Jan Chandler       |
|       | Commission on Ministry  | Catherine Martin   |
|       | Synod Report  | Kim Hulen          |

2:30 Corporation/Trustees  
2:45 Unfinished and New Business  
3:00 Adjourn with Prayer

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be February 11, 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 830 Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb, Illinois. Registration at 9:00 AM, Meeting at 9:30 AM.

A motion was made, seconded, and **Voted** to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Stated Meeting of Presbytery as presented.

The Clerk then presented his report of activity since the last Stated Meeting:

- Attended Mid Council Leaders Conference
- Conducted Session Records Review
- Conducted New to Blackhawk Pastors orientation
- Engaged with fellow Presbytery Leaders in discussion on White Fragility
- Worked with issues around accusations against a minister
- Assisted in development of overture to General Assembly
- Member Illinois Conference of Churches Public Policy Committee
- Staff the Commission on Ministry, Nominating Committee, Council, Presbytery Assembly Planning Committee and Trustees
- Worked with pastor and Commission on Ministry regarding pastoral matter

The Stated Clerk then asked for approval of the proposed revisions to the Ecclesiastical Administrative Manual, Article VII.A.1 regarding the Composition of the Presbytery Council to read (italics to be added): The Presbytery Council shall consist of ~~13~~ 15 voting members: the moderators of Commission on Ministry, *Committee on Preparation for Ministry*, Mission Committee, *Nominating Committee*, Stronghold Committee, Personnel Committee; six at-large members; and the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, and Immediate Past Moderator of the Presbytery Assembly. The General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer shall serve ex-officio on the Presbytery Council. Presbytery **Voted** to approve.

The Stated Clerk submitted for review and first reading a Proposed Overture to GA 224 from Rev. Spencer Lawrence and Rev. Dave Terrinoni requesting PC(USA) develop worship resources for Military Personnel. See separate document. This will be approved at the February 2020 meeting.

The Stated Clerk submitted for first reading a Blackhawk Presbytery Child and Youth Protection Policy. See separate document. This will be approved at the February 2020 meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported on establishing balance between Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elder Commissioners to Presbytery for 2020. (G-3.0301) As of October 31, 2019, there are 63 Ministers of Word and Sacrament members of Blackhawk Presbytery to be counted for balance. (Ministers of Word and Sacrament not living in the bounds of Blackhawk Presbytery or retired ministers who have not been active in the last year are not included in the count).

Also:

- Every congregation is entitled to at least one Ruling Elder Commissioner. There are 73 congregations.
- Commissioned Pastors are not counted as the Ruling Elder Commissioner from a congregation.
- Congregations are entitled to an equal number of commissioners as there are installed positions for Ministers of Word and Sacrament in that congregation.

The proposed number of Ruling Elder Commissioners assigned to each congregation for 2020 are one per congregation except two each for Geneva, Joliet First, Morris and Rochelle.

**Enroll Ruling Elders Serving the Presbytery:**

Dale Prindiville, Blackhawk Presbytery Past Moderator  
Charles Johnson, Blackhawk Presbytery Moderator  
Laurie Walker, Mission Committee  
Terry Mohaupt, Stronghold Committee

**Enroll these Commissioned Pastors:**

Chrystal Abbott, Manteno	Del Keilman, Earlville
Jeff Barrett, Montgomery	Ray Lantz, Gibson City
Jack Berghorst, New Lenox	Kathy Linn, Apple River
Claire Brennecka, Harvard	Dorothy Morrizo, Schapville Zion
Jack Briggs, Franklin Grove	Tanya Muzzarelli, Marengo
Barbara D’Souza, Westminster Rockford	Jeanne Ohms, Hanover
Donna Gericke, Shannon	Dale Tolly, Braidwood
Gretchen Hammeke, Westminster Rockford	Karen Williams, Kankakee

Session Records Reviews have been conducted throughout the Presbytery. Results are included in separate document.

The Stated Clerk announced that the date of the meeting date of the June 2020 assembly meeting was being changed to June 1-2.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 1 Committee Nominations)**

Doug Forsberg presented the nominees for 3 committees to be elected.

**Transformational Presbyter Nominating Committee**

Deb Swets – MWS Plainfield, Wheatland  
Jeff Borgerson – MWS (HR)  
Dale Prindiville – RE Westminster, Rockford  
Jim McCrea – MWS Galena, First (TPNC Chair/Moderator)  
Chrystal Abbot – RE Manteno, First (CP)  
John Gerlach – RE Geneva, Fox Valley  
Susan Presley – MWS Mendota, First  
Motion was made, and **Voted** to approve election of these members.

### **Mission Committee**

2022 MWS Alex Regets – Manteno

Motion was made, and **Voted** to approve election of this member.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry:**

2022 RE Jennifer Lucido – Westminster, Rockford

Motion was made, and **Voted** to approve election of this member.

### **WORSHIP**

The worship was led by several Elders and Ministers. The sermon titled “Being Thankful” was given by Elder and Presbytery Moderator Dale Prindiville. Music was provided by the host church. Worship included installation of the new Presbytery Assembly Moderator Chuck Johnson, installation of officers and commissioning of Commission, Committee, members and the Kenya Mission team. Rev, Dr. John Rickard led the Celebration of Holy Communion.

### **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

Following a short break, the commissioners divided into 6 groups with the task of identifying the top 10 leadership competencies desired for the Transformational Presbytery. They selected these from a sheet of 33 competencies found on the Church Leadership Connection.

### **LUNCH**

Lunch was prepared by the host church.

### **RECONVENING**

The business session of the meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by newly installed Moderator Chuck Johnson

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Part 2)**

Doug Forsberg presented the nominees to be elected as commissioners to the 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore. There were four Ruling Elder candidates for two commissioner positions. Each candidate was allowed to make a short speech to support their written applications. The assembly then voted using paper ballots to elect the Ruling Elder commissioners. The two receiving the top votes were **Elected**. They are: Laurie Walker and Phil Rarick. The other candidates are considered alternates: They are: Dan Chiodini and Alan Manchester.

There were four Minister of Word and Sacrament candidates for two commissioner positions. Each candidate was allowed to make a short speech to support their written applications. The assembly then voted using paper ballots to elect the Minister of Word and Sacrament commissioners. The two receiving the top votes were **Elected**. They are: David Terrinoni and Anita Stuart-Steva. The other candidates are considered alternates: They are: Dan Robertson and Karen Schlack.

### **COUNCIL REPORT**

Council Moderator Rev. Bob Kopp presented a report and several motions.

Council presented nominations for the Nominating Committee: Ed Conklin (RE), Karen Gerhard-Conner (MWS) and Mark Hughey (MWS) are nominated for the Class of 2022. Motion was made and **Voted** to approve the election of these members.

Council recommended approval of the slate for Stronghold Board of Directors as detailed in the report of the Stronghold Committee. The slate includes Stephen Bowie, Susan Krummel, Ray Lantz, Terry Mohaupt, Rebecca White Newgren, Howard Strong, and Randall Stukenberg. Motion was made and **Voted** to approve the election of these members.

Council recommended approval of articles of incorporation and by-laws for the new Stronghold corporation. A motion was made and **Approved** to take a vote on the articles and by-laws. A motion to approve the articles of incorporation was made and **Voted** to approve.

Council recommended adoption of the position description and title for a Transformational Presbyter (see separate document). Motion was made, and **Voted** to approve.

Council recommended the Transition Team engage in a search for a Bridge or Gap Presbyter to assume responsibilities between April 1, 2020 and the calling of a new executive. This was an information item and no vote was taken.

Council recommended the Presbytery concur on an Overture to GA submitted by Beaver-Butler Presbytery; "On establishing the authority of Presbyteries to define severance plans for installed ministers". The complete text follows.

Shall G-3.0303(c) be amended as follows: [Text to be added is shown as italic.]

G-3.0303 Relations with Sessions

c. establishing minimum compensation standards including provisions for severance payments for pastoral calls and Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators within the presbytery.

Motion was made and **Voted** to approve.

Council recommended the Presbytery approve the 2020 operating budget. A motion was made and **Voted** to approve.

#### **ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Dale Prindiville reported we will have a series of transitional / discipleship learning opportunities throughout 2020. She also mentioned we have applied for a grant from the Synod of Lincoln Trails to support these learning sessions.

#### **MISSION COMMITTEE**

Moderator Laurie Walker reported on highlights of her written report. She mentioned 11 people will be traveling to Kenya in January. The Mission Committee has awarded money to DeKalb Westminster for the community dinners program. The Mission Committee celebrated the success of the youth Triennium and Triennium Registrar, Stephen Bowie, along with several Triennium attendees spoke about their experiences.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Personnel Committee Moderator, Rev. Dr. Anita Stuart-Steva reported. The Committee recommends approval of the updated version of the Presbytery Health Reimbursement Plan. A motion was made and **Voted** to approve.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Bev Scharlau reported on activity of the Presbyterian Women. This included recent work at the Northern Illinois Food bank and a \$25,000 grant given to Thank to Serve. She requested the last payment of the Thank Offering and reminded everyone that 2020 pledges are due and can be sent to Karen Finch.

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

Moderator Rev. Jan Chandler gave the report for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She presented written minutes of their September 6 meeting. The committee then presented the following motion for approval by the Presbytery.

CPM recommends the Presbytery approve the Jerald (J.D.) Buchenau be certified ready for commissioning. Motion made and **Voted** to approve.

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Moderator Rev. Catherine Martin presented a written report with action items approved by the Commission. She also presented the following action items for the Presbytery approval.

The Commission moved to extend the commission of Laurie Walker to Yorkville, AuSable Grove from November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2020 for preaching and administration of sacraments. Motion was made and Presbytery **Voted** to approve.

The Commission moved to extend the commission of Karen Williams to Kankakee, First from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for preaching, administration of sacraments, session moderator, pastoral care, weddings/funerals, and installation/ordination of elders. Motion was made and Presbytery **Voted** to approve.

The Commission moved to approve the commission of Chuck Johnson to serve churches in Area 3. Motion was made and Presbytery **Voted** to approve. Stated Clerk John Rickard commissioned Chuck Johnson to his new responsibilities in Area 3.

The Commission moved to dissolve the relationship between Rev. Jim Friedmeyer and Henry, First United effective December 31, 2019 and approve Honorably Retired status to Rev. Friedmeyer effective at that time. Motion was made and the Presbytery **Voted** to approve. Several members of the congregation spoke of their deep gratitude for Rev. Jim and Jenni's years of service and loving leadership.

### **SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS**

Rev. Christina Berry reported on the recent Synod of Lincoln Trails assembly and gave an update on various program the Synod is sponsoring and coordinating.

### **CORPORATE TRUSTEES**

Trustees did not have a report.

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No new or unfinished business was presented.

### **ADJOURN WITH PRAYER**

A motion was made, seconded, and **Voted** to adjourn. Moderator Chuck Johnson closed the meeting with prayer at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. John Rickard, Stated Clerk

Rev. Eric Heinekamp, Associate Stated Clerk and Recording Clerk (pro-tem)

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