



Presbytery of Des Moines

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CALL TO THE 465th STATED MEETING

The 465th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2006, at the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church of Des Moines, Iowa. Directions to the church are contained in a map included in this packet.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. **Please do not arrive before 8:30.** The people preparing the materials and process for registration, and those preparing the coffee and rolls, will not be ready until then. **The Presbytery will convene at 9:30 a.m.**

The *Proposed Docket* is enclosed, along with items for information and action. Commissioners should bring these to the meeting. Extra copies are available at the meeting for visitors only, so extra packets are limited. Reports will be given from several events held this summer, including the General Assembly. We will also be recognizing the retirement of our Designated Missionary to El Salvador, the Rev. Bob (Roberto) Cook, as well as some of the regular business coming before the Presbytery and celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Starting with the May 16 Presbytery Meeting, much of our "usual" business is now handled by using a "Consent Agenda" process. This means we will vote to approve or adopt – in one action – all actions or recommendations not requiring conversation or debate presented prior to the meeting. This reduces the actual debate or conversation time during the meeting. You will notice that the reports in the Call contain a letter designation with numbers for the various sections or parts. This allows for easy identification in the Consent Agenda form.

We have a new addition to our Orientation Time. The Budget and Finance Committee will be holding a "Budget Conversation" for those interested in learning more or talking about our budget.

The minutes of the May 16 Stated Meeting were distributed to commissioners and members August 1. Please remember to bring these to the August meeting by going online and downloading them to print. They are located on the Internet at: www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Extra copies are at a minimum.

A REMINDER: Under our structure and style of operating in our Presbytery, meetings do not have business as the central focus and purpose for our gathering. Worship, dialogue and fellowship are primary reasons for meeting. There is still business – after all, we cannot be Presbyterians if we do not have business – but much of our meeting time is more conversational than parliamentary in nature. It will help our meetings to be carried on in this kind of spirit if members and commissioners come expecting such a spirit to be present.

As you look at the *Proposed Docket*, you will see that this meeting lasts until approximately 3:30 p.m. Knowing that most travel a long distance, the Council has planned a docket that will allow for early adjournment to allow for traveling home. A full day's meeting is standard since our Presbytery meets only four times per year. All of the items on the docket require Presbytery attention at our meetings.

Another thing you might note as you look at the *Proposed Docket* is that, as usual, it is full. We have a variety of activities and actions – worship, reports, and welcoming of new members, for example. These will keep the time moving quickly and 3:30 p.m. will be on us before we know it. Each commissioner and minister member is encouraged to be present for the entire meeting. Avoidable late arrivals and early leavings are discourteous to those presenting reports and rob other people of the opportunity to share in work and ministry with those not present.

For a variety of reasons, some members of our Presbytery have asked who may participate in discussions during a Presbytery meeting. *Guidelines for Participation in Presbytery Meetings*, is a helpful piece explaining this and is located at the end of this packet.

A reminder about how we handle “Joys and Concerns;” instead of mixing announcements with items for prayer, we now have an announcement time for publicity items after lunch, and prayer concerns will be shared during worship.

Child care will be provided. Please call the Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, 515-279-8877, to sign up for child care. Contact must be made by Noon on Wednesday, August 16. Please provide a sack lunch for each child. Milk will be provided.

The church has a digital projector and projection screen. A video projector and laptop can be available if requested prior to the meeting. If you need the projector or any other equipment, please contact the Presbytery Office.

We will continue the registration process of having all attendees sign in. This has seemed to work well in our previous two meetings. **REMEMBER** – Congregations are not excused from having an elder in attendance. Also, if you plan to bring extra persons, please call the church to let them know.

In case the weather is bad and you should have questions about the status of the meeting, call the Presbytery Office, 515-276-4991. A message will be left on the voice mail system informing you if the meeting has been postponed or cancelled.

I look forward to being with all of you on the August 19.



Philip W. Barrett,
Stated Clerk

Enclosures

PROPOSED DOCKET

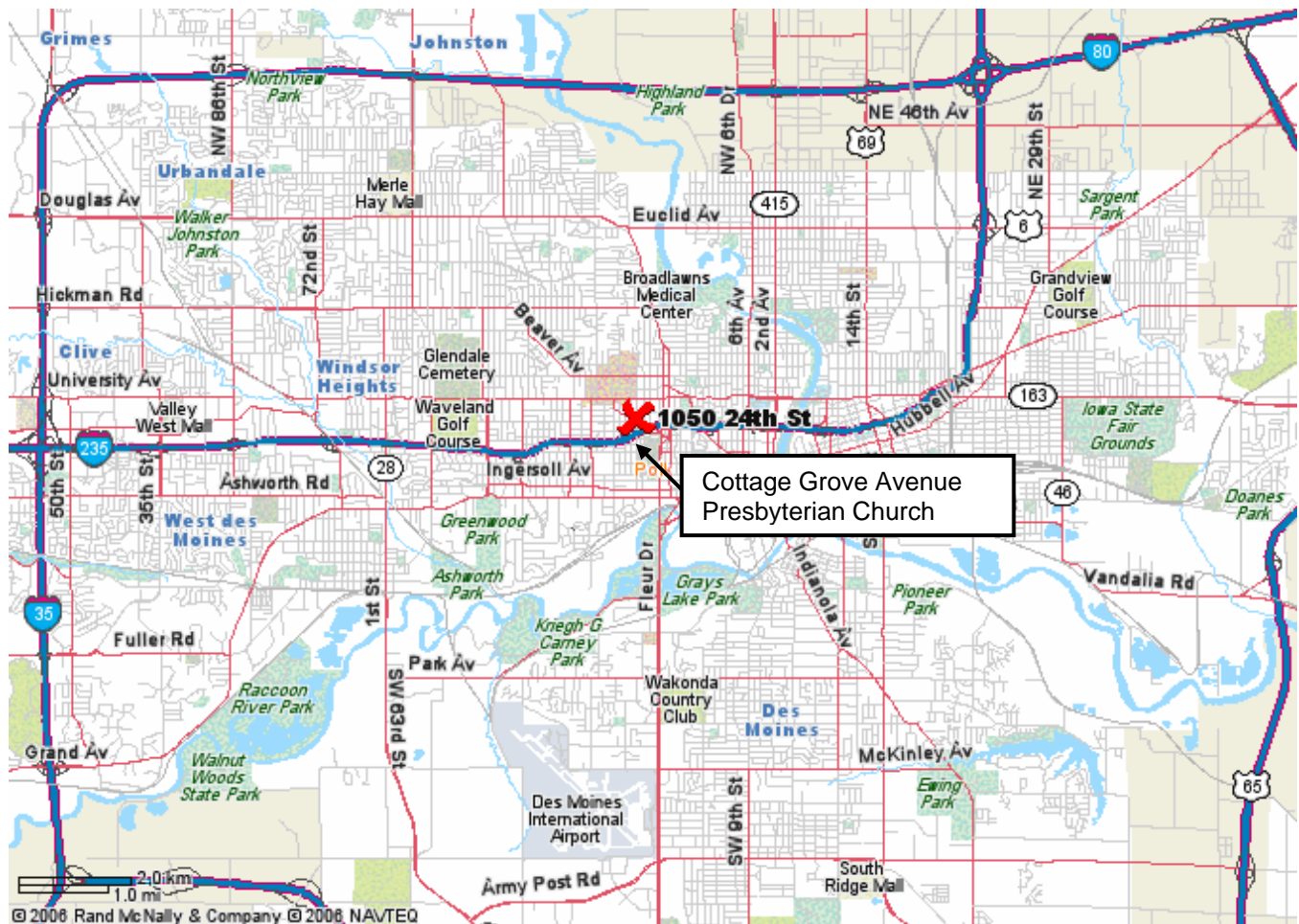
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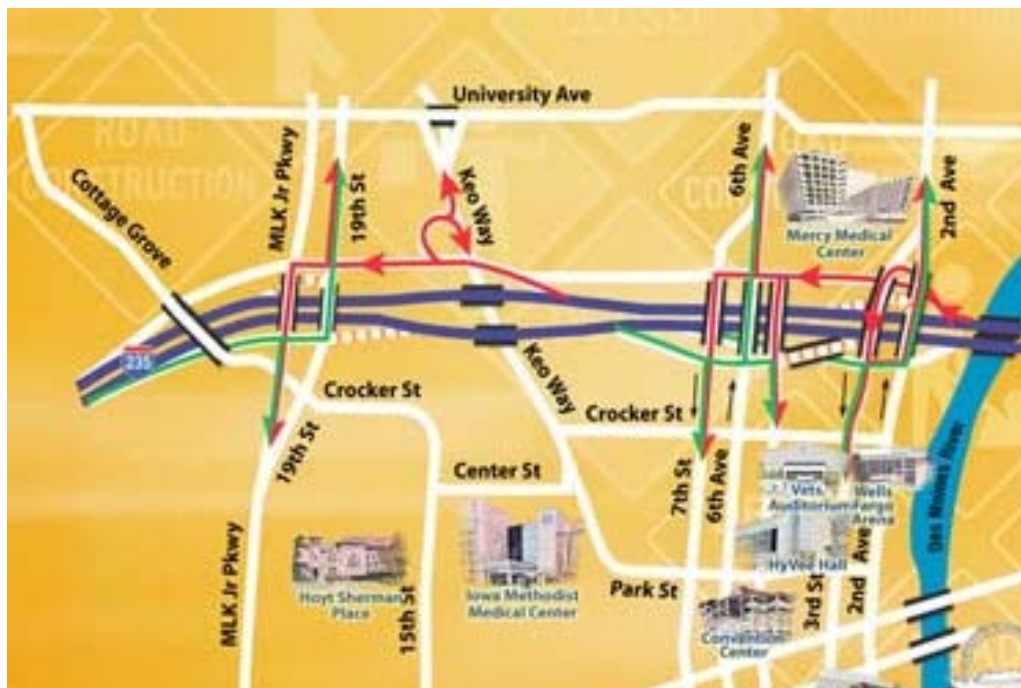
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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration Begins
Coffee and Fellowship | |
| 9:00 a.m. | Orientation of "First Timers" | Rev. Kate Stangl |
| | Budget Orientation | Rev. Jack DePond |
| 9:30 a.m. | Convene Presbytery
I – Stated Clerk | Lila Jean Jensen, Moderator |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship | |
| 10:15 a.m. | M –Transformation Team | Rev. Jim Howland |
| 10:25 a.m. | K – Social Ministries Task Force | Nancy Lister-Settle, Hunger Action Enabler |
| 10:35 a.m. | B – Professional Care and Development Committee | Rev. Ken Rummer |
| 11:05 a.m. | O-1 – General Assembly Commissioners (30)
and Overture Advocate (5) | Rev. Sue Babovec
Elder Ray Peters
Cassandra Decker, YAD
Elder Ted Coppock |
| 11:40 a.m. | A – Congregational Care and Development Committee | Rev. Ann Rouse |
| 11:55 a.m. | E – Coordinating Council | Rev. Tim Maxa |
| Noon a.m. | Lunch | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Announcements | |
| 1:10 p.m. | Calvin Community | Elder Maurice Dyer |
| 1:20 p.m. | Worship Continues | |
| 1:50 p.m. | Synod School Report | |
| 2:05 p.m. | C – Committee on Preparation for Ministry | Rev. David Ewing |

Proposed Docket continued...

- 2:20 p.m. J – General Presbyter Report Rev. Phil Barrett
- 2:30 p.m. Worship Continues
- 2:50 p.m. R – Sudanese Commission Rev. Goanar Chol
Rev. Steve Mathison-Bowie
- 3:00 p.m. D – Budget and Finance Report Rev. Jack DePond
- 3:05 p.m. L – Camping/Youth Task Force Rev. Steve Mathison-Bowie
- 3:25 p.m. Other Business
- 3:35 p.m. Benediction and Adjournment

Maps to Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, Iowa:





Driving Directions: The Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines is located at Cottage Grove Avenue and 24th Street.

- **From the West:** Take I-80 which merges into I-235 eastbound, once you reach West Des Moines. Take I-235 E. to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway/Airport exit. Stay in the right lane on exit ramp, take the first right onto MLK Jr. Pkwy., stay in right lane.
- **From the South:** Take Interstate 35 north and take Exit 123, right to Interstate 235 E. towards downtown Des Moines. Take I-235 E. to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway/Airport exit. Stay in the right lane on exit ramp, take the first right onto MLK Jr. Pkwy., stay in right lane.
- **From the East:** Go west on Interstate 80, take Exit 137A, left on I-235 W., towards downtown Des Moines. Take I-235 W. to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway/Airport exit, right, and stay in the left lane on exit ramp, take a left onto MLK Jr. Pkwy., merge immediately to the right lane.
- **From the North:** Go south on Interstate 35 which merges into I-235 W., towards downtown Des Moines. Take I-235 W., to the Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway/Airport exit, right, and stay in the left lane on exit ramp, take a left onto MLK Jr. Pkwy., and merge immediately to the right lane.

Going south on MLK Pkwy towards the Airport, take an immediate right at the stop light onto Cottage Grove Ave. This will take you northwest, back over the freeway. Take a right at 24th St. to find the parking lots. The church is located at the corner of 24th St. and Cottage Grove Ave.

Parking: The Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church has parking lots north of the building and on the other side of the alleyway. Also available is street parking.

The church is not handicapped-accessible. The main door requires 3-4 steps into the sanctuary. To participate in the meal, it will take 10-15 steps to the basement.

I – REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

May 16, 2006

- I-1 All reports have been filed with the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the General Assembly as of this date, and all correspondence received on behalf of the Presbytery has been assigned, referred or answered.
- I-2 Notification has been received from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies that Elder Ramona McKee (Des Moines, Westminster) has been elected to the Board of Directors of Calvin Community, Class of 2008.
- I-3 A properly executed request for a Special Meeting of the Presbytery was received from the Coordinating Council. That meeting was held on Tuesday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.

A Commission to work with the Windsor Presbyterian Church was elected:

Rev. Ross Blount (Allerton)
 Elder Wendell Harms (Des Moines, Central)
 Elder Jennifer Hines (Clive, Heartland)
 Elder Craig Johnstone (Malcom)
 Rev. Tiare Mathison-Bowie (Newton, First)
 Rev. Tim Maxa (Lenox, First and Sharpsburg)
 Elder John Sprole (West Des Moines, Covenant)

A partial Commission to work with the Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church was elected:

Rev. Mark Davis (Clive, Heartland)
 Elder Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster)
 Rev. Jack DePond (Leon, First)
 Elder Maurice Dyer (Indianola, Trinity)

Three more members need to be elected. Additional names will be proposed at the Stated Meeting on August 19.

- I-4 The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery have asked for permission to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at their fall worships. Dates, places and celebrants would be as follows:

September 30	Dallas Center	Rev. Kay Steddom
October 14	Chariton	Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy
October 27	Des Moines, Westminster	Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

- I-5 That annual time for fun and frivolity for Session Clerks and Moderators – Session Records Review – is quickly approaching. Dates and places for this much anticipated event will be announced at the Presbytery Meeting. In the meantime, Clerks are encouraged to begin preparing their records for review.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Philip W. Barrett, Stated Clerk

M – TRANSFORMATION TEAM REPORT

August 19, 2006

As the midway point in the year is close at hand, it seemed important to update the members and friends of presbytery on the activities of the Presbytery Transformation Team. Many of you will recall that at the November Presbytery Meeting in 2005, the Presbytery voted to create a presbytery-wide transformation team. Since that time, many activities have taken place, including recruitment and formation of the team and working cooperatively with Missouri River Valley Presbytery on a regional transformation conference, scheduled for October 6-8, 2006.

The members of the team are:

- Rev Jim Howland – First United Presbyterian Church, Winterset (Coach)
- Rev Sue Babovec – First Presbyterian Church, Ottumwa
- Rev Phil Barrett – General Presbyter
- Jenny Braundmeier – First Presbyterian Church, Oskaloosa
- Rev David Endriss – Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Indianola
- Rev Eric Keller – Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- Larry Milroy – Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Des Moines
- Ann Polito – Community United Presbyterian Church, Hartford

Our tasks right now include building team unity, reviewing and discussing the principles of transformation and how those principles apply to various church settings. In addition to working on the upcoming Regional Transformation Conference, the team has been studying a book together. The team meets on a monthly basis to discuss the concepts in the book and to explore opportunities to have a positive impact on transformation within our presbytery.

Future goals of the team are:

- To resource congregations that are seeking to encourage the transformation process in their local settings.
- To educate individuals and groups about the dynamics and the philosophy of transformation.
- To work with groups within the presbytery on how to intentionally bring about transformation at a presbytery and denominational level.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss more about the team, feel free to contact me either at 515-462-3261 or pastor@i-rule.net or contact one of the team members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Howland, Transformation Team Coach

B – PROFESSIONAL CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

August 19, 2006

Recommended for approval by Presbytery:

- B-1 That the request of the Rev. Robert Cook to be designated “Honorably Retired” is granted as of July 31, 2006.

Actions Taken On Behalf of the Presbytery By the Committee:

- B-2 Granted permission to labor outside the bounds of our presbytery to the Rev. Giles Card. For an outdoor wedding in Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 2006.

Informational Items:

- B-3 Professional Care and Development (PCD) Committee focus for 2006 will be on continuing biennial visits with pastors, encouraging pastors to utilize continuing education opportunities, promoting the health of pastors, looking for ways to provide pastoral care to pastors and their families, and investigating unmet needs of pastors in our presbytery.
- B-4 Clergy Colleague Groups: the Board of Pensions is encouraging clergy to be a part of a support group, and is willing to pay half the cost of a trained facilitator, up to \$1,000, who would work with such a group over the period of a year. If you are interested in getting such a group together and applying for the funding, contact Rev. Ken Rummer for more information, at 641-322-4917.
- B-5 The PCD Committee continues to do biennial visits with pastors, to conduct with Congregational Care and Development (CCD) Committee representatives exit interviews, to work with pastors experiencing difficulties, and to team with CCD and Presbytery Personnel Committee to provide consultation and intervention with congregations and pastors.
- B-6 The next meeting for PCD will be on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4-6 p.m. at the Presbytery office.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Rummer, Moderator

E – COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

August 19, 2006

The Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Des Moines met on July 13, 2006, at Calvin Community in Des Moines.

The Council took the following actions:

- E-1 Reviewed the May 16 Stated Meeting minutes of the Presbytery of Des Moines.
- E-2 Recommended the formation of two administrative commissions:
 - A. To work along side the Session of the Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church of Des Moines as it seeks to meet the recommendations of the Task Force appointed by the Presbytery regarding financial and operational issues, and that, if at any time the Administrative Commission believes that the Session is derelict in its responsibilities to meet the recommendations or deal with any related matters, the Commission shall be empowered to act in place of the Session. The Commission shall remain in place until the Presbytery determines that the congregation is on stable financial and operational footing, at which time it shall make a final report and any recommendations to a Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
 - B. To work with the Session and congregation of the Windsor Presbyterian Church as the congregation considers and acts upon the recommendation from the Session to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Presbytery in all matters leading up to a decision regarding the recommendation are communicated to the Presbytery. At that point, the decision and any recommendations from the Commission shall be presented to either a special or stated meeting of the Presbytery
- E-3 Requested that a Special Meeting of the Presbytery be called on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. to appoint the two administrative commissions and elect persons to serve on the commissions. The meeting would be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.
- E-4 Planned the August 19, 2006, Stated Meeting with reports from General Assembly Commissioners and other summer events as a main set of presentations.
- E-5 Began renewed discussion of implications from the Presbytery Mission Review carried out in 2004.
- E-6 Made initial plans for the November 14 Stated Meeting with focus on nominations and budget presentations.

The Council recommends that the Presbytery adopt the following recommendations:

- E-7 That the Offering received during worship is designated to C.R.O.S.S. Ministries.
- E-8 That the Covenant with Hunger Action Enabler Nancy Lister-Settle, be renewed for 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Maxa, Moderator

C – COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

August 19, 2006

Consent Agenda Items:

- C-1 The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) reports that it has enrolled effective February 27, 2006, Laurie Berry as an Inquirer. Laurie is a member of the Ankeny Presbyterian Church where she and her family attend. She did her undergraduate work at Central Michigan University and at Grand Valley State College. Laurie has been involved in Christian education, spiritual life, and worship activities at Ankeny and past churches in Michigan. Laurie plans to attend the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.
- C-2 The CPM is currently meeting with all those under this Presbytery's care, inquirers, candidates, and Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) students, for our annual consultations. We anticipate completing consultations in late August or early September. Currently, there are 12 individuals under the care of the Presbytery of Des Moines.
- C-3 The CPM is in conversation with several other individuals who are interested in pursuing ministry as ministers of word and sacrament in our denomination. We enjoy opportunities to talk to folks who may be interested in ministry, and to church sessions as they partner with the committee in sponsoring inquirers, candidates, and CLP students.
- C-4 Pamphlets are now available describing the seminary level education that will be available in Des Moines. This is a cooperative effort involving several denominations in conjunction with the Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. This coming year, three courses will be offered: Introduction to the New Testament (fall 2006), Introduction to the Old Testament (spring 2007) and Introduction to Theology (summer 2007).

Action Items:

- C-5 Inquirer Nathan Williams came under the care of our presbytery in May, 2003. Since then, he attended the Harvard University School of Divinity, earning his Master's of Divinity degree last spring. Nathan and his wife Leanne, moved back to the Des Moines area following graduation. As he completes the preparation process, Nathan is doing some pulpit supply and applying for several area youth leadership positions.

Upon review of his accomplishments while in the Inquiry stage, the CPM sees that Nathan has worked diligently toward becoming a minister of the word and sacrament. Therefore, the committee recommends that the Presbytery grant Nathan Williams Candidate Status.

The examination for candidate status includes the areas of *Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.*

Respectfully Submitted,
David Ewing, Moderator

D – BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT

August 19, 2006

Presbytery of Des Moines

Income Statement

For the Six Months Ending June 30, 2006

	<u>Curr Mo</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Ann Bgt</u>	<u>%Bgt</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income					
Total Per Capita	\$ 10,795.86	\$195,330.27	\$(159,430.00)	\$ (122.52)	\$ 70,138.00
Presbytery General Mission	\$ 20,431.48	\$ 51,488.97	\$ 142,000.00	\$ 36.26	\$ 61,924.00
Synod Support Staff Salaries	\$ 6,666.66	\$ 19,999.98	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 20,000.00
H.A.E. Income	-	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 74.75	\$ 2,990.00
Interest Income	\$ 75.21	\$ 605.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 60.55	\$ (5,225.00)
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 480.01	\$ 287.29	-	-	\$ 669.00
Total Revenues	\$ 38,449.22	\$270,702.02	\$ 27,570.00	\$ 981.87	\$150,496.00
Expenses					
<u>Governance Expense</u>					
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	\$ 0.31	-	-	-
Committee Preparation Ministry	-	\$ 71.25	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3.56	\$ 1,039.00
Committee on Representation	-	-	\$ 100.00	-	-
Budget & Finance	-	-	\$ 100.00	-	-
Nominating Committee	-	\$ 28.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 19.00	-
Personnel	-	-	\$ 100.00	-	\$ 46.00
Sexual Misconduct Response Tm	-	-	\$ 400.00	-	-
GA Per Capita	-	\$ 59,599.00	\$ 59,599.00	\$ 100.00	-
Synod Per Capita	-	\$ 48,471.00	\$ 48,471.00	\$ 100.00	-
Subtotal	-	\$ 108,170.06	\$ 110,920.00	\$ 97.52	\$ 1,085.00
<u>Administrative Expense</u>					
Moderator's Expense/Task Gps	-	\$ 220.90	\$ 350.00	\$ 63.11	\$ 266.00
Administrative Commissions	-	-	\$ 250.00	-	-
Presbytery Meetings	\$ 164.30	\$ 164.30	\$ 100.00	\$ 164.30	\$ 24.00
GP to General Assembly	-	\$ 311.20	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 15.56	-
Commissioner Orientation	\$ (71.38)	\$ 79.62	\$ 100.00	\$ 79.62	-
Stated Clerk's Expense	-	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	-
Communication	-	\$ 27.60	\$ 500.00	\$ 5.52	\$ 448.00
Insurance	-	-	\$ 4,200.00	-	\$ 13.00
Legal fees	-	-	\$ 1,000.00	-	-
Subtotal	\$ 92.92	\$ 833.62	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 9.75	\$ 751.00

*(June 30, 2006 Income Statement continued...)***Extension of Ministries**

New Church Development TF	-	-	\$ 500.00	-	-
NCD Loan Interest	-	-	\$ 700.00	-	\$ 252.00
Transformation Conference	\$ (2,400.00)	\$ (3,734.38)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (373.44)	-
Social Ministries	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,310.54	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13.11	\$ 8,724.00
Cross	\$ 4,583.33	\$ 32,083.31	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 58.33	\$ 32,083.00
Special Events Task Force	-	-	-	-	\$ 303.00
Camping	\$ (8,195.75)	\$ (9,508.35)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (237.71)	\$ (5,353.00)
Youth	\$ 165.00	\$ (308.12)	\$ 500.00	\$ (61.62)	\$ 431.00
Resources	\$ 992.25	\$ (55.11)	\$ 300.00	\$ (18.37)	\$ (526.00)
Women's Advocacy Task Force	-	-	\$ 300.00	-	-
Subtotal	\$ (4,230.17)	\$ 19,787.89	\$ 72,300.00	\$ 27.37	\$ 35,914.00

Support of Local Ministries

Congregational Care & Devel	\$ 248.57	\$ 1,866.79	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 37.34	\$ 7,964.00
Incentive Grants	-	-	\$ 10,000.00	-	-
Cottage Grove	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,000.00
Chariton First Presbyterian Conflict Management	-	-	-	-	\$ 5,000.00
Resourcing	-	-	\$ 2,000.00	-	-
Resourcing Workshops	-	-	\$ 3,000.00	-	-
Professional Care & Develop	\$ 47.25	\$ 564.36	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 22.57	\$ 752.00
EMI	-	-	-	-	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Partners					
Southeast	-	-	\$ 500.00	-	-
East	-	-	\$ 1,500.00	-	-
DM West/NW	-	-	\$ 500.00	-	-
Southwest	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,500.00
West	-	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 16.67	\$ 860.00
South Central	-	-	\$ 300.00	-	\$ 108.00
DM Two Rivers	-	\$ 405.51	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 11.59	\$ 734.00
Coordinating Council	-	\$ 235.78	\$ 300.00	\$ 78.59	\$ 205.00
Worship	-	-	\$ 100.00	-	-
Bills & Overtures	-	-	\$ 75.00	-	-
Contingency	-	-	\$ 1,000.00	-	-
Pby Office	\$ 2,980.40	\$ 21,826.34	\$ 27,826.00	\$ 78.44	\$ 14,234.00
Pby Staff	\$ 15,306.52	\$ 82,929.52	\$ 196,222.00	\$ 42.26	\$ 63,196.00
Subtotal	\$ 19,882.74	\$111,328.30	\$ 261,323.00	\$ 42.60	\$102,553.00
Total Expenses	\$ 15,745.49	\$240,119.87	\$ 453,093.00	\$ 53.00	\$140,303.00
Net Income	\$ 22,703.73	\$ 30,582.15	\$(425,523.00)	\$ (7.19)	\$ 10,193.00

Presbytery of Des Moines
Restricted Funds
June 30, 2006

New Covenant Funds

<p>McCahon Fund Annual income can be used for grants for small churches (under 150) for one-time needs. Unused income to be reinvested each year in the trust.</p>		\$ 42,196.90
<p>Swan Fund Interest earnings used for seminary students' assistance.</p>		\$ 20,632.56
<p>Albia Sale Restricted until 2006 for congregational development in the Albia area. After 2006 can be used for the assistance of small churches in the Presbytery.</p>		\$ 28,126.71
<p>Camping Fund – Knox Knolls $\frac{3}{4}$ of interest earnings used for the camping program. $\frac{1}{4}$ of interest earnings used for Presbytery causes.</p>		\$ 322,831.41
<p>Walther/Anderson Fund Scholarship aid for underprivileged and handicapped campers.</p>		\$ 19,012.82

First American Bank – Urbandale

<p>Pastor Emergency Fund Savings Short-term loans for pastors.</p>		\$ 1,523.74
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L –CAMPING / YOUTH TASK FORCE REPORT

August 19, 2006

A Task Force meeting held May 23, 2006, 7 p.m., at Central Presbyterian Church. Members present were: Steve Mathison-Bowie, Jennifer Sieh, Dennis Britson, Barb Tidwell, Sara Lamb, Mary Kohlsdorf. The meeting was opened with prayer by Steve M-B.

Reviewed minutes from last meeting on April 25, 2006.

Summer Camps Report

Dennis Britson reported that scholarship funds received \$500 from Pentecost offering and \$449.65 from last Presbytery meeting offering! This is great news, as two scholarships have already been requested. Registration process for summer camps is taking place.

Presbytery Meetings

Steve M-B gave a short presentation at the meeting in Chariton in May. Discussed the possibility of some kids/youth sharing their summer camp experience at the August 19 Presbytery meeting and also give a report on scholarship money used. Sara Lamb will make s'more bars to hand out at the meeting.

Fall Senior High Retreat

The Fall Senior High Retreat is scheduled for November 17-18, 2006 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Lisa Peterson and Mary Kohlsdorf met prior to the meeting to brainstorm a theme and scripture for the retreat. The idea of *Christian Encounters of a 3rd Kind* being the theme and theme verse being Luke 9:20: "Who do you say I am?" We decided to have a lock-in. We will begin with registration at 7 p.m. on Friday night and closed with Worship and be done by noon on Saturday. We discussed t-shirts – black with fluorescent green writing.

Unstructured time would include crafts and recreation. Jennifer Sieh will put together five boxes of props for an improv time. Steve M-B had an idea for a keynoter from Pella. Steve will contact him. We talked about incorporating all of the following into the evening, morning: registration, worship, small groups, large group games, music, food, talent show, craft time – possibly duct tape wallets, theme presentations. We handed out ideas for small group discussions – they are all based upon encounters with Jesus. They are: Matthew 1:18-2:23, Matthew 4:18-22, and Mark 10:17-24.

Presbyterian Christian Education Committee

Sandi Stuckey has been named point person for Presbyterian Curriculum. There is a new curriculum out called "Akaloo" and a new Presbyterian Confirmation curriculum called "We Believe". The group wondered about having a CE Task Force at the Presbytery level.

Triennium 2007

The task force talked about the possibility of Lisa Peterson as our Registrar and the need to check out preliminary promotional materials. Sara Lamb expressed an interest on going as an adult from our Presbytery. We will continue to work on Triennium through our Task Force.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 22 at Noon or 7p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church

F – NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
August 19, 2006

The Nominating Committee places the following persons to fill the noted unexpired terms:

Congregational Care and Development (CCD) Committee

Class of 2008 – Elder Howard Clark (Monroe, First United)

Professional Care and Development (PCD) Committee

Class of 2006 – Rev. James Wallace (Des Moines, Central)

Budget and Finance Committee

Class of 2006 – Rev. Marvin Potter (Honorably Retired)
Moderator for 2006 – Rev. Jack DePond (Leon, First)

Respectfully Submitted,
David Kincaide, Moderator

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Meetings of our Presbytery are always special because it is a time for the Presbytery family to gather for conversations, business and fellowship. Many different people come to a Presbytery meeting for many different reasons.

When our Presbytery meets, we welcome and encourage participation. There are times, however, that participation is limited. Those times are ordinarily when our Presbytery is conducting its formal business. Because our Presbyterian structure calls for elected Commissioners to determine direction and act on business, only those who are elected Commissioners or are members of our Presbytery are allowed to participate in discussions or voting. Visitors and guests become observers of the process at that time.

At other times in our meetings, each person present is invited to participate in dialogues, conversations, or other activities. Such times include worship, special thematic presentations and small group discussions.

If you are not sure when you may participate in what is happening in the meeting, please talk to the Moderator or Stated Clerk individually.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AT-A-GLANCE

TO DO THIS	YOU SAY THIS:	MAY YOU INTERRUPT SPEAKER?	MUST YOU BE SECONDED?	IS THE MOTION DEBATABLE?	IS THE MOTION AMENDABLE?	WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED?
Adjourn the meeting	"I move that we adjourn."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote required
Recess the meeting	"I move that we recess until..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Complain about noise, room temp, etc.	"Point of privilege."	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	No vote required ³
Suspend further consideration of something	"I move we table it."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not Debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote required
End debate	"I move the previous question."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not Debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote required
Postpone consideration of something	"I move we postpone this matter until..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Have something studied further	"I move we refer this matter to a committee."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Amend a motion	"I move that this motion be amended by..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
Introduce business (a primary motion)	"I move that..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote required
¹ The motions or points above are listed in established order or precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that is listed below it. But you may introduce another that is listed above it. ² In this case, any resulting motion is debatable. ³ Chair decides						
Object to procedure or to a personal affront	"Point of order."	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	No vote required, chair decides
Request information	"Point of information."	If urgent, may interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	No vote required
Ask for a vote by actual count to verify a voice vote	"I call for a division."	May not interrupt speaker ²	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	No vote required unless someone objects ³
Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter	"I object to consideration of this question."	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote required
Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move we take from the table..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote required
Reconsider something already disposed of	"I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to..."	May interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable if original motion is debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote required
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move we suspend the rules and consider..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote required
Vote on a ruling by the chair	"I appeal the chair's decision."	May interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote required
¹ The motion, points, and proposals listed above have no established order of precedence. Any of them may be introduced at any time – except when the meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed in the above chart (motion to adjourn, motion to recess, point of privilege). ² But division must be called for before another motion is stated. ³ Then majority vote is required.						

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