

One Hundred Sixty-eighth Stated Meeting of Homestead Presbytery

May 19, 2016

Moderator – Teaching elder Ellen Davis

Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church

Niobrara, Nebraska

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. and opened with prayer by teaching elder Ellen Davis.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by online and written registration and showed the following members present or excused with cause:

Attendance Key: A, Absent; P, Present; E, Excused; R, Retired; M, Military Service; VM, Validated Ministry

Continuing Members

P - Jon Ashley
P – Martha Atkins
A-- Mary Avidano (UCC)
A - Gail Axen (UCC)
R/E - Don Ball
P – Katie Barrett Todd
A - Darin Bentzinger
E - Greg Bolt
E - Heidi Bolt
R/E - Don Botic
P - Alan Brehm
E - Steve Breazier
R/E - Stephen J. Brownlee
R/P - Ronald L. Bump
P - Robert Burdett
P - Sue Collier
R/E - Gail Cross
R/P - Ellen Davis
R/P - Lynn Davis
R/E - Noel DeKalb
R/P - John Duling
P - Thomas Dummermuth
E - Michael Eickhoff
R/E - Lonnie Eschliman
VM/E - Carl Eskridge
P - Greg Gahan

R/E - James Goble
A - James Goodenberger
R/E- Gary Fugman
A - Joel Gajardo
R/E - Dennis Hett
P – Michael Hill
R/E - Kenneth C. Hipple
R/E - Samuel W. Hofer
M/E - Dennis E. Hysom
A -- Kara Hillhouse
R/E - Robert W. Jeambey
P - Brian Johnson
P– Melodie Jones Pointon
R/E - Burton A. Knudsen
A - Sungjae Lee
P - Leanne Masters
E - Rachelle McCalla
R/E - Timothy McClain
E - Andrew L. McDonald
P - James K. McNeal
P - Raymond Meester
VM/E - Karen Moritz
E - Tino Naranjo
P - Duncan Nichol
R/E - Tom Osborne
A - Jock Tut Paleak

P - Steve Piper
P - Charity Potter
R/E - Richard Preston
R/E - Rebecca Rising
R/E - Keith Roumpf
P - Jimmy L. Shelbourn
R/E - Robert Snell
P – Jim Splitt
P - Kathleen Splitt
R/E - Don R. Steiner
A - Connie Stone
P – Jen Strickland
A -- Annika Stroope
R/E -- Roxie Sullivan
R/E - Gary A. Thomson
R/E - Richard Tiggelaar
A - Nanette Tomlinson-Knoell
P – Mason Todd
R/E Earl Underwood Jr.
P – Heidi Wallace
R/E - Arlys Wilbur
A - Jeff Warrick
P - Duane Westing
P - Richard Wyatt

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Churches	Elders	Churches	Elders
Akron	No commissioner	Lincoln, Korean	No commissioner
Alexander	No commissioner	Lincoln, Southern Heights	Dave Barnhouse
Auburn	No commissioner	Lincoln, Westminster 1	Christy Dempsey
Bancroft, First	No commissioner	Lincoln, Westminster. 2	Marge Tomlison
Beatrice, First	No commissioner	Lincoln, Westminster 3	No commissioner
Belden, Union	Kathie Keifer	Lyons, First	No commissioner
Cedar Bluffs, First	No commissioner	Nebraska City, First	No commissioner
Clarkson, New Zion	No commissioner	Niobrara-Verdel	Mona Weatherwax
Columbus, Federated	No commissioner	Norfolk, First	Dave Gerharter
Craig, First	No commissioner	North Bend, United	Kristi Hill
Dunbar	No commissioner	Palmyra	No commissioner
Fairbury, First	No commissioner	Panama	No commissioner
Falls City, First	No commissioner	Pawnee City, First	No commissioner
Fremont (1)	No commissioner	United	No commissioner
Fremont (2)	No commissioner	Pender, United	No commissioner
Gresham	No commissioner	Primrose, First	No commissioner
Hebron, First	No commissioner	Schuyler, First	No commissioner
Hickman	Bruce Kuster	Steele City	No commissioner
Humboldt	No commissioner	Tecumseh, First	No commissioner
Laurel, United	No commissioner	United	No commissioner
Liberty, Mission Creek	No commissioner	Tekamah, First	No commissioner
Lincoln, Eastridge (1)	Nancy Hall	Thurston, John Huss	No commissioner
Lincoln, Eastridge (2)	No commissioner	Unadilla, Hopewell	No commissioner
Lincoln, First	Jim Wagner	Wahoo, Czech	No commissioner
Lincoln, Fourth	Virginia Metcalf	Wahoo, First	No commissioner
Lincoln, Good Shepherd	Maggie Horak	Wakefield	No commissioner
Lincoln, Heritage	Jay Weyers	Walthill, Faith	No commissioner
		Wayne, First	Jim Curtiss
		Wymore, United	No commissioner
		York	No commissioner

Moderator

Vice Moderator

Stated Clerk

P – Teaching elder Ellen Davis(See Continuing Members)

P – Ruling elder Steve Pointon

P – Teaching elder Raymond Meester (See Continuing Members)

Executive Presbyter	P – Teaching elder Richard Wyatt (See Continuing Members)
Treasurer	P – Ruling elder Cheryl Rennick
Moderator of Council	P – Ruling elder Steve Pointon
Moderator, Committee on Ministry	P – Teaching elder Steve Piper (See Continuing Members)
Moderator, Nominating Committee	P – Teaching elder Jon Ashley (See Continuing Members)
Moderator, Committee on Preparation	P – Teaching elder Melodie Jones Pointon (See Continuing Members)
Moderator, Business and Finance	P – Ruling elder Scott Eveland
Moderator, Program and Grants	P – Ruling elder Katie Barrett Todd (See Continuing Members)
Moderator of Personnel	E – Teaching elder Carl Eskridge (See Continuing Members)
Moderator, Presbyterian Women	P – Ruling elder Maggie Horak
Vice Moderator, Calvin Crest Committee	P – Commissioned Ruling elder John Nellessen
Moderator, Permanent Judicial Commission	Vacant
Member at Large of Council	P – Ruling elder David Barnhouse
Member at Large of Council	E – Kylie Peterson
General Assembly teaching elder Commissioner	E – Teaching elder Greg Bolt (See Continuing Members)
General Assembly teaching elder Commissioner	P – Teaching elder Jen Strickland(See Continuing Members)
General Assembly ruling elder Commissioner	P – Ruling elder Cheryl Rennick
General Assembly ruling elder Commissioner	E – Ruling elder Pam Carrier
General Assembly YAAD	A – Eric Hall
Synod Clergy Commissioner	P – Teaching elder Annika Lister-Stroope (See Continuing Members)
Synod ruling elder Commissioner	P – Ruling elder Joan Berglund
Synod Youth Advisory Delegate	A - Lyn Hansen
The Homesteader, Editor	P – Ruling elder Kris Peterson
Certified Lay Pastor	A – Ruling elder Lana Likens
Commissioned Ruling elder	P – Ruling elder Steve Pointon

QUORUM The stated clerk declared a quorum was present.

DOCKET Motion carried to adopt the docket as amended.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS Teaching elder Sally Carlson, member of Missouri River Presbytery, and interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Wayne, Nebraska, was seated as a corresponding member.

FIRST TIME INTRODCUTIONS First time commissioners were introduced.

WELCOME	Ruling elder Mona Weatherwax, clerk of session of the Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church, welcomed the presbytery.
WORSHIP	Teaching elder Sally Carlson was the preacher and Rev. Martha Atkins and Rev. Greg Gahan officiated at the Lord's Supper. An offering was received for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
EDUCATIONAL HOUR	Three workshops were presented. "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska Reaches Needs in our Community, by Jerry Albright; The Sights and Sounds of the Niobrara Natural Habitat, by Mark Rettig; and Farm Living as It Impacts Ministry, by teaching elder Charity Potter.
RECESS FOR LUNCH	The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.
RECONVENED	The meeting reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by teaching elder Ellen Davis.
PRESBYTERY OFFICERS AND STAFF	<p>Treasurer ruling elder Cheryl Rennick reminded the presbytery to please pay their per capita and reminded committees to get their budgets requests in for 2017. It was reported that the presbytery received \$363 for PDA at this morning's worship and at lunch \$32.14 was collected at the lunch tables which will go to the Knox County Food Bank.</p> <p>Moderator teaching elder Ellen Davis reported.</p> <p>Executive presbyter teaching elder Richard Wyatt reminded the presbytery that he and Kris Peterson will be unavailable while on the Scotland Ireland Pilgrimage and please not to call them. The new online directory should be available soon.</p> <p>Congregational Resource Coordinator ruling elder Kris Peterson gave an update on the social media used by presbytery.</p> <p>Stated clerk teaching elder Raymond Meester reported that the required annual fineline, minister summary, church summary reports, and the supplemental forms reporting the salaries & benefits of presbytery staff for 2015, the per capita for 2016, and the meeting dates for 2016 were sent to the General Assembly.</p> <p>The report of the session records review is included as Attachment A.</p> <p>The 2015 statistical report for Homestead Presbytery is included as Attachment B.</p> <p>The membership of Homestead Presbytery is also included as Attachment C.</p>

The 2015 minutes of Homestead Presbytery were reviewed by the Synod committee on April 28 and 29, 2016. There were two exceptions: 1) The merger of the Niobrara and Verdel Churches was not recorded, and 2) the record of the minimum compensation standards was not recorded.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator teaching elder Jon Ashley called attention to the current committee vacancies. (See Attachment D.)

The Nominating Committee moved that the following nominees be elected:

Synod Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD):

Lynn Hanson, Wahoo (Class of 2016-2017)

Synod Commissioner:

Ruling elder Joan Berglund, Lincoln First (Class of 2018-2019)

Calvin Crest Board of Directors:

Ann Paulson, North Bend (Class of 2017)

Teaching elder Kathleen Splitt, Wahoo (Class of 2018)

Teaching elder John Duling, Eastridge (Class of 2018)

Moderator of Committee on Business and Finance

Ruling elder Scott Eveland, North Bend (Class of 2018)

Committee on Business and Finance:

Ruling elder Sally Wilhelm, Falls City (Class of 2018)

Committee on Ministry:

Teaching elder Sue Collier, Lincoln First (Class of 2017)

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the nominees were duly elected.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Teaching elder Steve Piper introduced new teaching elders: Jock Paleak, who will be serving the Sudanese Church at First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln; and Heidi Wallace, an ELCA pastor, who is serving the Presbyterian Church in Lyons, yoked with a local ELCA church in the community.

The presbytery honored teaching elder Jimmy Shelbourn, who is retiring as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Beatrice.

Presbytery approved the pastoral relation between teaching elder Cathy Allen and the New Zion Presbyterian Church, Clarkson, NE, be dissolved effective May 15, 2016.

Presbytery approved transferring the membership of teaching elders Cathy Allen and Neal Allen to Blackhawk Presbytery, effective May 16, 2016.

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska,

at its meeting on Sunday, May 15, 2016, requests that Homestead Presbytery dissolve them as a church. Homestead Presbytery approved the dissolution of First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska, effective May 19, 2016.

Presbytery approved teaching elder Ellen Davis appoint the Administrative Commission for the closure of the Tecumseh Church. The duties of the Administrative Commission shall be:

1. Organize itself with a moderator and a clerk;
2. Assume original jurisdiction of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska;
3. Conclude the affairs of the church, seeing to:
 - a. the transfer of its remaining members to other Christian bodies of their choosing for one year, and;
 - b. a worship service celebrating the years of faithful ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) of this congregation, thanking God for the ministry of the congregation;
4. Authorize the Stated Clerk to receive the session records, including the session minutes and the register, and other important records, and to deposit these records with the Presbyterian Historical Society for the preservation of the records;
5. Under the Form of Government, (G-4.0203) all property of First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska, is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission of Homestead Presbytery is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of First Presbyterian Church., Tecumseh, Nebraska;
6. Approve the disposition of property and assets, or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of Homestead Presbytery;
7. Authorize the Commission to consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska, and from the date of the action to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery;
8. To assert claim of the presbytery to any property of First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska, not known at this time or property which may come to First Presbyterian Church, Tecumseh, Nebraska, as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time;
9. Take all actions necessary to effect this commission's duties.

The committee moved to grant an exception (*Book of Order*, G-2.0504c) to permit teaching elder Sue Collier, the current interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, to serve as their installed pastor. By paper ballot, the presbytery approved the exception by more than a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote: 37 yes and 4 no (90% in favor and 10% opposed).

Presbytery approved the terms of call.

1. Cash salary \$45,000
2. Housing allowance \$35,000
3. Mileage at IRS rate, included in Professional Expenses
4. Professional expenses \$2,000 pro-rated for remainder of 2016
5. Continuing education \$1,500, pro-rated for the remainder of 2016; \$2,250 for 2017
6. Moving costs up to \$12,000
7. Full family, medical, pension, disability, and death benefits under the Board of Pensions
8. Paid vacation: 22 working days, including 4 Sundays
9. Three-month sabbatical in her seventh year.
10. Paid continuing education: two weeks, including two Sundays. Money and time can be carried over for three years.
11. In addition, the church will pay the cost of the pastor attending Stephen Ministry Leader Training within the first 18 months of service.

Presbytery appointed the following people to the administrative commission to install teaching elder Sue Collier:

Teaching elder Ellen Davis
Teaching elder Andrew McDonald
Teaching elder Leanne Masters
Ruling elder Beth Bimstihl, Eastridge, Lincoln
Ruling elder Jim Wagner, First, Lincoln

The installation will be on June 26, 2016, 3:00 P.M.

PC(USA) candidate Edward Yang was examined by the presbytery. (His statement of faith is included in Attachment E.) It was moved to conclude the examination. Dr. Yang was excused. Presbytery sustained the examination and approved his being ordained.

Presbytery approved the call extended by the Columbus Federated church to Edward Yang. His terms of call are as follows:

1. Cash Salary \$27,000
2. Housing Allowance 18,000
3. Automobile expense IRS rate, total of \$1,700 shared with senior pastor
4. Business/professional expenses \$1,000
5. SECA supplement \$3,442.50
6. Continuing education \$750
7. Moving costs up to \$5,000

8. Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits under the Board of Pensions
9. Paid vacation: 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays.
10. Paid continuing education: 2 weeks, including two Sundays. Money and time for continuing education can be carried over for three years.
11. Three-month clergy renewal leave in the fifth year of service.

The following actions were done by the Committee on behalf of the presbytery:

1. The Rev. Jock Tut Paleak was examined on February 15, 2016, by a subcommittee. He was examined for transfer from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to serve as pastor of the Sudanese fellowship at Lincoln First. The examination was sustained and he was approved for transfer. Nashville Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church approved Jock's request to transfer his ordination credentials at their April 26 presbytery meeting.
2. The Rev. Martha Atkins, ELCA, was examined by a subcommittee on February 25. The examination was sustained. She will be serving Niobrara-Verdel Presbyterian Church and the local ELCA congregation, starting April 17, 2016.
3. Voted to receive Rev. Martha Atkins into temporary membership in Homestead Presbytery.
4. The Presbyterian Church of Freemont's mission study was approved by an e-mail vote on March 3, 2016.
5. Teaching elder Sue Collier was examined by a subcommittee on April 11, 2016 with regard to the call extended to her to serve Lincoln First Presbyterian as installed pastor. The examination was sustained.
6. PC(USA) candidate Edward Yang was examined on April 28 by a subcommittee. The examination was sustained and Edward will be recommended for ordination. He has accepted a call to serve as associate pastor at the Federated Church of Columbus.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ruling elder Maggie Horak, moderator of Presbyterian Women of Homestead Presbytery reported on their activities. There were three spring gatherings. The hands on mission project was putting together 221 cleaning kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

PROGRAM AND GRANTS

Teaching elder Katie Barrett Todd, moderator, reminded the presbytery that committee budget requests for 2017 need to be in now.

COUNCIL

Ruling elder Steve Pointon reported. Council nominates teaching elder James McNeal to fill a vacancy for the class of 2016 on the Nominating Committee. Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor. There were none, and he was duly elected.

The Council moved, and presbytery approved, that Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, Lincoln obtain a loan of up to \$103,000, for their parking lot project. Presbytery had approved a line of credit at the February 2016 stated meeting. The loan is for ten years. Rental income from the bell tower and contributions to the building fund will be used to pay the monthly loan payment and the Southern Heights Presbyterian Church endowment fund is the collateral for the loan.

LEAVES AND ABSENCES

Excused:

All Honorably Retired
All who are serving in a non-parish validated ministry
All who are serving as military chaplains on active duty
Teaching elder Greg Bolt
Teaching elder Heidi Bolt
Teaching elder Steve Breazier
Teaching elder Michael Eickhoff
Teaching elder Andrew McDonald
Teaching elder Rachelle McCalla
Teaching elder Tino Naranjo

Late Arrival:

Teaching elder Melodie Jones Pointon
Teaching elder Connie Stone
Teaching elder Steve Piper

Early Leave:

Teaching elder Jim McNeal
Teaching elder Charity Potter

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 P.M., with the closing prayer led by teaching elder Ellen Davis

**NEXT STATED MEETING OF
HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY
ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY NINE
AUGUST 19-20, 2016 6:00 P.M.
CALVIN CREST CAMP, CONFERENCE,
AND RETREAT CENTER
FREMONT, NEBRASKA**

Teaching elder Raymond Meester, Stated Clerk

Approved _____
(Date)

Signed _____
(Stated Clerk)

Attachment A

Session Records Review

1. The following churches submitted their session records for review:

The following churches did not provide their records for review:

Church	Exception
Alexandria	None
Bancroft	Minor
Beatrice	None
Belden	Minor
Clarkson	Minor
Craig	Minor
Fairbury	None
Falls City	None
Fremont	None
Gresham	None
Hebron	None
Hickman	None
Lincoln, Eastridge	None
Lincoln, First	Minor
Lincoln, Fourth	None
Lincoln, Good Shepherd	Minor
Lincoln, Heritage	Minor
Lincoln, Southern Heights	None
Lincoln, Westminster	Minor
Lyons	Minor
Mission Creek	None
Nebraska City	None
Niobrara/Verdel	Minor
North Bend	Minor
Palmyra	None
Pender	Minor
Schuyler	Minor
Tecumseh	None
Tekamah	Minor
Thurston	Minor
Wakefield	Minor
Wayne	Minor
Wymore	None
York	Minor

Akron
Auburn
Cedar Bluffs
Columbus
Humboldt
Laurel
Lincoln, Korean
Norfolk
Panama
Pawnee City
Primrose
Steele City
Wahoo, First
Wahoo, Czech
Walthill



ATTACHMENT B
Presbytery
Report
2015

Presbytery Number 080276

Name Homestead

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City/State Lincoln, NE 68506

Phone 402-474-0612

Email hpoffice@homesteadpres.org

Web Site www.homesteadpres.org

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Membership

Prior Active Members **8142**

Gains

17 & Under **90**

18 & Over **72**

Certified **62**

Other **47**

Total Gains **271**

Losses

Certified **99**

Deaths **184**

Other **419**

Total Losses **702**

Total Active Members **7711**

Baptized **1575**

Other Participants **830**

Total Adherents **10116**

Female Members **3753**

Average Attendance **2723**

Affiliate Members **20**

Baptisms

Child Baptisms **95**

Adult Baptisms **13**

Officers

Male Session **165**

Female Session **202**

Male Deacons **64**

Female Deacons **206**

Age Distribution of Active Members		Male	Female
25 & Under	930	374	430
26 - 45	1299	549	683
46 - 55	756	292	396
56 - 65	1052	449	513
Over 65	2097	772	1187
Total Distribution	6134	2436	3209

People with Disabilities

Hearing	292
Sight	118
Mobility	259
Other	95

Christian Education

Birth 3	187	Grade 7	92
Age 4	102	Grade 8	91
Kindergarten	99	Grade 9	95
Grade 1	76	Grade 10	87
Grade 2	103	Grade 11	50
Grade 3	122	Grade 12	85
Grade 4	126	Young Adults	96
Grade 5	86	Over 25	536
Grade 6	110	Teachers/Officers	251
Total	2394		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	12			7	5
Black	9	1	1	7	2
African American	36			17	19
African	59	2		27	32
Middle Eastern					
Hispanic	23	1	1	5	17
Native American	7			6	1
White	6393	284	177	2609	3441
Other	3				3

Totals	6542	288	179	2678	3520
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Potential Giving Units	4,409
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Budgeted Income	5,372,839
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Budgeted Expense	6,777,275
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Receipts

Regular Contributions	5,771,665	Bequests	2,529,458
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Capital Building Fund	392,084	Other Income	575,477
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Investment Income	409,147	Subsidy or Aid	
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Expenditures

Local Program	4,734,981	Per Capital Apprt	247,538
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Local Mission	273,035	Validated Mission	109,088
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Capital Expenditures	548,161	Theological Fund	16,858
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Investment Expenditures	972,487	Other Mission	342,700
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Attachment C HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY MEMBERSHIP
January 1, 2016

101 Pastor or Co-Pastor

Cathy Allen
Jon Ashley
Darin Bentzinger
Gregory Bolt
Steven Breazier
Alan Brehm
Michael Eickhoff
Michael Hill
Brian Johnson
Sungjae Lee
Leanne Masters
Andrew McDonald
James McNeal
Raymond Meester
Duncan Nichol
Steven Piper
Melodie Jones Pointon
Charity Potter
Jimmy Shelbourn
Kathleen Splitt
Annika Lister Stroope

101 Pastor or Co-Pastor Continued

Jeff Warrick
Duane Westing

103 Associate Pastor

Jennifer Strickland
Thomas Dummermuth
Mason Todd

105 Interim Pastor or Interim Associate

Steven Neal Allen
Bob Burdett
Sue Coller
Nan DeVries
James Goodenberger

107 Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service

Lana Likens
John Nellessen
Stephen/ Pointon

108 Temporary Relationship

Heidi Bolt
Lonnie Eschliman (299)
Tim McClain
Connie Stone

109 Pastor Emeritus/Emerita

Ronald Bump
Ellen Davis
Samuel Hofer
William E Pfeffer

158 Other Denomination Temporary Relationship

Ray Avidano
Greg Gahan
Mary Ellen Gaither-Marburg
Gary Panko

299 Honorably Retired Member

Steven Neal Allen (105 for Schuyler)
Don Ball
Joe Barr
Donald Botic
Stephen Brownlee
Ron Bump
Gail Cross (105 for Fairbury & Steele City)
Ellen Davis
Lynn Davis
Noel DeKalb
Lonnie Eschliman (108 for Wahoo, Czech)
Gary Fugman
James Goble
Dennis Hett
Ken Hipple
Samuel Hofer
Robert W. Jeambey
Burton Knudsen
Gail Neal
Tom Osborne
Richard Preston
Harold Rainey
Rebecca (Kincaid) Rising
R. Keith Roumpf

**299 Honorably Retired Member
(Continued)**

Robert Snell
James Splitt
Don Steiner
Roxie Sullivan
Gary Thomson
Rich Tiggelaar
Earl F. Underwood Jr.
Arlys Wilbur

302 Executive Presbyter

Richard Wyatt

303 Presbytery Stated Clerk

Raymond Meester (101 for Lincoln Heritage)

405 GA Agencies, Field Staff

Karen Moritz

**503 Serving Another Denomination,
Associate Pastor**

Kara Hillhouse

641 Pastor/Chaplain Educational Institution

Katie Barrett Todd

751 Military Chaplain

Dennis Hysom

791 Other validated

Carl Eskridge

**792 Ruling Elder Commissioned to
Validated Ministry**

Jose Antonio Garcia Andrade

797 Member at Large

Joel Gajardo
Juventino Naranjo
Rachelle McCalla
Nanette Tomlinson-Knoell

Attachment D

Committee Vacancies

Vacancies in Homestead Presbytery Committees

Calvin Crest Board of Directors

*2017 Member

*2018 Member

*2018 Member

Synod Commissioner Youth Advisory (YAD)

*2016 YAD

Business & Finance Committee

*2018 Moderator

*2018 Member

Committee on Ministry

2016 Member

*2017 Member

2017 Member

2018 Member

Nominating Committee

*2018 Member

Preparation for Ministry

2017 Member

Council

2018 At Large

New Worshiping Communities/Church Development and Redevelopment

2016 Member

2016 Member

2016 Member

2017 Member

2017 Member

2018 Member

2018 Member

*These vacancies were filled at this meeting.

Attachment E

Statement of Faith

S. Edward Yang

I believe in the triune God. The first person of the Trinity is the Father who cares for God's children like their mother. God is sovereign in spite of my lack of understanding of how it can be when things do not seem to be going well. I trust that God works all things for ultimate good. The second person is Jesus Christ who is fully God and became fully human in order to reconcile humanity with God. Christ embodies God's love in seeking to be in relationship with people. He redeems us through his life, death and resurrection. The third person is the Holy Spirit who guides and empowers God's people. It is encouraging to know that the Spirit is

working in me for my service to God.

I believe God has a plan for humanity. Although sin has distorted the image of God, Christ restores that image and provides the path for intimately knowing the divine. It is by grace that God offers a renewed, whole life to be received with gratitude. By faith, I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Christ has saved me for eternal life. And Christ is Lord over all of life. In response to evil in the world, Christians are called to stand for justice, sit with the brokenhearted, proclaim the gospel, and work for the goodness of God's intended creation.

I believe the Holy Scriptures to be the written Word of God that points to Christ, the incarnate Word of God. The Bible is living and active in that God continues to speak to humanity through it. The Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit as God's Word. As such, the Holy Spirit - who continues to work in the world - guides our understanding of the Bible.

I believe the Church is called to be God's people. While God is perfect, people are not. Each church is a community of broken people who seek to follow God and care for one another. Like a family, there will be challenges to unity. Yet, a church can grow together as diverse members share in one another's stories of joy and sorrow.

We are called to corporate worship to experience God's transforming presence and activity. In worship, our focus is on the primary means of grace: preaching of God's Word and celebrating the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper). Through the preached Word, a church hears God's message for them in their specific time and place. Baptism marks one's initiation into the Church through identification with Christ's death and resurrection. In the Lord's Supper, the Spirit works with cultural objects (i.e., bread & wine) to bring people together with the risen Lord.

In worship, God calls and forms the church as the Body of Christ. We are collectively shaped through the activities and place of worship. The Holy Spirit sanctifies each church for God's mission: the world's pain is brought before God, and in turn, we offer Christ's peace to the world.

This is what I believe: The love of Christ compels me to pursue holiness in relation to God and to seek justice for my neighbors, through the power of the Holy Spirit.