

**PRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK
STATED MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2017
AU SABLE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, YORKVILLE, ILLINOIS**

The Presbytery of Blackhawk convened Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in a Stated Meeting at Au Sable Grove Presbyterian Church, Yorkville, Illinois. Moderator Rev. Mike Selburg called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:30 a.m.

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. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to **approve** the Docket.

9:00	Registration and Networks and Partnerships Center	
9:15	First Time Commissioner Orientation	
9:30	Opening Prayer	Mike Selburg
	Stated Clerk's Report	John Rickard
	Adoption of Docket/Approval of Minutes/Orientation to the Meeting/ New Elders and Pastors Introduced	
9:45	Worship	
10:45	Break	
10:55	Assembly Meeting Guidelines	Mike Selburg
11:00	Voting on Overtures from the 222 nd General Assembly	
12:15	Lunch and Networks & Partnerships Center	
12:50	Community Building	Danny Pierce
1:00	Life Together (Business Plenary Session) Crisis Management Team Report and small group discussion	
2:15	Presbyterian Women	Bev Scharlau
	Administrative Commissions	
	Washburn	
	Dismissal Policy	Craig Herr
	Nominating	Martha Logeson
	Mission Strategies and Resources Board	Laurie Walker
	Personnel – No Report	Anita Stuart-Steva
	Business Affairs Committee	Julie Raffety
	Treasurer	
	Trustees	
	Stronghold Committee	Kathie Luke
	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Ryan Pixton
	Commission on Ministry	Jim McCrea
3:30	New and Unfinished Business	
3:45	Adjourn with Prayer	

Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be **April 4, 2017** (*Please note earlier date due to Holy Week*) at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2821 N. Bell School Road, Rockford, IL. Registration at 9:00 a.m., Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made, seconded and **approved** to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2016, Stated Meeting without exception.

Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders attending for the first time were introduced.

Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. Rickard gave the following report:

Announcement: Deadline for churches to enter 2016 Statistical Reports for General Assembly is February 16, 2017. As of February 9, 50 of 75 churches had completed report.

Reviewed Session Records of Gibson City, approved with exceptions.

Assisting sister Presbytery in disciplinary case.

2016 Necrology Report attached. ***Rev. Dr. Rickard read the names of the Elders on the Necrology Report and offered up prayer for them. (See Attachment)***

General Presbyter Report:

Advised/counseled/coached/pastored sessions and pastors concerning various issues.

Synod of Lincoln Trails Executive Collegium and Visioning Team.

Illinois Conference of Churches Public Policy Committee.

Attended Installation Service for Stephanie Anthony at Fox Valley Geneva and Stephen Bowie at Third Presbyterian, Rockford.

Provide Staff support to the Crisis Management Team.

Staff the Commission on Ministry, Nominating Committee, Mission Strategies and Resources Board, Business Affairs Committee, and Board of Moderators.

Assisted Pastor Nominating Committees in their search processes.

Assisted church searching for interim/transitional pastors, performed computer matching for Pastor Nominating Committees to consider, conducted background checks on finalists and consulted with the PNCs and COM as needed.

I give background and reference checks when called by other Presbyteries.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Stated Clerk/General Presbyter Report.

WORSHIP

The Service of Worship for the day was presented. Presbytery was led in worship by Rev. Jan. Chandler, Rev. Kim Hulen, Rev. Hope Sibson, Laurie Walker, Karen Williams, Carole Griesinger, and Rev. Jennifer Olson who preached a sermon entitled "Love One Another". The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by intinction.

ASSEMBLY MEETING GUIDELINES

Moderator Rev. Mike Selburg gave a power point presentation and highlighted Our Vision Statement, Our Values, Who Are We (Christians in the body of Christ), Meeting Courtesies, Meeting Basic Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order Process.

VOTING ON OVERTURES FROM THE 222ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Stated Clerk/General Presbyter Rev. Dr. John Richard made the motion and it was seconded to vote in the affirmative the entire slate of overtures.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to separate Amendment 16-D, 16-G, and 16-H.

The motion to vote in the affirmative for Amendments 16-A, 16-B, 16-C, 16-E, and 16-F was then **approved**.

Rev. Karen Schlack asked for an explanation on Amendment 16-D. Motion was then made, seconded and **approved** to vote in the affirmative for Amendment 16-D.

Rev. Karen Gerhard-Conner spoke on Amendment 16-G. After discussion motion was made, seconded and **approved** to vote in the affirmative for Amendment 16-G. There were eight (8) no votes.

Rev. Karen Gerhard-Conner requested that her NO vote be entered in the record regarding Amendment 16-G.

Rev. Jeff Borgerson spoke on Amendment 16-H. Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to vote in the affirmative for Amendment 16-H. There were six (6) no votes.

(Proposed Amendments Attached)

BUSINESS PLENARY SESSION

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Bev Scharlau reported on several opportunities for the Presbyterian Women in Blackhawk Presbytery. She encouraged women in Blackhawk Presbytery to get involved in the Presbyterian Women's activities. On Saturday, April 22, 2017 the Spring Gathering will be at First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood. The Synod of Lincoln Trails Triennial is scheduled for June 24 at the United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. In 2018 the Churchwide Gathering will be in Louisville, KY.

She reminded the Presbytery of the Challenge for the November Presbytery Meeting: Each church is asked to contribute 25 school kits, 10 hygiene kits, and 10 clean-up buckets.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Presbyterian Women's Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

DISMISSAL POLICY – Rev. Craig Herr thanked his committee for all the work that was done for this Policy and made the motion and it was **approved** to accept the ***Process For Congregations of Blackhawk Presbytery considering leaving the PCUSA. (See Attachment)***

NOMINATING

Moderator Martha Logeson made the motion and it was seconded for the following slate:

Stronghold Committee, Class of 2019 – Ray Lantz, Ruling Elder

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2019 – Sandi Graber, Ruling Elder

Commission on Ministry, Class of 2019 – Catherine Martin, Teaching Elder

Mission Strategies and Resources Board, Class of 2018 – Canessa Lagan

The Moderator then called for nominations from the floor. Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to close nominations. Motion was then **approved** for the above slate.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Nominating Committee Report.

MISSION STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES BOARD

Moderator Laurie Walker reported on the following:

- *The First Presbyterian Church of Dixon's approval for a mission grant application for \$500 to support their community garden project.*
- *The MSRB received a report from the Crisis Management Team asking for feedback on renaming MSRB simply the Mission Committee and removing the responsibility of approving networks and partnership applications. Members concurred with these recommendations hoping that this would allow the committee to maintain its focus on mission. MSRB committee members agreed to recommend that their membership be changed from 12 to 9 members since that is closer to the number with which committee has been functioning.*
- *MSRB agreed to remove the following inactive partnerships from the Blackhawk website: Covenant Network, Disaster Response Network, Domestic Violence Awareness Network, and Youth Council.*
- *The Kenya Travelers presented gifts from Imenti Presbytery consisting of Stoles, Pendant emblems, T-shirts, Tea and Handkerchiefs.*

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the MSRB Report.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Rev. Julie Raffety identified the following areas of focus for 2017:

- *Stronghold Committee will develop a contingency plan for what happens if Stronghold can't make payroll or meet expenses during 2017.*
- *Increase Per Capita income by improving communication with those churches who pay per capita, as well as those who don't.*

A time of thanks was given for Rev. Julie Raffety for all her time and talents given to Presbytery as she will be leaving us to move to Newton Presbytery in New Jersey.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Business Affairs Report.

STRONGHOLD COMMITTEE

Moderator Rev. Kathie Luke reported on the following:

- The Separation Task Force is in the process of meeting.
- By the end of 2016, Stronghold had repaid money that was borrowed in 2016 from Presbytery.
- Stronghold currently has reservations for 2017 that exceed the entire 2016 usage. The outlook is very positive.

Moderator Rev. Luke made the motion and it was **approved** to accept the 2017 Stronghold Budget. **(See Attachment)**

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Stronghold Committee Report.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Ryan Pixton made the motion, and it was **approved** for Ray Lantz to be commissioned by COM and Presbytery to a church.

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Moderator Rev. Jim McCrea made an omnibus motion, and they were **approved** for the following:

- *Grant authority for COM to appoint and approve Administrative Commission for Installation of Canessa Lagan at Pontiac First on March 26, 2017.*
- *Commission CRE Claire Brennecka to administer the sacraments at Winnebago First Presbyterian as needed from January through December, 2017. This is in addition to her current commission in Harvard.*
- *Commission CRE Carrie Kapral to serve as Moderator to St. Anne First Presbyterian. This is in addition to her current commission to Elwood.*
- *Commission Ruling Elder Ray Lantz to serve as Pastor to Kankakee First Presbyterian effective Feb. 15, 2017 to Feb. 15, 2018.*
- *Grant authority for COM to appoint and approve Administrative Commission for Installation of Rev. Dr. Richard Shaffer, Jr. at Oswego on a date to be determined.*

Appoint Moderators

*Rev. Duane McDonough (UCC) at Dakota Community
Pastor Carrie Kapral, CRE at St. Anne*

ACTIONS TAKEN BY COM:

TERMS OF CALL:

Rev. Canessa Lagan to serve as pastor at Pontiac First Presbyterian effective December 1, 2016:

<i>Cash Salary</i>	\$	39,500
<i>Fair rental value of manse</i>		11,850
<i>Travel reimbursement @.54/mile</i>		
<i>Business/Professional expense</i>		3,900
<i>SECA Supplement</i>		3,928
<i>Continuing education allowance</i>		2,000
<i>Medical Reimbursement</i>		3,081
<i>Utilities (church expense)</i>		5,000
<i>Moving Costs (up to)</i>		10,500
<i>Full Pension, Full Family Medical</i>		
<i>Total Effective Salary</i>	\$	51,350
<i>Vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing Education: 2 weeks</i>		

Rev. Dr. Richard Shaffer, Jr. to serve as senior pastor/head of staff at Oswego Presbyterian Church effective January 30, 2017:

<i>Cash Salary</i>	\$	61,000
<i>Housing Allowance</i>		24,000
<i>Travel Reimbursement @.54/mile</i>		
<i>Business/professional expense</i>		3,900
<i>SECA Supplement</i>		7,041
<i>Continuing Education allowance</i>		1,500
<i>Medical Reimbursement</i>		5,100
<i>Other Allowances (Dental)</i>		1,700

2017 Moving Costs (up to)		500
Pension Rate		10,200
Medical Rate		<u>20,825</u>
Total Effective Salary	\$	85,000
Vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing Education: 2 weeks		

Rev. Karen Gerhard Conner to serve as part-time temporary supply pastor at Oregon Presbyterian effective December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017.

Cash Salary	\$	8,500
Housing Allowance		12,000
Vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing Education: 2 weeks		

Rev. Susan Krummel to serve as Interim Pastor at Princeton First effective January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

Salary & Housing	\$	53,180
Pension & Medical		20,108
SECA Allowance		2,400
Medical Reimbursement		3,120
Business/Professional (reimbursed up to)		3,900
(Auto reimbursed at the standard IRS rate per mile. Miles from home to the church is not considered business miles for up to 3 trips per week. Special trips above the 3 are reimbursable.)		
Continuing Education (reimbursed up to)		1,500
Vacation: 4 weeks, Continuing Education: 2 weeks		

CRE CONTRACT:

Pending Presbytery action, approved contract for Ray Lantz to serve as pastor to Kankakee First Presbyterian effective February 15, 2017 for 20 hours per week for one year. His responsibilities include preaching, leading worship (5 times per month), administering the sacraments, presiding over marriage and funerals and moderating the session.

Cash Salary	\$	6,000
Housing Allowance		18,000
Travel reimbursement @ .54/mile		
Continuing education allowance		1,000
Vacation: 3 weeks, Continuing Education: 1 week		

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Approved extension of contract between Winnebago First and Carroll L. Smith Jr., effective January 1 – December 31, 2017. Pastor Smith will serve as Temporary Pulpit Supply for all worship services, as well as pastoral care duties previously outlined. Compensation: Monthly cash salary: \$3,500, Monthly auto allowance: \$500.

Approved extension of contract between Park Streator and David Tellinghuisen, effective until May 15, 2017. The terms are the same as his existing contract:

Cash Salary	\$	46,400
Housing Allowance		15,600
SECA Allowance		2,400

Professional Expenses	3,900
Continuing Ed	\$ 1,900

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Acknowledged the receipt of CRE Donna Gericke's notice to resign from her position at Shannon Prairie Dell, effective date TBD.
2. Approved PNC for Plainfield Wheatland.
3. Approved transfer of Rev. Mark Morrison, honorably retired minister from Wabash Valley Presbytery. Rev. Morrison lives in Crest Hill, IL.

INSTALLATION COMMISSIONS FOR:

- Rev. Canessa Lockhart Lagan and First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac, IL on Sunday, March 26, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

Teaching Elders:

*Rev. Dr. John E. Rickard, General Presbyter
Rev. Roy Backus, First Presbyterian, Morris
Rev. Jan Chandler, Church of Hope, Gardner*

Ruling Elders:

*Juanita Taylor, First Presbyterian, Pontiac
Debbie Bressner, First Presbyterian, Pontiac
Stan Holzhauer, First Presbyterian, Pontiac
David Perry, First Presbyterian, Morris
Frank Chandler, Church of Hope, Gardner*

Ecumenical Representative:

Rev. Jim Wolfe, First Baptist Church, Pontiac, IL American Baptist

- Rev. Dr. Richard J. Shaffer Jr. and Oswego Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Teaching Elders:

*Rev. Dale Ambler, First Presbyterian, Joliet
Rev. Kim Hulen, Oswego Presbyterian, Oswego
Rev. Jan Chandler, Church of Hope, Gardner
Designee or Moderator: Rev. Matt Robinson, Vice-Moderator, Westminster, Joliet*

Ruling Elders:

*Gloria Miner, First Presbyterian, Savanna
Mike Erickson, Oswego Presbyterian, Oswego
Wendy Keller, United Church, Earlville*

Ecumenical Representative:

Rev. Cindy Marino, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville

Corresponding Member:

Rev. Dr. Bradley Longfield, John Knox Presbytery, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Professor of Church History, former Dean

COMMISSIONING SERVICE:

- *Moderator Rev. Mike Selburg presided over the Commissioning Service for Ruling Elder Ray Lantz to serve as Pastor to Kankakee First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Selburg asked the questions to which Ruling Elder Ray Lantz answered. Prayer was then offered up by Moderator Rev. Selburg*

Motion was made, seconded and **approved** to receive the Commission on Ministry Report.

LUNCH INSTRUCTIONS AND NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS CENTER

The Presbytery was given lunch instructions and prayer was offered by Rev. Jennifer Olson.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Stronghold Executive Director Dr. Danny Pierce then led the Presbytery into a “getting to know each other” activity.

The Presbytery reconvened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Mike Selburg who presided over the meeting.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

The Crisis Management Team explained how the Presbytery would be divided into small groups to discuss the Proposal. Rev. Julie Raffety spoke on the Proposed Culture Plan, Rev. Jim Friedmeyer spoke on the Proposed Structure Plan, and Rev. Eric Heinekamp spoke on the Proposed Finance Plan. The Presbytery then went to their small group discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and **approved** to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The Moderator gave the closing prayer.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rockford, IL, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. John Rickard, Stated Clerk

Karen McClenthen, Recording Clerk