

OPRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK
MEETING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Our Vision and Values

Grounded in the Biblical image for human community, as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we challenge and support congregations to be thriving faith communities by facilitating competent leadership and resourcing to energize ministry and mission. As Christians, guided by the principles of love, trust, open communication, and genuine relationships, we value each other as sisters and brothers in faith in all our varied theological understandings. Therefore, we relish respectful discussions of differing opinions as a necessary part of discerning the will of God.

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This is a joint meeting of the Ecclesial body, the Presbytery of Blackhawk and the Corporate body, the Presbytery of Blackhawk, Inc.

- 9:00 Registration and Networks and Partnerships Center
- 9:15 First Time Commissioner Orientation
- 9:30 Opening Prayer Matt Robinson
- Assembly Meeting Guidelines Matt Robinson
- Stated Clerk's Report John Rickard
- Adoption of Docket/Approval of Minutes/Orientation to the Meeting/New
Elders & Pastors Introduced
- 9:45 Worship
- 10:45 Break
- 10:55 Board of Pensions
- 11:00 Learning Opportunity: Compass and Map: Using the Revised Directory for
Worship and New *Book of Common Worship* Together David Gambrell
(Associate for Worship, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Mission
Agency)
- 12:15 Lunch and Networks & Partnership Center
- 1:00 Community Building
- 1:10 Life Together (Business Plenary Session)
- Stories of mission and ministry
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry Jan Chandler
- Commission on Ministry Jim McCrea
- Synod Report Kim Hulen
- Presbyterian Women Bev Scharlau
- Committees of Council
- Council Report Mike Selburg
- Concurrence of General Assembly Overtures
- Assembly Planning Committee Matt Robinson
- Business Affairs Committee Bill Ward
- Treasurer Frank Finch
- Stronghold Kathie Luke
- Mission Laurie Walker
- Personnel Anita Stuart-Steva

- 2:30 Corporation/Trustees
Administrative Commission, Washburn Matt Robinson
Motion to forgive Stronghold 2010-2016 receivable \$279,423.02
- 2:45 Unfinished and New Business
- 3:00 Adjourn with Prayer

Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be April 10, 2018 at the Fox Valley Presbyterian Church, 227 East Side Dr. Geneva, IL. Registration at 9:00 am, Meeting 9:30 am.

The April meeting will feature an abbreviated business meeting so that the Presbytery may participate in “Healthy Boundaries and Ethics Training”.

Presented by Dr. Mark Sundby, Executive Director and Staff Psychologist at LeaderWise (offering assessment, counseling, consulting services for ministry), this 5-hour seminar is sponsored by the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Featuring case studies, self-quizzes, and discussion questions, this course will highlight how healthy boundaries are important to every pastoral relationship. In exploring the ethical and legal dimensions of ministry, participants will learn the mandatory basics as well. Ruling Elders are also encouraged to attend. While many of the topics will be pastor-specific, others will be applicable to all relationships, including those within the church ‘family’.