

The Presbytery of Prospect Hill
 Stated Meeting – July 14, 2015
 First Presbyterian Church, Estherville, Iowa

The Presbytery of Prospect Hill met for a regularly called meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church, Estherville, Iowa. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Moderator Dennis Sohl at 4:00 pm.

The Presbytery was welcomed by Kennen Barber-Ensz, Co-Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Estherville.

A quorum was present as shown by the following roll:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Occ Code</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>	<u>Cluster</u>
Alta		Vacant	-	-		Mike Pedersen	4
Alton	105	Harlon DeJong	A	A			1
Armstrong	101	Suzanne Wobig	P	P			2
Auburn	106	Don Gibson	E	E			5
Battle Creek	101	Kevin Freese	P	P			5
Breda	106	Don Gibson	E	E			5
Bronson	101	Cyndy Ripperger	P	E		Wayne Scholtman	3
Carnarvon	117	Carl Lee, CRE	E	A			5
Carroll	101	Rikki Sorenson	P	P		Peter Sorenson	5
Cherokee		Vacant	P	-			4
Cleghorn	101	Peggy Hegeman	P	P		Marlene Perkins	3
Denison		Vacant	P	-			5
Estherville	101	C. Ensz/K. Ensz	P	P			2
George, Ebenzer	101	Vacant	-	-		Joel Henricks	1
George, Lyon	101	Paul Fischer	P	P		Marlin Daniels	1
George, Zoar	101	Dale Lint	P	P		Larry Hulstein	1
Glidden	101	Brian Camara	P	A		Elaine Crawford	5
Hawarden		Vacant	-	-			1
Ida Grove	117	Shari O'Bannon, CRE	A	A			5
Lake City	101	Beth Harbaugh	P	P			5
Lake Park	101	Tim Harmon	P	P		M. Schumacher	2
Lawton	101	Cyndy Ripperger	P	E		Lorna Peters	3
LeMars PLY		Vacant	-	-		Gene Tobin	3
LeMars PUCC	101	Jan Christensen	P	A		Jerry Scholten	3
Manilla	151	Vicki Fisher	A	A			5
Manning		Vacant	-	-		John Pea	5
Milford-Lakeshore Ctr	117	Beth Ehlers	P	A			2
Odebolt	117	Bill Crawford, CRE	P	P			5
Paullina	101	John Duling	P	P		Marj Felton	1
Pocahontas		Vacant					4
Ringsted	101	Suzanne Wobig	P				2

Rockwell City	126	Mossman/BJ Ukena	P	P			4
Rolfe	151	John Tompkins	A	A			4
Sac City	101	Randy Russom	P	A			4
Sanborn	156	Gregg Johnson	A	A			1
Schaller	101	Ken Fells	P	E		Jerry Gosch	4
SC First	101	Tom Murray	P	P			3
SC Morn	101	Dave Koehler	P	P		Cathie Bishop	3
SC Third	106	David Koehler	A	P			3
SC Westlawn	107	Paul Speidel	A	A			3
SC Westminster	101	John Pehrson	P	P		Jerri Duccumus	3
SSC First	101	Stephen Niles	P	P			3
Spirit Lake	101	Clint Loveall	A	A			2
	103	Michael Gewecke	P	P			
Storm Lake	101	Chuck V-Hein	A	P			4
SL-SEA	117	Paul Maychen, CRE	P	A			4
Vail	101	Richard Francis	P	P			5
Wall Lake	117	Carl Lee, CRE	E	A			5
Westside	101	Richard Francis	P	P			5

Other Ministers on the Roll of the Presbytery

bold = present

italics=excused

Beard, Clarence	Miller, Marvin
Brinck, Peg	Moore, William
Brown, Marshall	Peters, Lorna
Dowell-Baum, M	Queen, Duane
Fells, Kenneth	Rozendaal, John
Gibson, Donald	Saville, Stephen
Gray, Donna	Shaffer, Richard
Hegeman, Peggy	Sohl, Dennis
Johnson, Don	Stepanek, Harold
McKinley, John	Tollefson, Robert
Meissner, Ken	Ukena, B.J.
	Wentzel, Rex

Staff: Paul Campbell, Kay Lenhart

Visitors: Connie Tolen, John Detlefsen, Lesleigh Wiese

Corresponding Members: Dennis Sohl

Officers of the Presbytery

2015 Moderator Dennis Sohl

Vice Moderator Brian Camara

Past Moderator Randy Russom

Stated Clerk John Pehrson

Treasurer Dick Drahota

Recording Clerk Richard Francis

Elder Committee Members

Budget: Rebecca Brown

Camp:

COM: Lorna Peters

CPM:

MCT:

MT:

Nominating:

Bills & Overtures:

No New Business was introduced.

Moved, Seconded, and Carried (M/S/C) to approve the Agenda as presented.

No first-time Commissioners were present.

No Corresponding Members were seated.

Members and visitors shared Joys and Concerns with the Presbytery. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer for the Joys and Concerns expressed.

M/S/C to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2015 meeting.

The Moderator called the Presbytery's attention to the written report of the Committee on Representation.

Dave Koehler presented a report from the Nominating Committee. He placed into nomination Rev. Brian Camara as Vice-Moderator, replacing the Rev. Katie Whipple who has taken a call in another Presbytery. M/S/C to elect Brian; he will be installed by the Moderator Team at a later date.

Officer and Staff Reports:

- Moderator: Dennis Sohl called attention to his written report.
- Stated Clerk: Activities and Events:
 - 1) Conducted Session Record Reviews on February 28, March 21, and March 28. The following churches have yet to submit their 2014 minutes for review: Carnarvon, Carroll, Cleghorn, Glidden, Hawarden, Manilla, Odebolt, Rockwell City, Rolfe, Sanborn, Sioux City-First, Vail, and Westside. These churches have two options. Either make an appointment (712-212-0489, johnpehrson56@hotmail.com) or drop their records off at the Presbytery office prior to August 11, and he will read them that afternoon.
 - 2) All other church records were approved, either without exception, or with minor exceptions.
 - 3) Attended Quad Presbytery at Calvin Crest, March 15-16.
 - 4) Showed the movie, *When God Left the Building*, in Sioux City on April 26. Plans are to show it again on October 26 at Lakeshore Center.
 - 5) Attended the Presbytery Record Review at Mt. Olivet, May 14-15. PPH Minutes were approved WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
 - 6) Attended BOP annual Consultation in Chicago, May 6-7.
 - 7) Polity Responder for the Lay Academy in Ft. Dodge, June 5-6.
 - 8) Moderator Team meeting, June 9.
 - 9) Churches which DID NOT send in their Annual Statistical Reports to the General Assembly include: Breda, Bronson, Carnarvon, Cleghorn, Lyon County First, Glidden, Hawarden, Lake City, Lawton, Manilla, and Sanborn.
 - 10) John read a letter from Lyon County First Presbyterian Church requesting dismissal to the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. (ECO) M/S/C to elect an Administrative Commission to work with the congregation. Rev. Dale Lint and Elder Judy DeBoer of Plymouth Presbyterian Church are members of the Commission; others will be named by the Moderator Team.
 - 11) John noted that he intends to retire from his position as Stated Clerk and Administrative Presbyter on November 30, 2015.
- Moderator Team Report: John Pehrson noted that the Stated Clerk's report covered the Moderator Team business
- Mission Coordinator: Paul Campbell called attention to his written report.

- Lakeshore Center: Moderator Sohl read an email from Center Director Beth Ehlers noting the ongoing work of the Center.

M/S/C to receive the Staff Reports.

Rikki Sorensen presented the report of the Personnel Committee. The Committee moved

- That the position of Stated Clerk and Administrative Presbytery be filled on an interim basis.
- That the position of Mission Coordinator be eliminated on December 31, 2015 due to budget constraints.

Mission Coordinator Paul Campbell left the room during the discussion. A motion was made to table the motion until the November meeting in order to give all involved time to make proposals for going forward. The motion to table failed and discussion continued. The motion to eliminate the position of Mission Coordinator be eliminated failed on a show of hands. A motion was made to form a Task Force at this meeting explore the mission of the Presbytery and make recommendations to the Presbytery at the October stated meeting. Discussion followed. John Pehrson noted that no matter what direction the Presbytery chooses to go, a Stated Clerk will need to be elected to take office by December 1. M/S/C to postpone the vote on the motion to the last item of business on the agenda.

Dave Koehler presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. He presented the 2016 Proposed Budget for a first reading. The Moderator turned the chair over to Dave Koehler for the budget discussion. Chad Ensz gave a presentation on the proposed budget. Two items were noted:

- Since 2005 the presbytery has budgeted an even \$32,000 to the camp each year. Having Considering the presbytery's budget has shrunk since 2005, recognizing the presbytery currently struggles to meet its budget, and wanting to be as fair as possible to the camp and the presbytery both, the committee has adopted a new system for budgeting camp support. The committee now budgets 8.5% of the total budget to the camp, which is the same percentage as was designated in 2005. This way the presbytery's support of the camp will both shrink and grow according to the presbytery's own decline and growth.
- In order to make the presbytery's operational revenue match its operational expenses for 2016, there are two options: per capita will be raised significantly this year (from \$18.92 to \$34.16); or, leaving per capita at its current amount, the entire projected shortfall will be taken out of previously mentioned reserves. Recognizing both the potentially detrimental significance of this increase and that reliance on the checking and savings accounts will only last at most a few more years, the committee seeks the presbytery's guidance in determining how much to increase per capita for 2016.

A motion was made to add a full financial review to the work of the Task Force that was proposed earlier in the meeting. The motion failed for lack of a second.

On behalf of the Committee, David moved that presbytery give power to the Moderator to establish a task force to determine and implement an additional effort to raise revenue on behalf of the presbytery (Christian concert, golf tournament, etc.). The motion carried on a show of hands.

John Pehrson presented a report from the Board of Pensions Annual Consultation. The retirement fund is doing well because of successful investments; the medical plan is still struggling but not as badly as predicted.

B.J. Ukena presented the report of the Pocahontas Administrative Commission. Both the congregation and the Commission have approved the sale of the building for \$45,000. A final meeting of the Commission will be needed to make disposition of the congregation's assets.

M/S/C to dismiss the Administrative Commission when their work is completed.

B.J. Ukena presented the report of the Rockwell City Administrative Commission. On behalf of the Commission, B.J. moved that the Presbytery concur with the action of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockwell City to form a Joint Witness Congregation with St Paul's Lutheran Church of Rockwell City; the congregation to be known as St Paul's Lutheran and Presbyterian Church. The motion carried. The full text of the agreement follows.

Plan for a Joint witness (Federated) Congregation

Definition of terms

Joint Witness Congregation is a concept found in the *Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA*, G-5.05

Federated Congregation refers to constitutional provision 9.91 and the related bylaws in the *Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*.

For the purposes of this agreement the term “Joint Witness” embraces some of the concepts of the “Federated” church in the constitutional provisions 9.91 and the related bylaws on federated congregations in the ELCA.

Agreement

St. Paul's Lutheran and Presbyterian, a Joint Witness congregation formed with the approval of the Prospect Hill Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) and the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), establishes and accepts the following Plan of Agreement:

- This Joint Witness Congregation shall be named St. Paul's Lutheran and Presbyterian Church.
- This Joint Witness congregation shall be subject to the constitutions of each church involved, as set forth in sub-paragraphs g., n., o., p., and q. below.
- This joint witness congregation shall confess and teach the faith of the Church as declared and embraced by the ELCA and the PCUSA, including confession of:
 - The Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
 - Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and as the Word of God incarnate;
 - The Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe;
 - The canonical Scriptures of the old and New Testaments as the inspired written Word of God and the authoritative norm of the Church's proclamation, faith, and life;
 - The ecumenical creeds as true declarations of the faith of the Church.

And as described in the document, Formula of Agreement, that established full communion between the ELCA and the PCUSA.

- This joint witness congregation shall fulfill the primary purposes of the related church bodies for ministry and mission in this congregation. In so doing, this joint witness congregation shall provide for the worship of God, nurture and instruction in the Christian faith, and participation in God's mission in the world through the Church.
- This joint witness congregation shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa.
- All members of this joint witness congregation shall be under the discipline of this congregation's governing document. The existing constitution of First Presbyterian Church shall be superseded and the existing constitution of St. Paul's Lutheran church shall become the joint witness congregation's governing document.
- All property of this joint witness congregation, real and personal, shall be transferred to the corporation formed in sub-paragraph e. above. The new corporation shall be the legal successor

of the corporations, if any, of the existing congregations, and it shall be bound to administer any trust property or moneys received in accordance with the provisions of the original establishment of the trust. All liabilities of the previous congregations shall be liabilities of this joint witness congregation.

- An ordained minister serving under call or contract with this joint witness congregation shall be responsible for the pastoral oversight of this congregation and shall be subject to the discipline of the church to which accountable, as prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the church body in which the ordained minister is rostered or holds membership.
- This joint witness congregation shall elect a congregation council as the board of directors from among its members. The congregation council shall have the powers delegated to it by this congregation. The number of members of the council and designation of officers shall be as prescribed in this congregation's governing documents.
- This joint witness congregation shall keep records for the denomination in which each of its members claim membership and shall report the share of the total membership to each appropriate church body. Membership shall be reported with a note to the effect that the report is that of a joint witness congregation and with an indication of the total actual membership. Similar reports baptisms, affirmations of baptisms or confirmations, and financial expenditures shall be made by this joint witness congregation and included in its annual report.
- The members of the congregation council shall serve as the trustees or directors of the corporation and shall be elected in harmony with civil law according to the constitutional provisions outlined in sub paragraph a. above as interpreted by subparagraph p. below.
- While recognizing the basic right of any giver to designate the cause or causes to which a personal gift shall go, the congregation council shall annually propose to the congregation a general mission support or benevolence program for the efforts of the ELCA and PCUSA. The proportions shall be as this congregation's council shall decide in response to the requests of the Western Iowa Synod and the Prospect Hill Presbytery.
- Per Capita support shall be paid by the Joint Witness congregation to the Presbyterian Church USA on the basis of actual number of members making a Presbyterian designation.
- An ordained minister called or contracted for service in this joint witness congregation shall participate in her or his church body's pension and benefits plan, supported by the joint witness congregation.
- Substantive complaints against the actions of this joint witness congregation's council may be taken under the constitutional provisions of appeal only in one church body, according to the choice of the complainant, and once being complained to one church body, not other church body shall accept jurisdiction in the same matter. Decisions finally made in the appeal by the entity to which the appeal was made shall be final and binding on the congregation council and the congregation's members.
- Wherever the constitutions of the ELCA and the PCUSA differ, the constitutions of the ELCA shall be followed.
- This joint witness congregation may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote at a congregational meeting, subject to consultation with and the concurrence of the Bishop of the Western Iowa Synod (ELCA) and the Prospect Hill Presbytery Committee on Ministry or their designates. In the case of dissolution property of this joint witness congregation shall be passed on to any successor congregation.
- No provision in the items above shall be construed as modifying or amending the constitutions of the ELCA or the PCUSA in application to any but similar congregations organized under the appropriate provisions of these church bodies.

M/S/C to dismiss the Commission with thanks.

The Presbytery recessed for the evening meal at 5:55 pm. Kennen Barber-Ensz led the Presbytery in prayer for the meal.

The Presbytery reconvened at 6:45 pm for worship. The service was led by Chad Ensz, Liz Bixby, Michael Gewecke, Suzanne Wobig, Tim Harmon, Kennen Barber-Ensz, and Andrew Thelen. The offering of \$241 was designated to the John Coates fund of the Presbytery.

Tim Harmon presented the report of the Committee on Ministry (COM). He called attention to the written report of the COM.

Activities/Actions Taken since the Last Presbytery Meeting on behalf of the Presbytery (Informational)

1. Active Administrative Commissions are in place for the Pocahontas and Rockwell City congregations. The COM asks the Presbytery to pray for these commissions and the congregations involved.
2. The COM approved the congregation at First (Alta) to enter the Small Church Residency Program which matches newly graduated candidates to small member churches. The candidate if called would be ordained and serve a designated two year pastorate with support from Presbytery and General Assembly in mentoring and pastoral growth. The costs of the mentoring (\$3,000) for one year has been graciously donated by another congregation within the presbytery.
3. Approved the arrangement between Morningside Presbyterian Church of Sioux City and Third Presbyterian Church of Sioux City for the services of TE David Koehler beginning July 1, 2015 and going to December 31, 2015. David will be Stated Supply for Third as he continues to be the installed pastor at Morningside. His total Effective Salary will be increased from \$52,080 to \$54,212.
4. Heard an update on ministry models and sessions from several churches within the Presbytery. The Session at Odebolt has engaged in conversations with several other sister congregations in the Presbytery to explore and discern together ministry in rural places with the help of Bob Houser, a retired Teaching Elder and former Executive Presbyter within our Synod.
5. Under G-2.0503, the COM consulted with Minister Members-at-Large TE Donna Gray and TE Molly Dowell Baum and has renewed their status of Member-At-Large for another year.
6. Because each Teaching Elder had received a new call, the COM approved the request and **congregational concurrence** to dissolve the pastoral relationships between
First (Sioux City) and TE Katie Whipple, and
United (Denison) and TE Paul Seefeldt.

We ask for prayers for the congregations and each pastor as they all continue in ministry and follow God's call.

7. Triennial visits have been done with several congregations including First (Sanborn), Elliot Creek (Bronson), Community (Lawton), Morningside (Sioux City), First (Sioux City), Third (Sioux City), Westminster (Sioux City), First (Schaller), Lao Christian Fellowship (Storm Lake), and First (Battle Creek). Exit interviews were completed with TE Katie Whipple (First,

Sioux City) and TE Paul Seefeldt (United, Denison) and the sessions as well.

8. Approved the **congregational vote** by First--South Sioux City to revise and increase again the Terms of Call for their installed pastor to 3/4 time.

9. Under G-2.1001 and W-3.3616e, COM authorized Ruling Elders Lue Baker, Chris Brown, Kim Fara, Ron Frahm, Ging Hudson, Phyllis Opperman and Gladys Schmidt from First Presbyterian Church of Manning to officiate at the Table for the Manning congregation. Rev. Richard Francis as their Moderator conducted training on May 6, 2015. This authorization is in effect for one year.

10. Reviewed the authorized pulpit supply list and has revised it. Sessions and worship committees are requested to use this new list and discard older copies. Contact Kay at the presbytery office for help in accessing the list.

11. First (Paullina), Ebenezer (George), First (Schaller), First (Odebolt), First (Manning), Memorial (Cherokee), United (Denison), and First (Alta) are congregations in transition between pastors. The COM asks for prayers for these congregations.

12. Under G-2.1001 and W-3.361e, COM authorized Ruling Elders Nathan Leidahl, Tim & Julie De Stigter and Brenda Haack from Memorial Presbyterian Church of Cherokee to officiate at the Table for the Cherokee congregation. Rev. Clint Loveall as their Moderator conducted training on July 6, 2015. This authorization is in effect for one year.

Items for Presbytery Action:

1) COM presents the 2015 Annual Review of Minister Compensation. Presbytery *Minimum Effective Salary* for an installed Teaching Elder (TE) is \$38,450. COM recommends presbytery's receiving of this report for 2015. The Presbytery voted to receive the report.

2) COM presents Teaching Elder Steve Saville (Member-At-Large) and Teaching Elder Craig Lee (Member-At-Large) for approval as Honorably Retired Status. The Presbytery voted to concur.

3) At his request, COM presents TE Jeffrey Ayers (moved to inactive status in 2014) for release from the ministry of and removal from the rolls of presbytery as a Teaching Elder under G-2.0507. The Presbytery voted to concur.

4) The COM recommends that the Associate Pastor position at First (Sioux City) be eliminated and that the Board of Pensions be notified of this action. This is at the request of the Session and is for reasons of financial resources and stewardship. The ministry is being reconfigured by the Session to better fit the mission at First. Both Session (4/21/15) and Congregational 4/12/15) votes have approved this action and COM, after consultation, concurred at the May stated meeting. The Presbytery voted to concur.

Michael Gewecke presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). He called attention to the Committee's written report and presented the following action item: Having fulfilled all the other requirements set out by the committee, the CPM presents Cathie Bishop for examination and approval by the Presbytery to be considered certified ready to receive a call for ordination as a teaching elder in the PC(USA) pending the successful completion and passing of her ordination exams. Cathie came forward to be examined by the Presbytery. A question was raised about the appropriateness of conducting the examination before Cathie has passed her ordination exams. John Pehrson read the relevant portion of the *Book of Order*. He gave his opinion that the *Book of Order* does not demand the requirements be done in a particular order. Further review of the *Book of Order* indicated that the

examination would be out of order unless the Presbytery voted by a vote of at least 75 per cent to make an exception to the *Book of Order* requirements. The Presbytery voted unanimously examine Cathie under the conditions recommended by the CPM.

Cathie's statement of faith:

In Christian community we are like a symphony with all the different instruments and sounds. The music comes alive when we follow the conductor. As Christians we come alive when we use our gifts together, follow God, study the Word through the Holy Spirit, worship, and work for peace and justice, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior with all of God's children.

The church exists to bring the mission of God to the world through Christ, proclaiming the good news of God to the people, and calling all people as disciples of Christ. The confessions of the church bear witness historically, and in the present, to the faith and life of the church. The confessions are secondary to God's Word of the Bible.

The church is not a building, it is a community of Christians who support one another, worshipping together, praying for and with one another, learning about and experiencing God's creation, grace, and love. We have been forgiven and reconciled with God. We grow as individuals and as a community when we listen to one another, seeking to understand with love. As the body of Christ, we come together to serve and minister to one another and are called to move outside the doors of the building into the broader community, locally, and in the world to serve those on the margins who hunger and thirst for the hope of the word of Jesus Christ through the actions of those who follow him. It is this church where I seek to serve through the model of the Presbyterian Church, USA, the reformed and always reforming body following Jesus' pattern of ministry.

I believe in God, creator of the world, universe and all that is included in heaven and on earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine. Jesus, the son of God, came to earth incarnate of God, as one with God and as a human infant born of the woman, Mary. He experienced life on earth as a human; he was baptized by John, and suffered the pain of crucifixion, and death on the cross. He rose on the third day, according to scripture. Jesus ascended to heaven and is seated on the right hand of God. Because of Christ's suffering and atoning sacrifice, we have received God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life. In response, we extend God's grace, sharing the good news of God's gift to humanity, and the hand of God to all people.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who comes from God and the Son, and is the giver of life. I trust and believe in the mystery of God; that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three persons, one entity as the Triune God. The Spirit gives us strength and courage which empowers us to respond and serve the people of God.

I believe the Bible, our holy scripture, is the inspired and authoritative word of God. It was written and translated by humans, guided by the Holy Spirit who reveals the living word of God, Jesus Christ. The word is read and heard by us as the children of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Scripture reveals who God is and what God intends for our world and my life. God's word comes alive for me through the Holy Spirit.

I believe the two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are grounded in scripture, the word of God. The sacraments are an act of Christian worship, instituted by Christ. They provide a visible sign and seal which proclaim God's new covenant and promise of the gospel through the elements of water, bread, and fruit of the vine. We are visibly claimed by God through the waters of baptism. We baptize following Jesus' great commission. The sacrament of baptism in the name of God the Father, Jesus the

Son, and the Holy Spirit, is given once. The sacramental sign of the Lord's Supper is bread and either fermented or unfermented fruit of the vine. Participation in the Lord's Supper is a celebration of praise for the gift of salvation we have received. Through the Holy Spirit we are reminded each time we participate in the Lord's Supper of God's gift and our reconciliation with God.

M/S/C to cease the questions. Cathie was escorted from the room while the Presbytery discussed the motion to consider Cathie certified ready to receive a call for ordination as a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA) pending the successful completion and passing of her ordination exams. The motion passed and Cathie was escorted back into the room. Michal Gewecke and Moderator Dennis Sohl led the Presbytery in a service of recognition for Cathie.

Marshall Brown and Lorna Peters presented the Synod Report.

The postponed motion was reintroduced. A substitute motion was offered. The revised language is as follows: that a Task Force be formed to evaluate the call of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill and explore how we can answer that call by reviewing such things as stewardship of resources, staffing to meet the call, possibilities for future ministry, how to best be about the mission of God with the resources we have. The Presbytery voted to make the substitute motion the main motion. The Presbytery approved the motion. The Task Force is beginning with these members: David Koehler, Dale Lint, Kevin Freese, Michael Gewecke, Tom Murray, Tim Harmon, Kennen Barber-Ensz. Other members may be added later.

No further business appearing, the Presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 8:36 p.m. **The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Lakeshore Center (Formerly Presbyterian Camp on Lake Okoboji), Milford, Iowa. Portions of the meeting will be a Joint Meeting including educational events with the Presbytery of North Central Iowa beginning on Monday October 26, 2015**