

Committee on Ministry

Presbytery of Prospect Hill

October 2018 Presbytery Meeting Report

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

1. Appointed Rev. Jennifer Olsen as moderator of session at First (Glidden) effective July 1, 2018.
2. Under W-3.0410 and G-3.0301b of the Book of Order, having been trained by Rev. Dr. Tim Harmon on August 7, 2018 the following ruling elders from First Presbyterian Church in Cleghorn are authorized to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Table in that congregation for one year:

Cheryl Plagman, Marilyn Prunty, Beverly Nelson, Bruce French, Jon Fuhrman
and Tracy Huff

3. Under W-3.0410 and G-3.0301b of the Book of Order, having been trained by Rev. Ken Fells on August 8, 2018 the following ruling elders from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ida Grove are authorized to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Table in that congregation for one year:

Jeff Hudson, Jodie Hudson, Kasey Jonk, Kim Wuebke and Cindy Larson

4. Approved a Mission Study for First (Glidden) and gave them permission to form a PNC.
5. Approved a revision to the Shared Ministries Agreement between Rev. Missy Brown, the UMC congregation, and First (Sac City) for pastoral services.
6. COM conducted exit interviews at First (Glidden) and First (Sac City) and Triennial Visits at PUCC (LeMars), Plymouth (LeMars), First (Sioux City), and Westlawn (Sioux City).
7. COM has revised its portion of the Operations Manual with updates to the current Book of Order, policies, and forms.
8. Pray for our active Administrative Commission at First (Cleghorn)
9. Wheatland (Breda), Lakeside (Storm Lake), First (Glidden), Elliott Creek (Branson), Community (Lawton), Union (Lake City), First (Cleghorn), and First (South Sioux City) are congregations in transition between pastors. The COM asks for prayers for these congregations.

Items for Presbytery Action:

1. COM received a formal request from Shared Ministries (Rolfe) dated May 21, 2018 to close their congregation. As this is a joint witness congregation with the United Methodists who own the property, under G-5.05, the COM and Moderator Team decided that we would cooperate under the UMC polity to proceed. That process is now at a conclusion. The District Superintendent (UMC) approved in late August and the congregation voted to dissolve the congregation as of November 1, 2018.

All records and member rosters will be remitted to the Presbytery for archival storage with Presbyterian Historical Society. Rolfe Church will provide costs for transmission and storage. Future inquiries as to church records by parties will be referred to the Presbytery of Prospect Hill.

All other proceeds are designated for distribution to local ministries and some work within the United Methodist Iowa Conference.

Building is sold to Mission Evangelica Mont Sion, a local Hispanic Ministry from Sioux City, for purposes of planting a congregation in Rolfe.

Memberships are mostly transferred with a few given until Dec 1, 2018 to contact the Shared Ministries Board at Rolfe for transfer, all of which will be reported to the POPH Stated Clerk.

Presbytery under the authority of G-3.0303 and G-5.05 is asked to confirm the dissolution of the congregation Shared Ministries of Rolfe as of November 1, 2018.

2. On October 7, 2018 by a unanimous vote, the Congregation of First (Alta) voted to call Rev. Denise Parrello (ELCA) as the installed pastor. She is currently serving in a shared ministry arraignment with the Trinity ELCA in Alta and her terms will continue as agreed upon under that contract and approved by COM. First (Alta) contributes \$1,800 a month towards salary and benefits to Trinity ELCA who directly pays Rev. Parrello. Rev. Parrello is eligible to be the installed pastor under the Formula of Agreement (G-5.0202) Rev. Parrello will be a temporary member of Presbytery, have voice and vote, and can serve on its committees for the duration of her time as installed pastor. (G-2.0506)

The COM asks permission to form an Administrative Commission for the purpose of conducting an installation service at Alta.