

# PRESBYTERY CONNECTION

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter of the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill  
August 8, 2019

The Presbytery Connection is a bi-weekly joint newsletter for the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill. If you would like to contribute to the Presbytery Connection, please contact Jeannie Stolee in the Presbytery office at 319-233-1747 or [northiowapresby@gmail.com](mailto:northiowapresby@gmail.com)

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving this communication, please email or call Jeannie.

Please consider making copies of this newsletter for your Session and running several copies to make available to your congregation.

[www.presbynciowa.org](http://www.presbynciowa.org)

[www.prospecthillpresby.org](http://www.prospecthillpresby.org)

To see North Central Iowa's calendar of events, please click [here](#).

To see Prospect Hill's calendar of events, please click [here](#).



The Presbytery Office will be closed on Friday, August 9, and Friday, August 16.

The Presbytery of North Central Iowa will hold a Called Presbytery Meeting commencing at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Ackley. Please click [here](#) for the Call to the meeting and Agenda.



*Presbytery of  
North Central Iowa*

*"Serving Jesus Christ by equipping congregations for ministry and mission."*



In order to facilitate easy communication from both presbyteries, General Presbyter Ian McMullen has established separate email addresses for the business of each presbytery, as follows:

North Central Iowa communication may be directed to Rev. McMullen at:

[presbyter@presbynciowa.org](mailto:presbyter@presbynciowa.org) or 515-450-7534

Prospect Hill communication may be directed to Rev. McMullen at:

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To see North Central Iowa's Prayers for the Churches, please click [here](#).

To see Prospect Hill's Prayers for the Churches, please click [here](#).

To see Additional Prayer Requests, please click [here](#).

Please click [here](#) to see the churches in transition in both presbyteries.



In his article [Poor Richard's Almanac](#), Rev. Richard Francis, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill, addresses welcoming children to the Lord's Table.



In this issue's [Word from the NCI Moderator](#), Judy Klepfer, Moderator of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa, reflects on God's presence, love and grace in celebrations and in the love we share with each other.

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### **Attention Church Administrative Assistants, Treasurers and Clerks of Session of the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill!**

- Do you need a short getaway?
- Would you like to meet other church personnel?
- Would you like to learn about the Presbytery Office and how we can help each other?
- Are you feeling overwhelmed?
- Would you just like a short retreat at beautiful Lake Okoboji?

If you answered yes to at least one of these questions, please join the Presbytery Office for a one-night retreat! Please click [here](#) for more information and how to register.

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Rev. Artis Petersons, a Mission Co-Worker laboring in Russia/Latvia who is interested and involved in peacemaking, will be visiting Iowa in September. Read more [here](#) on Rev. Petersons and the opportunity to have him visit your church.

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## **Project 52**

Lynn and Deanna Arends of Ackley are team leaders for a Project 52 2020 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Click [here](#) to see more information on the trip and how to contact Lynn and Deanna.

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## South Sudan Scholarship Task Force



Click [here](#) to read the report from the South Sudan Scholarship Task Force of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill. If you would like to include an insert in your church's bulletin, you may find that insert [here](#). Another available resource is this [PowerPoint presentation](#).

The contact for this ministry is:

Stephen Khor Chambang  
East African Community Development  
[chambang@gmail.com](mailto:chambang@gmail.com)  
712-730-1432



Do you have an AED in your church building? The Iowa Heart Foundation recommends that Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) be placed wherever people gather. AEDs have become so advanced that almost anyone can use them safely. Click [here](#) for more information.



who may be able to help.

If you feel as if you're at the end of your rope or the recent floods or low crop prices have left you feeling hopeless, please click [here](#) to find a group or network



Presbyterian Mission  
**Young Adult  
Volunteers**

David Sydnor of First Presbyterian Church in Schaller has accepted the call from the Presbyterian Mission Agency to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer. Please click here to [read](#) more about the Young Adult Volunteer Program and about David.



Save the Date for the Iowa Presbyterians Gathering on November 1 and 2, 2019! Please click [here](#) for save the date information. More information will be

coming soon!

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Iowa Religious Media Services will be closing its doors and clients and denominations will have an opportunity to purchase resources at approximately 50% of the cost of the resource. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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The Board of Pensions is hosting a retirement planning seminar at University of Dubuque Theological Seminary on Wednesday and Thursday, October 2-3, 2019. Please see more information [here](#).

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Rev. Dr. Tom Long returns to Lakeshore Center at Okoboji on October 4, 2019! Please click [here](#) for more information.

Click [here](#) to be directed to Lakeshore Center's website and see all the things going on at that beautiful location!

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## Academy



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Please click [here](#) for information on The Academy.