

PRESBYTERY CONNECTION

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter of the Presbyteries of North Central Iowa and Prospect Hill
August 22, 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

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.

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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 Thursday and Friday, August 22 and 23.

The Presbytery Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in honor of Labor Day.

Prospect Hill Sets New Minimum Compensation Guidelines for Pulpit Supply

The new Prospect Hill presbytery minimums as of September 1st apply to Ministers of Word & Sacrament and CREs. These standards will be our minimum compensation regardless of denomination affiliation.

Pulpit Supply for 1 service: \$100 + mileage

Pulpit Supply for 2 services
on the same day: \$150 + mileage

Moderating a Session
meeting: \$100 + mileage

The IRS mileage rate for 2019 is \$0.58/mile



In order to facilitate easy communication from both presbyteries, General Presbyter Rev. 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 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, talks about not letting rules get in the way of doing the right thing.

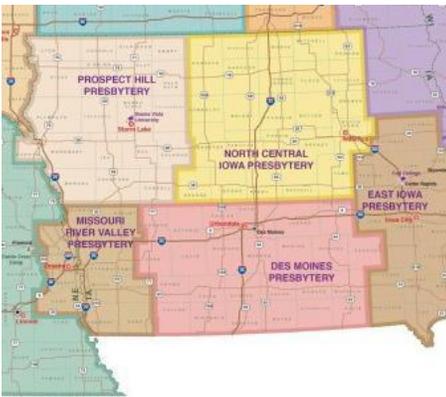


In this issue's [Moderator's Musings](#), Bill Crawford, Moderator of the Presbytery of Prospect Hill, shares some interesting thoughts on angels.



*Per Capita -
For Love of
Christ's Church*

Rev. Ian McMullen, General Presbyter to the Presbyteries of Prospect Hill and North Central Iowa, explains the purpose and use of [Per Capita](#).



The Presbyteries of North Central Iowa, Prospect Hill and Des Moines will be voting on a Joint Presbytery Staffing Plan at their respective fall Presbytery meetings. You may access that plan [here](#).

In addition, please click on [this link](#) to find videos that explain the proposal in more depth.



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 find a registration form [here](#).



North Central Iowa Mission and Ministry Mission Partnership Grant Applications are due in the Presbytery office by September 19, 2019. You may access the Application [here](#).

Also, Grant Project Report Forms for mission grants received in 2019 are due in the Presbytery office by December 15, 2019. That report form may be found [here](#). Please remember that if your church received a mission grant in 2019 and plans to make another application in 2019 for grants received in 2020, a Grant Project Report Form MUST be received for your 2019 application to be considered.



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.

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.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.

25% of this Offering stays with your congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in your own community.

25% of this Offering will go to your mid-council, joining with other congregations in your area to support peacemaking work in your region.

50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians around the globe.

Please give generously.



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
chambangs@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



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!



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.



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](#).



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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