



Presbytery of Des Moines

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TO: Commissioners to the Special Meeting of the Presbytery (August 1, 2006), and
Commissioners to the 465th Stated Meeting (August 19, 2006)

FROM: Philip W. Barrett, Stated Clerk

SUBJECT: Minutes

You will find the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines held on August 1, 2006, and the Minutes of the 465th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines held on August 19, 2006, following this letter. Most members are receiving the Minutes by going online to download them from our presbytery Web site. Only those without Internet access receive printed copies. The Special Meeting was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, and the 465th Stated Meeting was held at the Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in Des Moines.

Please read through both sets of minutes to both remind yourself of what occurred and to check them for accuracy. Please send any corrections to me, preferably in writing. This includes use of e-mail.

The focus for the Special Meeting was to form two administrative commissions and to elect persons to serve on them. The main focus for the Stated Meeting was to hear reports from Commissioners to General Assembly and Synod School. We celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in worship. We continued in the new style (for us) of dealing with some business through the use of a Consent Agenda. We recognized and celebrated the ministry of the Rev. Bob Cook who has most recently served as our Designated Missionary in El Salvador, and we honored his request for retirement. These are just some of the highlights.

If you are attending the November 14 Stated Meeting as a Commissioner, please remember to bring this minutes packet with you. Extra copies are not provided for those who neglect to bring them. If you are not attending as a commissioner, please pass this packet on to the person who is.

Thanks to all of you for your participation and service.

REMEMBER – The Call and Consent Agenda for the November 14 Presbytery Meeting will be posted on the Presbytery's Web site at www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org. Paper copies will only be sent to those who inform us that they do not have Internet access.

The Presbytery of Des Moines of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Called Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 1, 2006. The meeting was convened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Lila Jean Jensen.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The following commissioners and members were registered for this meeting. All persons absent are excused (**P**resent, **A**bsent, **E**xcuse):

CHURCH	MINISTER	P/A/E	COMMISSIONER
Adair, First	Char Rief	E	A
Allerton, United	Ross Blount	E	A
Ankeny	VACANT	A	Julie Cloud
Atlantic, First United	Don Seeger	P	A
Audubon, First	Kay E. Steddom	E	Bernard E. Neary
Bedford, United	Randy S. Allman	E	A
Brooklyn, First	John Reynolds	P	LJ Rickard
Carlisle, Scotch Ridge	Doug Bolsem	P	A
Centerville, First	Giles Card	P	A
Chariton, First	Denise Group	E	A
Clive, Heartland	D. Mark Davis	P	Dave Hubler
Clive, Heartland	Barbara Nish	E	
Corning, First	Ken Rummer	E	A
Creston, First	Barry Anderson	P	A
Dallas Center, First	David Ewing	E	Jon Kimple
Deep River, United	Boyd Sparks	E	A
Des Moines, Central	James Wallace	P	A
Des Moines, Clifton Heights	Eric Keller	P	Kimberly Wilhelm
Des Moines, Cottage Grove Avenue	David Madsen	E	A
Des Moines, Douglas Avenue	Claude Jones	E	A
Des Moines, First	Ken Stuber	P	Mary Lou Aspengren
Des Moines, Fort Des Moines	Donald Elly	P	A
Des Moines, Highland Park	Kip Harris	E	A
Des Moines, Knox United	Bill LeMosy	P	Louise Newsom
Des Moines, Park Avenue	David Stipp-Bethune	P	A
Des Moines, Union Park	VACANT	A	Joyce Rash
Des Moines, Westminster (4)	Amy Miracle	P	Ted Coppock
Des Moines, Westminster (4)	Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy	E	Vivian Haag
Des Moines, Westminster (4)	Ken Arentson	P	Becky Miller
Des Moines, Westminster (4)	Dick Kiefer	E	Beth Ann Edwards
Dexter, First	David Kincaide	P	A
Diagonal, United	John Beran	E	A
Earlham, First	VACANT	A	A
Ewart	Aaron Koskamp	P	A
Gibson, First	Mike Conn	E	A

Gibson, White Oak	Mike Conn	E	A
Greenfield, First	David Kincaide	P	A
Grimes, First	Lynn Williams	P	Jo Rainer
Grinnell, First	Kirsten Klepfer	P	A
Guthrie Center, First	Melvin Roblee	P	A
Hartford, Community United	Richard Harbart	P	Claren Rawson
Indianola, Trinity United	David Endriss	P	Maurice Dyer
Johnston, St. Paul	John W. Gilmore	P	A
Knoxville, First	Kirk Erwin	E	A
Lenox, United	Tim Maxa	E	A
Leon, First	Jack DePond	P	Mary Ellen Stanley
LeRoy, First	VACANT	A	A
Lucas, First	Linda O'Connell	E	A
Malcom, First United	John Reynolds	P	Craig Johnstone
Monroe	Ann Rouse	P	A
Montezuma, First United	George Salnave	P	Doug Hoksbergen
Mount Ayr, United	David Miller	E	A
New Sharon, First	VACANT	A	A
Newton, First (2)	Steven Mathison-Bowie	E	Leland Smith
Newton, First (2)	Tiara Mathison-Bowie	E	A
Newton, United	Donald Freeman	E	A
Oskaloosa, First	Dennis Morey	P	A
Oskaloosa, First	Hans Cornelder	P	
Ottumwa, East End	Kate Stangl	P	A
Ottumwa, First	Sue Babovec	P	Dave Frushour
Ottumwa, Westminster	Milton Forbes	E	A
Perry, First	Tom Conrey	E	Jim Mace
Pitzer, United	Donna Vaughan	E	A
Platte Center	VACANT	A	A
Sharpsburg	Tim Maxa	E	A
Sigourney, First	VACANT	A	A
Tingley, United	VACANT	A	Mildred Boyd
West Des Moines, Covenant	VACANT	A	Judy Telford
Windsor Heights, Windsor	Terry Amann	P	Larry Kenoyer
Winterset, First United	Jim Howland	P	Connie Kinser

OTHER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY (MINISTERS)

Present: Philip Barrett, General Presbyter/Stated Clerk; Robert Burnett (HR), Harold Butz (HR); Goanar Chol; Beverly Leonard (HR); Gustav Nelson (HR); Hume Ward (HR).

Excused: John Beran (HR); Andy Bosman (HR); Tom Bower (HR); Pete Brantner; Robert Cook; Carl Cooper (HR); Glen Dilley (HR); Howard Dukelow (HR); Ane Fitzgerald; David Fitzsimmons (HR); John Gallatine; Harold Gilleney (HR); John McElroy; Jeffrey Means; Gayle Miller (HR); Dale O'Connell (HR); Daniel Ogata (HR); Sara Speer Palmer (HR); Marvin Potter (HR); Patricia Summers; Jane Tetsuka; Russell Tomlinson (HR); Erasmo Velez (HR); Francis Younkin (HR); John Zieman.

Absent: All persons absent are excused.

LAY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present: Lila Jean Jensen, Moderator of Presbytery.

VISITORS

Jessica Paulsen (Indianola, Trinity United); Ray Chamberlin, Rachel Amann, Sarah Amann, Susan Amann, Annabelle Chamberlin, Jay Blankenship, Dick Woods, Lou Sandrom, Lucy Sanderson, Peggy Kenoyer, Sandra Dowson, Judy Hunt, Sharon Yamnitz, Mike Yamnitz, Hal DeGood, Cindy Chamberlin, Ron Grohe, Glenna Grohe, Shirley Conner (Windsor Heights, Windsor); Paul Walther (Audubon, First); Chuck Howieson, Paul Stanfield (Des Moines, Knox United); Dave Miller (Montezuma, First United); Alice Ward, Sandi Stuckey (Des Moines, Westminster); Sara Lamb (Winterset, First United); Dale Richardson, Betty Richardson, Sandy Davis, Gordon Perkins, June Combs (Des Moines, Clifton Heights); Betty Dyer, Presbytery Staff (Indianola, Trinity United).

MINISTERS (89 on roll)

Present: 35
Excused: 52
Absent: 0

ELDER COMMISSIONERS AND OTHERS

Present: 60
Excused: 0
Absent: 42

QUORUM STATEMENT

The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The Presbytery VOTED to adopt the Proposed Docket for the meeting as printed and distributed.

READING AND EXPLANATION OF CALL

Stated Clerk Phil Barrett read the Call to the Meeting:

A Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Des Moines has been called for Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in Westminster Hall at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4114 Allison Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. A map with directions to the church is enclosed. The telephone number of the church is 515-274-1534. The church is fully accessible.

The meeting has been called by the Coordinating Council in order to appoint two administrative commissions and elect members to these commissions. Nominees for membership on these commissions are being recruited at this time. These names will be provided at the meeting. Nominations from the floor are appropriate as well. No other business may be conducted at this meeting.

The description of the two proposed commissions and their specific duties, as well as the requirements for the number and status (minister and elder) of members are enclosed.

By their action, the following Council members have called the August 1 meeting:

Rev. Robert Burnett (Honorably Retired)
Rev. David Ewing (Dallas Center, First)
Rev. Jim Howland (Winterset, First)
Elder Nancy Lister-Settle (Dallas Center, First)
Elder Lila Jean Jensen (Audubon, First)

Rev. Tim Maxa (Lenox United, and Sharpsburg)

The Stated Clerk then explained the reason for the Call and the process for electing administrative commissions. Stated Clerk Phil Barrett presented the recommendations on behalf of the Coordinating Council at the request of the Council Moderator, the Rev. Tim Maxa.

ACTIONS REGARDING WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Presbytery VOTED to appoint an Administrative Commission to work with the Session and congregation of the Windsor Presbyterian Church as the congregation considers and acts upon the recommendation from the Session to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission shall be empowered to act on behalf of the Presbytery in all matters until decisions regarding a recommendation are communicated to the Presbytery. At that point, the decisions and any recommendations from the Commission shall be presented to either a Special or Stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Council nominated the following persons to serve on this Commission:

Rev. Ross Blount (Allerton)
Elder Wendell Harms (Des Moines, Central)
Elder Jennifer Hines (Clive, Heartland)
Elder Craig Johnstone (Malcom)
Rev. Tiare Mathison-Bowie (Newton, First)
Rev. Tim Maxa (Lenox United, and Sharpsburg)
Elder John Sprole (West Des Moines, Covenant)

Following an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the Presbytery VOTED to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast an electing ballot.

ACTIONS REGARDING CLIFTON HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Presbytery VOTED to appoint an Administrative Commission to work along side the Session of the Clifton Heights Presbyterian Church of Des Moines as it seeks to meet the recommendations of the Task Force appointed by the Presbytery regarding financial and operational issues, and that, if at any time the Administrative Commission believes that the Session is derelict in its responsibilities to meet the recommendations or deal with any related matters, the Commission shall be empowered to act in place of the Session. The Commission shall remain in place until the Presbytery determines that the congregation is on stable financial and operational footing, at which time the committee shall make a final report and any recommendations to a stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Council nominated the following persons to serve on this Commission:

Rev. Mark Davis (Clive, Heartland)
Elder Polk Davison (Des Moines, Westminster)
Rev. Jack DePond (Leon, First)
Elder Maurice Dyer (Indianola, Trinity United)

Following an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the Presbytery VOTED to close nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast an electing ballot.

Three more persons need to be elected to this Commission. Some persons are being asked to serve, and elections to the other three positions will take place at the August 19, 2006, 465th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

The Presbytery VOTED to adjourn.

Moderator Lila Jean Jensen offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Philip W. Barrett
Stated Clerk

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2006, at the Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.