

**Meeting Packet
for the 499th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



February 14, 2015

**Hosted by
First United Presbyterian Church
Winterset, Iowa**

A-1 – CHURCH PROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE REPORT

ADDENDUM

February 14, 2015

The Task Force reports taking the following action:

A-1-A-6 Approved the Post-Retirement Service Changes in Compensation for the following persons:

TE Dale O’Connell, pastor of the United Trinity Parish, Humeston, IA

Cash Salary \$44,348

TE James Woodworth, interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Creston, IA

Cash Salary \$51,036

Manse Provided (\$13,230 fair rental value)

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lou Aspengren, moderator

A-4 – CONGREGATIONAL TRANSITION TASK FORCE REPORT

ADDENDUM

February 14, 2015

The Task force reports taking the following action:

A-4-A-37 Approved the Commission to Install the Rev. Jessica Wietzke as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Grimes Iowa, on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 4 p.m. Members of the commission are:

TE Shamaine Chambers King (Windsor Heights, Windsor), moderator
TE Tim Maxa (Lenox, United, and Sharpsburg)
TE Ken Rummer (Corning, First)
TE David Kincaide (Dexter, First, and Greenfield, First)
RE Bev Boyd (Grimes, First)
RE Gary Heinbuch (Greenfield, First)
RE Lynn Heinbuch (Greenfield, First)
RE Bob Heston (Grimes, First)

Other participants:

RE Terry Kukkuk-Sheppard (Missouri Union Presbytery), corresponding member
Catherine Howe (Greenfield, United Methodist Church)
Sandy Maxa (Lenox, United)

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Rash, moderator

B – COTTAGE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION CENTER REPORT

ADDENDUM

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The Covenant Council of the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center presents the following Recommendation for adoption:

B-R-1 That the following Resolution be adopted by the Presbytery:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Presbytery of Des Moines has chosen to demonstrate its commitment to serving others by creating the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center, be it resolved that we -- as individuals, member congregations and presbytery leaders -- publicly declare that the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center is a mission of the Presbytery of Des Moines, and we affirm our commitment to the CGPMC by offering our financial support, volunteer resources and advocacy.

V – CROSS MINISTRIES REPORT

February 14, 2015

WHO WE ARE:

We were formed in the mid-1970s CROSS Ministries, a nonprofit social service agency operating in Polk County under the auspices of the Presbytery of Des Moines, has grown every year of its nearly 40 years of existence. Today CROSS Ministries serves thousands of men, women, and children annually.

We are proud to report that in 2014 CROSS was able to rise to meet the growing need *assisting with 17,000 acts of service, representing an increase of 37% over the year prior!* People assisted include the under-employed single mother struggling to make ends meet in a challenging economy; the disabled person living on social security benefits that barely covers the rent leaving nothing left to deal with an emergency need; people who are experiencing mental illness; newly returned veterans as well as those whose wars raged long ago but linger in their hearts and minds; refugees and immigrants trying to find their way in a new world; people who have recently lost their employment or experienced dramatically reduced work hours; and the families with young children who are facing evictions or the loss of their utility services.

OUR MISSION:

- To prevent homelessness and to provide food and other basic survival needs to people in crisis.
- To advocate for changing social, economic, and political systems which perpetuate poverty and oppression.
- To create a vision of justice and provide educational opportunities to churches, organizations, and the community, concerning the plight of the poor.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER:

Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 PM the Social Justice Committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church will present a *Trivia Night, Silent Auction, and Oral Auction Fundraiser* with 100% of the proceeds to benefit CROSS Ministries. More information will follow! Donations of auction items are currently being requested. To donate items or for more information contact: Rev. Michelle Parsons, email: MParsons@westpres.org or phone (515) 274-1534.

A BIG THANK YOU:

We'd like to thank the Presbytery of Des Moines and its member congregations, Iowa Finance Authority, Prairie Meadows, Des Moines Community Foundation, Plymouth Congregational Church, and the many private donors for their financial support in 2014 as well as food donations from the Des Moines Area Religious Council's Move the Food, area grocery stores, farmers markets, and gardeners. Special thanks to the volunteers who are the foundation of our organization providing thousands of hours of dedicated labor each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Victor, executive director