

**Meeting Packet  
for the 502<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



**November 10, 2015**

*Hosted by  
Heartland Presbyterian Church  
Clive, Iowa*



## **E – LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT**

**November 10, 2015**

The Council presents the following item of information to the presbytery:

E-I-19 The Council met with Sam Atiemo, a member of the General Assembly Staff on Racial Ethnic communities.

The Council took the following actions since the last meeting of the Presbytery:

E-A-6 Reviewed the August Stated Meeting of the Presbytery

E-A-7 Recommended the formation of an Interim General Presbyter Nominating Committee. Action on this process was referred to the Nominating Committee.

E-A-8 Re-Opened the search process for a Stated Clerk. This was also referred to the Nominating Committee.

E-A-9 Decided to hold a retirement celebration for General Presbyter/Stated Clerk Phil Barrett on Sunday, November 20, 2015.

E-A-10 Heard a report from the Easter Lake Property Administrative Commission regarding possibilities for the property and asked the Commission to present a report to the Presbytery at the August Presbytery Meeting.

E-A-11 Accepted the resignation of TE Jim Howland as a member of the Leadership Council, including the position of Moderator of that group.

E-A-12 Elected TE Ann Johnson, Vice Moderator of the Council, to Moderator of the Council.

E-A-13 Met with a group expressing concerns regarding the Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Johnson, moderator

# I – STATED CLERK REPORT

November 10, 2015

## ADDENDUM REPLACEMENT

I-R-13 That the Session Records of the following congregations be approved without exception:

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| Adair, First               | Gibson, White Oak          |
| Audubon, First             | Greenfield, First          |
| Carlisle, Scotch Ridge     | Grimes, First              |
| Centerville, First         | Grinnell, First            |
| Chariton, First            | Hartford, Community United |
| Clive, Heartland           | Indianola, Trinity United  |
| Corning, First             | Johnston, St. Paul         |
| Creston, First             | Lenox, United              |
| Dallas Center, First       | Lucas, First               |
| Des Moines, Douglas Avenue | Newton, First              |
| Des Moines, First          | Newton, United             |
| Des Moines, Park Avenue    | Oskaloosa, First           |
| Des Moines, Union Park     | Ottumwa, First             |
| Des Moines, Westminster    | Ottumwa, Westminster       |
| Dexter, First              | Sharpsburg                 |
| Earlham, First             | Windsor Heights, Windsor   |
| Gibson, First              |                            |

I-R-14 That the Session Records of the following congregations be approved with exceptions:

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| Allerton, United            | Knoxville, First     |
| Ankeny                      | Leon, First          |
| Atlantic, First United      | Malcom, First United |
| Brooklyn, First             | Mount Ayr, United    |
| Des Moines, Central         | Ottumwa, East End    |
| Des Moines, Fort Des Moines | Perry, First         |
| Des Moines, Highland Park   | Platte Center        |
| Guthrie Center, First       |                      |

In most cases, exceptions are minimal and easy to correct. All of our clerks do a really good job and are dedicated to their work.

Congregations not yet submitting Session Records:

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| Bedford, United    | Monroe                    |
| Deep River, United | Sigourney, First          |
| Diagonal, United   | West Des Moines, Covenant |
| LeRoy, First       |                           |

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip W. Barrett

# K – COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT

## November 10, 2015

### Our Sister Parish News

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Meet your  
Mission Co-Worker:  
**Rev. Katherine Pater**



Want to meet Katherine in person? She will be in Iowa for itineration Thursday, November 12 – 23, 2015. To schedule an event with her or to attend one, you may see her calendar here: [www.oursisterparish.org](http://www.oursisterparish.org)

#### Compañeros Medical Delegation Travels

This week, November 4-11, 2015 the Compañeros Medical Delegation is working with the Pastoral Team of Berlin, the community boards and health committees of the rural villages, and local medical personnel to provide basic healthcare and health education to the people of Berlin, El Salvador. As part of their work, they will learn about the historical roots of poverty and social injustice in Central America from the people they are serving in order to better understand the current needs and challenges of El Salvador's poorest communities. In doing so, they hope to build greater links of solidarity, friendship, and love between Christians in central Iowa and their Salvadoran brothers and sisters.



#### Those traveling with the Medical Delegation are:

**Seated:** Kathy Bassett (Clive, Heartland); Dr. Stacey Neu & Latsamy Hilliard (West Des Moines, Covenant).  
**Standing:** Dr. Christian Grindberg (Boone, St. Olaf); Dani Neu (West Des Moines, Covenant); Dr. Andrew Nish (Clive, Heartland); Dr. Mark Hilliard (West Des Moines, Covenant); Dr. Carrie Greenwood; Cassandra McDowell (Kansas City); Dr. Laura Avitt (Indianola, Trinity United); Mike Bassett (Des Moines, Central); Dr. (Doc) Sokol (Cedar Rapids); Sam Susanin (Des Moines, Westminster).



Meet your  
Pastoral Team Members:

- Margarita
- Idalia
- Jesus
- Balmore
- Blanca
- Cecilia



#### Truck Fund Update

We Did It!! With the combination of a GoFundMe campaign (\$4,155.72), personal donations (\$6,194.60), church donations (\$5,354.45) and a generous matching gift challenge (\$5,000), we met our fund raising goal for the purchase of a new truck – at a total of \$20,704.77. The Pastoral Team has been so busy with delegations that they haven't been able to actually purchase the new truck yet. But they will very soon. What a wonderful gift of safe and reliable transportation this will be for the Pastoral Team in their daily work and future delegations that visit. An enormous and heartfelt "Thank you!" goes to all who helped.

#### How can you help support the Our Sister Parish mission?

Would you like to become a sustaining member – helping to support the mission every month? Contact Betty Dyer at the

Presbytery Office and she can get you the information.

Currently, we have 19 monthly gifts that help support the mission. You can join that list to help your mission!



Pictured is the Pastoral House in Berlin where Rev. Katherine Pater lives and the Pastoral Team and Katherine work. This is where all delegations stay while visiting in Berlin.

#### Power to the People

We've all heard 'power phrases'... The Power of Love. Power up. Power behind the throne. Power hitter. Power trip. Power of prayer. Power struggle. Staying power. Firepower. Power play. More power to you! Balance of power. Knowledge is power. Flower power. Empowered.

Some of these are clearly positive, good things. Some not so much. Some could go either way, depending on which side of the power equation you fall. Whether we talk about it explicitly or not, whether we think about it or not... power exists and plays a role, sometimes when we least expect it.

Check out our co-worker Katherine's very thoughtful and thought-provoking blog on the subject here: <https://womankishweenworlds.wordpress.com/2015/09/01/power-is-not-a-four-letter-word/>



Cselt, Ecco Home 1877.  
Never forget that Pilate had power- and so did Jesus. Having power is not a good thing or a bad thing. It depends on who wields that power, and how.

**EQUIPO PASTORAL**  
La Casa Pastoral  
Berlin, Usulután, El Salvador

**COMPAÑEROS**  
Presbytery of Des Moines  
Urbandale, Iowa, U.S.A.

# Our Sister Parish News

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More Medical Delegation pictures...



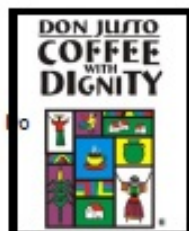
Currently in Berlin. Nov. 4-11



**K – COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT Continued...**

**Don Justo Coffee with Dignity**

**November 2015**



**Are you drinking Don Justo Coffee?**

you even know what Don Justo Coffee with Dignity is?

Our Sister Parish, the mission of the Presbytery of Des Moines, in Berlin, Usulután, El Salvador, has been working with coffee farmers in the Berlin area since 2002 to change the way coffee is sold. When you buy delicious coffee through this project, you (churches, organizations and individuals) can ensure:

- ☛ Fair prices for coffee growers and workers
- ☛ Environmental protection and biodiversity
- ☛ Profits are re-invested in Salvadoran communities
- ☛ Economic and Social justice

**Do you have a hankerin' for one of the fall pumpkin lattes? Resist that coffee place and make your own!**

**Easy Pumpkin Latte!**

- ☛ 2 cups milk
- ☛ 2 tablespoons canned pumpkin
- ☛ 2 tablespoons sugar
- ☛ 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- ☛ 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- ☛ 1/2 cup hot brewed espresso or strong-brewed coffee
- ☛ Whipped cream, pumpkin pie spice and ground nutmeg, optional



**Meet our coffee farmers...**

Estella & Vidal Gonzalez, the owners of Finca Santa Emilia, where Don Justo Coffee begins are pictured here with Maurice and Betty Dyer. This picture was taken in November of 2014 when we were once again signing the coffee contract with them for another year.

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| <b><u>Regular Roasts:</u></b> | <b><u>Decaf Roasts:</u></b> |
| Medium Ground                 | Medium Ground               |
| Medium Whole Bean             | Medium Whole Bean           |
| Dark Ground                   | Dark Ground                 |
| Dark Whole Bean               | Dark Whole Bean             |
| French Ground                 |                             |
| French Whole Bean             |                             |
| <b><u>Flavors:</u></b>        |                             |
| Snickeroo Ground              |                             |
| Snickeroo Whole Bean          |                             |
| Mocha Ground                  |                             |

Betty & Maurice Dyer  
Our Sister Parish Coffee Coordinators  
Don Justo Coffee with Dignity  
515-971-8406  
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Don Justo Samples make great stocking stuffers!

**Who is serving Don Justo Coffee?**

We recognize the following list of churches for serving our coffee exclusively.

Our list continues to grow every month! And you do not have to be in Iowa to commit to serving DJ exclusively...what it does mean though, is that you have committed to serving only DJ – it means that you call us and we get more to you when you run low! Thanks for being such loyal customers and making this large commitment.

- Ankeny, IA – Ankeny Presbyterian
- Atlantic, IA – First United Presbyterian
- Babylon, NY – First Presbyterian
- Brentwood, NY – Brentwood Presbyterian
- Carlisle, IA – Scotch Ridge Presbyterian
- Clive, IA – Heartland Presbyterian
- Coming, IA – First Presbyterian
- Dallas Center, IA – First Presbyterian
- Des Moines, IA – Central Presbyterian
- Des Moines, IA – Intentional Eucharistic Community
- Des Moines, IA – First Presbyterian
- Des Moines, IA – Wakonda Christian
- Des Moines, IA – Westminster Presbyterian
- Dexter, IA – First Presbyterian
- Earlham, IA – First Presbyterian
- Grinnell, IA – First Presbyterian
- Indianola, IA – Trinity United Presbyterian
- Knoxville, IA – First Presbyterian
- Monroe, IA – Monroe Presbyterian
- New Paltz, NY – New Paltz Reformed
- Newton, IA – First Presbyterian
- Ottumwa, IA – First Presbyterian
- Ottumwa, IA – Westminster Presbyterian
- Perry, IA – First Presbyterian
- West Des Moines, IA – Covenant Presbyterian
- Wichita, KS – The Well Coffeehouse, First Presbyterian
- Winterset, IA – First United Presbyterian



**Where can you buy Don Justo Coffee?**

- ☛ At the Presbytery of Des Moines office, 2400 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 20, Urbandale, IA 50322-4306, 515-276-4991 – any time during office hours: 9 am – 5 pm
- ☛ On the website: [www.oursisterparish.org](http://www.oursisterparish.org)
- ☛ On Facebook: Don Justo Coffee with Dignity – message Betty Nelson Dyer
- ☛ On the Presbytery website: [www.dmpresbytery.org](http://www.dmpresbytery.org) – there's a DJ link
- ☛ Email us: [donjustocoffee@gmail.com](mailto:donjustocoffee@gmail.com)
- ☛ Call us: 515-971-8406

☛ Did you know you can pay by credit card?  
☛ Did you know you can set up a regular order to be sent to you every month? We ship all over the country. For details, just ask us...

## T – OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES TASK FORCE REPORT

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The Older Adult Ministry Task Force (OAM) works to lift up the ministries of older adults as they serve the Lord in their home churches. Although we allow church members to self-define what older is, most seniors recognized by OAM and their churches range from 60 to whatever. Our older adults do everything from church secretary to church maintenance, finances to construction, gardens to paraments.

### *Faithful through the Years*

Six couples and 17 individuals will be recognized at the presbytery meeting today for their service to their churches and the Lord. Churches fill out surveys about their individual and/or couple, submit them as an action of their Session, including a photo. This year's honorees are:

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| Norma & Milo Bettis                             | Allerton, United                           |
| Jan Smith                                       | Ankeny                                     |
| Sherry & Norm Templeman                         | Atlantic, First United                     |
| Sue & Melvin Beavers                            | Dallas Center, First                       |
| Sue & Bob Heggen                                | Des Moines, Central                        |
| Rose Burnett, Connie Hendricks                  | Des Moines, Fort Des Moines                |
| Dorothea Trotter                                | Des Moines, Park Avenue (deceased 10/1/15) |
| Carolyn Harris                                  | Dexter, First                              |
| Wayne Fastle                                    | Earlham, First                             |
| Rose Anne Meisenheimer, Betty Molin             | Greenfield, First                          |
| Donna Hall, Sandy Hammond,<br>& Kathy McCaughey | Hartford, Community United                 |
| Margaret Mossberg                               | Indianola, Trinity United                  |
| Jean & Jim Gilbert                              | Johnston, St. Paul                         |
| Helen Ruth Boggs                                | LeRoy, First                               |
| Dr. Charles Argo                                | Oskaloosa, First                           |
| Wilma Lumsdon                                   | Ottumwa, Westminster                       |
| Betty Whitson                                   | Ottumwa, East End                          |
| Doris & Earl Benjamin                           | Perry, First                               |
| Robert Young                                    | Winterset First United.                    |

Besides recognition before presbytery, honorees receive a commemorative gift from OAM and lunch at the presbytery meeting. Their photographs and write-ups are projected on a screen at Presbytery, and stored afterwards in the *Faithful through the Years* three-ring binder. Members of their family and church may attend, but they must pay for their own lunch.

### **Health and Wellness Challenge**

A recent addition to OAM is the promotion of healthy eating and lifestyles. OAM promotes healthy eating by sponsoring healthy snacks at presbytery meetings as well providing information on healthier lifestyles including taking exercise breaks, walking and spiritual disciplines.

### **Health Fair**

OAM received a grant from the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) towards a health fair to be presented by OAM in the fall. That health fair was suspended until Spring 2016. Look for more information in future PDM and OAM newsletters.



### **Older Adult Ministry Events**

Moderator Marcy Campbell was a speaker at the OWLS conference September 15-16 at Calvin Crest Camp near Omaha. She also attended the POAMN national meeting October 13-16 in Albuquerque, NM. Marcy continues to work toward completion of Older Adult Ministry certification through POAMN.

Wishing you good health & wellness in your golden years!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcy Campbell, moderator