

**Meeting Packet  
for the 505<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



**August 20, 2016**

***Hosted by  
First Presbyterian Church  
Knoxville, Iowa***

**A-1 – CHURCH PROFESSIONAL TASK FORCE REPORT****August 20, 2016****ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TYPE OF WORK IN WHICH EACH MINISTER IS ENGAGED****Members engaged in a validated ministry within congregations of this church (G-2.0503)**

Kenneth E. Arentson	Ann E. Johnson	John W. Reynolds, Jr.
Wallace Bubar	Ekram Kachu, CRE	Kenneth E. Rummer
Marcy Campbell	Sarah Keyser, CRE	Janette S. Scott
Robert D. Cook	David Kincaide	Adam Smith
Hans Cornelder	Shamaine Chambers King	Gregory Smith
Meghan J. Davis	David J. Klanderman	James Stout
Delores L. Doench	Kirsten Klepfer	Donald Stribling
David W. Endriss	Nathan Lamb	Kenneth R. Stuber
Donald E. Freeman	Mike Maddy	P. Alex Thornburg
John W. Gilmore	Jane Martinez	Robert E. Waldron, CRE
Suzanne Gorhau	Timothy S. Maxa	Jessica Wietzke
Melanie Halferty, CRE	Bill O'Connell	Michelle Williamson
Richard W. Harbart	Scott Paczkowski	Ramona Wink, CRE
Christopher P. Harris	Eric Pasanchin	James Woodworth
Denis R. James, Sr.	Kelley Pedersen	Robert Zirkelbach

**Members engaged in a validated ministry in other service of this church (G-2.0503a)**

James Koopman	Interim General Presbyter
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**Members in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503a)**

Jeffrey Means	Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center – part-time
Sarah Schnucker Rice	Executive Director, Des Moines Area Religious Council

**Members at large (G-2.0503b)**

David E. Braak	Dawn Linder
William T. Ekhardt, Jr.	Kristin Pike

**Members who are honorably retired (G-2.0503c)**

Kim Alten	Robert L. Burnett	Jack DePond
Philip W. Barrett	Goanar Chol	Nancy Gorsuch
Jay Basler	Theron Conrey	Robert Houser
John C. Beran	Robert C. Cook	Calvin Hsu
Ross Blount	Carl Cooper	Claude Jones

Richard Kiefer  
Aaron Koskamp  
William LeMosy  
David Madsen  
Dale O'Connell  
Linda O'Connell  
Sara Speer Palmer

Donald Elly  
Marvin D. Potter  
Elizabeth Sandy  
Kay E. Steddom  
Patricia Summers  
Barbara Tooker Todd  
L. Roger Todd

Elizabeth Knott  
Russell Tomlinson  
Ronald Van Heukelom  
Erasmus Velez  
Lynn Williams  
Francis Younkin

**Reports not yet received**

Peter L. Brantner  
Ann Fitzgerald  
Bruce Giese  
James Howland

Michelle Leaverton  
Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy  
John McElroy  
Barbara Nish

Craig Palmer  
Katherine Pater  
Susan Tomlinson

## **K – COMPASSION, PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT**

**August 20, 2016**

The task force brings information from Our Sister Parish Compañeros that the Rev. Katherine Pater has resigned her mission co-worker position as of August 31, 2016 after 3 years and 8 months in the position. She has plans to attend the Farm School in MA where she will be learning organic farming methods.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Meghan Davis, moderator

**K – COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT continued...**

**Our Sister Parish News**

**August 2016**



*Your Mission Co-Worker:  
Rev. Katherine Pater*



*Your Pastoral Team Members:  
Margarita, Idalia, Jesús,  
Baltimore, Blanca, Cecilia*



**What do Delegations do?**

**Listen.** Delegations hear from people living in poverty themselves what their struggle to survive and thrive is like. They listen to community boards, committees, and families living in rural villages about their lives as subsistence farmers, the difficulties they face in acquiring water and growing food in a context of global climate change, how hard it is for their children to attend school, and the near-impossibility of finding well-paying work. Delegations also hear about the communities' triumphs and successes: to better organize themselves, to acquire development projects or trainings for their communities, to help their students succeed in school, and to build stronger and more united communities.



**Laugh.** Delegations are fun! We break piñatas, celebrate birthdays, dance and joke with older community members, play games with kids and soccer with teenagers, and meet one another in places of shared humor and joy across cultural differences.



**Love.** Delegations build long-term, loving relationships with the communities of Berlin by visiting all the families in their homes, learning how best to work in solidarity with their community development organizations, and by worshipping and praying with them. They actually get to know the people their church or organization partners with, building real relationships of mutual mission and Christian love. Salvadorans receive not just material aid but the spiritual gift of feeling connected to, respected, and cared for by people on the other side of the world, and North American Christians receive the gifts of mutual love and concern from the people in their partner communities.



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

**2016 Delegation List:**

January 7-14: Heartland Presbyterian Church (Clive, IA)  
 • Visit to the communities of Tablón Centro and Tablón Cerna.

April 22-29: Compañeros Delegation  
 • Visit by Compañeros Board members seeking to improve relationships with the Salvadorans on the Pastoral Team and community leaders to build a stronger mission of mutual Christian solidarity.



May 28-31: First Presbyterian Church (Wichita, KS)  
 • Visit by a church with a longstanding independent relationship to the communities of Talpetates and Río de Los Bueyes.

June 18-26: Baltimore Interfaith Youth Delegation (Baltimore, MD)  
 • Visit by diverse Presbyterian and Muslim youth from Baltimore, MD who sought to learn more about the struggles for peace and survival that Salvadoran youth face.

June 30-July 4: Rooted in Hope group (Denver, CO)  
 • Visit by the Rooted In Hope NGO, an organization dedicated to improving life for farmers in the developing world through access to drip-irrigation systems and reforestation projects.



July 9-16: Art for El Salvador (Cedar Falls + Central IA)  
 • Visit by Art for El Salvador, an Iowa-based NGO dedicated to using art in all of its forms to improve educational access and conditions in El Salvador.

July 19-28: Long Island Presbytery (Long Island, NY)  
 • Visit to the community of Santa Cruz, as well as working in partnership with Red Uniendo Manos El Salvador (RUMES), a PCUSA-based mutual mission organization in El Salvador.



August 7-14: Southwest Partners (Southwest IA)  
 • Visit by a group of churches from the Southwest Iowa partnership who partner with the community of Alejandría.

October 25-November 1: Compañeros Medical Delegation  
 • Visit from a group of medical professionals seeking to provide basic medical care and medical education to impoverished communities.

November 8-15: First Presbyterian Church, Dallas Center (Dallas Center, IA)  
 • Visit to the community of Virginia, their longstanding partner.

**Come visit us in 2017!**

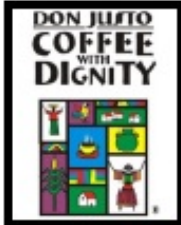
**COMPAÑEROS**  
Presbytery of Des Moines  
Urbandale, Iowa, U.S.A.



**K – COMPASSION, PEACE & JUSTICE TASK FORCE REPORT continued...**

**Don Justo Coffee with Dignity**

**August 2016**



Are you drinking  
*Don Justo Coffee?*

Do 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

Here is an updated list of the churches who have committed to serving Don Justo Coffee exclusively:

1	Ankeny	IA	Ankeny Presbyterian
2	Atlantic	IA	First United Presbyterian
3	Babylon	NY	First Presbyterian
4	Brentwood	NY	Brentwood Presbyterian
5	Carlisle	IA	Scotch Ridge Presbyterian
6	Clive	IA	Heartland Presbyterian
7	Coming	IA	First Presbyterian
8	Dallas Center	IA	First Presbyterian
9	Des Moines	IA	Central Presbyterian
10	Des Moines	IA	First Presbyterian
11	Des Moines	IA	Intentional Eucharistic Community
12	Des Moines	IA	St. Catherine of Siena Catholic & Student Center
13	Des Moines	IA	Wakonda Christian
14	Des Moines	IA	Westminster Presbyterian
15	Dexter	IA	First Presbyterian
16	Earham	IA	First Presbyterian
17	Grinnell	IA	First Presbyterian
18	Guthrie Center	IA	First Presbyterian
19	Kronville	IA	First Presbyterian
20	Indianola	IA	Trinity United Presbyterian
21	Monroe	IA	Monroe Presbyterian
22	New Paltz	NY	Reformed Church
23	Newton	IA	First Presbyterian
24	Ottumwa	IA	First Presbyterian
25	Ottumwa	IA	Westminster Presbyterian
26	Perry	IA	First Presbyterian
27	West Des Moines	IA	Covenant Presbyterian
28	Wichita	KS	The Well Coffeehouse, First Presbyterian
29	Winterset	IA	First United Presbyterian

Are we missing anyone from this list? Should your church be listed here? Would you like for your church to be listed here? Let us know and we can help you make that happen. A very big thank you goes to all of those who have made the commitment to only serving the coffee that makes a difference.

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

**DRINK  
MORE  
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Do you know what a coffee tree looks like? Do you know what coffee cherries are?

Check out the pictures below to see what it all looks like at the Santa Emelia Finca in El Salvador.



**DRINK MORE COFFEE!**

**You can make  
a difference!**

How do you answer these questions?

- ☛ Do you recycle?
- ☛ Do you consider yourself to be earth-friendly?
- ☛ Do you try to do your part to conserve water or energy?

If you do any of these things, we have just a few more questions...

- ☛ Are you taking a stand and making a difference?
- ☛ Are you lining the pockets of the big coffee corporations by purchasing their coffee?
- ☛ Or are you supporting the Presbytery of Des Moines' Our Sister Parish mission by purchasing the coffee that makes a difference in the lives of the poorest of the poor folks in the Berlin, Usulután, El Salvador area?

If you'd like to learn more about the Don Justo Coffee with Dignity project, contact us.

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Our Sister Parish Coffee Coordinators  
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## M – PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

August 20, 2016

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, the Property Committee has taken action and/or formulated plans regarding a number of issues coming before it. Those items are identified below.

The Property Committee **recommends** adoption of the following granting a loan approval request from Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Indianola.

- **Whereas the congregation of Trinity United Presbyterian Church (Trinity) has approved and supports Trinity borrowing \$150,000 at the rate of 3.5% for 10 years from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, and**
- **Whereas the loan process requires either the Presbytery Executive or the Stated Clerk to indicate approval and “sign off” on the loan**
- **It Is Resolved that the requested loan is approved and the Presbytery Executive or Stated Clerk is authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to indicate Presbytery’s approval and guarantee of repayment.**

Background information provided by Trinity:

Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Indianola wishes to borrow \$150,000 in order to replace the roof of the sanctuary and to upgrade the audio/visual system in the sanctuary. At a congregational meeting membership approved that loan. The actual verbiage of the resolution (as required by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan, Inc.) was:

**RESOLVED**, the Trinity United Presbyterian Church (**Congregation**) desires to borrow \$150,000 from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, and the loan will be a secured loan as evidenced by a Promissory Note and secured by a Mortgage Deed of Trust, and Congregation’s Corporation holds fee simple title to the property to secure this loan, and the term of the loan will be for 120 months (10 years), and the purpose of the Loan is for construction/repairs to current facility.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Congregation approves and supports entering into a loan as indicated above.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Although it is a 10-year loan at 3.5% we are hoping to pay it off in half that time. There is no penalty for pre-paying. The minimum monthly payments will be about \$1,400. Even before beginning a pledge drive for this project we have been getting about \$1,300 a month from those who still give to the building fund. We are anticipating a low-key building drive which will include a first class letter to the congregation asking for a 3 year pledge to the project. We will follow up with regular bulletin and newsletter updates.

Our previous loan for the new building that was finished in 2008 was \$1,050,000. That was a 15 year loan that we managed to pay off in just over 7 years. This congregation has a history of fulfilling its obligations and doing so promptly.

Our hope is to begin the roof replacement this fall before the weather turns sour. Rather than an asphalt shingle (what is currently up there) or a steel product, we will be using a recycled rubber tile that has a 50 year warranty and 25 year fade warranty. One of the pluses for this product is that it will return the look of the sanctuary to its original appearance of being a slate roof.

The audio/visual piece will probably be done in January/February. There are several factors that are still being considered as we upgrade our system that is over 20 years old. Important to everyone is to preserve the aesthetics and acoustics of this historic and beautiful sanctuary.

As required by the loan documentation from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Inc., Presbytery, specifically either the Presbytery Executive or Stated Clerk, needs to sign off on the loan stating that the Presbytery has:

- Reviewed and approved this project as to mission priority:
- Gave consideration to participation in the project's funding: (we are not asking for Presbytery's assistance)
- Agreed to monitor the application of the EEO policy of the General Assembly as appropriate to this project:
- Has/will agree(d) at its last/next scheduled meeting held on/to be held on \_\_\_\_\_(date) to guarantee/co-sign the loan(s) and to assume repayment responsibility in the event of loan default. (I don't foresee this to be a problem!)

Other actions of the Property Committee:

- Rejected an offer from First Baptist of a lump sum of \$560,000 as payment in full of an existing real estate contract with approximately \$740,000 owing. The property (Knox United) has now been listed by First Baptist for \$1.3 million. If First Baptist finds a purchaser, the Presbytery will receive the balance owed on the contract.
- Received complaints that the cell tower on the Knox United property was in need of repainting. Contact has been made with US Cellular (lessee) and it reports that bids are being obtained and that repainting is to be completed by the end of September (US Cellular's expense).
- Discussions with Living Waters Fellowship regarding its use of the Easter Lake property as a place of worship have been ongoing. The Property Committee will negotiate with a goal of entering into a lease with Living Waters without displacing the day care currently using the property.
- Negotiations with the existing day care at the Easter Lake building will include the possibility of a longer term lease – currently 1 year with renewal options. Negotiations will also include a plan for maintenance and improvements.
- Discussions continue regarding disposition of personal property owned by Presbytery stored at the Easter Lake property.
- The project involving soundproofing and painting of offices and the conference room at the Presbytery office is being completed.
- A job description for the Property Committee is being discussed.



## O-1 – NEW SHARON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

**August 20, 2016**

The New Sharon Administrative Commission (NSAC) was originally appointed in mid-2006. The original members were Rev. Don Freeman, moderator; Shane Cook; Claude Jones; Jim Kreitzinger; Joyce Rash; John Reynolds; and Linda Van Wyk. The group met several times and also met with Jay DeYoung, clerk from the New Sharon, First Church. At this time, there were 20 members listed on the rolls. Rev. Dennis Morey was serving as the Moderator of their Session.

By September, 2007, Rev. Morey reported to Phil Barrett that the Session was only meeting about half the time. It was also learned that the church's incorporation had been cancelled due to the failure of bi-annual reports being sent, some of the Session seats were not filled, and some serving members were unwilling to provide their Social Security numbers for these reports. By November, 2007, Guide One Mutual Insurance was not renewing their insurance coverage because of the condition of the building.

Correspondence was continued with Jay DeYoung of the church and a couple of meetings with the members, but there was no willingness on their part to reach an agreement on either bringing everything back up to code with the church or closing it. On November, 2010, Dennis Morey received information from the city clerk of New Sharon that the city council voted to accept the offer from Presbytery to donate the church and lot in New Sharon to the city. This never happened, obviously.

With no resolution reached, a new NSAC was formed on August 3, 2015. Mickey Van Baale was named moderator and John Sprole joined the commission. The following former members again agreed to serve: Claude Jones; Joyce Rash; John Reynolds and Linda Van Wyk. Unfortunately, Claude Jones found it necessary to leave the commission. The new commission found out that First Presbyterian Church of New Sharon had also lost their tax exempt status, since they were not functioning as a church.

With a lot of help from John Sprole, we were able to re-establish liability insurance on the building, have their incorporation status reinstated, and receive photocopies of their most current roll books and minutes. Also, the church has BP stock in the amount of \$55,000 that was discovered. John Sprole and Jay DeYoung met with the Treasurer of Iowa and got the paperwork started for these stocks to be made payable to the church. A bid was obtained on having the church demolished and the rubble taken to the dump. The cost of that was \$10,000.

On August 10, 2016, a meeting was finally held with the previous session members (3) to call a congregational meeting. Six members were present for the congregational meeting. Rev. Ann Johnson of Monroe served as the moderator of the meeting since neither Rev. John Reynolds nor Rev. Don Freeman could be present. All other members of the NSAC were in attendance.

The members voted to officially close the First Presbyterian Church of New Sharon. The city clerk was notified of this action, as they have their next city council meeting on August 17.

**We, the members of the New Sharon Administrative Commission, move that the Presbytery of Des Moines approves the dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church, effective August 10, 2016.**

Details still to be worked on by NSAC:

- Have given the members until November 1, 2016 to remove any personal items from the church
  - all keys of the church will be turned over to NSAC on that date.

- Have given Jay DeYoung until November 1, 2016 to provide the original roll books and books of minutes
- Were informed that there is \$36.59 in the church checking account. Alliant Energy automatically deducts \$11 per month for electricity. Need to determine how to handle this
- Were informed that there is a savings account balance of \$916.63 and that amount and the \$55,000 value of the BP stocks are called “Bartlett Educational Fund”. Members gave ideas to the NSAC on what they would like the money used for. The NSAC will take these suggestions under advisement.
- Recognized that the deed of the church needs to be signed over to Presbytery.
- Move forward on the disposal of the building and land. Again the members of the church gave ideas to the NSAC and these are being taken under advisement.
- Will determine if there are any back taxes and work too clear that

**Administrative Commission Members:**

TE Don Freeman, (Newton, United)

RE Joyce Rash, (Des Moines, Union Park)

TE John Reynolds, (Brooklyn, First and Malcolm, First United)

RE John Sprole, (West Des Moines, Covenant)

RE Linda Van Wyk, (Monroe)

Respectfully Submitted,

RE Mickey Van Baale, moderator, (Newton First)

## **T-OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES TASK FORCE REPORT**

**August 20, 2016**

Older Adult Ministries Task Force (OAM) seeks to lift up the ministries of older adults in the Presbytery of Des Moines 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 years to whatever. Our older adults do everything from being church secretaries and church leadership to church maintenance, finances, construction, gardening and sewing.

### **Faithful through the Years**

At each November Presbytery meeting, OAM recognizes those whom their churches and sessions have selected to be honored. Each congregation within the Presbytery of Des Moines is invited to select an individual, a couple, or a group, who give service to their churches and the Lord in many varied and specialized ways. Each church should have received a form by email. Look for them at the OAM table at the Presbytery meeting, as well. Each church submits a one-page synopsis of their service and a photograph. These folks are presented to the Presbytery in person, in a PowerPoint presentation and are honored with a complimentary lunch. A memento is presented for them to remember their experience. Some churches hang their photo and write-up in their churches to honor them at home as well.

All honorees photos and write-ups are stored in the *Faithful through the Years* three-ring binder which is displayed at each Presbytery meeting at the OAM table.

### **Health and Wellness Challenge**

A new emphasis for OAM is the promotion of healthy eating and lifestyles. OAM sponsors healthy snacks at each presbytery meeting, and looks to present information on healthy lifestyle changes like walking, micro-breaks at meetings, and the encouragement of spiritual disciplines.

### **Older Adult Ministries Events**

Moderator Marcy Campbell attended the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) national meeting last October in Albuquerque, NM. This October she will attend the ARMSS/POAMN (Association of Retired Ministers, Spouses or Survivors) national conference in Richmond, VA to be held October 11-14, 2016. POAMN will be celebrating its 50th year! Scholarships are available. Marcy will be working on her capstone project to complete certification as an Older Adult Minister.

Wishing you all health and wellness in your golden years!

### **Task force members:**

Rev. Jane Martinez (Ottumwa, East End & Westminster)  
Liz Stufflebeem (Ottumwa, Westminster)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Marcy Campbell, moderator