

**Meeting Packet  
for the 506<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Des Moines**



**November 15, 2016**

*Hosted by  
First Presbyterian Church  
Perry, Iowa*

## **A-2 – CONGREGATIONAL RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

The CRTF has been meeting monthly since January of 2015. We have received a total of eight referrals and have completed working with six churches, and are currently working with three churches.

We welcome Bob Houser as a new member of CRTF.

The Administrative Commission is actively working with East End Presbyterian Church of Ottumwa. The church will be closing and their last Sunday of worship will be Nov. 27.

The four task forces meet regularly to improve communication and coordination in our work with the churches of the Presbytery. CRTF Moderator Lola Peters participates in the joint meeting of all task force moderators.

Disagreements and conflicts are normal; however, how they are addressed by church sessions is extremely important. *Seeking to be Faithful Together* is a document of PC(USA), and we will be using this as a basis for putting together a guide for churches to use in dealing with conflict.

### **CRTF members are:**

TE Bob Houser (HR)  
TE Jane Martinez (Ottumwa, East End & Westminster)  
RE Joanne Page (Des Moines, Union Park)  
RE Midge Slater (Des Moines, First)  
TE Sarai Schnucker Rice (DMARC)  
RE John Sprole (West Des Moines, Covenant)  
RE Mickey VanBaale (Newton, First)

Respectfully Submitted,  
RE Lola Peters, moderator  
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## **D – BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

The recommended 2017 Per Capita total was inaccurately reported in the committee's report on November 9.

The committee recommends the following:

- That the Per Capita for 2017 be:

GA - \$7.50

Synod - \$5.30

Presbytery - \$27.63

Total - \$40.43

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarai Schnucker Rice, moderator

## **E – LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

The following names are being presented and commissioned as the Sudanese Support Team:

### **Sudanese Congregation Representatives:**

CRE Ekram Kachu  
Jam Duany  
James Anaal  
Magdy Kachu  
Mona Ghono  
Haidar Kokola  
Lucia Maco

### **Presbytery Representatives**

Jan Davison, (Des Moines, Westminster)  
Louise Gately (Des Moines, Central)  
Ron Grohe (Windsor Heights, Windsor)  
Ginny Hancock (Des Moines, Central)  
Roxanne Neary (Des Moines, Westminster)  
Bill O'Connell (Johnston, St. Paul)  
Sandy Wagener (Ankeny)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shamaine Chambers King, moderator

## **F – NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

The Committee presents the following names to the positions noted. These are in addition to the names listed in the report in the Call.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**2019**

RE Paul Hayes (West Des Moines, Covenant)

### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM**

**2019**

RE Jane Wood (Ankeny)

### **STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION COMMITTEE**

**2018**

RE Peri Van Tassel (West Des Moines, Covenant)

The Committee is still seeking individuals called to serve in the following vacant positions:

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**2019**

RE Female

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**2019**

RE Male

### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM**

**2019**

TE or RE Male

**2018**

TE or RE Female

TE or RE Male

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested in accepting a call to serve in these capacities, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Polito, moderator

# K-1 OUR SISTER PARISH/COMPAÑEROS REPORT

November 15, 2016

**Our Sister Parish News**

**November 2016**



## The 2016 Our Sister Parish Medical Delegation is a success!

A very large thank you goes out to the very dedicated delegation of 14 folks who traveled to Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador.



With 5 medical personnel, 4 nurses and 5 support staff, there were 747 visits made in 4 clinic days' time.



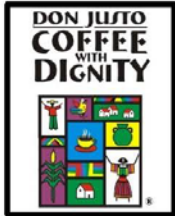
**EQUIPO PASTORAL**  
La Casa Pastoral  
Berlín, Usulután, El Salvador

**OUR SISTER PARISH**  
Presbytery of Des Moines  
Urbandale, Iowa, U.S.A.

# K-1 – OUR SISTER PARISH/COMPAÑEROS REPORT continued...

## Don Justo Coffee with Dignity Newsletter

November 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

**DRINK  
MORE  
COFFEE!**

**Need  
stocking  
stuffers?**

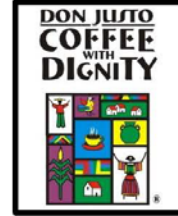
**Try DJ  
samples!**



<u>Regular Roasts:</u>	<u>Decaf Roasts:</u>
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	

Flavors:  
 Snickeroo Ground  
 Snickeroo Whole Bean  
 Mocha Ground  
 Mocha Mint Ground  
 Amaretto Ground

Not just a cup of coffee...  
a **JUST** cup of coffee.



**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  | Deer Park       | NY | Community Presbyterian                           |
| 10 | Des Moines      | IA | Central Presbyterian                             |
| 11 | Des Moines      | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 12 | Des Moines      | IA | Intentional Eucharistic Community                |
| 13 | Des Moines      | IA | St. Catherine of Siena Catholic & Student Center |
| 14 | Des Moines      | IA | Wakonda Christian                                |
| 15 | Des Moines      | IA | Westminster Presbyterian                         |
| 16 | Dexter          | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 17 | Earlham         | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 18 | Grinnell        | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 19 | Guthrie Center  | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 20 | Indianola       | IA | Trinity United Presbyterian                      |
| 21 | Knoxville       | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 22 | Monroe          | IA | Monroe Presbyterian                              |
| 23 | New Paltz       | NY | Reformed Church                                  |
| 24 | Newton          | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 25 | Ottumwa         | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 26 | Ottumwa         | IA | Westminster Presbyterian                         |
| 27 | Perry           | IA | First Presbyterian                               |
| 28 | West Des Moines | IA | Covenant Presbyterian                            |
| 29 | Wichita         | KS | The Well Coffeehouse, First Presbyterian         |
| 30 | 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.

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 Our Sister Parish Coffee Coordinators  
 Don Justo Coffee with Dignity  
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## M – PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

November 15, 2016

Much of the Property Committee's attention has been devoted to the **property at Easter Lake**. There have been meetings and discussions with Living Waters Fellowship (a worship community on the south side of Des Moines) and with Color My World Day Care (current tenant). On October 24th the committee met jointly with representatives of Living Waters Fellowship and Color My World Day Care. These meetings and discussions have covered a wide range of topics including leasing of the property, expressed interest in purchasing the property, joint use of the property, requests for maintenance and improvements of the property, and removal of the Presbytery's personal property that is stored in the building and garage/storage shed.

Living Waters Fellowship (LWF) is a non-denominational worship community that began in 2008 with 20 people meeting in a basement. In 2009 office space was purchased for administrative offices. Worship is currently held at Riverside elementary school with weekly attendance at 250-300. LWF has conducted some outdoor services at the property and has provided labor and materials in outdoor clean-up projects.

**The committee expects to continue to explore whether LWF's desires are compatible with Presbytery's desired use of the property.**

The present owners of Color My World assumed the lease of the former owners of the day care. This lease covers 2016 with options for them to renew the lease for three more one-year terms (i.e., 2017, 2018 & 2019). **The property committee is pursuing a longer term lease and the owners of the Day Care have expressed interest in doing so.** We will address this as we continue to discuss sharing of space by the day care and LWF.

A matter of concern for both Color My World and Living Waters is the Presbytery's personal property stored on the property. It fills one room in the church building and the garage/storage building on site. Freeing up this space will aid in the discussions regarding the sharing of space. **The Property Committee is developing a plan to remove the items.**

### Other Items:

- The city of Urbandale has confirmed that the cell tower on the Knox United property has been repainted. This was done by US Cellular at our request after complaints from neighbors were received by the city.
- First Baptist has accepted an offer regarding the Knox United property. Neither the identity nor amount of the offer is known. First Baptist did share that the buyer is conducting its due diligence and that the closing may be February 2017. The balance owed under our contract (approximately \$730,000) would be paid at closing.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Day, moderator



## **O-1 – NEW SHARON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

Members of this commission met with Jay DeYoung, a member of the former First Presbyterian Church of New Sharon and Dave Hamilton, stated clerk of Presbytery on October 6, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Newton. The purpose of the meeting was to go over the remaining items that need to be done to finish up the work of this administrative commission.

The commission members unanimously agreed that the date of November 1, as the date for former members of the church to remove items they wanted, would stand. Many members have already removed the items wanted, but there was a question about the pews and stained glass windows.

The plan of action is that the building and land will be put up for sale as soon after November 1 as possible. If the building and land are not sold by spring, we will consider demolishing the building and selling the land. Should it be decided to demolish the building, the former members will be given the opportunity to take any pews and/or stained glass windows prior to the demolition.

The electric bill has been automatically deducted from the checking account for the former church. This account has now been depleted, so the bill will be directed to the Presbytery office in Des Moines for payment, which is approximately \$11 per month until either sale of the building or the possible demolition.

Letters are to be written to General Assembly regarding money that is in the Presbyterian Foundation under this former church's name and to the mayor of New Sharon to let him know the current status on this property.

### **Administrative Commission members:**

TE Don Freeman (Newton, United)  
RE Joyce Rash (Des Moines, Union Park)  
TE John Reynolds (Brooklyn, First & Malcolm, First United)  
RE John Sprole (West Des Moines, Covenant)  
RE Linda Van Wyk (Monroe)

Respectfully Submitted,  
RE Mickey Van Baale, moderator (Newton, First)

## **O-5 – EAST END ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT**

**November 15, 2016**

### **A Brief History**

East End Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa was founded in 1882 when T. D. Foster, the manager of Morrell Packing, saw the need for spiritual training among the employees and associates of the plant. Assisted by a small group of workers, he organized a Sunday School for employees in a small dining room of the plant.

After a few weeks, it became clear that the dining room was not big enough for all who were interested, so a two-story building was built. In May 1885, regular Sunday morning services began to be held by the first minister to serve the congregation, J. M. McElroy. By August of that year, evening services were added. In 1888, a permanent congregation was chartered by the Presbyter of Iowa. By 1899, it was clear that the “Old Chapel” would not be sufficient going forward, and so a new site was purchased in 1899 and the current building was dedicated in 1900.

In those early years, congregational work included revival meetings, a gospel wagon that went from place to place holding services, and mission chapels in other parts of the community. A band with 33 members was organized in 1905-06 that gave concerts at the church and performed at many community events. There was also a large choir, a Ladies Aid Society, and a large Christian Endeavor group. Prayer meetings were held on Wednesday evenings, and stereoptical film lectures were given once a month. By 1905, an assistant had been added to the staff, and in 1917 property for a manse was given to the congregation.

Times were not always easy for the congregation. For example, in 1939, while 300 people were in the building, a defective flue caused a serious fire that destroyed sections of the glass dome above the sanctuary. However, over time the congregation added onto the building and constructed a new manse.

Throughout its life, the congregation has worked hard and well to serve the needs of its members and its neighbors in the Ottumwa area. Programs have included:

- A Men’s Forum and later a Men’s Fellowship
- An annual summer Bible School
- A church newspaper published by church youth
- The making of recordings and records to send to local servicemen during WWII
- Participation in the Ottumwa Ministerial Association
- A young adult group called the Geneva Fellowship
- Participation in the city-wide church softball league
- Participation in the Mission of Ottumwa Presbyterians, later the Ottumwa Presbyterians in Mission, whose purpose was to provide assistance to the needy in the community
- Hosting a Hispanic Assemblies of God congregation, Iglesia Evangelica Belen

East End in Ottumwa has been an energetic and faithful congregation of this Presbytery for 128 years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarai Schnucker Rice (DMARC)  
Don Stribling (Oskaloosa, First)  
Scott Wood (Ankeny)

## S – STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION COMMITTEE REPORT

November 15, 2016

### 2017 General Mission Pledges

	CHURCH	#Members	40% GA Share	19% Synod Share	41% Pby Share	2017 Total	Form?	2016 Total	Comments
1	Adair, First	50	\$340.00	\$161.50	\$348.50	\$850.00	X	\$850.00	Email
2	Allerton, United	95	\$2,520.00	\$1,197.00	\$2,583.00	\$6,300.00	X	\$6,300.00	
3	Ankeny	190	\$6,880.00	\$3,268.00	\$7,052.00	\$17,200.00		\$17,200.00	Email - Anticipated
4	Atlantic, First United	161	\$1,600.00	\$760.00	\$1,640.00	\$4,000.00	X	\$4,000.00	
5	Audubon, First	120	\$800.00	\$380.00	\$820.00	\$2,000.00	X	\$2,000.00	
6	Bedford, United	19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
7	Brooklyn, First	80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
8	Carlisle, Scotch Ridge	53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$450.00	
9	Centerville, First	46	\$840.00	\$399.00	\$861.00	\$2,100.00	X	\$2,100.00	
10	Chariton, First	35	\$280.00	\$133.00	\$287.00	\$700.00	X	\$700.00	
11	Clive, Heartland	425	\$3,360.00	\$1,596.00	\$3,444.00	\$8,400.00		\$8,400.00	email
12	Corning, First	151	\$2,400.00	\$1,140.00	\$2,460.00	\$6,000.00	X	\$5,500.00	
13	Creston, First	109	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
14	Creston, Platte Center	46	\$400.00	\$190.00	\$410.00	\$1,000.00	X	\$1,000.00	
15	Dallas Center, First	183	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	X	\$15,000.00	
16	Deep River, United	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
17	DM, Central	562	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	Email
18	DM, Douglas Avenue	121	\$840.00	\$399.00	\$861.00	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00	Email
19	DM, First	60	\$1,400.00	\$665.00	\$1,435.00	\$3,500.00	X	\$3,500.00	
20	DM, Fort Des Moines	30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
21	DM, Highland Park	76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,800.00	
22	DM, Park Avenue	90	\$420.40	\$199.69	\$430.91	\$1,051.00		\$1,051.00	Email - Own %?
23	DM, Union Park	56	\$1,040.00	\$494.00	\$1,066.00	\$2,600.00	X	\$2,600.00	
24	DM, Westminster	1086	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
25	Dexter, First	27	\$600.00	\$285.00	\$615.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	Email
26	Diagonal, United	24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	
27	Earlham, First	55	\$120.00	\$57.00	\$123.00	\$300.00	X	\$252.43	
28	Gibson, First	37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
29	Greenfield, First	31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00		\$4,182.82	Email Own %
30	Grimes, First	133	\$1,360.00	\$646.00	\$1,394.00	\$3,400.00	X	\$3,400.00	
31	Grinnell, First	111	\$4,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,200.00	\$10,000.00	X	\$10,000.00	Own %
32	Guthrie Center, First	41	\$400.00	\$190.00	\$410.00	\$1,000.00	X	\$1,000.00	
33	Hartford, Community United	84	\$200.00	\$95.00	\$205.00	\$500.00	X	\$500.00	
34	Indianola, Trinity United	409	\$3,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00	\$8,000.00	X	\$9,300.00	
35	Johnston, St. Paul	165	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
36	Knoxville, First	97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$2,600.00	
37	Lenox, United	169	\$2,600.00	\$1,235.00	\$2,665.00	\$6,500.00		\$6,500.00	Email - same?
38	Leon, First	22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
39	LeRoy, First	40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$600.00	
40	Lucas, First	26	\$83.20	\$38.40	\$518.40	\$640.00	X	\$640.00	Own %
41	Malcom, First United	36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
42	Monroe	96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
43	Mount Ayr, United	80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$500.00	
44	Newton, First	213	\$1,957.60	\$929.86	\$2,006.54	\$4,894.00		\$4,894.00	Email - hopeful
45	Newton, United	93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	X	\$100.00	
46	Oskaloosa, First	191	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$7,200.00	\$8,400.00	X	\$8,400.00	Own %
47	Ottumwa, East End	22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$250.00	Will not be pledging
48	Ottumwa, First	181	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	
49	Ottumwa, Westminster	27	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00	X	\$1,600.00	
50	Perry, First	55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$900.00	
51	Sharpsburg	66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	Email
52	Sigourney, First	42	\$600.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	X	\$1,500.00	
53	WDM, Covenant	211	\$3,140.00	\$1,570.00	\$3,140.00	\$7,850.00		\$4,710.00	Email
54	Windsor Heights, Windsor	70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$6,200.00	
55	Winterset, First United	121	\$720.00	\$552.00	\$1,128.00	\$2,400.00	X	\$2,400.00	Own %
Totals		6830	\$49,701.20	\$22,580.45	\$60,303.35	\$132,185.00		\$147,580.25	
Higher than 2016									
Lower than 2016									
Same as 2016									
No pledge for 2016									

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Rummer, moderator

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

**November 15, 2016**

Older Adult Ministry Task Force (OAM) seeks to lift up the ministries of older adults in the Presbytery 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 leaders 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 is invited to select an individual or couple, or a group, who give service to their churches and the Lord in many varied and specialized ways. 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 given a complimentary lunch. A memento is presented to 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 in the OAM exhibit.

### **Older Adult Ministries Events**

Moderator Marcy Campbell attended the POAMN/ARMSS annual meeting in Richmond, VA., which was held October 11-14, 2016. Marcy will be completing her capstone project next spring to become a certified Older Adult Minister.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcy Campbell, moderator

### ***Faithful Through the Years Honorees:***

Carolyn Anker (Earlham, First)  
Constance Banks (Winterset, First United)  
Rev. Bob & Jeanne Burnett (Des Moines, Park Avenue)  
Douglas Carl (Ottumwa, Westminster)  
Robert & Marilyn Finney (Clive, Heartland)  
Don & Mary Lou Friar (Grimes, First)  
DeVonne Hatch (Oskaloosa, First)  
Shirley Havens (Des Moines, Fort Des Moines)  
Doris King (Dexter, First)  
Clifford & Dorothy Leib (Guthrie Center, First)  
Bob Lester (Indianola, Trinity United)  
Joanne Locke (Des Moines, Central)  
Polly Munck (Johnston, St. Paul)  
Claren & Ruth Rawson (Hartford, Community United)  
Bonnie Rowell (Ottumwa, East End)  
Ann Sackett (Perry, Iowa)  
Rheta Sponsler (LeRoy, First)  
Ruby Stephens (Creston, Platte Center)  
Arlene Swendsen (Dallas Center, First)