

## Leadership Council Highlights – Zoom meeting June 18, 2024

Opening prayer by Ane Fitzgerald

Minutes of May 21 meeting were approved

No report of May financials has been received from Synod

Personnel Commission reported that Amgad started his sabbatical June 17; Ian and Annika will be covering his duties. Staffing, budget, other concerns are all going according to expectations. Tri-Presbytery meeting will be Thursday, July 18 at First Presbyterian Boone, being planned by Moderators of the three presbyteries.

Representatives of Leadership Council have been given four names as possible persons to fill positions on the Nominating Committee. Preference will be given to male possibilities to create gender balance on the Committee as these persons are contacted and asked to serve.

Ian and Annika will be involved in on-line General Assembly Committee meetings June 25-27, then will be traveling to Salt Lake City for in-person General Assembly sessions June 29-July 4. Annika will be taking one week vacation after GA concludes. Leadership Council members will “cover” for Ian and Annika if needs arise within the presbytery while they are unavailable.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the current status of the Tri-Presbytery arrangement and the future of the United Presbyteries of the Plains. Ian, Annika and Jeannie presented their viewpoints and then left the meeting so Leadership Council members could speak openly and frankly about concerns and issues. No clear consensus was reached, and it was felt that Presbytery of Des Moines should be able to present some sort of proposal at the July 18 meeting. Leadership Council members will meet via Zoom on July 16 for further discussion and the development of a suggestion to take to the Tri-Presbytery meeting. Leadership Council members are encouraged to attend if at all possible.

Closing prayer by Ane Fitzgerald.