

## **Leadership Council Highlights**

September-October 2024

### **Presbytery Staffing and Boundaries Task Force**

The leadership councils of the three United Presbyteries of the Plains are convening an “Io-Way Forward Task Force” to work specifically on the questions of presbytery staffing and boundaries. Des Moines, North Central Iowa, and Prospect Hill will be represented. This task force will meet intensively with support from an outside facilitator to work exclusively on the long-term questions in front of the three presbyteries. They are charged to present a proposal by mid-year 2025 addressing: staff structure, presbytery boundaries, and related administrative issues.

### **2025 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

The current bylaws set specific presbytery meeting dates that are not always ideal in any particular year. An organization’s bylaws do not need to specify meeting dates in such detail. At the November presbytery meeting, LC will move to revise the bylaws to be less specific about meeting dates, as follows:

Article V: Meetings.

Stated Meetings: There shall be ~~four (4) quarterly~~ stated meetings, with the option of the Third Quarter being a gathering with other presbyteries. a year: Second Saturday in February; Third Tuesday in May; Third Saturday in August; Second Tuesday in November. The ~~November~~ Fourth Quarter meeting will be the annual meeting of the corporation.

Unless otherwise specified, Presbytery meetings will be in person. Virtual access will be observer-only, using the livestream platform normally used by the hosting congregation.

### **New Worshiping Communities Task Force**

The New Worshiping Communities Committee advised us that they will request to be transformed into a task force that supports congregations within the presbytery to establish or maintain new worshiping communities. This function will include sharing in the support of First Arabic Presbyterian Church.

### **Platte Center Dissolution Process**

COM has been notified that the Platte Center congregation has voted to dissolve by the end of 2024. With sorrow and gratitude, the Leadership Council has appointed an administrative commission to support Platte Center through their dissolution process.

In Christ’s service,  
TE Nathan Williams