

Presbytery Moderator's Report  
May 19, 2026, Presbytery Meeting

The 538<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting was held at Central Presbyterian Church on Feb. 14, 2026. Rev. Doug Baker, Retired PC(USA) Mission Co-worker, Donegal Presbytery of Pennsylvania lead worship. We owe a huge thankyou to Doug for coming and doing that for us.

The Lucas Presbyterian Administrative Commission was dissolved with thanks for their work in closing the Church at Lucas, IA.

The Fort Des Moines Administrative Commission has been hard at work dissolving that Church and now has it listed for sale.

The COM has met a couple of times and has interviewed candidates to be accepted into the Des Moines Presbytery, should a call be offered to them.

There were a total of seven Tri Presbytery listening sessions that were held throughout the Des Moines Presbytery. Five were in person and two via Zoom. I was able to attend the in-person meetings at Hartford IA, Atlantic IA, Allerton IA and Lenox IA.

I've attended all the Leadership Council Meetings thus far this year and look forward to attending several more.

After a few setbacks filling out some of the forms and getting my email address corrected, I was finally able to get myself registered for the General Assembly Meeting coming up later this summer in Milwaukee, WI. I'm looking forward to being your elected commissioner for this event.

In closing, as your 2026 Moderator, I would encourage you to view the online video that the three Presbytery Leadership Moderators have put together on the Presbytery website and ask that you share it with your congregations. Please continue to hold all your family, friends and everyone throughout the world in your prayers as things continuously change around us and in our Presbytery.

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