

Property Committee Report for
May 19, 2026, Presbytery Meeting

In the recent past the Property Committee of Des Moines has had only one item on our docket. That is the closing and selling of the Ft. Des Moines Presbyterian Church in Des Moines, Iowa. The AC was established for the closure and sale of this church.

Many items had to be resolved prior to the selling of the church. As it had only 3 active members the church needed many items to be taken care of. The basement of the church being the biggest hurdle we faced. Merry Maids was contracted to clean the basement and did a great job. There remains some "as is" and thus the mold issue will be the new owner's responsibility.

A junk removal company was hired to remove unwanted items or items that were damaged beyond use. This required 2 large dumpsters. They also hauled away volunteer trees that had been growing close to the church.

The main level of the church was in satisfactory condition and with just a little removal of unwanted items it is ready for sale. Kristin Pike met with two members of the church and had any money left transferred to our Presbytery.

The church has been listed for sale by Keller Williams and we did reserve one potential buyer, whom Annika Lister Stroope is working with.