

Tri-Presbytery Personnel Commission Report

May 6, 2026

The Personnel Commission met Thursday, March 19, 2026 via Zoom at 2:00 pm

Commission members present: Judy Winkelpleck DM, Vice Moderator Dave McNally DM, Paul Masters (NC), Judy Klepfer (NC), Moderator Kevin Freese (PH), Jeff Stanley (PH), Shari O'Bannon (PH). Executives: Annika Lister Stroope, Amgad Beblawi, Ian McMullen.

Excused and absent: Eric Pasanchin (DM), Kip Murphy (NC)

Moderator Freese called the meeting to order with a quorum established.

Meeting agenda approved along with minutes of January 15, 2026 Personnel Zoom meeting.

Reports were received from the Moderator and the Executives. Highlights included:

- 17 listening stations for discernment process continue with results compiled into summary documents, with further meetings planned.
- The COMs and Mission committees from each Presbytery will meet together in person in April.
- Work continues with churches considering dissolution or reorganization as well as churches seeking to call a pastor.
- Statistical reports are completed and Annika will attend Synod's Minutes collaboration
- Amgad led a zoom meeting held to learn and discuss the Iranian conflict. (27 attended)
- Plans continue for the Presbytery Gathering Ames on August 29, 2026.
- Ian McMullen planning sabbatical to be scheduled in 2026.

Old Business:

- Schedule for 2026 Personnel Commission Meeting dates were revisited and approved. (March 19, May 21, August 20, October 15, December 17. All meetings at 2:00 pm via Zoom.)
- Paul Maters will lead devotions and serve as secretary for May meeting.

New Business:

- Updates were received on three Presbytery discernment process.
- David McNally reported Des Moines Personnel Commission is now a part of the Leadership Council in Des Moines Presbytery.
- Approved closing the UPP United Committee Bank "set aside account." This was a search and staff account that had been carried over from previous years for accounting purposes. Account has nothing to do with the current merger consideration and is no longer used.
- Approved the self-care budget of \$1000 per executive (which was approved in October 2025) to be disbursed from the General Assembly Travel line in the budget.

Prayer requests were shared with Shari O'Bannen closing the meeting with prayer.

Next Personnel meeting scheduled for May 21, 2026, 2:00 pm via Zoom

Respectfully submitted, Kevin J. Freese, Moderator