

Personnel Report
April 2023 Presbytery Meeting

Current Presbytery of the Northern Plains Staff

Temporary Stated Clerk—Rev. Richard Francis
Communications Coordinator— Jenn Kolodka
Bookkeeper/Treasurer—Ellen Misialek
Connectional Care Pastor—Rev. Deanna Reikow

2023 has been an active year for the Presbytery of the Northern Plains, but it has not been without great loss. In July of 2022, then Stated Clerk, Michael Lochow died. He faithfully served in that position for about 25 years. Rev. Richard Francis has agreed to take on the role of Temporary Stated Clerk as we look for a new Stated Clerk. Jenn Kolodka was hired as our new Communications Coordinator after I stepped down from the position in 2022 and Ellen Misialek continues to share her gifts and talents with the Presbytery as our Treasurer and Bookkeeper. We also created a new position. It is fair to say that it has been a crazy few years for our Presbytery and the PC(USA) as a whole and so after much brainstorming, the Leadership Pod developed the Connectional Care Pastor. Reverend Deanna Reikow has been hired to fill this position and I look forward to working with her. It is our goal to build stronger connections with the churches throughout the Presbytery and to understand the needs of the churches better. We are very excited to bring Rev. Deanna on board.

I agreed to go on and chair the Personnel Committee. I am currently a committee of one and so if you have experience in Personnel and/or Human Resources and would like to join the committee, please let me know.

Thank you to everyone that served on the call and hiring committees this year. Thank you to our amazing staff that keeps our Presbytery going.

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