



The Synod of Lakes and Prairies met on September 27 and 28, 2026, online.



The assembly took the following actions:

The name of the Steering Committee was changed to Steering Commission

- The Book of Order gives Councils (General Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions) the ability to delegate authority (G-3.0109). When a Council does so the receiving body is called a Commission. The Synod has given the Steering Committee the authority to act on its behalf between Synod meetings thus it technically needs to be called the Steering Commission.

Elected Rev. Scott Prouty, Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys, as Moderator.

Elected Rev. Carolyn Grice, Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, as Co-Moderator.

Approved the 2027 budget

Elected Rev. Pamela Prouty, Stated Clerk, to a three year term.

“Faithful Stewardship: All Thriving is Mutual,” was the theme for the meeting.
To view a presentation given at the meeting, click on the underlined title.



Mustard Seed Stories - Elona Street-Stewart, Synod Executive,
[Mustard Seed Stewardship](#) and [Discussion Questions](#)



Forward Thinking Stewardship - Jim Koon, Dir. of Financial Services & Treasurer,
offered two devotions, [Faithful Stewardship](#) and [A Discipline for Faithful Stewardship](#).



Rev. Kyle Nolan, Ministry Relations Officer, Presbyterian Foundation

Making Generous Disciples: Stewardship as Faith Formation

Kyle has shared the full presentation. He shortened his presentation to the Synod to fit the time allotted.



Scan the QR code for the presentation.



Rev. Rachel Anderson, Global Ecumenical Liaison,

Global Ecumenical Liaison contacts, Presbyterian Life & Witness organizational chart, and 2026 World Communion Special Offering Information.



John Wilkinson, Dir., Stewardship & Funds Development and Kevin Veldhuisen, Mission Coordinator & Stated Clerk, Presbytery of South Dakota, discussed Per Capita.



The General Assembly portion will be \$13.04 in 2027 and \$12.72 in 2028. The Synod portion will be \$5.50 in 2027; unchanged since 2020.

Worship with Communion was celebrated on Monday. Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam was the guest preacher. Rev. Ross-Allam is the Director of the PC(USA)'s Center for the Repair of Historic Harms. He preached on Acts 4:32-35 and Acts 2:43-47. One of the areas Jermaine used to illustrate his message was to recognize 'when generosity becomes a public good.'

Jermaine is a minister member of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.



Rev. Jermaine Ross-Allam,
Photo by Rich Copley

Moderator elect Rev. Scott Prouty presided over communion.



The newly elected officers were installed by Moderator Jeff Dickinson, Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. Pictured clockwise from upper left corner: Jeff Dickinson, Scott Prouty, Pamela Prouty, and Carolyn Grice.



Worship Commissioners Recognized for Service

The Synod gratefully recognizes the following worship commissioners who have completed their terms of service.

Completing one term:

- Rev. Becky Dobitsch, Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- Elder Brian Johnson, Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- Elder Wayne Robinson, Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys
- Elder Denise Philipp, Presbytery of Prospect Hill
- Elder Eleanor Harle, Presbytery of South Dakota
- Rev. John Pehrson, Presbytery of South Dakota
- Elder Brett Emmons, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
- Rev. Kenneth Sann, Presbytery of Winnebago

Completing two terms:

- Elder Cathy Manthei, Presbytery of Milwaukee
- Elder Alan Smith, Presbytery of Winnebago

The Synod extends its sincere gratitude to each of these commissioners for their faithful service and contributions to the work of the Synod.

Special acknowledgement was given to Elder Jeff Dickinson of the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley. Jeff has served as Synod Moderator since 2024 and graciously extended his term in response to the illness and eventual passing of the co-moderator.

We are deeply grateful for Jeff's dedication, faithful service, and steady leadership during this time.



The next Synod Meeting will be April 25-27 2027, in person.

The Meeting Summary is an unofficial report of synod actions published shortly after each meeting of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Comments regarding the publication should be addressed to gmilloy@lakesandprairies.org.