

Report of the Personnel Committee - September 2026

Executive Presbyter Search Committee

Earlier this year, the Leadership Pod created an Executive Presbyter Search Committee and tasked it with an assignment to identify and recommend to the Presbytery an Executive to serve the Presbytery of the Northern Plains.

Once the Search Committee members were selected, the committee began its work with the first meeting being held on **June 9, 2026**. Initially, the members reviewed and slightly revised the job description for the position including making decisions on other terms and conditions related to the eventual employment of an Executive. Since then, another **8** meetings have been held.

Information announcing the position vacancy was posted on the PC (USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website on **August 19, 2026**. After a 'matching' process was triggered through the CLC website, 11 individuals were invited to specifically apply for the position. At the time of this writing, the Search Committee is waiting replies to those invitations.

Through the efforts of Communications Coordinator, Jenn Kolodka, information about the availability of the Executive Presbyter position has been shared with at least **7** colleges and universities as well as **4** seminaries. Additionally, notice of the position has been placed in a banner appearing on the Presbytery's website and on our Facebook page. Notices of the position availability have also appeared in [Presbyterian Outlook](#) and in [Christian Century](#). In the days that follow the Search Committee will continue to act proactively to make the availability of the position known, build an appropriate applicant 'pool', and conduct a focused selection process leading to recommending a candidate to the Presbytery. The committee will continue to meet about every other week to make progress until the assignment is fulfilled.

There are some challenges involved in recruiting for this position as one can imagine. The Search Committee would gratefully accept your prayers of support and for success in this regard.

Committee members include: Rev. Donna Monteith, Rev. Bob Boyar, Joni Lordeman, Becky Rosenkranz, Vickie Goplen, Dean Kirsch, Ben Shannon, and Brian McClure.

Respectfully Submitted,
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