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PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTHERN PLAINS
ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY-FIFTH STATED MEETING
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The Presbytery of the Northern Plains of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, North Dakota and by Zoom on November 6, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Moderator Ruling Elder Tom Brusegaard called the meeting to order with worship including communion.

The roll was taken by means of registration forms filled out by the attendees and the stated clerk identifying and confirming the participants attending by Zoom (indicated by the letter Z). The following Ministers were present unless otherwise noted: P – Present; E – Excused; A – Absent; HR – Ministers Honorably Retired, excused if absent; LOB – Ministers laboring outside the bounds of the Presbytery, excused if absent. (Numbers preceding Ministers' names are ecclesiastical occupational designations.)

MINISTERS (16)

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>
		<u>1</u> <u>2</u>
305 Marjorie Ackerman	Presbytery Leader	P A
641 Adams, Candace	Univ of Jamestown	A MnVal
299 Billings, Dan (HR)		P E
101 Bishop, Catherine	West Fargo	P P
101 Boyar, Robert	Jamestown	P P
108 Burger-Peery, Deborah		A A
299 Christman, David (HR)		E Dec
299 Cory, Darrel (HR)		P P
501 Danielson, Cheri (HR)		E E
501 Danielson, Marlin (HR)		E E
101 Dill, Robin	Minto/Grafton	A A
101 Drake, Robert	Moorhead	P P
797 Dumont, Trudy	Devils Lake/Webster	P Z
797 Edwards, Bob		A A
644 Emerson, Nancy	NDSU	A A
299 Graf, Gretchen (HR)		E E
299 Graham, Ron (HR)		E E
103 Holtey, Mary	Fargo	P P
101 Homan, Spencer	Grand Forks	P Z
151 Kana-Mackey, Sue (UMC)	Langdon	A E
101 Kargard, Richard (HR)		E E

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<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Meeting #</u>	
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
101 Landwehr, Marjorie	Hallock	P	Z
299 Mansell, Henry (HR)		E	E
299 McCullough, Cheryl (HR)		A	E
797 McDowell, Martha	Walhalla	A	Z
797 Meier, Mindy		A	A
299 Monteith, Donna (HR)		P	P
299 Raum, Richard (HR)		P	P
101 Reikow, Deanna	Mandan	A	P
797 Rhoad, John		A	A
101 Simmons, Leanne	Bismarck	P	P
701 Suk, Sungyoo (David)	Hope Korean	A	A
503 Sweet, Elaine		P	Z
299 Swanson, Joan (HR)		E	E
299 Watts, Gary (HR)		E	E
151 Werth, John (EPC)	Pembina County Parish	P	A
797 Wolpert, Dan		P	Z
299 Woodford, Don (HR)		E	E

The following churches were represented by Ruling Elders as indicated (E – excused, — not represented, without excuse): (24)

Angus, Angus-Tabor		—
Argyle, Community Presbyterian		—
Arvilla, Arvilla Presbyterian		—
Baker, Westminster Presbyterian		—
Bismarck, First Presbyterian:	(1)	Jim Skaret
	(2)	Sheri Orser
	(3)	—
Bismarck, Glencoe Sloan Memorial		—
Bottineau, United Parish		—
Buffalo, First Presbyterian		—
Calvin, Glenila Presbyterian		—
Casselton, Westminster Presbyterian	(1)	Lana Schultz - Z
	(2)	—
Cavalier, Cavalier Presbyterian		Zelda Hartje - Z
Colgate, Colgate Presbyterian		—
Cooperstown, First Presbyterian		—
Crookston, First Presbyterian		Marsha Odom - Z
Devils Lake, Westminster Presbyterian		Katie Nettell - Z
Dilworth, Dilworth Presbyterian		—
East Grand Forks, Mendenhall	(1)	Marilyn Ogden
	(2)	—
Edgeley, First Presbyterian		—

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Ellendale, Presbyterian- U Methodist (1)	—
(2)	—
Fairview, Community Presbyterian	—
Fargo, First Presbyterian (1)	Elaine Rudd
(2)	Sherri Stern
(3)	Gracia Fulwiler
Fordville, Community Presbyterian	—
Forest River, Community Presbyterian	—
Gilby, Gilby Presbyterian	Brad Mattson - Z
Grafton, Federated Church	—
Grand Forks, First Presbyterian (1)	Audrey Knutson - Z
(2)	—
Grandin, Grandin Presbyterian	Donna Preston - Z
Hallock, First Presbyterian (1)	Betty Younggren - Z
(2)	—
Hamilton, First Presbyterian	—
Hannah, Hannah Presbyterian	—
Hunter, First Presbyterian	—
Inkster, Inkster Presbyterian	—
Jamestown, United Presbyterian (1)	Bill Weispfenning - Z
(2)	Charlotte Enger
LaMoure, First Presbyterian	—
Langdon, Presbyterian Church of Langdon	—
Lisbon, First Presbyterian	—
Mandan, First Presbyterian (1)	Suzy Pfliiger
(2)	—
Minto, Knox Presbyterian	Ellen Misialek
Moorhead, First Presbyterian (1)	Erik Swee - Z
(2)	—
Nekoma, Nekoma Presbyterian	Closed
Oakes, First Presbyterian	—
Park River, Federated Church	—
Pillsbury, Baldwin Presbyterian	—
Portal, First Presbyterian	—
Red Lake Falls, First Presbyterian	Patty Purath - Z
Rhame, Lyle Presbyterian	—
Rolla, Presbyterian Church of Rolla/St. John (1)	—
(2)	—
Rugby, Emmanuel United Church	—
Steele, First Presbyterian	—
Tower City, Tower City Presbyterian	—
Towner, Towner Presbyterian	—
Walhalla, Park Center-Walhalla	—
Watford City, First Presbyterian	—
Webster, Webster Chapel	—

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West Fargo, Community Presbyterian	(1)	Andrew Thostenson - Z	
	(2)		—
Westhope, First Presbyterian			—
Wilton, First Presbyterian			—

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS

None

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

None

RULING ELDERS WITH VOICE AND VOTE/POD & TASK LEADERS

Pod/Task	Name
Financial – Sherri Stern (Fargo) - Z	
Install & Ordination (Former Moderator 2014-2016) – Sylvia Pringle (Jmst) – P	
Mission Pod – Donna Preston (Grandin) - Z	
Records – Alice Nix (Bismarck) - A	
Wellness Care – Gracia Fulwiler (Fargo) – Z	
Vacancy Counselor – Vacant	
Youth Connection Team – Kayla Bones (Fargo) - A	

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

Lorelee Benz (Former Moderator - 2011) – Baker/Downer - A
Paul Campbell – Casselton - P
Don Casmey – Argyle - A
Kevin Kaufmann – Glencoe - Z
Rick Larson – Dilworth - A
Nancy Legerski – A
Jamie Norstog – Midway Parish - Z
Bill Weispfenning (Former Moderator - 2002) – Edgeley & LaMoure - Z

FORMER MODERATORS

(Not otherwise noted)
Darrel Cory (Thief River Falls) 2013
Mary Holtey (Fargo) 2017

NON-MEMBER PASTORS

Beth Kelsey (UMC) - Bottineau
Penny Millspaugh (SAM) - Mendenhall
Michael Ozaki - Crookston

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Michael R. Lochow – Stated Clerk
Ellen Misialek – Treasurer

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VISITORS - (1)
Lori Billings (Fargo)

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Ministers	15	12	9
Commissioners	21	50	
Former Moderators	2 (7)		
Comm Ruling Elders	4 (5)		4
Candidates/Inquirers	0		
Corresponding Members	0		
Non-Member Pastors	3		
Presbytery Officers/R.Elders	1 (6)	1	0
Visitors	5		
Totals	51 (18)	68	9

(Number in parenthesis is total number present; difference counted elsewhere)

The clerk advised that a quorum was present, and the Moderator declared a quorum present. A quorum as stated in the Bylaws, Article IV, B-4.0500 is as follows: *a quorum of the Presbytery shall be any three teaching elder members and the ruling elder members present, provided that at least three churches are represented by elders.*

There were no corresponding members. New pastors in the Presbytery were introduced: Beth Kelsey at Bottineau, Penny Millspaugh at Mendenhall, and Michael Ozaki at Crookston.

Marilyn Ogden moved to approve the Consent Calendar and the reports of the following individuals and committees, if any, on the Consent Calendar: Officer Reports: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer; Pod Reports: Care for Congregations, Continuing Preparation for Ministry, and Mission; Committees: Representation and Self-Development of People; Task Forces and Commissions: Financial, Personnel, Permanent Judicial Commission and Records; Commissioners to General Assembly and Synod; Partners: Clearwater Forest, NP Presbyterian Women and University of Jamestown; Teams: Bdecan Ministry Team, and Chogoria Partnership Ministry. The motion **carried**.

The agenda was amended to receive the final report of the Commission to Close the Nekoma Presbyterian Church. Holtey moved to approve the agenda, as amended. The motion **passed**.

FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

MINUTES. The minutes of the April 17, 2021 stated meeting were made

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available to all official attendees on the Presbytery webpage. I **recommend** that those minutes be approved as circulated.

REQUIRING NO ACTION BUT REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED:

REPORT OF SYNOD'S MINUTES REVIEW COMMITTEE There is usually a report on the Synod's Minutes Review at this time of year. However, due to the pandemic no minute reading was held and hopefully all the minutes will be read in May 2022.

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT: That the summary of the Annual Statistical Report for the Churches of Northern Plains Presbytery to the General Assembly for 2020, which were transmitted to the General Assembly, according to G-3.0302e, be spread upon the minutes as follows: (to show change, numbers in parenthesis are last year's numbers)

MEMBERSHIP

Active members 31 December 2019

		3343
		(342)
Gains 2020		
Certificate	12 (16)	
Youth Professions	32 (33)	
Professions & Reaffirmations	7 (34)	
Total Gains		51 (83)
Losses 2020		
Certificate	6 (13)	
Death	91 (77)	
Deleted for any other reason	50 (77)	
Total Losses		147 (167)
Active members 31 December 2019		3253
		(334)

FEMALE MEMBERS – 1841 (1926)

FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION– 404 (450)

AVERAGE CHURCH ATTENDANCE – 1197 (2329)

BAPTISMS: 19 (44)
ELDERS on SESSION: 255 (279)

DO YOU HAVE DEACONS: Y/N 18 / 20 (19 / 27)

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AGE DISTRIBUTION

25 & Under – 320 (305)
26-40 – 370 (406)
41-55 – 401 (452)
56-70 – 840 (900)
Over 70 – 976 (1076)

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Hearing – 200 (218)
Sight – 73 (88)
Mobility – 132 (179)
Other – 119 (106)

Total Christian Education - 727 (915)

Racial Ethnic Breakdown

Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	11 (8)
Black/African American/African	47 (44)
Middle Eastern/North African	0 (0)
Hispanic/Latino-a	3 (3)
Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	19 (19)
White	2725 (2916)
Multiracial	2 (1)

Total **2807*** (2991)

*Total here does not equal the Active Member number of 3253 as not all churches report the Racial Ethnic Breakdown number.

FINANCIAL DATA

Annual Income	4,085,158 (4,462,014)	Mission Expenses
248,720 (342,853)		
Annual Expenses	3,553,336 (4,103,578)	Personnel Expenses
2,174,699 (2,370,782)		
		Facilities Expenses
961,446 (1,052,040)		

Thank you to all who submitted their reports, particularly to those who used the electronic system and entered their own numbers.

INSURANCE. In compliance with the Book of Order (G-3.0112) **requirement that "Each council shall obtain property and liability insurance coverage to protect its facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers"** and the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies **requirement that the extent of such insurance coverage be noted annually in the Presbytery minutes**, the Presbytery of the Northern Plains spread upon its minutes that it currently has

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in force and effect the following insurance coverage:

Premises		
1 Grand Forks- personal property		\$ 25,900
2 Dunn Center		
General liability		
Each Occurrence Limit		\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit		\$ 2,000,000
Products-completed Operations Aggregate Limit		\$ 2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit		\$ 1,000,000
Damage to Rental Property		\$ 100,000
Medical expense limit (anyone person)		\$ 5,000
Employers' liability endorsement		\$
500,000/500,000/500,000		
Payroll \$ 50,000		
Employee Theft		\$ 100,000
Forgery or Alteration		\$ 10,000
Religious Institutions Wrongful Acts		\$
1,000,000/1,000,000		
Business Auto Coverage		\$ 1,000,000

The insurance is carried through Vaaler Ins. Inc. at an annual cost of \$1,755.00. The current policy renews annually and covers the period from October 31, 2020, through October 31, 2021.

From the Financial Task Group, a summary of the Investments of the Presbytery (**Appendix 1**) and based upon review, the financial statements of The Presbytery of the Northern Plains for the year 2020, represent the revenue, expense fund balances and financial position as stated. (**Appendix 2**)

FROM THE CARE FOR PASTORAL LEADERS POD:

From the Pod, motion to approve the request to transfer the Rev. Candace Adams to Minnesota Valleys Presbytery, with regret. The motion **carried**.

Holtey reminded those required to take it, that Boundary Training is available online for a cost of \$75.

Holtey noted the new pastor at Presbyterian – United Methodist at Ellendale, North Dakota is Rev. Barbara Krumm. Penny Millsbaugh, Synod Authorized Minister, at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church – East Grand Forks, Minnesota, spoke about her background. Rev. Elizabeth Kelsey, new at United Parish of Bottineau, North Dakota, noted she graduated from San Francisco Seminary

and has been at United Parish since September 1st. Rev. Michael Ozaki at First Presbyterian Church – Crookston, Minnesota, greeted everyone via Zoom.

FROM RECORDS TASK GROUP. Report of Summary of Session Records /Reviewed from Fall 2019 to Fall 2021. (**Appendix 3**)

Youth Connection Team. Jamie Norstog provided an update for the Youth Connection Team. They have a snow camp scheduled for January 2022, the retreat at Crystal Springs, and Triennium. Resources for the youth are available on the Presbytery web page. The Triennium will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, with air-conditioned rooms.

Nominating Committee. Robert Drake reported for the Nominating Committee. He presented the following slate:

Ellen Misialek	Treasurer	3-year term
Bailey Narum	SDOP	
Paul Zondo	SDOP	
Robert Drake	Clergy Liaison	

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate as presented was elected.

Good News. Good news was shared by many.

Treasurer/2022 Budget. Ellen Misialek, Presbytery treasurer, presented a written report titled “Treasurer’s Report” (**Appendix 3**). Misialek then presented the proposed budget for 2022. Following review of the income and expense figures, Misialek moved the approval of the proposed budget of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains for the year 2022 and the per capita amounts (GA \$8.98, Synod \$5.50, and Presbytery \$33.53. Total: 48.00) The motion **carried.** (**Appendix 4**)

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Leadership Pod. Paul Campbell presented the report of the Leadership Pod. He reviewed the process concerning the actions of the Pod regarding Presbytery Leader Marjorie Ackerman and the placing her on administrative leave. He then moved to dissolve the relationship between the Presbytery of the Northern Plains and the Rev. Marjorie Ackerman, effective October 31, 2021.

It was moved to amend the motion to add “... with all matters related to the Board of Pensions to be decided by the Leadership Pod after consultation with all affected parties.” The motion to add the amended language failed on a vote

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of 8 in favor and 14 against.

Elaine Sweet then moved to add the following amendment to the end of main motion: “ ...and to extend payment to the Board of Pensions for Marjorie Ackerman until the end of November.” The motion on the amendment passed: 21-3. The vote on the main motion, as amended, **was approved.**

Closing Commission for Nekoma church. Michael Lochow presented the final report of the Commission to Close the Nekoma Presbyterian Church (**Appendix 5**) and moved to dismiss the Commission with the thanks of the Presbytery. The motion **carried.**

Ellen Misialek was installed as Presbytery treasurer.

Robert Drake moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Brusegaard.

The next meeting of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Gilby Presbyterian Church, Gilby, North Dakota, in a hybrid format.

ATTEST: _____
Michael R. Lochow, Stated Clerk

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Presbytery of the Northern Plains
Financial Task Force / Investments

October 12, 2021

New Covenant Trust Company
Presbyterian Foundation

Total Fund Balance	
3 rd Quarter 2021	\$1,318,880.41
9/30/2021	
-PNP Endowed Acct XXX0527	\$ 826,997.93
-PNP Support Fund Acct XXX0551	\$ 491,882.48
Year to Date Earnings	\$146,468.87

Earnings are 11.1% (performing above the benchmark of 7%)

No additional funds were identified as transferrable to the New Covenant Trust Company accounts in 2021.

At the time of establishing the PNP Support Fund, December 2019, Presbyterian Foundation representative, Minnar Serovy, advised an annual calculation of 15% of the year-end balance of Acct XXX0551 be transferred to the general operating funds for the current year.

This procedure will be followed every year, from this time forward, unless a change is recommended by the PNP Leadership POD, during the year in which funds are scheduled to be transferred.

Following this recommendation, the 2020 year-end account balance of \$456,885.28 X 15% = \$68,532.75, will be transferred to the PNP general operating fund December 27, 2021. Leadership POD has approved this recommended sum transfer and supports that this practice be followed each year going forward.

Questions regarding this report or further documentation of the information provided, may be requested from Sherri Stern.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Stern
PNP Financial Task Force Moderator
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701-429-3522

**Presbytery of the Northern Plains
Review of Financial Records
For the Year 2020**

The financial transactions and records of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains were checked for accuracy, supporting documentation and authorizations, following the outline for conducting the PNP financial review. Receipts of per-capita, special offerings and gift funds designated for PNP, Synod, PCUSA and PNP Missions were identified by the contributing church or donor information. All receipts were verified against the disbursement records and found to be accurate and complete.

Income: The year-end statements from all banks and investment accounts were reviewed and matched the amounts reported on the December 31, 2020 PNP Financial Statement. The bank statements, deposit book and reconciliation of the checking and money market records were verified and accurate in accordance with the Balance Sheet and Funds Overview Report.

Expenditures: All vendors and individuals receiving reimbursement during the year 2020 were reviewed for adequate documentation and allocation of expense to the respective committee or ministry team. All reimbursement to staff was found to have normally accepted documentation and verified amounts appeared on the check records. Monthly reports of expenditures, by category, were found to be complete and accurate. Vouchers continue to be used only where source documentation is lacking complete information. Personnel salary and payroll are provided through an outsourcing agreement with the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies.

****Recommendations:** Stop payment procedures should have been filed with banking institution for account upon which funds were drawn and noted as lost check payments, during the month of November 2020 reconciliation. Paperwork to verify Stop Payment should be included in account file along with a copy of the reissue check to satisfy the payment of lost funds.

Based upon the review, the financial statements of The Presbytery of the Northern Plains for the year 2020, represent the revenue, expense fund balances and financial position as stated.

Sherri A. Stern
PNP Financial Task Leader
Treasurer First Presbyterian Church, Fargo
Audit/Review completed 8/4/2021

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SUMMARY OF SESSION RECORDS REVIEWED
FALL 2019 TO FALL 2021 (Minutes counted separately)
Minutes approved with no exceptions 17 churches
Minutes approved with exceptions 13 churches
Rolls/Register reviewed 23 churches
No records submitted for review 27 churches
Records submitted from 27 churches

ANGUS-TABOR	2020 & 2021 Roll/Register approved with recommendation 2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with recommendation
ARGYLE	2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with 4 exceptions Roll/Register not reviewed
ARVILLA	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
BAKER/DOWNER	Roll/register not reviewed 2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
BISMARCK	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020 Minutes approved 1 exception; 2021 Minutes approved no exceptions
BOTTINEAU	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
BUFFALO	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
CASSELTON	2020 & 2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
CAVALIER	2020 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
COLGATE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
COOPERSTOWN	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
CROOKSTON	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with recommendation 2020-2021 Minutes approved with recommendation

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DEVILS LAKE	2020-2021 Roll/register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
DILWORTH	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
EAST GRAND FORKS	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
EDGELEY	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
ELLENDALE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
FAIRVIEW	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
FARGO	2020 Roll/Register approved with 1 exception; 2021 –approved with no exceptions 2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with 1 exception
FORDVILLE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
FOREST RIVER	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
GILBY	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
GLENCOE-SLOAN	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with 3 exceptions; 2021 Minutes approved with 2 exceptions
GRAFTON	2020 Roll/Register approved with 4 exceptions; 2021 approved With no exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with 9 exceptions; 2021 Minutes approved with 4 exceptions
GRAND FORKS	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
GRANDIN	Roll/Register not reviewed 2020 & 2021 Minutes approved with 6 exceptions

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HALLOCK	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
HAMILTON	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
HANNAH	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
HUNTER	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
INKSTER	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
JAMESTOWN	2020 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions; 2021-approved with 1 exception 2020 Minutes approved with no exceptions; 2021-approved with 1 exception
KNOX-MINTO	2020 Minutes approved with 2 exceptions; 2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions Roll/Register not reviewed
LAMOURE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
LANGDON	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
LISBON	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
MANDAN	2020 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions; 2021 approved with 2 exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with 4 exceptions; 2021 minutes approved with 3 exceptions
MOORHEAD	2020 Roll/Register approved with 2 exceptions; 2021- approved with 5 exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with 7 exceptions; 2021- approved with 10 exceptions
OAKES	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed

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PARK RIVER	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
PILLSBURY	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
PORTAL	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
RED LAKE FALLS	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
RHAME	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
ROLLA/ST JOHN	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
RUGBY	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exception 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exception
STEELE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
TOWER CITY	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
TOWNER	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
WALHALLA	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
WEBSTER	2020 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with no exceptions
WEST FARGO	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020-2021 Minutes approved with no exceptions
WESTHOPE	Roll/Register/Minutes not reviewed
WILTON	2020-2021 Roll/Register approved with no exceptions 2020 Minutes approved with 1 exception; 2021 Minutes approved with 2 exceptions

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Treasurer's Report

The included pages of financial information show the detail for 2019, 2020, the budget for 2021, actual numbers for 2021 through October 15, the estimate of actual numbers through December 31, 2021, and the budget proposal for 2022.

2021 to date has seen limited travel expense for personnel and committee members as many meetings have been conducted through Zoom.

During the first 9 ½ months of 2021, 27 congregations have paid all of their per capita apportionment (\$42,720), 16 congregations have made a partial payment (\$58,972.04), totaling \$101,692.04. Fourteen (14) have made no payment. The remaining balance is \$58,147.96. Payments are \$4400 behind this time last year. Congregations are encouraged to continue with their faithful support before the end of the year.

Unified Mission Support for the Presbytery to date in 2021 has been \$23,247. Sixteen (16) churches have participated; forty one (41) churches have not participated. Unified Mission Support giving is \$1100 behind this time last year. Pledges funded for 2021 to date have been Bdecan Food Pantry (\$3,575), Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team (\$256), Clearwater Forest (\$5,875), and University of Jamestown (\$5,875). The Bdecan Food Pantry, Earth Care Team, Chogoria Partnership Ministry Team, and Youth Connection Ministry Team have budgeted balances remaining that may be used before December 31, 2021. The Presbytery thanks those who have sent contributions and encourages others to be generous in the upcoming months.

The proposed budget for 2022 is presented in the far right column of the report. The Leadership Pod gathered the most current information available to present a budget that will continue the mission work, meet expenses, do the administrative work, and support the Synod of Lakes and Prairies and the General Assembly with per capita assessments on behalf of the entire membership of the Presbytery. The dollars that are available from New Covenant Investment ease budget difficulties and make it possible to present a budget that shows a potential budget surplus.

Included in the budget information is the Leadership Pod's recommendation that Per Capita assessments per member remain the same--\$8.98 for GA, \$5.50 for Synod, and \$33.52 for PNP; a total of \$48 per member.

If there is anything I can do to answer questions or be of help in any way, please contact me. My email is emisialek@invisimax.com and my phone numbers are 701-248-3220 and 701-520-3220 (cell).

Ellen Misialek, PNP Treasurer and Bookkeeper

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Presbytery of the No. Plains	PerCapita	PerCapita	Per Capita 2021	Per Capita 2022
Financial Info and Budget	2019	2020	GA \$8.98; SLP \$5.50;	GA \$8.98; SLP \$5.50;
Report for Presbytery Meeting	3562x\$46=	3428x\$47=	PNP \$33.52; Total \$48.00	PNP \$33.52; Total \$48.00
November 6, 2021	163,852	161,116	3343x\$48=\$160,464	3253x\$48 = \$156,144

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>21 Actual</u>	<u>21 Yr end</u>	<u>Budget Proposal</u>
CASH FLOW-IN-GENERAL FUND	2019	2020	2021	thru 10/15	est. actual	2022
Loan Repayment	500	500				500
Per Capita (Prior Years)	491	598	500	110	110	200
Per Capita (Current Year)	144760	138472	160464	101692	138000	156144
Uncollectible Per Capita			-20000			-20000
New Covenant Investment Inc.						68533
Investment Income	3416	696	1000	278	400	200
Hunger Income	168	126				0
Mission Income	168	126				0
Oper. Income(Minot Close)	17400					0
Miscellaneous Income	640	2690	1000		100	0
Synod Support	14762	10000	10000	7500	10000	10000
PPP SBA Grant		30500	0	0		0
PNP Unified Mission	36202	34106	30000	23247	30000	30000
Reimbursable Donations	316	20	0	0		0
Total Fiscal Cash Flow-In	218823	217834	182964	132827	178610	245577
Transfers from Foundation						
Total Income and Transfers	<u>218823</u>	<u>217834</u>	<u>182964</u>	<u>132827</u>	<u>178610</u>	<u>245577</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Per Capita Payment to GA	31880	30681	30020	20020	30020	29212
Per Capita Payment to Synod	19235	18854	18387	10387	18387	17892
Total Per Capita Payments	51115	49535	48407	30407	48407	47104

Personnel Expense

PNP Leader-Salary & Housing	52500	70000	70000	52500	70000	
PNP Leader-BOP & Benefits	19425	25900	25900	19425	25900	6475
PNP Leader-Continuing Ed	1643	1642	1645	1600	1600	
PNP Leader-SECA	4016	5355	5355	4016	5355	
PNP Leader-Travel & Prof. Ex.	12702	3240	10000	1692	1800	0
Personnel Expense-FICA	2387	2662	2662	1997	2662	2662
Stated Clerk-Salary	20400	20400	20400	15300	20400	20400
Stated Clerk-Office Ex & Travel	2358	257	3000		2000	2000
Bookkeeper-Salary	9600	14400	14400	10800	14400	14400
Temp.Prog.Coordinator-Salary	1200	0	0	0	0	0
Workers Compensation	250	250	300	250	250	250
Total Personnel Expense	<u>126481</u>	<u>144106</u>	<u>153662</u>	<u>107580</u>	<u>144367</u>	<u>46187</u>

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Office Expense

Books & Subscriptions		39	50	0	50	50
Equipment	766	1000		1000	1500	
Finance Software		270	300	270	270	270
Insurance	2117	1755	1800		1800	1620
Postage	541	647	500	385	500	500
Supplies & Miscellaneous	1066	1168	1000	555	1000	2000
Telephone	2534	1668	1900	776	1000	1000
Total Office Expense	7024	5547	6550	1986	5620	6940

Administrative Expenses

Communications Coordinator	9000	18500	18000	13500	18000	20400
Committee on Representation			100	0	100	100
Nominating Committee			100		100	50
Administrative Commissions			100	0	100	100
Mediation & Conflict Res.-Team	277		100	0	100	100
Educational Events	850	264	1000		1000	1000
Search Committee Expense	7155		0	0	0	0
Search Committee-Moving Ex.			0	0	0	0
Grants (LP)-Chogoria Trip	2500		0	0	0	0
GA Alternates			0	0	0	4000
Moderator			500		500	500
Presbytery Meetings	165	500		500	500	
Total Administrative Expenses	19947	18764	20400	13500	20400	26750

Pod Expense & Pledges

Cont. Prep. For Ministry Pod		441	2000	1323	2000	1500
Care for Congregations Pod			500		500	500
Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod	1698	1000	1000	500	1000	1000
Leadership Pod	419	622	1000	229	1000	1000
Mission Pod			500		500	100
Board Reps			100	0	100	100
Subtotal Pod Expense	2118	2063	5100	2052	5100	4200
Bdecan Food Pantry Pledge	9600	6700	5000	3575	5000	0
Chogoria Ministry Team	1500	10000	5000	256	5000	5000
Clearwater Forest Pledge	5000	4000	5875	5875	5875	5000
Earth Care Team			250	0	250	0
Univ. of Jamestown Pledge	5000	4000	5875	5875	5875	5000
Youth Conn. Ministry Team	4500	400	3000		3000	10000
Subtotal Pledges	25600	25100	25000	15581	25000	25000
Total Disbursements	232283	245115	259119	171106	248894	156181
Net Position before Reserves	-13460	-27281	-76155	-38279	-70284	89396

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Transfers to/from Reserves 78000
Net Position after Reserves -13460 -27 281 1845 -38279 -70284
 Disbursed from other funds in 2020 Grants \$7000
 Disbursed from other funds in 2021 Grants \$5027
 to date
 Presbytery of the Northern Plains
 Report to Presbytery of the Northern Plains
 Balance Sheet Printed: 10/15/2021
 For the period ending 10/15/2021

Balance Sheet
 For Period Ending 10/15/21

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>BdecanMinDonor</u>	<u>Chogoria</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Checking Account	-42,913.40	59,515.80	49,988.03	1,774.10	-29,224.25	39,140.28
Savings	321,910.66	49,659.37	13,577.24	5,514.28	-143,609.04	247,052.51
Congregational Development					0.00	0.00
Operating Reserves (CD)					0.00	0.00
Presbytery Endowment					0.00	0.00
Clergy Renewal					0.00	0.00
New Church Development (CD)					0.00	0.00
GF - First Pres. Loan	9,892.11					9,892.11
New Covenant Trust	0.00				741,049.22	741,049.22
TOTAL ASSETS	288,889.37	109,175.17	63,565.27	7,288.38	568,215.93	1,037,134.12
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>BdecanMinDonor</u>	<u>Chogoria</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Per Capita (Next Year)	0.00					0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	288,889.37	109,175.17	63,565.27	7,288.38	568,215.93	1,037,134.12

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13COMMISSION TO CLOSE THE NEKOMA CHURCH
Minutes of the Meeting of May 24, 2021 (ZOOM)

Present: Commission Members — Rick Raum, Zelda Hartje, Mike Lochow
Nekoma Members—Clint Esckilsen, Marv Gronhovd, Roger Johnston

The Meeting convened with prayer at 2:05 PM

Each Nekoma member spoke briefly about his history with the church.

Lochow reported that the church expressed the desire to close informally, and that a vote had not taken place. With the Nekoma members' concurrence, it was agreed that the Commission will proceed, anyway, as this is clearly the intent of all nine church members.

It was emphasized that Presbytery cannot dissolve the Church until matters related to the building and property are settled collaboratively (by Congregation and Presbytery), or Presbytery itself would find itself in the position of ownership and oversight.

Discussion took place about the building and items inside the building. It was decided that:

1. The Nekoma City Council will be approached again about taking ownership of the building; perhaps as a library, gathering or performance space.
2. Nekoma members will discuss and decide among themselves other options for the building.
3. Lochow will prepare a report on how other closed churches have been re-purposed.
4. The Nekoma members agreed to make an inventory of furnishings, worship objects, artifacts and other items, especially noting things members may want to keep. It was also noted to take special interest in assessing the value of pews.
5. Hartje will visit Nekoma and take a look at things to help inform and guide the Commission.

It was reported informally that the church currently has financial assets of about \$1100.

It was reported that church records are in order and available. Discussion ensued regarding their disposition. Procedures will be clarified at a later meeting.

It was decided to meet again by ZOOM, on Tuesday, June 15, at 2 PM Central Time

The meeting closed with prayer.

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COMMISSION TO CLOSE THE NEKOMA CHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of June 15, 2021 (ZOOM)

Present: Commission Members — Rick Raum, Zelda Hartje, Mike Lochow
Nekoma Members — Clint Eskilsen, Marv Gronhovd, Roger Johnston

The Meeting convened with prayer at 2:00 PM

Eskilsen reported that negotiations with the Town regarding the church building were unsuccessful. However,

He reported further on successful negotiations with Josh Moen, who would like to acquire the property for the purpose of renovation and re-purposing it for use as a residence. After extensive discussion, the Commission moved, seconded and passed:

To authorize the Nekoma leadership team (Eskilsen, Gronhovd and Johnston) to collaborate with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery (Lochow) to complete the transfer of the Church property and building to purchaser Josh Moen, at a mutually agreed-upon price.

The next matter of business was disposition of furnishings, worship objects, art and artifacts, music items and other property in the building. The Nekoma representatives completed a comprehensive inventory, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. Discussion ensued about various strategies. It was decided that final decisions be postponed until after a Service of Closure.

The next matter of business was the Service of Closure. Discussion ensued. It was decided that the Service be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 2:00 PM. Eskilsen will invite Donna Monteith to serve as the lead Pastor, to help plan the service and participate in a significant way. Invitations to the Service will be spread widely and informally among church members, families and friends, with formal invitations sent to a few who might not learn of it informally. It was decided to meet again by ZOOM on Tuesday, June 29, at 2:00 PM.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Richard D. Raum, 06/14/2021

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Nekoma Presbyterian Church Inventory Listing: 4 June 2021
Large Portrait of Jesus Standing at The Door, Painted by Warner Sallman 1942

1. American Flag mounted on Stand
 2. Christian Flag mounted on Stand
 3. Church Pulpit with associated Chair
 4. Bench with solid back (6 ft width)
 5. "Wick" Pump Organ
 6. "Baldwin" Piano with Bench
 7. Four Section Screen (6 ft wide by 5 1/2 ft high) - [Screen Spoken for]
 8. Two Gold colored lamps for the Pulpit & Piano
 9. Communion Table with Three Matching Chairs - [Items Spoken for]
 10. Collection Table (2ft by 2ft by 2ft high) with Collection Plates — [Gold Collection Plate Spoken for]
 11. Historic Church Bible & Gold Cross — [Golden Cross Spoken for]
 12. Childs Table (6ftby 3ft by 2ft high)
 13. Matching Childs Chairs (10 ea)
 14. Ornate Sunday School Display Board
 - 15 Church Pews (10eaat 10ft lg & 2ea at 9ft lg)
 16. Pew Bibles (King James Version 24ea)
 17. Pew Presbyterian Hymnals 24ea. — [Hymnals Spoken for]
 18. Worship & Service Hymnals 26ea.
 19. Teachers Curved Instruction Table, 6ft wide.
 20. Folding Wood Chairs 19ea.
 21. Storage Cupboard in memory of William Dobbie
 22. Wall Clock in memory of Gilbert Verke — [Spoken for]
 23. Nativity Set in memory of Pastor Robert Lowe — [Spoken for]
 24. Framed 23 by 29inch Picture of Jesus
 25. Three 5-Gal Storage Tubs of Christmas Decorations
 26. Mirror & Framed Church Photos
 27. 27 by 16inch Hand Embroidered Song "How Great Thou Ad' by Pastor Linda Shatzer — [Spoken for]
 28. 26inch Panasonic TV Analog Set
 29. Bretford TV Stand 27 inches tall w/double shelf.
 30. Vacuum Cleaner
- Inventory Completed by Nekoma Church Session:

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COMMISSION TO CLOSE THE NEKOMA CHURCH
Minutes of the Meeting of June 30, 2021 (ZOOM)

Present: Commission Members — Rick Raum, Zelda Hartje, Mike Lochow
Nekoma Members: Clint Eskilsen, Marv Gronhovd, Roger Johnston
Also: Donna Montieth, Coordinator of the Closing Service on August 15

The meeting was convened with prayer at 2:00 PM

The first item of business regarded the transfer of the building and property to Josh Moen. Lochow reported a minor legal matter that he will consult with an attorney to resolve.

The next item of business regarded the Service Of Closure, scheduled for August 15, at 2:00 PM. It was decided that:

1. Montieth will plan, coordinate and preside at the service. Elements of the service were discussed.
2. The bulletin/program for the service will include names of Charter Members and other items of historic interest. Nekoma leaders will submit information to Montieth, who with Lochow's help will format and arrange for it to be printed.
3. Refreshments for a reception following worship will be provided by children and grandchildren of charter members.

It was reported that the pump organ has been given to Josh Moen. Most items in the church have been "claimed" by church family and friends. Items also will be made available to those in attendance at the Closing Service. The pulpit and pews remain available; some possibilities were discussed.

As the Commission's work begins to wind down, procedural motions were passed.

1. It was MSP to recommend to the Leadership Team that Communion be authorized at the Closing Service, August 15, 2021,
2. It was MSP to recommend to the Leadership Team that all actions taken by the Commission on behalf of the Presbytery be approved by the Presbytery.
3. It was MSP to recommend to the Leadership Team that the Commission be dissolved with thanks following the Benediction at the end of the Closing Service on August 15, 2001.

It was decided to meet again on Tuesday, July 27, at 2:00 PM.

The Meeting was closed by prayer at 3:00 PM Central Time.

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COMMISSION TO CLOSE THE NEKOMA CHURCH
Minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2021 (ZOOM)

Present: Commission Members— Rick Raum, Zelda Hartje, Mike Lochow
Nekoma Members — Clint Eskilson, Roger Johnston
Also: Donna Montieth, Coordinator of the Closing Service on August 15

The meeting was convened with prayer at 2:00 PM.

It was confirmed by Lochow that the deed for the building has been processed.

Various aspects of the Closing Service were discussed and clarified:

1. There will be no Offering.
2. There will be guest musicians participating.
3. The bulletin has been prepared and is ready to be printed in Fargo.

It was confirmed that Lochow will take church records with him following the Service of Closing.

It was decided that, other than in the event of an unexpected complication, this will be the final Meeting of the Commission. The Meeting was closed with prayer at 2:25 PM.

Richard D. Raum
July 27, 2021