

# **LEADERSHIP POD REPORT**

## **PRESBYTERY MEETING April 22, 2023**

The Leadership Pod is comprised of leaders from the Mission, Care for Pastoral Leaders and Care for Congregation Pods, the Presbytery's Moderator and Vice Moderator, Task Leaders for Personnel, Records, and Finance, the Chairs for the Nominating and Representation Committees, the Treasurer, and the Stated Clerk.

The Leadership Pod works to foster working relationships between all leadership within the Presbytery and relays important communication throughout the Presbytery. They handle and consider administrative and programmatic business, including, but not limited to financial review, reading records and overseeing personnel issues.

### *Note from Moderator Paul Campbell*

We grateful for Rev. Richard Francis agreeing to be interim stated clerk. He has brought wisdom and expertise for the presbytery moving forward.

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### **November LEADERSHIP POD MEETING**

Zoom Meeting to introduce and approve Richard Francis as ProTem Stated Clerk

Steel Church Closing appoint an Administrative Commission. Approval for paying insurance on Steele building, proceed with setting up steps for sale of property.

### **December LEADERSHIP POD MEETING**

Met over Zoom.

Approve the recommendation from the Search Committee to hire Jenn Kolodka for communications Coordinator. Starting January 1, 2023

Approved from Pastoral Care Pod

Mary Holley moved that Rev. Darrel Cory, Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery be approved to serve as part-time interim for an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation. Motion approved.

Rev. Elaine Sveet has accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA, in Minot, ND. The call has been approved by Bishop Craig Schweitzer of Western North Dakota Synod of the ELCA. The Zion congregation will vote on her call on December 18, 2022. They are working with the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church to continue Elaine's coverage. Assuming the vote is affirmative, her terms of call will be approved by the Pastoral Care Pod and reported to the Presbytery at the next meeting.

Approved Grant to First Presbyterian Moorhead for Grateful Community Garden

\$3,000 to support improvements and operation of their Grateful Community Garden, including an installation of a sign explaining the background and operation of the Garden. The money would come from the Small Church Development Fund

### **January Leadership Pod Meeting**

Introduction of Jenn Kolodka

Approved sending Clearwater Funds for 2023 at this time to Clearwater Forest.

Approved Grant from Glencoe

\$1500.00 for electronic keyboard.

Appoint Administrative Commission for Closing Inkster Church

- Rev Ruth Sanders - Minister of the word and Sacrament
- Jamie Norstog - Ruling elder
- Ellen Misialek - Ruling elder
- Tom Brusegaard - Ruling elder
- Clark Becker - local Ruling Elder
- Melva Becker - local Ruling Elder

### **Feburary Leadership Pod Meeting**

Presbytery Meeting minutes of the April 2, 2022 can't be accessed, from Michael Lochaw's records. Minute of the meeting will need to be reconstructed based on the committee and pod reports that were submitted at the time.

Connectional Care Search Committee, and Sylvia Pringle, Committee member reported. They are recommending the Rev. Deanna Reikow the position.

Tom Brusegaard attended a Communion training. M/S/C to authorize Tom to serve Communion at any church in the Presbytery.

M/S/C to appoint Ruling Elder Jamie Norstog as Moderator of the Mendenhall Session.

### **March Leadership Pod Meeting**

Approved Grant for First Presbyterian Bismarck for \$2000.00 to help with their 150th anniversary celebration

Discussion with Rev. Deanna Reikow for position. Starting May 1, 2023

Approved adding Board of Pensions for Connectional Care Pastor Position

The final dollar figures will be approved at the April Pod meeting and presented to the Presbytery at the April 22, 2023 meeting. The budgeted amount for travel for the position is \$5,000, but the Pod will revisit this during the year if it becomes necessary to increase it. M/S/C to reimburse Deanna for half her mileage to attend the April 22, 2023 meeting, the other half being paid by the Mandan Church. She can also purchase a laptop from her expense budget.

Approved to send two people to the Board of Pensions Season of Rebuilding May 2nd and 3rd in Denver. Sherry and Deanna will attend on behalf of the Presbytery, at Board of Pensions expense.

Nominating Committee is offering Rev. Sarah Bigwood Moderator for Congregational Care Pod Moderator.

Mary Holtey reported for the Pastoral Care Pod. M/S/C to approve Ruling Elder Don Casmey to celebrate communion on Easter Sunday at Mendenhall Presbyterian Church. Don has previously served as a Commissioned Lay Pastor and has been trained to serve the sacraments. M/S/C to approve Moderator and Ruling Elder Tom Brusegaard to lead worship at Walhalla Presbyterian Church as needed. Tom was previously approved to serve the Sacraments when he fills pulpits in the Presbytery.

Tom and Richard will develop agenda for Presbytery meeting.