

**Winnebago Presbytery
Stated Meeting
September 9, 2008
Faith Presbyterian Church, Crivitz, WI**

PRIOR TO CONVENING

Approximately 30 presbyters gathered at 1:00 p.m. for a pre-meeting event featuring the Presbytery Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly in San Jose, California. It was a time of reporting and discussion.

Several of the Presbytery's Christian Educators gathered at 1:00 p.m. for an informal time to meet one another since there are several new persons serving in this capacity throughout the Presbytery.

CONVENING THE MEETING

The meeting convened with worship, including Holy Communion, in the sanctuary of the Faith Presbyterian Church in Crivitz, Wisconsin. Worship was led by the Rev. Richard Marcy, the Rev. Robert Goebel and Commissioned Lay Pastor Fred Wadsworth. Presbyters moved to the Fellowship Hall; the Moderator, the Rev. Tom Willadsen, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

Roll Call	Present	Excused	Absent
Randal Argall	X		
Thomas Beck			X
Gisele Berninghaus			X
John Billings		X	
Sid Bouldin	X		
Barbara Carmichael		X	
Marion Conditt		X	
C. Nelson Craig		X	
Edward Esler		X	
Robert Everhard		X	
Timothy Fulop		X	
Robert Goebel	X		
Clifford Haskins		X	
Donald Heeringa		X	
Richard Hill		X	
Judith Holmes-Jensen			X
Thomas Hutt		X	
Paul Huxtable		X	
Gail Irwin	X		
Roy N. Johnson		X	
William Kamke			X
Donald King	X		
Curtis Larson			X
Cynthia Little		X	
Michael Lukens	X		
John Lyford		X	
Richard Manny	X		
Richard Marcy	X		
Craig Mansur			X
Peter Markey	X		
Scott Marrese-Wheeler		X	
Paul Martin	X		
Patricia Matthew		X	
Julie Meadows		X	

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<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Richard Moore	X		
Sarah Moore-Nokes	X		
Joy Nelson-Jeffers	X		
Barbara Peterson		X	
Susan Phillips	X		
William Plank		X	
Rebecca Proefrock	X		
Joseph Ripley	X		
Mara Liz Rivera		X	
Lucille Rupe	X		
Matthew Sauer	X		
JoAnn Schoblaski	X		
Rachel Reeves Schwab		X	
Edward Slusser	X		
Ted Sperduto	X		
Lois Swanson			X
Wilfred Tabb			X
Marcia Thomas	X		
Ted Tromble	X		
Charles Valenti-Hein		X	
Sara Ver Burg		X	
Richard Warch			X
Colin Webster	X		
Tom Willadsen	X		
Janet Wolfe	X		
Wright, Stephen A.H.		X	
Margaret Zedan		X	
Susan Zencka	X		

08/45 It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.

Churches Represented

Abbotsford	Jim York
Amberg	Ronald Holmes
Aniwa	Not Represented
Appleton	Not Represented
Arpin	Lillian Nelson
Athelstane	Not Represented
Crivitz	Paula Guth
De Pere	Jon Allcox and George Cornell
Fond du Lac	Jean Morgan and Mary Wolfe
Gleason	Calvin Patterson
Green Bay First	David Wilson
Green Bay Preble Park	Judy Nighorn
Green Bay Wequiock	Not Represented
Kiel	Not Represented
Kimberly	Not Represented
Lakewood	James Mathe
Laona	Not Represented
Manitowoc	Théo Lynne Hoffman
Marinette	Patricia Pottratz
Marshfield	Not Represented
Melnik	Not Represented
Merrill	Kay Smith
Neenah	Guenter Petermann and Jeff Buchta
New Franken	Not Represented
Oconto	Nancy Nick
Omro	Not Represented
Oshkosh	Harriet Martin
Pembine	Not Represented

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Pickett	Not Represented
Schofield	Joan Bouldin
Shawano	Edward Moede
Sheboygan	Keith Rowe
Stevens Point	David Arey
Wabeno	Pamela Schroeder
Wausau	Mary Sperduto
Wausaukee	Dean Bork
Weyauwega	Roger Perry
White Lake	Not Represented
Wild Rose	Excused
Winneconne	Rosemary Shade

08/46 It was VOTED to excuse those so listed.

Commissioned Lay Pastors: Max Ballard, Richard Kreager, Dennis Mannering, Fred Wadsworth
Excused: Warren Kraft and Alyson Janke

Trained Lay Pastors: Cheryl Lepak

Lay Pastor Students: Wendy Mannering

Visitors:

Appleton	Alice and Jim Baumbach
Athelstane	Bruce Muller and Douglas Donofrie
DePere	Anneliese Waggoner
Green Bay First	Nancy Siewert and Megan Jurrens
Green Bay Preble Park	Barbara Boehler and Don Nighorn
Neenah	Gina Struensee
Marshfield	Bruce Brink

Council Members: Margaret Dakins, Anne Dropp, Barbara Goldthwaite
Excused: Barbara Jordanger

Presbytery Staff: Nancy Barczak

Corresponding Members

08/47 It was VOTED to seat the Rev. Craig Alwin, North Central Iowa Presbytery, and the Rev. Joseph Stanley, Mackinac Presbytery, as Corresponding Members.

Early Leave

08/48 It was VOTED to grant early leave to the Rev. Susan Phillips and the Elder Commissioners from Shawano and Fond du Lac.

Adoption of the Docket

08/49 It was VOTED to amend the docket to make David Ketterer's presentation an Order of the Day and adopt the docket as amended.

Introduction of New Elders and Visitors

First time elder commissioners and visitors from Amberg, DePere, Fond du Lac, Neenah, Lakewood, Green Bay First, Oconto and Weyauwega were introduced.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT (Dr. Michael Lukens)

08/50 It was VOTED to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

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General Assembly PJC Decision

Dr. Lukens reported that the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission heard the appeal (July 25, 2008) of the Rev. Dr. Janet Wolfe from the Decision of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies to dismiss the case: Wolfe vs. Winnebago. The GAPJC sustained Rev. Wolfe in her appeal and remanded the case to the Synod for trial.

08/51 It was VOTED that the official decision of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission be spread upon the minutes. [See Appendices]

Death of Minister Member

The Clerk reported the death of the Rev. Ronald McDuffie, Honorably Retired, on August 17, 2008.

Amendments to the Constitution

The amendment booklets will be distributed at the November 15, 2008 Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Council will determine an educational and sharing process to be used prior to the votes being taken at the February 7, 2009 Stated Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

08/52 It was VOTED to adopt the consent agenda with recommendations from the Finance Committee and the Committee on Ministry as follows:

Finance Committee

- 1. To approve a policy of conducting financial reviews annually for two years followed by a full audit in the third year.**
- 2. To receive the following report of outstanding congregational loans:**

ARPIN, FIRST

1997/99 It was VOTED that the Arpin Session be allowed to proceed with the addition and remodeling project up to \$244,475, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

Subsequently, the Finance Committee authorized (6/98) loan applications to the General Assembly and synod for the building program totaling \$150,000.

**Lending Institution: GA Accessibility
Date Received: March 1999
Outstanding Balance: \$13,289.46
As of 6/30/2008**

**Amount: \$30,000
Interest Rate: 3%
Final Payment Due: April 2014**

**Lending Institution: Synod Lakes & Prairies
Date Received: March 1999
Outstanding Balance: \$37,906.00
As of 6/30/2008**

**Amount: \$75,000
Interest Rate: 6%
Final Payment Due: April 2009**

DEPERE, FIRST UNITED

2006/43 It was VOTED to concur in the request of the congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church of DePere, WI to mortgage the church's properties described as:

Assessor's subd. Of SW cor S64*13'E 78.9 ft 102.62 ft to beg cont lot 16 N64*15'W 240 ft to 415.4 ft S 25*37'W 44.59 ft ESFR – Depere Prt Lot 16 com N89*55'E 890.3 ft N26*2'E N26*2'E 454 ft to NE cor NW cor Lot 16 TH S15*5'W S64*15'E 160.44 ft to beg. End of Desc. Assessors subd of ESFR & Ex J24210-53 DePere lot 16 EX 338 D 240 End of Desc. Assessor's Subd of PC 30-31 As com Insectn W line N N64*W 248.34 ft alg N line 116.06 ft to POB TH cont. N64*0'W 120 ft to E Line N13*30'E 106.60 ft th ESFR DePere Prt Lot 9 Desc Webster & N Line Lot 9 th Lot 9 th S19*47'30"W S19*47'30"W 108.77 ft TH Waubaunqua Trail TH S64*E 133.79 ft to POB. End of Desc. Assessor's sub ESFR DePere 372 d 520 & EX 373 D 329 & Lot 9 EX 361 D 405 & EX Ex 739 R 416. End of Desc.

for an amount up to \$1.4 million, at an interest rate not to exceed 7.8% for a term of five years, in order to fund additions and renovations to the church properties. It is understood that at the end of the five year period, the remaining balance will be refinanced, with the terms of that financial agreement to be authorized by the Presbytery at that time.

Lending Institution: PCUSA –Church Loan Prog.	Amount: \$450,000
Date Received:	Interest Rate: 6.5%
Outstanding Balance: \$443,471.65	Final Payment Due: 20 yrs
As of 6/30/08	

FOREST LARGER PARISH, WABENO

2008/07 It was VOTED to concur with the request of the Wabeno Church and the Forest Larger Parish in its application to the Presbyterian Church Mortgage Loan Program:

The Presbytery of Winnebago (a "Corporation") of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) having received and reviewed the loan application of the First Presbyterian Church of Wabeno, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approved the loan application and guarantees the repayment of principal and interest on the loan to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation ("CLP") in an amount not to exceed \$90,000. The officers of the Presbytery Corporation as listed on the attached Affidavit/Certificate of Incumbency marked Exhibit "A" are authorized to sign a Guaranty Agreement for this loan as agents of the Presbytery Corporation.

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies approved a \$40,000 loan and the Presbyterian Loan Program approved a \$50,000 loan.

No funds have been distributed as of this report.

MARSHFIELD, FIRST

2002/60 It was VOTED to grant permission to Marshfield First Presbyterian Church to seek loans not to exceed \$1.7 million through the Associated Bank, the synod and the General Assembly, for the church building project on the 9.2 acres of property described as:

Lot One (1) of Wood County Certified Survey Map No. 6936, (recorded in Volume 24 of Survey Maps on page 36), being part of the NE-1/4 of the NE-1/4 of Section 12, T25, R2 East, City of Marshfield.

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**Lending Institution: FPC Notes Program
(owed to members)**

Amount: Up to \$700,000

Date Received: Varies

Interest Rate: 2.75% – 5.4% (varies)

Outstanding Balance: \$490,124.52

Final Payment Due: varies

As of 6-24-08

OMRO, FIRST

2003/34 It was VOTED to concur with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Omro, to obtain a commercial loan of \$600,000 for the church building project on the 15 acres of property described as:

Lot 2 of CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP NO. 5014 recorded in Volume 1 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 5014 as Document No. 1183717; being part of the South 1/2 of the North East 1/4 of Section 7, T18N, R15E, and of the North East 1/4 of the South East 1/4 of Section 7, T18N, R15E, and of Lot 49, North of Fox River according to the Plat of Outlots, and of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 2466 filed in Volume 1 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 2466 as Document No. 785737, all in the City of Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

The loan rate through the First National Bank of Berlin, Omro Branch, is 4.99% for first year, 5.5% for an additional 2 years, and thereafter at market rate for a maximum of 20 years.

Lending Institution: First National Bank of Berlin

Amount: \$600,000

Date Received: July 14, 2003

Interest Rate: 1st yr 4.99%; 2&3 yr

5.5% (original)

Outstanding Balance: \$259,611.93

Final Payment Due: July 1, 2008

As of 7/1/008

Renegotiated 7/06 at 7.25%

Renegotiated 7/08 at 5.85%

SCHOFIELD, COVENANT COMMUNITY

2006/44 It was VOTED to concur in the request of the congregation of the Covenant Community Presbyterian Church of Schofield, WI to mortgage the church's properties described as: CSM No 4047, Vol. 15, page 45 for an amount up to \$1.4 million, at an interest rate not to exceed 7.95% for a term of 20 years, in order to fund additions and renovations to the church building.

**Lending Institution: Associated Bank
\$1,290,000**

Amount: \$1,240,000 & \$50,000 =

Date Received: Sept. 17, 2007

Interest Rate: 6.99%

Outstanding Balance: \$1,286,018.88

Final Payment Due: March 30, 2012

As of 7/11/08

WEYAUWEGA, FIRST

1997/146 It was VOTED to approve the proposed loan applications by First Presbyterian Church, Weyauwega, up to \$130,000 as documented in their financial plan for a proposed addition to and remodeling of their church building. The loans in the amounts of:

\$100,000 at 6% from General Assembly Loan Program

\$ 30,000 at 3% from General Assembly for Handicap Accessibility.

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Property Description: "Lots 1,2,14,15 and 16 in Block 11 of the Plat of the Village (now City) of Weyauwega according to the recorded plat thereof. Also a piece or parcel of land bounded by a line commencing on the North line of Sumner Street at the Southeast corner of Lot 14 in Block 11 of the Plat of the Village (now City) of Weyauwega, according to the recorded plat thereof, and running thence North 120'; thence East 32'; thence South 120'; thence West 32' to the place of beginning."

Lending Institution: GA Handicap Accessibility
Date Received: October 1998
Outstanding Balance: \$7,156.21
2013
As of 6-20-08

Amount: \$30,000
Interest Rate: 3%
Final Payment Due: October

3. To set 2009 Per Capita at a total of \$27.00. The Presbytery portion is \$16.05, Synod - \$4.80, and General Assembly - \$6.15.
4. To recommends the 2009 unified mission pledge percentages remain at 26% - General Assembly, 21% - Synod and 53% - Presbytery.

Committee on Ministry

1. To concur with the request of First Presbyterian Church, Neenah, to close the second Associate Pastor position.
2. To grant permission for trained Elder Jorge Ramirez, a member of Marshfield First, to co-officiate at Holy Communion at Marshfield First for a period of one year, effective this date.
3. To grant permission for trained Elder Reinaldo DeJesus, a member of Winneconne First, to officiate at Holy Communion in the Ecumenical Hispanic Ministry for a period of one year, effective this date.
4. To grant permission for Elder JoAnn Cross, Oshkosh First, to officiate at Holy Communion at Oshkosh First on November 2, 2008.
5. To approve the 2008 Terms of Call as reported. (Appendix A)
6. To approve a 4% increase in the 2009 minimum Pastoral salaries for all full-time calls so that the mandated minimum will be \$33,298 (with manse) and \$43,345 (without a manse).
7. To enroll Elder JoAnn Cross in the Lay Pastor Training Program. She completed her evaluations with the Samaritan Center.
8. To approve the revised Manual for the Lay Pastor Training Program. (Appendix B)

RESOURCE AND PROGRAM COORDINATING TEAM

Bruce Muller and Douglas Donofrie, Athelstane, presented a photo presentation about the Disaster Assistance Work Trip they participated in the past spring with members of the

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Sheboygan congregation. The trip was to Pearlinton, MS.

The Moderator, Tom Willadsen, conducted a brief commissioning service for the delegation traveling to Urabá Presbytery in late October. Members of the delegation are Elder Anneleise Waggoner, DePere First United; Elder Nancy Siewert, Green Bay First; Elder Jim Baumbach, Appleton Memorial; the Rev. Susan Zencka, Stevens Point Frame Memorial; the Rev. Richard Manny, Sheboygan First; and Executive Presbyter Lucy Rupe.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Elder Margaret Dakins announced plans for the Fall Retreat to be held October 3-4 at Pine Lake in Waupaca. The Rev. Susan Zencka is the retreat leader.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Elder Barbara Goldthwaite, Moderator)

Ms. Goldthwaite presented the name of Meghan Keller, Lakewood First, in nomination to fill the one year term of Youth Advisory Delegate to the Synod, beginning January 2009. The Moderator called for additional nominations from the floor. None were made.

08/53 It was VOTED to elect Meghan Keller, Lakewood First Presbyterian, to serve as the Synod Youth Advisory Delegate, class of 2009.

Ms. Goldthwaite presented a proposal for a change in the terms for Presbytery Officers, committee moderators, and committee members. This change would result in a change to the Standing Rules, thus requiring a First Reading.

- A. Elect and install the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Treasurer and Stated Clerk at the 4th quarter Presbytery meeting. Terms begin upon installation.**
- B. Elect committee moderators and committee members at the 4th quarter Presbytery Meeting. Terms begin January 1.**

These proposals would take effect with the 4th quarter elections in 2009.

Standing Rule changes required: [~~strikeover~~ = previous wording; *italics* = new wording]

5.6.1. nominations for each office of Presbytery to be vacated shall be made by the Nominating Committee and election *and installation* shall be at the ~~winter~~ 4th quarter stated meeting. ~~All officers shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the spring meeting.~~

7.1.6. Committee Moderators: Committee moderators shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by Presbytery at its ~~winter~~ 4th quarter meeting for one-year terms *beginning January 1st.*

7.1.7. Commencement of Terms of Office for Committee Members: All terms of office for members of committees shall begin ~~following their election at spring~~ *January 1st following election at the 4th quarter* Presbytery meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (The Rev. Richard Manny, Moderator)

Mr. Manny noted that the Committee has reviewed the insurance coverage for local congregations and has found it in order. There are a few churches which require some follow up information to be submitted.

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Committee held its annual consultation with representatives from Robert W. Baird. The company manages a major portion of the Presbytery investments.

Committee denied a request from the Melnik Presbyterian Church to provide financial assistance in meeting the heating expenses which exceeded the budget for the church this past year.

Mr. Manny presented the 2009 Preliminary budget requests which would result in a \$70,000 deficit budget. Presbyters discussed two options which included one with moderate program and administrative cuts resulting in a \$54,000 deficit and one with deeper program cuts which would result in a \$49,000 deficit. The current year projects a \$62,000 deficit, but best projections for an actual deficit are \$20,000-\$25,000. (Appendix C)

No action was taken at this time; the final budget will be approved at the November Presbytery meeting.

Mr. Manny announced that a proposal for a Grants Allocations Committee was to come to the floor today. He asked that it be referred back to Committee.

08/54 It was VOTED to refer the Grants Allocations Committee Proposal back to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

RECOGNITION OF THE REV. JOSEPH RIPLEY

The Moderator, Tom Willadsen, conducted a brief service recognizing the Rev. Joseph Ripley upon the occasion of becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

WORLD MISSION – A FOCUS ON PAKISTAN

Elder Anne Dropp introduced Mr. David Ketterer, who is a film student at NYU, and a Presbyterian.

Mr. Ketterer travelled to Pakistan in November 2007 with members of the First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, Iowa, to view the Pasrur Christian Girls' High School. The school had been taken over by the government in 1972 (secularized) and after 30 years of neglect it was returned to Christian owners.

Mr. Ketterer spoke about his experience and showed clips from the documentary film he is producing, "A Crescent Crossed."

RECESS FOR THE EVENING MEAL

A prayer was offered before recessing at 5:30 p.m. for a meal featuring grilled brats and hamburgers, salads and desserts prepared by members of the Faith congregation.

SPEAK OUT

The Rev. Joe Ripley invited everyone to bring youth grades 6-12 to the fall camp October 29-November 1 at the Wisconsin Lions Camp. The keynoter will be Christian musician, Hans Peterson.

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Elder Margaret Dakins invited everyone to attend the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner in Oconto, October 8 and the October 26 Sesquicentennial Celebration and Installation of their new pastor. A dinner will be held on November 15.

The Rev. Susan Zencka announced that Stevens Point is beginning a year of Practice Based Christian education. This fall worship is focusing on the "Season of Creation."

Elder Wendy Mannering announced that the accessibility loans for the Wabeno church have been approved and construction has begun. She invited everyone to attend An Evening with Mark Jennings and Family on September 27 at the Wabeno High School Auditorium.

Elder Mary Sperduto announced she and Ted will be attending the Voices of Women Emergent Ministries Conference in Kalamazoo September 27-28, as well as the Covenant Network meeting in Minneapolis November 6-8. She offered carpooling as an option.

The Rev. Sid Bouldin announced that the Kiev Chorus and Orchestra will be performing the Wausau area October 18-19. The chorus will be participating in worship on October 19 at Covenant Community.

The Rev. Marcia Thomas thanked the Presbytery for the local mission grant they received this year. The "Get Connected Outreach Ministry" is up and running. 600 students have been identified as needing assistance.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL (The Rev. Tom Willadsen, Moderator)

Mr. Willadsen reported that Council authorized the Rev. Susan Zencka to officiate at Holy Communion on October 4, 2008 at the Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat at Pine Lake Camp.

The Rev. Susan Zencka has been appointed to serve as a commissioner to the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Council of Churches in Green Lake, December 8-9, 2008. A lay commissioner is still being sought.

08/55 It was VOTED to approve the 2009 Presbytery meeting dates and sites:

Saturday, February 7 – Oshkosh First
Tuesday, May 12 – Manitowoc First
Tuesday, September 15 – Wabeno First
Saturday, November 14 – Merrill First

Mr. Willadsen announced that a survey was being distributed to gather responses related to the two-year trial period of varying Presbytery meeting times which is nearing completion. Presbyters were asked to give honest feedback and submit the surveys before leaving the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (The Rev. Sid Bouldin, Temporary Moderator)

Mr. Bouldin called attention to the following actions taken by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of Presbytery since the May 13, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

- 1. Approved the Call of the Rev. Sara Ver Burg as Associate Pastor at Memorial Church, Appleton effective September 14, 2008. The Terms of Call are:**

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[The Terms have been omitted for privacy purposes. The information is available to presbyters from the Presbytery Office and included in the permanent minutes of the Presbytery.]

The Call was executed in accordance with the Presbytery's EEO policy.

2. Received Ms. Ver Burg into membership effective August 26, 2008. Ms. Ver Burg will be introduced at the November meeting. Her faith statement and bio will be presented at that time.
3. Approved Elder Rosangela Berbert, Elder First Oshkosh, for evaluation prior to enrollment in the Lay Pastor Training Program.
4. Concurred with the request of the Rev. Judi Holmes-Jensen and Milwaukee Presbytery to dismiss her to Milwaukee Presbytery, effective August 26, 2008.
5. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Marshfield First and the Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler, effective August 17, 2008. All financial obligations will be met by December 31, 2008. Mr. Marrese-Wheeler's status is now member-at-large of Winnebago Presbytery.
6. Granted permission for the Rev. Rachel Reeves Schwab to labor outside the bounds in order to serve as part-time Pastor of Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational United Church of Christ, a Formula of Agreement congregation, effective July 1, 2008.
7. Concurred with the Rev. Cyndy Little's resignation as Temporary Supply Associate Pastor at Marshfield First, effective September 18, 2008.
8. Approved terms of the three-month Stated Supply contract between the Arpin First Church and the Rev. Cyndy Little, and appointed her Moderator, effective October 1. The terms are:

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9. Appointed the Rev. JoAnn Schoblaski to moderate the September 15, 2008 Session meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fond du Lac.
10. Appointed the Rev. Julie Meadows Moderator at First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield, effective August 18, 2008.
11. Approved the extension of the Designated Pastor contract between the Rev. Marcia Thomas and First Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford through November 30, 2009. Mr. Bouldin called attention to several items for information in the written report, and then turned attention to the Supplement Report distributed at today's meeting. The first motion was placed before the body.

The Moderator asked for representatives from Oconto to attest to the action taken by the congregation to call the Rev. Craig Alwin as Pastor. Elders Margaret Dakins and Nancy Nick attested to affirmative vote.

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08/56 It was VOTED to approve the Call of the Rev. Craig Alwin as Pastor to Oconto First Church, effective October 1, 2008.

The Terms of Call are:

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The Call was executed in accordance with the Presbytery's EEO policy.

Mr. Alwin was invited forward to be introduced and to be examined for membership into Presbytery. Several questions were posed to Mr. Alwin.

08/57 It was VOTED to close the examination.

Mr. Alwin was excused while presbyters discussed of the motion.

08/58 It was VOTED to receive the Rev. Craig Alwin into membership effective this date.

Mr. Alwin was welcomed with applause.

08/59 It was VOTED to approve the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Craig Alwin as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Oconto, at 12:30 p.m. on October 26, 2008. Proposed members of the Commission are: the Rev. Tom Willadsen, Moderator; Elder Peter Gabrielson, Oconto; the Rev. Lucille K. Rupe, Executive Presbyter; Elder Warren Kraft, Neenah; Elder Patricia Pottratz, Marinette; Elder Alyson Janke, John Knox Presbytery; and the Rev. Anthony Farina, UMC, Nicolet-Winnebago District.

08/60 It was VOTED to seat Elder Alyson Janke and the Rev. Anthony Farina as corresponding members of the commission.

Mr. Bouldin reported that the Committee on Ministry held a conversation with the Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler as he concluded his pastorate at First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield.

The Committee on Ministry is in conversation with the Rev. Cyndy Little as she concludes the temporary supply relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Marshfield.

REPORT FROM THE 218TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The report featured a video of the Assembly.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

The Rev. Lucy Rupe asked the newest member of Presbytery to stand. She then invited those who had been members for less than 5 years, 10 years, 20-25 year or longer to stand. It was interesting to note that a large portion of those present have been active for less than 10 years in this Presbytery. She pointed out how important it is for all of us to introduce ourselves to each other in order to become acquainted.

It was also announced that October is Clergy Appreciation Month. She encouraged congregations to find ways to show their appreciation.

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REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

The Rev. Sarah Moore-Nokes reported on the Presbytery's ongoing conversations with neighboring presbyteries about how to realistically face the future. We are a unique presbytery in that we still do a great deal of programming while many others have dropped the program portion of their work and focus primarily on the ecclesiastical work. Although Winnebago is unique, staff believes it is imperative that we remain a part of the conversations and look for ways of working together.

NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk, Dr. Michael Lukens, announced the formation of a new task group to initiate an education/lobbying event through the Washington Office of the Presbyterian Church regarding Colombia. It will be scheduled for next February.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

08/61 It was VOTED to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. following the prayer and benediction.

The Moderator asked presbyters to share any joys or concerns, and closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barczak
Associate for Administration

Michael B. Lukens
Stated Clerk

Appendix A: 2008 Terms of Call Report
Appendix B: Revised Lay Pastor Training Manual
Appendix C: 2009 Preliminary Budget Projections for Discussion
Appendix D: Decision of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission