

**Presbytery of Milwaukee  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Stated Meeting Minutes  
2/24/2024**

The Presbytery of Milwaukee held its quarterly stated meeting, a hybrid meeting in-person and by Zoom on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Linn Presbyterian Church in Lake Geneva.

The documents and motions for the meeting were distributed electronically with the agenda, and then as supplemental papers. All documents and reports of this meeting may be found in the following Appendix.

**ROLL:** The Roll was taken; a quorum was present as follows:

Ministers enrolled by the Presbytery:

(Present, Absent, Excused. Post-nominal "R" indicates Retired)

Kerri North Allen

**Theodore V Anderson**

**Dee Anderson**

**Robert Ater**

John K Baumann, R

Debra Jo Ann Bergeson-  
Graham, R

Joanne Bernhardt, R

**Nicole Blanks**

**Deborah Block, R**

**Christian D Boyd**

Susan A Sytsma Bratt

Mary Carlin

Jeffrey Carlson, R

Terrell H Cistrunk, R

Melanie Hammond Clark, R

Donald R Clarke, R

**Martha Coons, R**

Julie Ann Craig

Volina Cross-Dukes, R

Christopher E Davis

James A DeCamp, R

John Dillon, R

**Jean Dow, R**

Katherine Ebel

**Trish Eckert**

Steven Erkel

Michael G Evanchak

**David F Ewing**

James C Fisher, R

Mark Fraley

Steven Fringer

**Ann Gibbs**

Jennifer Ann Gleichauf

Thomas H Goetz

**Rev. Dan Gonzalez Ortega**

William R Grimbol, R

James Guyer, R

Karen Hagen, R

Dorothy Halverson, R

John D Hansen, R

**Terrance P Hennesy, R**

**Lisa Heckman**

**Michelle Henrichs**

Erin L Hittle

**Andrew Holmes**

Judith Holmes-Jensen, R

**Barbara Horner-Ibler**

Traci Houts

**Will Houts**

Paul F Hudson

William H Johnstone, R

Keith E Jones, R

**Bruce A Jones**

Barbara Jordan, R

Sarah Jordan

Garrett J Kamerling, R

**Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick**

Robert Koepcke

Gerald L Kramer, R

**Teresa Larson**

**Matthew Lee**

**Lance Loveall**

**Paige Loveall**

Antonio Lucio

Meagan Ludwig

Alan McCalister, R

**Elizabeth McCord**

Lisa Lynn McCullough

Susan R McKeegan-Guinn, R

Victoria Millar, R

James Dean Millar, R

Catherine Neal, R

**Fiona A Nicolaisen**

**Jeannine Oakes Daugherty**

**Beth Patton**

**Lori C Patton**

David Perkins, R

William Petterson, R

James Rand, R

Scott David Samuelson

Gary Schultz, R

Mary Lynn Serovy

David Simmons

Elizabeth B Stafford, R

Stephanie Steiner

Ian Anthony Stirrat, R

Susan Stoll

**Brett Jeffery Swanson**

**Susan Sytsma Bratt**

Dee Talley, R

Leanne Kelly Talley, R

Kevin George Tarvid, R

Robert W Timberlake, R

**Kimberly B Trimboli**

Darren W Uteley

Sarah Walker Cleaveland

Adam Walker Cleaveland

Thomas R Wanner, R

Carol Wickersham, R

Thomas L Williams, R

Roger L Woehl, R

Thomas H Woehrle, R

William W Zieche, R

Churches represented by Ruling Elders <b>named</b> , not represented (NR), or <u>excused</u>		
Beaver Dam, Grace		
Beloit, United Church of Beloit		
Beloit, Sun Valley	<b>Tim Whitney</b>	
Clinton, First	<b>Melissa Manthei-Pfeifer</b>	
Delafield, Delafield		
Dousman, First of Ottawa		
Fort Atkinson, Grace United		
Franklin, Faith	<b>Judy Bell</b>	
Hartland, Kettle Moraine		
Horicon, First		
Janesville, First	<b>Joyce Shanks</b>	
Janesville, Rock Prairie	<b>Jackie Davis</b>	
Kenosha, First		
Lake Geneva, Linn		
Menomonee Falls, Living Hope	<u>Michael Brady</u>	
Mequon, Crossroads	<b>Robin Johnson</b>	<b>Thomas Taylor</b>
Milwaukee, Calvary		
Milwaukee, Christ	<b>Freda Johnson</b>	
Milwaukee, Grace	<b>Donna Elmer</b>	
Milwaukee, Immanuel	<b>Lindsey McKee</b>	-----
Milwaukee, Tippecanoe	<b>John Risberg</b>	
Milwaukee, Good Shepherd	<b>Monica Gramling</b>	
Milwaukee, West Granville	<b>Deb Bascom</b>	
Muskego, Heritage	<b>Steven Seeker</b>	
New Berlin, Forest Park		
Pewaukee, Faith Springs		
Racine, Covenant		
Racine, First		
Racine, Second	<b>Linda Beesley</b>	
Richfield, First		
Shorewood, North Shore	<b>Melanie Maddux</b>	
Sussex, Lisbon		
Wales, Jerusalem	<b>David Carr</b>	
Waukesha, Bethesda		
Waukesha, First		
Waukesha, Southminster	<b>Marcelo Barros</b>	
Wauwatosa, Wauwatosa		
West Allis, Apostle	<b>Marilyn Stone</b>	
West Allis, Greenfield Avenue		
Whitewater, North Lima		

<b>Elders voting by virtue of office:</b>		
Commissioned Ruling Elder	<b>Cathy Manthei</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Steve Carlton</b>	
CTM	<b>Eddy Hale</b>	
	<b>Lee Tan</b>	
	<b>Cindy Thomas</b>	
CPM	-----	
Council	<u>JP Kastner</u>	
	<b>Bill Leonard</b>	
	<b>Ben Neal</b>	
	<b>Kent Tess-Mattner</b>	
CVC	<b>Cindy Stigler</b>	
Foundation	-----	
Nominating	-----	
Personnel	<b>Tracey Pomeroy</b>	
Visitors – No vote	<b>Gary Beasly, Kathi Ewing, Gerald (Jerry) Gapinski, Robin Johnson, Ed Robbins, Michele Robbins, Jim Schleif, Joyce Shanks, Laurie VanderJagt, John Woodbury</b>	
Staff – No vote	<b>Kate Hopta, Steph Gallagher</b>	
Inquirers and Candidates	<b>Inq. Gina Struensee</b>	
Corresponding Members	<b>Elder Beth VanGorp, Calvary, Representing</b>	
<b>ROLL SUMMARY – Voting Members</b>		
	Present	Excused
Ministers – Voting	33	4
Ruling Elders – Voting	29	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6</b>
Corresponding	2	0
Inquirers	1	0
Candidates	0	0
Visitors	8	0
Staff	2	0
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>6</b>

**The meeting of the Presbytery was called to order at 10:05 am. The Presbytery Moderator, the Rev. David Ewing, welcomed everyone to the hybrid presbytery gathering with both in-person and Zoom attendance. The Moderator declared a quorum and began with a land acknowledgement giving attention to the detailed description found in the papers and opened with prayer.**

*We acknowledge that the Presbytery of Milwaukee is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Kiikaapoi, the Peoria, the Hoocqk, the Bodéwadmi, the Menominee, the Sauk and Meskwaki, the Myaamia, and the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ nations. We acknowledge our complicity through our Presbyterian heritage in the erasure of native peoples and their cultures, in addition to their forcible removal and the taking of their lands. We make this land acknowledgement with repentance for the damage and devastation brought on these peoples and on the individuals, and we give thanks that Indigenous people continue to live in this area and celebrate their traditional teachings and lifeways. We recognize and give honor to our Indigenous siblings with an honest heart.*

**Rev. Carol Wickersham welcomed the presbytery to Linn Presbyterian Church** and oriented the assembly to the campus.

The request to pull the Foundation report from the **Consent Agenda**, and report will be re-submitted for the May meeting. The Council report was removed and will be addressed at the time docketed for the Council.

**Motion to adoption of the Consent Agenda, and to include the 2023 financial reports found in the supplemental papers. Seconded, and approved.**

**The presbytery welcomed new Ruling Elders Commissioners and Minister members.** Elder Beth Vangorp from Calvary, representing Habitat for Humanity, was welcomed and seated as a Corresponding Member. Mr. Jim Schleif, Director of United Church Camps (UCCI), was welcomed and invited to speak by the Moderator.

Jim Schleif, Director of UCCI, shared about the **United Church Camps 2024.**

**Commission on Congregational Vitality** report was presented by the Rev. Ann Gibbs.

The Rev. Lisa Heckman gave the **Transitional Executive Presbyter's Report.**

**Commission on Pastoral Ministries** report was presented by the Rev. Teresa Larson.

**Motion to approve the updated Personnel Policy. Approved.**

**Motion to approve the updated Ethical Conduct Policy. Approved.**

**Motion to approve the updated Commissioned Pastor Policy (Second Read). Approved.**

Commissioned Pastor Cathy Manthei abstained from the vote on the Commissioned Pastor Policy.

**Commission on Transitional Ministries** report was presented by the Rev. Will Houts.

**Motion to approve the updated Enrollment of Pastors from Other Christian Churches Policy (Second Read). There was a discussion. Approved.**

**The Nominating Committee** report was given by Rev. Lance Loveall.

**Motion: elect Kate Puta as Young Adult Advisory Delegate and approve Morgan Grace Edwards as an alternative Theological Student Advisory Delegate for Princeton Seminary to the 2024**

**General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Both are members of Wauwatosa. Nominations were closed having heard no other nominations from the floor. Approved**

Elder Kent Tess-Mattner presented the **Presbytery Council** report.

**The Council moved that the Assembly approve the following persons to a three-year term on the Nominating Committee: Elder Alma Miriam Montalban Espinoza (San Jose) and the Rev. Theodore Anderson. Nominations were closed having heard no other nominations from the floor. Approved**

The Council removed the motion to elect a person to the Personnel Committee. The nomination was removed as the person nominated was no longer able to serve. The Restated Bylaws (First Read) and Restated Manual of Administrative Operations (First Read) were presented. The two documents will be re-presented at the May presbytery meeting as Second Read and moved for adoption. Elder Tess-Mattner shared about the request from the Office of the Stated Clerk to host the 2026 General Assembly. The Committee on the General Assembly approved and will present Milwaukee as the site for the 2026 Assembly. There was a question to the Presbytery Council regarding the process by which the presbytery made the decision and who makes the decision, especially regarding financial and volunteers. **Motion to receive the Council report into the minutes as amended, seconded.** Discussion proceeded, including update on the General Assembly, reading the letter from the Office of the General Assembly, which was included in the report. **Approved.**

**The Bills and Overtures Committee** report was given by the Rev. Kim Trimboli.

**Motion: Request for Authoritative Interpretation regarding the Directory for Worship and Virtual Communion. Approved.**

**With no new business, the presbytery adjourned with prayer the business portion of the meeting at 11:28 am** to the docketed Education Hour, Choir Practice, followed by Lunch, and concluded with this year's Heritage Shelter Worship Service and the installation of the new presbytery officers, Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Stated Clerk, as well as commissioning the members of presbytery commissions and committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Christian Boyd, Stated Clerk

These minutes were approved on

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