

## JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY Report from Mission and Nurture

### FOR INFORMATION:

1. The committee held its first in-person gathering since the pandemic on Wednesday, July 12 at Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church. The day-long retreat consisted of worship, meetings and discussions, lunch, and a workshop. This was also the first meeting with the new moderator, yours truly.
2. The Presbyterian Peacemaker visiting us this year is Matilda Parker from Liberia. She is a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Monrovia and a real estate and business executive.
  - Arrival: Friday, September 22 via MCI
  - Departure: Thursday, September 29 via STL
  - Lodging: various, including Rev. Daniel Lee's home in Springfield while he is away.
  - If your church would like to host an event or service with the Peacemaker, please speak to Rev. Laura Agee ([nevadapastor@gmail.com](mailto:nevadapastor@gmail.com)) before August 8.
3. The Fall Zoom Study will be held on first four Tuesdays of October at 11am and 7pm (two sessions on the same topic) on *Follow Jesus*. Contact Celeste Dahlgren ([patchespasturellc@yahoo.com](mailto:patchespasturellc@yahoo.com)) for more information.
4. Online preaching class will be provided to anyone interested in our Presbytery on October 21 and 28 (attendance for both sessions required) by Prof. Timothy Slemmons of the University of the Dubuque Theological Seminary. **Inquire COM.**
5. We will participate in collecting Disaster Buckets. The committee decided on both buckets and money for buckets. Craig Campbell ([rcraigcampbell59@gmail.com](mailto:rcraigcampbell59@gmail.com)) will get buckets and supplies to fill buckets for the November Presbytery meeting. He'll order bulk items so money will go farther. If a church wants to send money only, they need to make the check to JCP and put Disaster Buckets in the memo line. Checks need to be mailed no later than October 14. The goal is to fill 300 buckets. That is \$12.50 person in the Presbytery. Filling buckets will be the Education Time in the in-person Presbytery meeting on Saturday, November 4 in Joplin.
6. The Advent Zoom Study will be on *God is in the Manger*. This study will also be offered twice a day (two sessions on the same topic).
7. Four faculty members of the Dubuque Seminary will be with us on Saturday, March 16, 2024 for a day-long conference of classes of various topics. The COM and MNC are looking into starting the event on Friday evening with a worship service and opening keynote. **Inquire COM.**

John Calvin Presbytery  
Thursday, August 3rd, 2023

Two Hundred and Eleventh Stated Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, Missouri  
Meeting Via Zoom

8. The roles and functions of the committees and subcommittees of John Calvin Presbytery will be discussed at the August 3 Presbytery meeting. A list of committees and diagram of our Church structure will be provided before the meeting as a way of introduction.

Questions to be considered are:

- One thing you enjoy about your committee; and
- One thing you learned to apply at your church.

Each committee is to select one or two members to speak about their answers and experiences with their committees.

9. The next committee meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 10am via Zoom