

Pastor's Report to the Session
February 13, 2022

For your Consideration:

The Presbytery meeting will take place on February 25-26 in Bowling Green. This is the tri-presbytery meeting, with programming on Friday, and the presbytery meeting on Saturday. The keynote speaker on Friday will be Bruce Reyes Chow, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, CA, and a former Moderator of the General Assembly. <https://www.fprespa.org/people/bruce-reyes-chow/>. Bruce is frequently called upon to help congregations think about the future trends in the church.

At the moment, there is no hybrid option available.

As Highland moves forward into the new year, I would like to ask for the direction of the session on **whether to continue to offer conversations with Joe Phelps and Erin Mires**. Megan and I had made tentative arrangements with them to lead some small groups, following up on their work in December. However, I am not aware of any interest, need, support for these conversations.

Members of the presbyteries Commission on Ministry are planning a different set of interviews and conversations

Time Off/Vacation:

1. Working at home in Kansas: Feb. 14-20
2. Vacation: March 18 -24
3. Working at home in Kansas: April 26-May 4.

Pastoral Activities since the last meeting of Personnel:

1. Moderated Annual Congregational Meeting, February 13.
2. Met with the Stewardship (2 times), Worship and Spiritual Life, Finance, Investment Review, Reopening Task Force (3 times), Property and Personnel committees.
3. Two supervisory meetings with Michael Harper.
4. Supervisory meeting with intern Melissa Worthey.
5. Meeting with confirmation class leaders, to coordinate Confirmation Sunday.
6. Meeting with Ann Holmes regarding the process for selecting an Interim Director of Children's ministry.
7. Meeting with Bill Williamson (along with Megan McCarty) to bring him up to date on the continuing interference with the congregation by the former Associate Pastor, and planning next steps for the COM Task Force (or Visitation committee).
8. Conversations, noted above, regarding my decision on continuing my contract with HPC.
9. 12 pastoral contacts.