

Stated Clerk Report to Presbytery

February 10, 2026

1. Presbytery Stated Meeting Dates 2026

Vision and Assembly Planning is recommending the following schedule of presbytery meetings for 2026.

- February 10, 2026 – Evening by Zoom
- May 19, 2026 – In Person at Stronghold
- September 15, 2026 – Morning by Zoom
- November 10, 2026 – In Person at location TBD

2. Status of presbytery name change

The name change for Blackhawk Presbytery is moving forward. Last September, the presbytery approved the idea of changing the presbytery name. In November, the presbytery voted to change the name of Blackhawk Presbytery to Illinois Prairie Presbytery, when the way be clear. On January 8 this year, the Synod of Lincoln Trails also approved the name change and made a request of the General Assembly Administrative Commission for Mid-Councils to give final approval. This commission is expected to approve the name change on March 13.

3. Session Minute Review

Thanks to Rev. David Spaulding and Rev. Jim McCrea, we have completed our annual review of session records. There are only a few congregations that were unable to attend one of our four review sessions. If your congregation did not participate, please contact me to set up a process to review your records.

4. Annual Statistical Reviews

Thank you to all who have already completed the annual statistical report. The final date to submit information online is February 20.

5. Administrative Commissions

The presbytery has authorized three active administrative commissions to complete their designated work. The commission for First Presbyterian of Kankakee is finalizing the sale of the former church property and hopes to close the sale this year. The commission for First Presbyterian of Wenona has been unable to find a buyer for the property and is now looking for options to raze the former church building. The administrative commission for United Presbyterian Church of Somonauk is continuing to work with the congregation as they discern their future and the possible disposition of their church property.

6. Necrology

The necrology list for 2025 is attached. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.