

Saturday August 15th, 2026

The August leadership meeting was opened by Jane Gangwish at 10:07am.

In attendance: Jane Gangwish, Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula, Ashley Clevenger, Rev. Dale Pracht, Jamie Yendra, Nola Crooks, Pawsbeh Moo, Dr. Bob Fairchild, Traci Gilmer, Orin Clinger, Rev. Scott Jones, Rev. Lauren Parliament, Deanna Hoatson, Becky

Via Zoom: Bev Pacas, Carlos Angulo, Doug Larsen, Patrick Fleeman, Blake Wilkes, Aaron Sprock, Jill B,

Rev. Dale Pracht lead morning devotions focusing on wise leadership. Nailing It is a book focused on leadership and what we give up to be good leaders.

Minutes stand approved from May 2nd meeting in Norfolk.

Moses Merrill Camp – Bev Pacas

1. Summer Camp - 185 campers up from 167 in 2025, 8 first time commitments to Christ.
2. New well is in place.
3. Leadership team has met and updated policy and procedure manual for the 2026 camp season. Working on capital campaign to kick off in October.
4. Hired new facilities manager Mike Gamblin.
5. Repairs to be made at house after sewer backup before Mike and family can move in. Nola said they had some very reasonably priced contractors that would be worth contacting for bids.
6. Conference Center needs new paint.

ABC NE Region Staff

1. Blake Wilkes
 - a. C3C two guest speakers, 1)Logistics/Organization/Time MGMT 2) Pastor Mental Health
 - b. Summer slowdown didn't happen like in the past years. Asked us to keep pastors in our prayers as they go into a busy fall season. Promote the pastors retreat and convention for them to connect and encourage each other.
 - c. Guild program will be promoted at convention. There will also be some sessions will also be online.
2. Aaron Sprock
 - a. Submitted a report to refer to.
 - b. Attended the International Missions Conference in Orlando, FL.
 - c. Missions
 - i. Opportunities to host missionaries in the states.
 - ii. Opportunities to make short term mission trips.
 - d. Looking to have Rev. Charlie Bagley join Professional Ministries team in an open spot.
 - e. Once they have a full team they will revise the guide document for the team.
3. Rev. Lauren Parliament
 - a. Submitted a report to refer to.
 - b. She has had multiple speaking engagements over the summer and will be preaching in the next few weeks.
 - c. She has taken over the communication from ABC NE.

- d. Looking to highlight different groups within the churches.
- e. Region convention is at a place that it is ready.
- f. Coordinated Mountain Prairie Youth Conference materials
- 4. Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula
 - a. Submitted a report to refer to.
 - b. Reviewed Guild, prepare lay leaders to fill pulpits/supplementary needs within the church communities. They would also be a resource to other area church communities.
 - c. Region staff is doing extremely well with challenges that have come up over the summer.
 - d. Mt. Prairie Youth Conf. had 125 kids in attendance, 25 from Nebraska. 2028 will be at YMCA of Rockies.
 - i. Ask Morgan to make a summary/hype video for region conference.
 - e. North Platte is in search of a new pastor. First Baptist and Second Baptist of Lincoln.
 - f. Dec 1-10 will go with Burma group to visit refugee camps along Thai/Burma border. Will meet with United Nations/Embassy groups.
 - g. Antioch group zoom calls are available to all.
 - h. Letter from Juniata Community Church for dismissal from ABC NE.
 - i. Motioned by Jamie Yendra to remove
 - ii. Second by Traci Gilmer
 - iii. Motion carried

Jill asked if we have a process for keeping in communication for all of the member churches. Greg said "yes, needs strengthened". What are ideas for strategies to help as a board connect to our member churches?

Should we add to the November meeting agenda to focus on strategy for outreach?

- i. Letter from New Orleans Kachin Baptist Church to join our region.
 - i. Motioned by Brad Pope
 - ii. Second by Orin Clinger
 - iii. Motion carried
 - j. Greg will be going to Kodiak, Alaska to visit the community church that was welcomed about one year ago.
5. Finance
- a. Reports are through July of '26
 - b. The sale of the property distort the totals
 - c. Building relocation is higher than expected
 - d. Travel costs are high due to gas, hotel, food costs being high
 - e. Camp
 - i. income is close to where we are in the year. 55% vs. 58%
 - 1. Almost every weekend is booked into November
 - ii. expenses equip/repair/maintenance are over
 - 1. Contributing factors: pump, pool, lift station, electrical to shop, mower repairs

- f. Thank you to Jamie and Bob as this is their last meeting.
- 6. Department of Profession Ministry
 - a. They have asked Rev. Charlie Bagley to fill in the open spot on this team.
- 7. ABMen NE
 - a. Approximately 30 attended, Lauren spoke to this group on leadership reflecting on Moses
 - b. Announced ABMen Layman of the Year Patrick Fleeman! Congratulations!
 - c. Scholarship to Camp of \$1850 to help cover camper costs.
 - d. Scholarship for future pastoral education fund will be donated to region for camp purposes. Final details are still being discussed.
 - e. This will be the final golf tournament for this scholarship fund.
- 8. ABW Ministries
 - a. Spring conference at Camp
 - i. Sasha White spoke
 - ii. New project is to purchase a truck in the Philippines.
 - 1. Partnering with central region. Goal is 5K, will have more information in Oct.
 - iii. Will be making prayer cards for 2027
 - iv. Fall conf. will be Friday/Saturday
- 9. Youth Ministries – Rev. Lauren Parliament and Rev. Dr. Greg Mamula
 - a. Summer camping went well
 - b. Youth track at state convention
 - c. Looking for a quarterly event for youth
- 10. ABCUSA General Board Rep - Orin
 - a. Applications for ministry fund were reviewed in June
 - i. 12 applicants which is a high number, awarded 5 for new ministries
- 11. LT Committee Tasks Schedule intentional time to continue definition of board expectations and constitution. The goal is to see the committees do their work and bring summary to Leadership meetings. What does the future in the next three months look like vs. what have we done is what we are working towards.
- 12. Nominating Team Review met on Zoom to start discussion.
 - a. Request for all to think of someone who may fill in to open positions.
- 13. November meeting moved to one day on November 7th, location TBD, 10am-12.
 - a. Reports from committees
 - b. Budgets
 - c. Debrief convention

14. Carlos, Jamie, Doug, Traci, Jane this will be their final meeting. Thank you to everyone who has given their time.

15. Meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Dale Pracht.