



MODERATOR: TIM McCONNELL

Present: Rev. Dave Steane, Randy Case, Lindy Keffer, Mark Albers, Susan Pattee, Kris Bauman, Bill Rhea, Shelly Busby, Rev. Dr. Tim McConnell, Elizabeth Roth, Mike Hodges, Mary Frieg, Megan Nilsen, Pam Moore, Dorothy Alvarez, Dave Dillard, Kappy Stewart, Kirk Cherry, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Rev. Dr. John Goodale, Wendy Buckler, Ken Laura.

Excused: Bonnie Ortivez, Scott Berry, John Moe

Guest: Giselle Jenkins

PART ONE: BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER TIME

John Goodale announced his retirement in April of 2026 and will be taking on the new role of Staff Chaplain. This will allow Matt Holtzman to take some more responsibility and grow into his role so he can take over once John retires. For devotional we want to encourage our fellow elders in what they do and what they say. Keep looking for ways to encourage each other daily. Prayer silently and then closed in prayer.

PART TWO: BEST CHRISTIAN WORKPLACE RESULTS

Giselle Jenkins – Presented the results of our third annual Best Christian Workplace Survey. We reached a 4.14 and got certified as a Best Christian Workplace 2025. Discussion about the survey and results.

PART THREE: DISCERNMENT AND DECISION TIME

Dave Steane

1. Omnibus Motion – To approve written reports.

- a. Clerk's Reports and Minutes
- b. Treasurer's Report
- c. Ministry Team Notes

Susan Pattee moved to approve Omnibus motion as presented. Randy Case Seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. New Business

- a. First Pres Forward Update – Dave Steane reviewed the update and status of the initiatives to First Pres Forward. Ken Laura and John Moe presented to a Sunday community to make sure they knew what was happening. It is on all of us to keep telling the story so people can find the information.



- b. EPNC Update – The team is meeting regularly, and they are looking at candidates now and will continue to meet to discuss.

- c. September Presbytery Meeting Commissioners – October 17 and 18 in Denver; Mike Hodges, Susan Pattee, Dorothy Alvarez, Kris Bauman, Randy Case, Megan Nilsen, Shelly Busby.

PART FOUR: Open Discussion

Discuss the role of session, collective governance. We are elected elders to seek the Word of the Lord together, not individuals. What is our trust level of our fellow elders? We need to trust that we are doing the best that we can in our session ministry teams. All of that works is subject to the oversight of this body. We work together, not as individual members.

There are pockets in the church who continue to be dissatisfied with things in the church. Some of the things go back a year or year and half, with the same story. We need to know the word enough; Tim needs to know that this elder body can say we have done enough. We have opened up discussion, we have followed up, we have had lunches etc. When do we get to stop this narrative. We are elders among elders, Tim needs and wants the open communication when you don't agree but also that you have his back when you feel like we have done enough.

Discussion continued about how to work as a body of session.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DOXOLOGY - Closed at 9:13 pm

Upcoming Dates:

- Next Session Meeting: September 16, 2025
- New Member Class: August 23rd in Room 209
- All Church Picnic: August 27 – 5:30 – 8 pm
- Next Sermon Series: Belong (August 14 – August 31); Vision Sunday (September 7); How to Get What you Want (September 14-October 26)
- Communion Dates: September 7, October 5 (World Communion), December 7, December 24, January 4
- ECO National Gathering – February 2-5, 2025