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Report of Transitional Executive Leader
November 16, 2021

1. In September I had Covid. Still dealing with some longer term, irritating though not life limiting after-symptoms.
2. In October I was able to attend the Association of Mid Council Leaders of the PCUSA workshop/retreat in Maryland (first time since I began this work that I was able to meet in person with my colleagues). Susan Beaumont, author of our Presbytery read, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*, was an excellent and life-giving presenter.
3. I also participated in the training for Transitional Leaders as a facilitator (Kansas City) in October. We had approximately 30 learners from all over the US (including our own Lara MacGregor). It was an impressive and encouraging group of pastor/leaders. For the future, we were encouraged to have any pastors and ruling elders, but especially members of Church Orders Ministry Team, to attend future trainings. If you are interested, you could speak to me or Lara.
4. You may or may not have heard "rumors" about some interest in a new solution for our Presbytery office operations. The building in which we currently reside may or may not be the most efficient, economical, or flexible solution for the Presbytery in the 21st Century. As a transitional leader, it is my job to investigate and name opportunities and difficult changes such as this one, but it is absolutely not my decision and there are many parties that are involved in such work to plan, prepare and make a move. Therefore, with the concurrence of Governance and PCT, I have enlisted a PSK Building Task Force to examine and foresee as many issues, questions, and process steps as possible before bringing any actions to PSK for a vote. The members are as follows:
Tom Rhoads, RE, Grace - Wichita (Governance), Laurie Mulford, RE- Grace - Wichita (Treasurer of PSK), Craig Mead, CRE, Viola (Trustees), Jeremiah Lange, TE, Marion Presbyterian Church (PCT and Moderator-Elect), Mike Hauser, RE, Covenant – Wichita.
This is a working group that will map out a plan and a timeline and flow of decisions, not make decisions or even necessarily carry out the work that may follow. If you have an questions, please feel free to speak to one of us.
5. Attended worship and congregational meeting of New Covenant Presbyterian Church – Hutchinson on October 31, 2021, as they deliberated and voted on dismissal from the PCUSA and release to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. (report of Resolution Team included in this docket)
6. Led a PCT planning retreat on October 26, 2021 at the Wichita Art Museum. Our theme was cooperation, collaboration and creativity. Specifics will come from various leaders of ministries and ideas are germinating still. We continue to believe this is a time where flexibility and local relationships are of primary importance, rather than building of complicated and "permanent" infrastructures.

As I read through this list, I am aware of the frailty of human life, the need for learning and community, the challenges we all face in our churches and communities, and the deep, faithful commitment of so many across the Presbytery. It is with humility and gratitude that I continue to serve as your Transitional Executive Leader....

Reverend Gail Doering