



BLACKHAWK PRESBYTERY

What happened in 2025?

STAFF CHANGES

- Approved New Staffing Model
- Hired David Spaulding as Associate Stated Clerk
- Hired Alan Willadsen as Treasurer
- Said goodbye to Loreen Stravers, Office Administrator who retired
- Hired Jeannette Sheehan as Office Administrator
- Extended contact with Eric Heinekamp, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, through July 2027



CHURCH LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

- Rockford 2nd/1st called Rev. Martha Langford
- Sterling First called Rev. Katie Ricks
- Dixon First called Rev. Nikelle Johnson
- Ridgefield, Crystal Lake called Rev. Maggie Goodwin
- Utica, Waltham called Rev. Kathleen Luke
- Six congregations actively seeking new pastor
- Retirement of Rev. Co. David Terrinoni
- Retirement of Rev. R. Joel Stevenor



CONGREGATIONAL CHANGES

- Rockford Korean transferred to Midwest Korean American Presbytery
- Gibson City transferred to Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
- Sale of Kankakee First





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BROADER CHURCH EVENTS

- Synod COM/CPM gathering
- Wellspring retreat for new pastors
- Confirmation and MS and HS retreats

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

- February 11, 2025 via Zoom only
- May 13, 2025 via Hybrid at Elgin First
- September 9, 2025 in person only at Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center
- November 18, 2025 via Hybrid at First Presbyterian Church of DuPage, Bolingbrook

Outreach

- Through Cares & Shares every Wednesday and Thursday
- Coffee in your Corner throughout the presbytery
- Additional funds granted to food banks

Name Change

- 59 names were submitted by presbytery members
- Through ranked choice voting, we determined the top four (4) names
- Final name of "Illinois Prairie Presbytery" was approved at the November 18, 2025 Presbytery Assembly meeting

