

118th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
October 14-15, 2011
First Presbyterian, Conway, AR

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REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
118TH MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
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1) The Administrative Commission appointed at the June, 2011 Presbytery meeting to deal with the sale of a portion of Presbytery's vacant Fayetteville property has completed its work. The property was sold to the Arkansas Highway Department for \$64,150.00. The deed has been signed and funds have been deposited in Presbytery CC&D reserve fund (GL # 1100-04-xx), to be used for various New Church Development and Congregational Transformation projects approved by the Congregational Care and Development Committee in the normal course of their work.

MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE COMMISSION WITH THE THANKS OF THE
PRESBYTERY.

2) Attached is the report of the Administrative Commission appointed at the January 15, 2011 meeting of General Council to address the concerns of First Presbyterian Church, Berryville. In particular the Presbytery will note that the Administrative Commission approved establishing an endowment through the Arkansas Community Foundation on behalf of the Presbytery of Arkansas for the initial amount of \$50,000.00 from the checking account balance. The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Berryville requested that the endowment continue the work and ministry of the church, supporting needed programs in Carroll County. The proceeds from the earnings of the endowment, as recommended by the Session and approved by the Administrative Commission, were to be divided with 45% going to "Project Self Esteem" (a program providing school supplies for area children), 45% going to "Loaves and Fishes" (a food ministry), and 10% going to the Presbytery of Arkansas. The remaining balance of approximately \$6,000.00+ in the account was approved to be transferred to the Presbytery of Arkansas.

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3) Attached is the report of the Administrative Commission appointed at the October 2010 Presbytery meeting to address the concerns of the Highland Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs. In particular the Presbytery will note that the Administrative Commission became aware of a scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,254.08. Seeking to honor the intent of the gifts that contributed to that fund, the Administrative Commission directed that the monies be divided equally between First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs to supplement the existing

scholarship fund of each respective church. The Administrative Commission discovered a second scholarship account with the Presbyterian Foundation of Indiana with a market value of \$10,936.51 as of December 31, 2010. No information about this account was available in records or from former members. The scholarship account has been turned over to the Presbytery of Arkansas and will continue to fund college scholarships to University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas and Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas for students on the PC(USA) rolls.

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4) Recognition of the life of the congregation:

- + First Presbyterian Church, Berryville
- + Highland Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs

**Administrative Commission
First Presbyterian Church, Berryville
Report to the Presbytery of Arkansas
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The First Presbyterian Church of Berryville, at a duly called meeting of the congregation on November 7, 2010, voted to “request that Presbytery elect an Administrative Commission to discuss the future direction for First Presbyterian Church of Berryville, including the possibility of dissolving the church and disposing of the assets.” At its regularly stated meeting on December 7, 2010, the Presbytery’s Committee on Congregational Care and Development voted to concur with the congregation’s request and forwarded the request to the Presbytery’s General Council for action.

On January 15, 2011 the General Council of the Presbytery of Arkansas formed “an Administrative Commission for the purpose of considering the future direction of First Presbyterian Church of Berryville and taking appropriate action as may be necessary on behalf of the Presbytery.” The following were elected to serve on that Commission:

1. Teaching Elder Leslie Belden
2. Teaching Elder Dick Shinkle
3. Teaching Elder Janet Butin
4. Teaching Elder Clare Kelley
5. Ruling Elder Wayne Clark (Berryville, First)
6. Ruling Elder Carolyn Green (Holiday Island)
7. Ruling Elder Jim Pedersen (Rogers, First)

At that same meeting the General Council approved, on behalf of the Presbytery of Arkansas, the sale of the manse of First Presbyterian Church, Berryville, and outlined the responsibilities of the Administrative Commission, “if dissolution of the Congregation is determined to be appropriate.” The General Council report outlined those responsibilities as:

1. Arrange for transfer of all existing members and member records to the church of the member’s choice.
2. Conduct a service of worship to celebrate the life and ministry of the church.
3. Gather all pertinent records of the congregation and insure safe storage during the work of the Commission. These records include articles of incorporation and bylaws; membership records; financial records and annual audit reports; minutes of Session, Deacons and congregational meetings; property papers, titles and deeds; insurance policies; statistical records, congregational directories, bulletins, newsletters and artifacts including pictures of historical value. These records are to be used by the Commission, as needed, for closure of the Congregation and ultimately turned over to the

- Presbytery office for storage and/or conveyance to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
4. Locate the financial records of the church and turn all assets over to the Presbytery. These records include checking accounts, savings accounts, endowments and any and all investments.
 5. Inventory and appropriately dispose of all moveable contents of the building and manse (if there is one). Special consideration shall be given to the possible use of these items by future or existing congregations as well as minimizing the cost of interim storage and oversight. Any monetary proceeds from the disposition of these items are to be turned over to Presbytery.
 6. Obtain an appraisal of all real property. If the Commission determines that the property should be sold, obtain the services of a realtor to handle the sale. When the property is sold, insure that the proceeds are awarded to the Presbytery of Arkansas. If the Commission determines that the Presbytery should retain ownership of the real property then insure that a clear transfer of title and warranty deed is made to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
 7. Insure that all utility, insurance, tax and legal issues are considered in the final disposition of any property and are completely dealt with prior to dissolution of the Commission.
 8. Report to the Secretary of State and the County Clerk the closing of the church. Verify transfer of titles, warranty deeds, etc.
 9. Report to the General Assembly the closing of the church.
 10. Insure conveyance of all historical documents to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
 11. Submit a final report of all actions taken by the Commission to the Presbytery (CC&D and the Stated Clerk). Remain convened until all actions necessary are taken to close the church, legal documentation is completed and ownership of all assets have been assumed by the Presbytery.
 12. Every effort shall be made to complete the above tasks within nine months of formation of this Administrative Commission and within a budget of \$10,000, including property insurance premiums, facility maintenance, utilities, property appraisal, contents handling and general administrative expenses. All expenses of closure shall be paid from residual congregation assets. (CC&D is available to consider assistance with short term cash flow needs, if required.)

The Administrative Commission convened for their initial meeting on February 24, 2011, electing Rev. Jan Butin as the Moderator and Rev. Leslie Belden as the Clerk. Rev. Cathy Ulrich, Stated Clerk, was included in the team of the Administrative Commission, and oriented the commission members on their work. The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Berryville, ordinarily met immediately preceding each meeting to give input to the Administrative Commission as needed or requested. The Commission affirmed the Session's (and hence, congregation's) desire to have the Presbytery close the congregation. The Session had also affirmed their desire that funds from the proceeds of the sale of the manse, and possibly

church, endow a fund to continue the ministry of the congregation. The sale of the manse, as approved by General Council, resulted in \$59,291.00 being added to the funds of the congregation.

During the course of the following months the Administrative Commission met on March 31, June 1, and August 19, 2011. The contents of the building were inventoried, including the extensive library, the Secretary of State and County Clerk were notified of the closing of the church, the title to the property was transferred to the Presbytery of Arkansas, insurance on the building was transferred to the Presbytery of Arkansas, all bills, including insurance, were kept current, utilities and other bills were transferred to the Presbytery's address, the building was appraised, and a realtor consulted and the building listed as for sale. The appraisal of the church facilities, dated December 6, 2010, listed the value of the property as \$25,000 for the Land Cost, \$180,786 for the Depreciated Cost, and \$205,786 for the Indicated Cost.

The Administrative Commission approved establishing an endowment through the Arkansas Community Foundation on behalf of the Presbytery of Arkansas for the initial amount of \$50,000.00 from the checking account balance. The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Berryville requested that the endowment continue the work and ministry of the church, supporting needed programs in Carroll County. The proceeds from the earnings of the endowment, as recommended by the Session and approved by the Administrative Commission, were to be divided with 45% going to "Project Self Esteem" (a program providing school supplies for area children), 45% going to "Loaves and Fishes" (a food ministry), and 10% going to the Presbytery of Arkansas. The remaining balance of approximately \$6,000.00+ in the account was approved to be transferred to the Presbytery of Arkansas.

The Administrative Commission consulted with Rev. Jesse Gonzales on the possibility of expanding the NW Arkansas Hispanic NCD into Berryville, and requested guidance from the Congregational Care and Development Committee on whether or not CC&D would be interested in retaining the building and its contents for the NCD. The recommendation of the Commission was to continue the listing with the realtor until such time that the building is sold and/or CC&D wishes to utilize the facilities. The Commission further recommended that if the building is not retained by the Presbytery for the use of the NW Arkansas Hispanic NCD, or for some other purpose, and if the purchasers of the building do not want to purchase the contents of the building, that the contents be auctioned. As of the date of submitting this report, CC&D had concluded that there was no plan to move forward with a Spanish-language ministry in Berryville and that the property should remain on the market to be sold as soon as reasonably possible.

The Administrative Commission approved that the choir music and Bibles go to First Presbyterian Church, Eureka Springs and the Holiday Island Presbyterian Church. The historical records listed under #3 above will be boxed and sent to the Presbytery of Arkansas office, along with seven years of financial records. Historical

artifacts will be offered first to members of the congregation who have a connection to them, then to the Carroll County Historical Museum. And the contents of the library will be offered to the Presbytery of Arkansas Resource Center (NiAnn Thompson to choose which resources the Center can use), with the remaining books gifted to members of the Presbytery at a meeting of the Presbytery, with donations to the Presbytery suggested.

The Session of First Presbyterian Church in Berryville consulted members of the congregation on the matter of a service of worship to celebrate the life and history of the church and determined that the final service of worship on Sunday, November 21, 2010, Rev. Leslie Belden presiding, fulfilled that role. They requested that the Presbytery recognize and celebrate the life of the congregation at a meeting of Presbytery as appropriate. Members and former members of First Presbyterian Church in Berryville had been encouraged to join other churches in the area and it was believed that all who wished their memberships transferred had already done so. Two members transferred their membership to a Presbyterian Church in Shell Knob, Missouri, two transferred their membership to First Presbyterian Church in Eureka Springs, two have affiliated with the Community of Christ Church in Berryville, and two members had decided to wait some time before joining another congregation.

At their final meeting on August 19, 2011, the Administrative Commission approved to dissolve First Presbyterian Church of Berryville and its Session, and approved any necessary transfers of membership, with gratitude to God for the many years of ministry of God's dedicated servants.

The Administrative Commission charged with the business of "considering the future direction of First Presbyterian Church of Berryville and taking appropriate action as may be necessary on behalf of the Presbytery," thereby concluded it's business and requests to be dissolved. We give glory to God for the many blessings of First Presbyterian Church in Berryville.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Janet Butin, Moderator

Rev. Leslie Belden, Clerk

Presbytery of Arkansas
Administrative Commission for Highland Presbyterian Church
Final Report
8-24-11

On August 8, 2010, the Highland Presbyterian Church voted at a congregational meeting to dissolve the church and to ask Presbytery to create an Administrative Commission to carry out the request. On September 7, 2010, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Presbytery's Committee on Congregational Care and Development voted to concur with the congregation's request. At the 115th Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, October 8-9, 2010, the Presbytery of Arkansas voted to create an Administrative Commission and elected the following people to conclude any and all business of Highland Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas and to close said church: Elder Tony Booth, MWS Jeff Cranton, Elder Ruth Hamilton, Elder Mary Beth Lysobey, MWS Carl McCormack, MWS Dr. Richard Miller, and Elder Larry Stanley. Assistant Stated Clerk NiAnn Thompson served as Presbytery staff resource.

The Administrative Commission met and disposed of all property, save thirty-five NRSV Presbyterian Bibles. All other Bibles and Hymnals and the Baptismal Font from Highland Presbyterian Church were given to Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church for use in the Hillcrest Chapel. Consideration of other removable properties was given by the commission and some items were given to former members of Highland. Items of historical interest were donated to the Garland County Historical Society. The remaining property was sold to Haven United Methodist Church for \$200,000.00. Records including Articles of Incorporation, anniversary data, minutes of the Diaconate, minutes of the Session, Guest Register, records of membership transfers, Church Register, and a two volume history of Highland Presbyterian Church have all been turned over to the Presbytery of Arkansas. The Presbytery will turn over appropriate documents to the Presbyterian Historical Society. On Sunday, January 9, 2011, A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas was conducted with a reception following and the church was officially closed.

As directed, the Administrative Commission kept up payment on all utilities and property insurance. All checking, savings, and investment accounts were closed and the money was turned over to the Presbytery. In this process, the Administrative Commission encountered questionable or non-existent accounting practices. Employment payroll taxes for the State and Federal government had not been paid for over two years. Realizing that Highland Presbyterian Church was a recipient of General Assembly and Presbytery grant monies, this was a startling discovery. The Administrative Commission strongly recommends that these matters be researched prior to the granting of monies.

The Administrative Commission became aware of a scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,254.08. Seeking to honor the intent of the gifts that contributed to that fund, the Administrative Commission directed that the monies be divided equally between First Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hot Springs to supplement the existing scholarship fund of each respective church. The Administrative Commission discovered a second scholarship account with the Presbyterian Foundation of Indiana with a market value of \$10,936.51 as of December 31, 2010. No information about this account was available in records or from former members. The scholarship account has been turned over to the Presbytery of Arkansas and will continue to fund college scholarships to

University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas and Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas for students on the PC(USA) rolls.

Most transactions were handled through the Highland checking account. Utilities and banking fees totaled \$3,516.19. Commission expenses handled through the Highland checking account totaled \$4,676.40. Commission expenses handled through the Presbytery office totaled \$6,409.61. Severance and Board of Pension dues for Rev. Judith Kelley were respectively \$7,698.00 paid from the PC(USA) grant money as per their authorization and \$6,777.53 paid from the sale of the Highland property totaling \$14,475.53 . The checking account was closed with a balance of \$1,764.71. After closing costs, revenue from the sale of Highland Presbyterian church came to \$199,230. The total amount turned over to the Presbytery of Arkansas is \$191,579.46. The Administrative Commission moves that Presbytery designate the amount of \$191,579.46 be used in its entirety to aid in the redevelopment of small churches.

The Presbytery of Arkansas' Administrative Commission for Highland Presbyterian Church, believing its task to be completed and work finished, moves that this final report be received and that the commission be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeff Cranton, Moderator
Administrative Commission for Highland Presbyterian Church
Presbytery of Arkansas, PC(USA)

**Committee on
Preparation for Ministry
Report to the 118th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
First Presbyterian Church, Conway, Arkansas**

At its meeting on May 21, 2011, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

1. Held an initial consultation with inquirer **Jen Bluestein**. The committee approved the consultation and moved to present her as a candidate. Jen commutes from Bentonville to Phillips Theological Seminary. She was recently named the outstanding Presbyterian student at Phillips. She has been employed part-time for the past four years as children's program coordinator in her home church, First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville..
Motion: CPM moves that Jen Bluestein be enrolled as a Candidate.
2. Met with candidate **Barbara Padgett** for her annual consultation. She was awarded the M.Div. by Austin Theological Seminary in 2003 but delayed subsequent tasks leading to ordination in order to continue her work in public education. In 2007 she founded the Benton County School of the Arts (for high-school-age students) and continues in her administrator role there. She has deepened her relationship with her home church (First Presbyterian Church, Rogers) by being ordained as an elder; she is currently serving on the Session and its stewardship committee. The CPM approved her annual consultation and, pending some revisions suggested by the committee, approved her circulating her PIF. To freshen and update the knowledge she gained in seminary, Barbara has been asked to reread Guthrie's Christian Doctrine, to attend the October meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and to seek help from one or two pastors in preparing for ordination questions.
3. Met with candidate **Susie Carter Wiggins** for her annual consultation. A student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, she plans to graduate in the spring of 2012 with dual degrees: an M.Div. and a Masters of Family Therapy. A final assessment will then be scheduled with the aim of certifying her to appear before Presbytery. The CPM approved Susie's consultation and approved her circulating her PIF, pending a few revisions suggested by committee members. Mike Kuner, interim pastor at Susie's home church (Westover Hills Presbyterian Church) attended the consultation.

4. Heard a report from CPM member Annette Greenland concerning the development of CPM process documents.
5. Moved that the CPM continue to be guided by G.14 for the preparation of ordination until such times as new policies and procedures are developed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Price

Presbytery of Arkansas
Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response
Report to the 118th Stated Meeting
October 14-15, 2011

Greetings,

This has been a disastrous year for our world, our nation, and our state. Earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, droughts, forest fires all seem to be especially severe this year—even in Arkansas. At least, we missed ICE this year—also, frogs, locusts, boils, etc. Thankfully, we also suffered tornadoes, floods and earthquakes of less magnitude than those in Joplin, Tuscaloosa, the East Coast and Japan.

Presbyterian Church USA Disaster Assistance (PDA) and Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee (DPRC) have all been extremely busy during the past year. Thankfully, we have many volunteers who give, bringing hope and assistance, spiritual, physical, mental, and material, to disaster victims. And we have excellent partners. The DPRC collaborates with the Arkansas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (ARVOAD). This organization consists of 22 non-profit agencies--national, state, charities, churches--who assist those in need due to disasters. ARVOAD in turn works with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In 2011 so far, there have been 72 confirmed tornadoes in Arkansas; by comparison, the average for the last 10 years has been only 46. Excessive rain during the spring caused widespread flooding and simple runoff problems. 39 counties were declared federal disaster areas, thereby eligible for FEMA assistance. Over 10,700 FEMA applications were received with over \$36 million in grants and loans approved.

All these events have kept the DPRC members extremely busy since late April and the Vilonia tornado damage will require the Long Term Recovery (LTR) committee members months, or perhaps years, of work.

The following is a brief update on the Arkansas events involving the DPRC.

- **Lyon College Fire, 26 Oct 2010.** Fire destroyed the college dining facility and damaged connecting student snack bar, bookstore, game area, and offices. Synod of the Sun responded with grant request for financial assistance. Presbytery of Arkansas and Batesville church provided assistance as needed. Students were fed and operations continued. Construction is still in progress and expected to be complete by Fall 2012.

- **Cincinnati, AR/NW AR Tornado, 31 Dec 2010.** Extensive damage to approximately 25 rural properties around town. Initial recovery efforts led by local Methodist pastor/church. Donations exceeded \$80,000, which was distributed to approximately 20 families with unmet needs. Catholic Charities formed LTR team in Siloam Springs; DPRC offered to join their efforts. PCUSA provided \$10,000 grant; however, recovery

seems to be proceeding without need for the grant. Funds will probably be returned to PDA for use elsewhere unless unmet needs are identified in the Cincinnati area.

- Garland County/Fountain Lake/Hot Springs Village Tornado, 25 April 2011.

Extensive damage mainly in Fountain Lake area. ARVOAD held ONE STOP Disaster Assistance Center on 4 May to provide access to FEMA and other agencies that could provide help such as food and other essentials. DPRC provided clean-up buckets, hygiene kits, and baby kits from Church World Service. Approximately 50 families were processed, mostly only needing emergency food assistance. Damage included 35 homes destroyed, 23 major damage, and 93 others damaged. Only 37% were insured. PDA provided a \$10,000 grant; however, no LTR committee has been formed. Catholic Charities assisted a few families. No other unmet needs identified. Grant money will be returned to PDA for use in other needy areas.

- Vilonia/Faulkner Co Tornado, 25 Apr 2011. Extensive damage in and around the town of Vilonia. Damage was 65 homes destroyed, 41 with major damage, and 502 others damaged. 73% were insured. ARVOAD held ONE STOP Disaster Assistance Center on 6 May to provide access to FEMA and other agencies. Food assistance was most popular item. DPRC provided 90 clean-up buckets, 400 hygiene kits, and 30 baby kits. PDA has provided a \$10,000 grant. Long Term Recovery team has been formed with DPRC member actively involved. This team will probably be working in excess of 2 years and more PDA funds may be needed.

- Saline Co Tornado, Apr-Jun 2011. Saline Co received damage during this period and the LTR team requested our assistance with unmet needs. A \$10,000 grant was requested from PDA and a Presbyterian representative is on the team. No grant yet received; however, DPRC to consider providing local disaster funds if unmet needs are identified.

- Ferncliff Flooding, 30 Apr 2011. What must have been a 100-year rain hit Ferncliff. Some facilities were flooded, roads washed out, picnic tables destroyed, boats wrecked, bridges damaged. Since facilities were needed promptly for planned activities, DPRC funds were authorized to facilitate quick recovery. David Gill, Ferncliff staff, and volunteers did an outstanding job and Ferncliff operations hardly skipped a beat. Scheduled events were conducted on time. Total damage amounted to \$11,400. PDA provided a \$7500 grant and other donors provided the remainder.

- University of AR Presbyterian United Campus Ministry (UCM), Fayetteville, 26 Apr 2011. Excessive rain and drainage problems caused exterior and interior damage to the facility. PDA grant of \$2500 received to assist in repairs to facility and to improve drainage around outside. Flooring inside not yet replaced due to use of facility, may not be completed until summer 2012. Insurance may cover repair of floor. UCM has paid for drain work to lessen risk of building damage should another high water event occur; repair appears to have solved problem with amounts of rain thus far.

- Pocahontas/Black River Flooding, Apr-Jun 2011. ARVOAD responded as needed with food and other needed assistance. DPRC stayed in contact waiting to help with

clean-up buckets, disaster kits, and financial assistance if needed. No LTR effort materialized and DPRC was not asked for further assistance.

- **Prairie Co Floods, May-June 2011.** ARVOAD provided some assistance. No LTR team was formed. FEMA provided 26 maximum grants. DPRC assisted with individual requests with volunteer assistance from local churches. No request for PDA grants.

- **Franklin Co/Johnson Co/Denning and Etna Tornadoes, 24 May 2011.** Local Ozark community agencies handled initial response mainly with help from Fort Smith area. Damage to large areas of rural isolated properties. FEMA finally set up Assistance Centers in two locations. No formal ARVOAD activity. DPRC in contact with agencies in Ozark offering assistance. None requested.

- **Harmony Presbyterian Church/Manse Tornado, 24 May 2011.** Harmony Church near Clarksville was damaged. Manse was deemed completely destroyed and will be razed. Damage to the church is mostly completed. Insurance is covering most of the repairs; a PDA grant of \$10,000 will be used to supplement insurance.

Thanks to the diligent work of the presbytery staff, DPRC members, PCUSA PDA and Presbyterian volunteers across Arkansas, some of the problems faced by the victims of our damaging weather have been reduced. Congregations have responded during the past months by donating approximately \$1400 to the disaster fund. They have also provided over 100 disaster clean-up buckets and expect more during this Presbytery meeting. If you wish to help, please contact your presbytery staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Branch, Moderator
Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

NECROLOGY
PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS – OCTOBER 14-15, 2011

Harvard D. Kruizenga

Rev. Dr. Harvard D. Kruizenga of Holland, Michigan, 73, an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, died on June 19, 2011 in Holland.

An Iowa native, Kruizenga graduated from Central College in IA, Western Theological Seminary in Holland and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He served churches in South Dakota and Missouri, before coming to AR in 1989 to pastor First, Searcy. Later he served at Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian, Fairfield Bay before retiring in 2003. He moved from Walnut Ridge to Holland in 2008.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years Ravina; his children Chad and Carol Kruizenga of Zeeland, MI and Candace and Johnny Brickey of North Little Rock; five grandchildren, and two sisters. A memorial service was held on June 23 at Graafschap Christian Reformed Church, with memorials designated to Evergreen Commons Day Care or Hospice of Holland.

Maurice “Maury” Edward Roberts

Rev. Dr. Maurice Edward Roberts of Fayetteville, 84, an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, died on July 5, 2011 at home.

A Kansas native, Roberts graduated from Ripon College in WI, McCormick Theological Seminary and Eden Theological Seminary. His career as a Navy chaplain spanned 22 years and took him to Newfoundland, Cuba, Vietnam, Hawaii, Texas and finally to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

He was associate pastor of a church in Ohio, then served as hospital chaplain for the Veterans Administration in Arkansas for 26 years and in retirement was parish associate of First United, Fayetteville. In the presbytery he served on the Committee on Ministry, Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals, Committee on Stewardship Education and as a trustee.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years Ann; their children Edward and Susan Roberts III of Marshall, WI; Bronwyn and Dano Fillion of Washington, D.C., and Gwyneth and Mark Baker of Castle Rock, CO; three grandchildren, and two nieces. A memorial service was held on July 8 at First United, Fayetteville, with memorials designated to the church of the Fayetteville Public Library.