



Rev. Susan Davis Krummel to Stand as a Candidate for Moderator of the 220th General Assembly

At its stated meeting, October 11, 2011, in Washington, Illinois, the Presbytery of Great Rivers endorsed the Rev. Susan Davis Krummel to stand as a candidate for moderator of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church(USA). Rev. Krummel serves the presbytery as executive/general presbyter and stated clerk. Her service to the presbytery in this capacity began in 2003.

"We are proud to commend Susan Davis Krummel to the General Assembly in the hope that she will be chosen to share her vital spirit and practical wisdom, gifts that have benefited us greatly since Sue became our General Presbyter," said Elder Gary Davis, the moderator of the presbytery's nominating committee.

Her first service to Great Rivers presbytery was in 1976 when she was a Youth Advisory Delegate to the Synod of Lincoln Trails. That was followed by service as co-pastor for two small, rural churches in the presbytery, the ministry to which she was ordained in 1980.

"The Presbytery of Great Rivers thrives today because of its many faithful members and its gifted leaders. In my view, Sue Davis Krummel is the most gifted of our leaders," commented Davis.

"Since she became our General Presbyter, the Reverend Sue Davis Krummel has guided our Presbytery with a clear voice and a steady hand. She will do the same for the General Assembly when she is elected its next Moderator." Great Rivers Presbytery has over the last few years changed the way it uses mission money, now responding to grant requests from congregations for everything from a playground in a small village, to a community children's library, to a language lab for African immigrants.

"An inspiring preacher and teacher of the Reformed faith, Sue Krummel knows about the culture of our presbytery because she was born and raised here. We recognize that most of the churches (small membership congregations) in our denomination are very much like some of the churches that Sue has served. We believe that in this critical hour, the Presbyterian Church (USA) needs a Moderator who understands the people in the pews. Sue does," said Davis.

Rev. Krummel has served congregations in almost every pastoral role—pastor, co-pastor, interim pastor, temporary supply pastor, associate pastor, interim associate pastor—for 24 years before coming full-time to presbytery work. Those churches ranged in size from 30, a congregation which she served as Stated Supply while also working part-time in retail sales; to a congregation of 900 where she was interim head of staff; to a congregation of 1300 where Sue was the co-associate pastor for youth. All of that means lots of sermons, lots of baptisms, lots of funerals (and funeral dinners in small towns where they really know how to do a funeral dinner), and lots of lock-ins and retreats.

Other service to the wider church includes serving as Moderator, and Stated Clerk, of the Presbytery of East Iowa, being on the faculty for teaching interim/transitional pastors for the last several years; serving as the moderator of the General Assembly nominating committee twice over a five year term; teaching polity at Dubuque Seminary and in the Commissioned Ruling Elder training for the Synod of Lincoln Trails. Rev. Krummel has also served as the moderator of a General Assembly commissioner committee and as a committee assistant.

Rev. Krummel is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a bachelor's degree in Speech/Communications and of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Continuing education in recent years has included Conflict Management and other training from the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center and a Certificate in Executive Leadership from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Sue has been married for 35 years to the Rev. Dr. Forrest L. Krummel, Jr., who is the pastor of First Federated Church in Peoria, Illinois. They are the parents of two daughters who are active in their PCUSA congregations; the parents in law of a PCUSA elder; and the grandparents of four grandchildren (the fourth to be born in the fall of 2011.) Gardening and ballroom dancing fill many of Rev. Krummel's spare hours.

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