

Iowa Religious Media Services celebrates 30 years as the 'elegant solution'

Iowa Religious Media Services held its 30th anniversary celebration during its 2016 annual meeting and re-covenanting service Jan. 13. At the meeting, after describing several organizations that have faced challenges and solved them through determining an elegant solution, Sharon Strohmaier, executive director of IRMS, said, "IRMS is an elegant solution. Thirty-six years ago, when media were just beginning to play a much larger role in our lives, denominational representatives gathered to determine how it is best to address this change in communications media. They wanted to take the work to the next level and to do together what none could do as well alone."



IRMS reaches this anniversary milestone, in partnership with six mainline denominations, and in no small part through the vision, hard work, and support of countless churches and members of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Rev. Bob Houser, retired general presbyter of the Presbytery



of Central Nebraska, currently serve on the IRMS board of directors and signed the covenant (photo above) on behalf of the synod.

The church today faces a wide array of changes, Strohmaier said. Those individual congregations and denominations that will not only survive these challenges, but thrive, are those that take advantage of every available resource.

Iowa Religious Media Services continues a long tradition of service, offering more than 10,000 resource titles to subscribing churches and their individual members at no additional cost. Non-subscribers may also use IRMS resources for a nominal weekly rental fee.

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