

Highlights of Heartland Presbytery Meeting – Saturday, July 12, 2014

- Covenant Presbyterian Church, KCMO provided a warm welcome to the presbytery with their gracious hospitality, spirit, delicious food and wonderful music during worship.
- Trustees presented several motions that were all approved in the consent agenda:
 1. Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Shawnee, KS to purchase a manse;
 2. First United Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS to sell several residences;
 3. Trinity Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO given permission to worship at the Holiday Inn Express until a new location is identified and also permission to sell their building; and
 4. First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS permission to enter into a shared space agreement with the Methodist New Church Development.
- Received written reports from all General Assembly Commissioners and the YAAD. Then heard verbal reports from RE Maggie Blankers, TE Pat Jackson, TE Sandra Stogsdill Brown and TE Jason Carle.
- RE Mac Fletchling reported for the Administrative Commission for Bethel PC, KCKS. He asked presbyters to pray for the church as they work with their session regarding their ministry. A new Bible Study has begun and they will participate in the “New Beginnings Program”.
- TE Ron Galvin reported on the work of the Administrative Commission for Linwood Property regarding the redevelopment of the Harold Thomas Center and the Linwood Church.
- TE Kirk Perucca talked about the concern of Gun Violence around the world, the United States and the city. Announced there will be an International Peacemaker in the presbytery September 9 – October 2, 2014 from Madagascar.
- TE Ellen Marquardt shared highlights of the Spring trip to Maya Quiche’ and showed a slideshow of trips over the last 5 years.
- TE Donna Chavez talked about how the Argentine Church, KCKS is using the money they receive from PUMIN. Their church has developed an Amigos Program for children and youth on Wednesday afternoons during the school year and for 2 weeks in the summer.
- Executive Presbyter TE Charles Spencer talked about how the presbytery is living on the edge regarding the redevelopment of the property, the offices relocating the end of July to 1st Olathe, KS, the Arabic Fellowship being a 1001 New Worshipping Community, the departure of some churches, hard decisions for the Administrative Commission working with churches leaving, the need to increase per capita due to a congregation withholding and churches leaving.
- RE Michael Kruse reported that Heartland Center for 2014 will have 2500 children and youth involved in the overnight camps, day camp and the traveling day camps. The “I Love Camp” Campaign has raised \$900,000 and refurbished Genesis Center and built 2 new pools.
- The Rev. Tex Sample was the preacher of the day prior to the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The offering of \$1, 192.75 was split between helping to send youth from Covenant Presbyterian Church to summer camp at Heartland Presbyterian Center and for the new swimming pools at the Center.
- Malinda Spencer, Resource Director for Christian Education reminded commissioners that “Oasis” will be October 19 – 21, 2014 at the Airport Embassy Suites. She then shared a 6 minute DVD from the Resource Center called “All Washed Up”.
- RE Don Haring presented the 2015 Budget for its first reading. He noted that the per capita will increase \$5.11.
- RE Teresa Clark, moderator of Personnel Committee, recommended the presbytery concur with the request of TE Leigh Gillis that the Associate Executive Presbyter, Heartland Presbytery

relationship be dissolved effective July 31, 2014 in order that she might begin August 1, 2014 as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Goldsboro, NC.

- For Congregational Ministries Division, TE Jonathan Mitchell announced that “Embracing Hope” will be at Trinity Presbyterian, Independence, MO on January 24, 2015. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will be the keynote presenter. He then presented members of the Youth Council that shared a video of their last event, announced upcoming events and requests for churches to nominate 1 junior high and 1 senior high youth to serve on the Youth Council.
- Actions of the Commission on Ministry were presented by TE Ky Weekley.
- Various persons were elected to serve on committees and divisions of the presbytery.
- Moderator TE George McCall closed the meeting with prayer at 2:00 PM.

Next Meeting of Heartland Presbytery – Tuesday, September 30, 2014
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