

Highlights of February 22, 2014 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery

- Moderator RE Bob Stikeleather opened the meeting with pray, a quorum was declared, the docket was approved.
- TE Heidi Peterson welcomed the presbytery to Central Presbyterian Church.
- TE George McCall, HR was elected Moderator for Heartland Presbytery.
- The Consent Agenda was approved.
- Since this was the last meeting for Moderator Stikeleather he expressed his thanks to the presbytery and presented the staff with a carnation (his term a rose).
- Worship was filled with spirited music and TE Paul Rock, Second Presbyterian preached on leadership. Newly elected Moderator George McCall was installed. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated.
- Approved the Agreement between Administrative Commission for 1st Olathe and the Session of 1st Olathe serving as Trustees of the church.
- Received the report of the Administrative Commission for the Arabic Fellowship which highlighted a Silent Auction on March 9, 2014.
- Approved dissolving Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO effective October 22, 2013.
- Approved Resolutions presented by the Administrative Commission for the Linwood Property.
- Malinda Spencer, Resource Center Director for Christian Education shared there was an Open House for Vacation Bible School and invited folk to visit the Resource Center. Oasis will be October 19 – 21, 2014 at the Embassy Suites (near the airport) with the theme “Living a Sacramental Life”.
- Numerous individuals were elected to serve the presbytery.
- TE Maryann Farnsworth presented certificates to the presbytery and the following churches who gave to the Theological Education Fund in 2013: First, Warrensburg; Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO; Second, KC, MO; Trinity, St. Joseph, MO; First, Holden, MO and Central, KC, MO.
- Executive Presbyter, Charles Spencer asked the presbytery numerous questions.
- A new flyer was distributed regarding Commissioned Ruling Elder Training.
- Encouraged to participate in the “SNAP Challenge” (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) March 30 – April 5, 2014.
- Heard a report about the Ministry at Cherith Brooks and the presbytery was thanked for the donation of many blankets.
- Recessed for a delicious lunch served by the members of Central.
- Reconvened with prayer focusing on the New Nation of South Sudan.
- Portions of the Manual of Operations were received for 1st Reading.
- Approved Overtures for General Assembly: Food Sovereignty for All, Sustainable Development and Support for the IMCK Endowment and the Endowment Concept.
- Heard about the Maya Quiche’ trip in January, 2014. Presented paraments to Rolling Hills, Pine Ridge, and Second Churches that helped to buy the land for the El Arca Church.
- Approved an Administrative Commission for Bethel, KC, KS as they discern the future direction of their life and ministry.
- Received the following new ministers:
 - Thomas Young, HR
 - Craig Gibson, Shawnee Presbyterian, Shawnee, KS
 - Norlita Kual, Osawatomie, KS
- Added St. Luke, KC, MO and Presbyterian Church of Stanley, Stanley, KS to the Administrative Commission for 1st Olathe.

- Examined and enrolled Chris Miller, 1st, Lee's Summit, MO as a Candidate.
- Dan Scheneman, Executive Director for Heartland Presbyterian Center shared plans for their million dollar campaign.
- Church Planting and Revitalization announced on May 10, 2014 there will be a presentation regarding the "New Beginnings Program" and an event will be held in the fall regarding the 1001 New Worshipping Communities.
- The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator McCall.

Next Stated Heartland Presbytery Meeting
May 3, 2014
First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS