

Highlights of Heartland Presbytery Meeting – April 21, 2015
Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

- TE Norlita Kaul’s sermon was on “Hope”. During worship the 2014 Necrology report was read prior to the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The offering of \$1,330.50 will be used to help with the transportation for the delegation from the Synod of the Nile who ordained Amgad Megally for the Arabic Fellowship.
- Commission on Ministry:
 1. Celebrated the ministry of TE Jacqueline Thomas as a chaplain.
 2. Received TE Mark Moon as a member-at-large from the Presbytery of Blackhawk.
 3. Approved TE Karen Wagner as Associated Pastor for Southminster Presbyterian, PV KS.
 4. Received Kristin Riegel as Associate Pastor for 2nd Presbyterian, KC MO from Detroit Presbytery.
 5. Received Candidate Jeromey Howard as Pastor for United Christian Presbyterian, Richmond, MO.
 6. Received Candidate Eileen “Buzzy” LeCluyse as Associate Pastor for Pine Ridge Presbyterian, KC MO.
 7. Approved an Administrative Commission for New Summit Presbyterian, Lee’s Summit, MO to assist them in looking at their future.
- The stated clerk announced that TE Mike Lane had Renounced Jurisdiction by joining A Covenant Order of Evangelical of Presbyterians.
- AP 7 – General Assembly Commissioners (Manual of Operations) was presented for the 1st Reading. A motion was made requesting COAL to include a process for self-nominations for ruling elder commissioners.
- Inquirer Amanda MacKay was enrolled as a Candidate.
- Commissioners were urged to invite Malinda Spencer, Resource Director for Christian Education, to meet with their Christian Education Committees and teachers.
- A Youth Retreat will be held on April 24 – 25, 2015. Churches were urged to have 1 or 2 young people apply to serve on the Youth Council. Application Forms on the presbytery website.
- Presbyterian Urban & Immigrant Network is exploring new ways of doing their work and ministry. Two churches shared how they use the Shared Mission Giving dollars they receive.
- Executive Presbyter highlighted the unknown time table for the Presbytery Offices to relocate to the Linwood Area Ministry Project. The presbytery will not fill the vacant staff position until Budget and Finance gets a clearer picture for the presbytery.
- Churches were thanked for their giving to the Per Capita Budget and urged to make a pledge and give to the Shared Mission Budget.
- Approved changing the name of The Dotte Initiative New Church Development to Sanctuary Place.
- An update was given regarding to remodeling of the Linwood Area Ministry Project. Individuals and congregations were urged to contribute to this project.
- The lawsuit regarding the Presbyterian Church of Stanley ECO and the presbytery will be heard June 2 – 3, 2015.
- Individuals were elected to positions in the presbytery. Commissioners were urged to give the Nominations Committee names of ruling elders to serve on presbytery committees and divisions.
- Mission and Social Justice shared a Gun Violence Resolution that the presbytery will be asked to approve at the June stated Meeting.

- Approved 5 Affirmations for Presbyteries from the Peacemaking Committee.
- Church Planting and Revitalization asked that churches interested in participating in the New Beginnings Program to contact them so a “Come and See Event” can be planned. Five churches have participated in the program this past fall and this year. This program helps churches to look at their future.

**Next Stated Presbytery Meeting – Saturday, June 13, 2015
New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, MO**