

**Highlights of the May 3, 2014 Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS**

- First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS welcomed the presbytery with open arms
- TE David Nzioka, Neema Presbyterian Church preached
- During worship the General Assembly Commissioners were commissioned and a candle was lit for each Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder who had died in 2013
- Trustees presented 3 motions that were adopted:
 1. A cell phone tower for Parkville Presbyterian
 2. Refinancing the loan for Pine Ridge Presbyterian
 3. Granting permission for the Trustees (acting as an Administrative Commission) to approve a loan for Shawnee Presbyterian to purchase a manse
- Granted the status of Honorably Retired for TE Dwight Tawney and TE Tom Are celebrated his ministry
- Examined for ordination and membership for Candidate Kristen Austin as a Chaplain for Hospice Care of Kansas City
- Examined for ordination and membership for Candidate Karen Wagner to serve as Interim Associate for Southminster Presbyterian
- Examined for membership TE Sally Wright who is in a Clinical Pastoral Education program with St. Luke's Hospital
- Approved a Medical Coverage Policy for dependents 2015 with changes to the Medical Plan with the Board of Pensions
- Congregational Ministries Division:
 1. Oasis on October 19 – 21, 2014 at the Embassy Suites near the Airport
 2. Embracing Hope January 24, 2015 at Trinity, Independence
 3. Youth Ministry Task Force hosted a retreat April 25-26 and will have a fall retreat October 17 – 18, 2014
- Church Order and Listening (COAL) presented for adoption 4 components for the Manual of Operations and announced that they are hosting the reading of session minutes
- Executive Presbyter, Charles Spencer talked about challenges and risks regarding the LAMP Project, probable relocation of presbytery offices during construction, the work of the AC for 1st Presbyterian, Olathe, KS and the AC for the United Church of the Good Shepherd
- Church Planting and Revitalization announced an event to be held on May 10, 2014 at Second regarding "New Beginnings" and showed a 1001 New Worshipping Communities Video
- Numerous persons were elected to commissions, committees, divisions and TE James Gale as an alternate General Assembly Commission
- AC for LAMP reported on their ongoing work with financing the construction
- AC for United Church of the Good Shepherd has been interviewing potential pastors and will have work done on their facility by a youth group from Texas in July
- Susan Letizia shared information about the PC(USA) Hunger Program
- Covenant, St. Paul, Westport and Grandview Park (members of PUMIN) shared highlights and stories of some of their ministries

PLEASE NOTE:

Next Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery has changed its date & location to

Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Covenant Presbyterian Church