

Highlights of the Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting  
Saturday, September 21, 2013  
Aberdeen Village, Olathe, KS

The two hundred and sixteenth meeting of Heartland Presbytery was hosted by Aberdeen Village which is a part of the Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America. The meeting was held in a tent on the front lawn of the property. Commissioners and visitors were welcomed by Suzanne Willey, Community Relations Director and Doug Yoder, Chief Operating Officer (from the corporate office). Highlights of the meeting include:

- The meeting was surrounded with a relaxed spirit of hospitality, laughter, business and collegiality.
- A barbecue lunch was served outside around the lake. Some folk took advantage of the putting green following lunch.
- The theme of worship was “Celebrating the Mosaic of God’s Family” with TE Cynthia Holder Rich as the preacher of the day followed by the Sacrament of Communion. \$1,130 was received at the offering to be split for the salary of the Thawke Nurse and the Good Samaritan Fund of Aberdeen Village.
- There were examinations of following three teaching elders:
  - Chad Herring – John Knox Kirk, KC, MO (who was grilled by his friends!)
  - Edward Thompson – Regional Representative for the PC (U.S.A.) Board of Pensions
  - Kenneth Perreault – Community, St. Joseph, MO
- The status of Honorary Retired was granted to Andy Cullen effective September, 1, 2013
- Minimum Terms of Call for 2014 were approved:

Effective Cash Salary	\$38,150
Full Board of Pensions	\$14, 328
Total	\$52,388
Increase from 2013	\$ 2,257
4 weeks vacation (includes 4 Sundays)	
2 weeks continuing education (includes 2 Sundays)	
Minimum \$500	
(Time and money cumulative up to 3 years)	
- Elected RE Harold Frye and TE Jonas Hayes to the Arabic Fellowship Administrative Commission and Jonas Hayes to serve as its moderator.
- Approved the 2014 Budget.
- Approved the Position Description for the New Church Development (NCD) Pastor for the Dotte Initiative.
- Added an additional power for the Administrative Commission for the Church of the Good Shepherd to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee for the NCD Pastor for the Dotte Initiative. *Follow this link to [\*\*the background paper\*\*](#) for the Dotte Initiative that was handed out at the presbytery meeting.*
- Regional Board of Pensions Representative, Edward Thompson reported on some changes and updates regarding the medical and pension plan.
- Executive Presbyter Charles Spencer challenged commissioners to get out in the presbytery and learn about the mission and ministries of the churches.
- Dan Scheneman shared information about the summer camping program, the day camps, upcoming events and plans for the future.

- From Mission and Social Justice Division:
  - Thawke Village – highlights of their trip included the offering of a 3 day free medical clinic
  - Maya Quiche’ – January 2014 trip is full with the possibility of an April trip.
  - Crop Walk dates – St. Joseph and NW Missouri is October 6 and Kansas City metro area on October 13
  - International Peacemakers from Bolivia – October 10 – 15, 2013
- Church Order and Listening hosted a makeup session for the reading of session minutes.
- Celebrations:
  - Joe Carle’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - Birth of Leigh Gillis’ grandchild

***Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery  
Tuesday, November 12, 2013  
First Presbyterian Church  
1625 NW O’Brien Road, Lee’s Summit, MO***