

**Highlights of the September 30, 2014 Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting  
Heartland Center, Parkville, MO**

- The staff and board members of Heartland Center welcomed the presbytery. Michael Megraw, Program Director and RE Judy Cooper, chair of the Board shared highlights of the summer camp experiences and information about the “I Love Camp” Campaign. Commissioners and visitors were invited to take a tour of the camp and see the improvements of some of the facilities following lunch.
- Presbytery Council presented dates and locations for presbytery meetings for 2015 and dates for 2016. Hosts are needed for the April 21, 2015 meeting and for all dates in 2016.
- Budget and Finance presented the 2013 Audit and the 2015 Budget was approved.
- TE Edward Thompson, Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions shared information regarding the “Call to Health Program”. He noted the Pension Plan is solid and fully funded. Members were urged to go to the website regarding the changes in medical coverage beginning in 2015. Lastly he urged all congregations to participate in the “Joy Gift Offering”.
- TE Kevin Jones, chair of the Stewardship Division presented certificates to congregations “Top Givers in Shared Mission”. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the “Stewardship Kaleidoscope Event” March 9 – 11, 2015 which will be held at the KCI Airport Hilton.
- TE Sally Wright, Associate, Special Ambassador Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency talked about the four Special Offerings. She thanked the congregations for their commitment and support of these opportunities to further the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- International Peacemaker, Pastor Lala Rasendrasahina from Madagascar talked about what God is doing with and through the 5 million strong partner denomination East Africa.
- RE Bond Faulwell, chair of the Administrative Commission (AC) for Presbyterian Church of Stanley (PCOS) explained the AC had been working with PCOS since January 2014. The AC participated in the four congregational gatherings and answered questions at two of the gatherings. The ‘true church’ has been identified. A congregational meeting is scheduled on October 5, 2014 to disaffiliate from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and affiliate with the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). The Heartland Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission has ordered a ‘stay of enforcement’ regarding this congregational meeting.
- RE Cheryl Couch-Thomas, co moderator for Congregational Ministries Division highlighted the following events:
  - Youth Retreat on October 17 – 18, 2014 at Heartland Center
  - Oasis on October 19 – 21, 2014 at the KCI Embassy Suites
  - Embracing Hope on January 24, 2015 at Trinity Presbyterian, Independence, MO
- Trueman Orson, shared information about the Presbyterian Children’s Home & Services in Missouri.
- Executive Presbyter, Charles Spencer shared a slide “Merge Left Lane Ends” and talked about assumptions and perceptions in regards to his work and ministry in Heartland Presbytery. He urged commissioners to be in conversation with each other and with him regarding what is happening in the presbytery and decisions of committees, commissions and divisions.
- The presbytery was led in worship by Pastor Lala Rasendrasahina. TE’s Sarah Butler and Don Fisher presided at the Celebration of the Lord’s Supper. The offering of \$1,417.00 was received for the “I Love Camp” Campaign. TE Norlita Kaul stepped up to the plate and served as our musician. Thank you to everyone!!!

- TE Rick Behrens talked about how the shared mission dollars that PUIMN receives is used in the area of reconciliation in the 12 receiving congregations. He also invited the presbytery to attend the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grandview Park from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM on October 19, 2014.
- TE Peter Sanders, Christ Presbyterian, talked about how 3 congregations from PUIMN gathered for worship recently at Heartland Center.
- The ministry of TE Don Fisher was celebrated by TE Paul Rock followed by reflections of Don on his ministry.
- TE Steven Andrews was examined to serve as pastor for Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO. His installation will be November 2, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the church.
- Candidate, Kari Pelligrino was examined for ordination to serve in a validated ministry in a CPE Residency at Research Hospital. Her ordination will be at Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO at 5:00 PM on October 5, 2014.
- The 2014 Terms of Call were approved and the minimum Terms of Call were approved for 2015.
- Highlights and slides were shared from the trip to Thwake Village by 12 members from Grace Covenant Presbyterian, OP, KS, 1 member from 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, Lee's Summit, MO and TE David Nzioka.
- TE Paul Rock, chair of Church Planting and Revitalization Division and TE Dave Moore shared:
  - 5 congregations are participating in the "New Beginnings" program which is helping them look at what God is calling them to be in the future?
  - All congregations are encouraged to look at this question that these 5 churches are addressing.
  - A 1001 New Worshipping Community video was shared.
  - On November 8, 2014 Dave Moore will be hosting an event at The Broiler to learn more about new and innovative ways for developing New Worshipping Communities.
- Individuals were elected to serve on presbytery's council, committees, divisions and commissions.
- RE Fran Haney for Church Order and Listening urged commissioners to attend the informational sessions to learn about the Amendments to the Constitution that will be voted on at the November 22, 2014 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery.
- TE Krista Kiger for the Administrative Commission for Linwood Area Ministry Project shared that all of the official documents have been signed, construction is moving forward and asked for continued prayers throughout this project.
- TE Moderator George McCall thanked Heartland Center for hosting the meeting.

**Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery – Saturday, November 22, 2014**  
**Kaw Prairie Community Church**  
**9421 S. Meadowview Dr., Lenexa, KS 66227**