

**Highlights of June 13, 2015 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery  
New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, MO**

- Bright yellow shirts greeted commissioners throughout the day.
- TE Scott Meyers preached about resurrection. TE Elizabeth Meador Strobel assisted Meyers in celebrating the Lord's Supper. Special music was provided by the New Horizon Peniel Chimes throughout the service.
- The offering of \$2000.00 was received to help reduce the debt of the New Horizon's loan.
- The 2016 Budget was presented for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.
- Churches were encouraged to submit 2 names for the Youth Council. Ben Hathhorn a youth from John Knox Kirk shared why he is serving on the Youth Council. Conner from New Horizon said he joined the Council after attending the Spring Youth Retreat. They appreciated the opportunity to receive the leadership training and connecting with other youth across the presbytery.
- TE Mari Lyn Jones reminded the presbytery of the "World of Fun Day" on July 14, 2015 and announced that "Embracing Hope Event" will be February 6, 2016.
- TE Kimby Young encouraged individuals to attend "Oasis" on October 25 – 27, 2015 at the Embassy Suites on the Country Club Plaza. She said there are a variety of workshops for everyone.
- TE Krista Kiger shared how exciting it is to see that after 4 years the Linwood Area Ministry Project is finally coming to closure. The Administrative Commission works closely with the LAMP Board.
- RE Don Spencer, a member of the Board, said Rediscover has moved into the Harold Thomas Center while the sanctuary is being remodeled. When that part of the project is completed they will vacate 3 of the floors of the Harold Thomas Center and move into the old sanctuary space. Members of the Board are developing a Speakers Bureau to meet with churches to assist in telling the story of LAMP and their need for additional fund raising.
- TE Jason Ku announced the "Come and See Event for the New Beginnings Program" on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Ward Parkway Presbyterian, KC, MO. To date there are 8 churches.
- TE Glenda Watts said there are 25 women for the presbytery heading off to Minneapolis, MN for the Presbyterian Women Church Wide Gathering this week. The PW Fall Gathering will be September 26, 2015 at John Knox Kirk and 2 women from Maya Quiche' will be present.
- RE Toni Spieth, Moderator of PW in John Calvin Presbytery and Ayana McCalman from Guyano participated in the PW Triennial Global Exchange in the Caribbean last Fall were welcomed.
- Individuals were elected to serve on various councils and divisions. RE Gail Cunningham urged individuals to submit nominations for General Assembly Commissioners and for the Young Adult Advisory Delegate for 2016 to the Nominating Committee.
- A Resolution for Preventing Gun Violence was adopted:
  - Members of Heartland Presbytery resolve to support local, state and national legislation that requires background checks for all gun purchases in the United States. And request the stated clerk to notify state and federal legislators that serve in the bounds of the presbytery this resolution.
- Executive Presbyter, Charles Spencer shared thoughts about the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church. Urged sessions to seriously consider their shared mission pledges for the presbytery's 2016 budget.
- Approved the Administrative Policy 7 – General Assembly Commissioners and YAAD.
- Received the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Employee Handbook.

- Presbyterian Urban and Immigrant Ministry Network Stories:
  - TE Heidi Peterson talked about some of the ongoing ministry of Central Presbyterian Church, KC, MO for over 158 years. Their Food Pantry serves over 130 households and their shared mission dollars that PUIMN gives helps to support this ministry.
  - TE Eric Garbison said PUIMN has been approved for the pre application for the Young Adult Volunteer in Mission Program. Cherith Brooks provides hospitality to many and appreciates the donations and volunteers from Heartland Presbytery. They have developed an Urban Garden.
- Approved Northeastminster Presbyterian Church to relocate.
- Approved the examination for installation and membership for Candidate Len T. Carrell as Associate Pastor for Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS.
- Approved the examination for ordination and membership for Candidate Chris Miller to serve as an Assistant Pastor at Groomsport Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of the Ards in the Presbyterian Church of Ireland.
- Approved dissolving Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS effective June 30, 2015 with their final worship on June 28, 2015. Approved additional powers for the Administrative Commission to enable the next steps of this congregation.

**Next Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery  
Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
Second Presbyterian Church, KC, MO**