

Highlights of Heartland Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, June 10, 2017

- A warm welcome was given to the presbytery by 1st Presbyterian, Atchison, KS.
- Co-Moderator Denise Anderson served as the preacher lifting up where she sees the spirit and breath is flowing throughout the church. The offering of \$1,054.16 will be sent to Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery to assist with transportation and worship expenses for the 2018 meeting of the General Assembly in St. Louis, MO.
- The following persons were elected to read ordination exams: TE Nikki Cooley, TE Heidi Peterson, RE Freda Reynolds, RE Charles Rhodes and RE Bob Riggs as alternate.
- RE Teresa Clark shared information regarding the work of the Presbytery Council. With their new structure the membership has been reduced to 15 from 33 persons and a renewed focus on oversight of the commission, committees and divisions. They developed questions seeking information about the purpose, activities and work of these groups. They will meet face to face with some of these groups this year and for others they have requested written responses. There will be a training opportunity for the 2018 moderators.
- Candidate Owen Gray, Village Presbyterian, PV, KS was examined for ordination. This service will be on July 30, 2017 at 5:00 pm at Village. He has accepted a call to serve at 2nd Presbyterian, Indianapolis, IN with their Lily Program.
- Approved TE Sarah Butler, TE Ted Pierce and TE Kimby Young to serve on the Arabic Fellowship Administrative Commission.
- Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO was dissolved effective June 10, 2017 after 63 years of ministry. Their members decided to join Trinity Presbyterian, Independence, MO. Elizabeth Strobel shared some of their highlights.
- Certificates were presented to the Top 10 Giving Churches to Shared Mission and Top 10 per Member Giving.
- Presbyterian Church of Stanley, Overland Park, KS was dissolved effective June 25, 2017 after 38 years of ministry. On June 25, 2017 their members will join Village Presbyterian on Antioch. Village Presbyterian on Mission will now have 2 worshiping sites. Phil Hendrickson, Clerk of Session and a charter member shared highlights of the ministry. He thanked the presbytery for supporting them when the church split and they become the 'true church'.
- Individuals were encouraged to send in Nomination Forms for the 223rd Meeting of the General Assembly June 16 – 23, 2018 in St. Louis, MO by August 15, 2017.
- A power point presentation was given regarding the work of Interserve in Northwest Missouri. RE Dave Berger, Trinity, St. Joseph, MO served as its director for 20 years. Interserve presents the "Dave Berger Award" annually.
- Co-Moderator Denise Anderson shared highlights of her travels to Thailand regarding human trafficking. She also shared about her trip to Rwanda where the African Mission Co-Workers gathered. She said on both trips she saw how mission dollars are at work.
- Following lunch Co-Moderator Anderson answered questions from the presbytery.
- She was presented gifts from the presbytery of items "Made in Kansas City".
- TE Jean Murphy, Moderator of Personnel presented the Terms of Dissolution between Executive Presbyter and Heartland Presbytery effective June 30, 2017 through December 31, 2017. With much regret the presbytery approved the terms.
- On Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm there will be a reception for Charles at the Presbytery Office.

- TE Murphy explained that the Personnel Committee is given the responsibility of hiring an Interim for the elected employees with the approval of the Presbytery Council.
- Stated Clerk Sally Hinchman will serve as Acting Head of Staff until an Interim Executive is hired.
- Executive Presbyter Charles Spencer thanked the presbytery for welcoming him and his family into their lives. He stated that there is no secret about what is next for him. He plans to use these coming days for discernment. He also challenged the presbytery to work on its identity, to focus on its potentials and to become more aware of what is happening in the churches. Also to spend time getting to know each other.

Next Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery
Tuesday, September 19, 2017
Heartland Presbyterian Center
Parkville, MO