

Heartland Presbytery Minutes
Two Hundred and Thirty Seventh Stated Meeting – Saturday, November 18, 2017
First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO

Opening, Docket and Welcome

Moderator RE Bond Faulwell led the presbytery in a Call to Worship and Opening Prayer at 9:00 am. Stated Clerk RE Sally Hinchman declared a quorum (Any 10 teaching elders who are members of the presbytery and 10 ruling elders commissioned by their sessions, provided that at least 3 congregations are represented by ruling elders) of 55 teaching elders, 51 ruling elders from congregations, 5 ruling elders from Presbytery Council, moderators and the stated clerk, 1 CRE, 2 staff and 15 visitors. All excuses were granted

The docket was presented was presented and approved. There was no new business.

TE Nikki Cooley welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian Church. First time commissioners were welcomed and introduced.

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved:

1. Approve the Presbytery Council Minutes of August 31, 2017 and recommend to presbytery to incorporate them in the stated meeting minutes of September 19, 2017.
2. Approve the Stated Meeting Minutes of Heartland Presbytery on September 19, 2107.
3. Dismiss with thanks the Ordination Commission for Candidate Sarah Are on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Village Presbyterian, PV, KS.
4. Dismiss with thanks the Installation Commission for TE Mark Hutton on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Westminster Presbyterian, Ottawa, KS.
5. Receive the report of the stated clerk.
6. Approve the report of the reading of session minutes.
7. Receive the Report of the Administrative Commission for Korean United Presbyterian, Merriam, KS.
8. Receive the Report of the Administrative Commission for The Sanctuary Place, Kansas City, KS.
9. Receive the Report of the Administrative Commission for Southridge Presbyterian, Roeland Park, KS.
10. Receive the Year to Date Financials.
11. Receive the 2016 Audit.

Nominations Committee

TE Jeff Clayton nominated TE Don Wilson to serve as Presbytery Moderator and RE Mary Jorgenson to serve as Presbytery Moderator-Elect for 2018. There were no nominations from the floor so they were elected by acclamation.

Worship, Installation, and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

TE Fred Holbrook was the preacher of the day. TE Don Wilson was installed as Moderator and RE Mary Jorgenson was installed as Moderator-Elect. Symbols of the offices were handed down. RE Bond Faulwell was thanked for his service in 2017. The offering of \$1,118 was given for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for recent fires in the United States. TE's Holbrook and Nikki Cooley celebrated the Lord's Supper.

Commission on Ministry

RE Carol Grimaldi conducted the examination of **RE Dennis Jones** to serve as the Commissioned Ruling Elder for Maxwell Heights Presbyterian, St. Joseph, MO, effective January 1, 2018 for 3 years, which is renewable and with all powers granted for CRE's, followed by questions from the floor. The motion was approved. Moderator Faulwell asked the Constitutional Questions for Dennis Jones followed by a prayer.

Actions Taken at COM's October Meeting:

1. Approved the Covenant with Interim **Pastor Rev. Ron Galvin** and New Hope the Parish, to provide transitional services from October 23, 2017 until October 22, 2018 with terms to include:

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| Salary | \$16,600 |
| Housing | \$24,000 |
| Total Effective Salary | \$40,600 |
| Pension/Medical Benefits: Post-retirement Dues 12% of effective salary | |
| Vacation | 4 weeks, including four Sundays |
| Continuing Education | 2 weeks, including two Sundays |
| Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses, including | |
| Automobile | \$ 1,500 (IRS Rate) |
| Continuing Education | \$ 500 |
| Medical Savings Account | \$ 1,150 |

2. Granted permission for **TE Jason Carle** to serve communion October 7th - 8th for the Youth Rally.
3. Approved the Temporary supply covenant between **TE Charles David Cliburn** and Community Presbyterian Church of St. Joseph, MO, for a period of one year beginning October 1, 2017. Terms are as follows for 10 hours per week:

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| Salary | \$5,200.00 annually |
| Housing/Utilities | \$5,200.00 annually |
| Travel reimbursement (up to a maximum) | \$1,000/year |
| Study Leave: | 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays) |
| Vacation: | 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays) |

4. Granted permission for **TE Ellen Marquardt** to serve as moderator for NorthEastminster Presbyterian Church, KCMO.
5. Granted permission for NorthEastminster Presbyterian Church, KCMO to have its Board of Pensions dues waived since they are not calling a pastor.
6. Changed the status of **TE Peter Sanders** and **TE Jeromey Howard** to Member-at-Large.
7. Approved the Administrative Commission to install **TE Mark Hutton** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS on October 22, 2017 at 3:00 pm:

Teaching Elders:

Rev. Dr. Ronald Ray Galvin, HR
 Rev. Kimby Young, First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS
 Rev. Claire Lozano, Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS

Ruling Elders:

RE Bond Faulwell, moderator, Heartland Presbytery
 CRE Corey McDonald, New Springs Community Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit MO
 RE Wade Hepner, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS
 RE Allison Henderson, Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Blue Springs, MO

8. Approved communion for **Candidate Sarah Are's** ordination on October 10, 2017.
9. Approved **TE Elizabeth Lindsey** as Moderator of the United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO.

10. Approved the Commission on Ministry to participate in the PneuMatrix program which works with congregations to develop adaptive challenges.
11. Approved the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Session be given permission to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Actions Taken at COM’s November Meeting:

1. Approved service of communion at the installation service of **TE Mark Hutton** as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS, on October 22, 2017.
2. Approved the MIF – Tarkio Presbyterian Church, Tarkio MO
3. Approved the validation of ministry of **TE Brian Ellison** as part-time Associate Stated Clerk for the Synod Office of Mid-America
4. Granted permission for **TE Kathleen Knehans** to moderate the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Holden MO.
5. Granted permission for Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, to form a PNC.
6. Granted permission for Northminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, to form a PNC.
7. Changed the status of **TE Jason Ku** to Member-at-Large.
8. Granted permission for a waiver of monthly payments for “vacancy dues” for First Presbyterian Church, Holden, MO.
9. Dismissed from the rolls of Heartland Presbytery, **TE Norwood “Woody” Brown** to Santa Fe Presbytery effective November 2, 2017.
10. Dismissed from the rolls of Heartland Presbytery, **TE Jeromey Howard** to Hudson River Presbytery effective November 2, 2017.
11. Approved the Covenant with **TE Sally Wright**, Acting Associate Executive Presbyter, effective January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2018. Terms are as follows:

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| Salary and Housing | \$52,020.00 |
| Full Pastoral Plan Benefits BOP | \$19,247.40 |
| Profess. Exp. Reimbursement: | \$ 7,000.00 |
| Vacation: | 4 weeks per year, including 4 Sundays |
| Continuing Ed: | 2 weeks per year, including 2 Sundays |

12. Recommended the approval of **RE Dennis Jones** to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder for 3 years which is renewable with all powers granted for Commissioned Ruling Elders.
13. Approved the Commissioned Ruling Contract between **RE Dennis Jones**, and Maxwell Heights Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO, for a period of twelve months beginning January 1, 2018, as half-time. Terms are as follows:

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| Salary | \$20,800.00 annually |
| Insurance Allowance | \$ 6,000.00 (Vouchered - Travel Reimbursement and Continuing Education) |
| Study Leave | 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays) |
| Vacation: | 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays) |

14. Approved the recommendation that, if the way be clear, all newly ordained pastors in the next two years to participate in the Synod of Mid-America’s “New Pastor Program.”

Presbytery Council

TE Jean Murphy shared that annual reviews of the staff had been completed for 2017. The Personnel Committee has conducted several Skype Interviews for the Transitional EP and others were planned in the near future. She moved the Terms of Call for 2018 for **Stated Clerk RE Sally Hinchman** at half time:

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| Salary | \$34,722.84 |
| FICA | \$ 2,656.30 |

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| Professional Exp. | <u>\$ 8,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$45,379.14 |

4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays)
2 weeks continuing education (including 2 Sundays)

Motion was approved.

She moved the Terms of Call for **Acting Associate Executive TE Sally Wright** as stated in the Covenant:

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| Salary & Housing | \$53,020.00 |
| Full participation in the Pastoral Plan of the Board of Pensions PC(USA) | \$20,879.40 |
| Professional Expenses | <u>\$ 7,000.00</u> |
| Total | \$79,899.40 |

4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays)
2 weeks continuing education (including 2 Sundays)

Motion was approved.

TE Glenda Watts moved the 2018 Shared Mission Budget. Following discussion the Shared Mission Budget was approved. TE Watts moved the 2018 Per Capita (Operating) Budget. Motion was approved. The 2018 Per Capita will be a total of \$43.29 – Heartland at \$32.76 – Synod at \$2.80 and General Assembly at \$7.73.

RE Teresa Clark moved that presbytery approve suspending the Manual of Operations 3.3.1 Stated and Called Meetings regarding – “Presbytery shall hold 5 meetings in a year alternating between Tuesday and Saturday”. For 2018 the scheduled stated meeting of Tuesday, November 13, 2018 to Saturday, November 17, 2018. Motion was approved.

Nominations Committee

TE Jeff Clayton moved the following names be elected. Moderator Faulwell asked for nominations from the floor. The slate was elected as presented.

Church Order & Listening Division

Class 2018

Moderator – Nate Mochizuki amte yr – 1 VM

Class 2018

Gay Dittermore wfre t-1 1st, Savannah, MO

Class 2020

Rob Cromwell wmte t-2 VM

Michael McCall wmte t-2 1st, Lee’s Summit, MO

Avis Odenbaugh wfre t-2 Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO

Church Planting & Revitalization Division

Class 2018

Moderator – TE Hallie Hottle wfte yr - 1 Village, PV, KS

Moderator (3 mon.2017) - Paul Rock wmte 2nd, KC, MO

Class 2020

Mark Braden wmte t-1 Northminster, KC, MO

James Gale wmte t-2 VM

Congregational Ministries Division

Class 2018

Moderator – Pat Jackson wmte yr – 1 Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO

Class 2020

Pat Jackson wmte t- 2 Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO

Buzzy LeCluyse wfte 1 – 2 Pine Ridge, KC, MO

Mission & Social Justice Division

Class 2018

Moderator – Steven Andrews wmte yr – 1 Parkville, Parkville, MO

Class 2020

Johnnie Baker wfre t – 2 Grace Covenant, OP, KS

Rick Behrens wmte t – 2 Grandview Park, KC, KS

Bonnie Grabowski wfte t – 2 Linwood United, KC, MO

Yuri Ito wfl t – 2 1st Independence, MOStewardship Division

Class 2018,

Moderator – Donald Buss wmre yr – 1 1st, Lee’s Summit, MO

Class 2020

Edward Thompson wmte t – 1 VM

Susan Vann bfre t – 2 2nd, KC, MOWorship & Fellowship Division

Class 2020

Dave Carlson wmte t – 1 1st Independence, MO

Sarah Evans wfre t – 1 Grace Covenant, OP, KS

Commission on Ministry

Class 2018

Moderator – Lonnie Lee wmte y – 1 HR

Class 2019

Anita Wertz wfre t-1 2nd, KC, MO

Class 2020

Debbie Anderson wfre t – 1 Westport, KC, MO

Joe Carle wmte t – 2 HR

Ron Galvin wmte t-2 New Hope Parish, KS

Graig Gibson wmte t – 2 Shawnee, Shawnee, KS

Corey McDonald bmre t-1 New Springs Community, Lee’s Summit, MO

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Class 2018

Moderator – Nikki Cooley wfte yr – 2 1st, Liberty, MO

Class 2020

Kristin Austin wfte t – 2 VM

Nikki Cooley wfte t – 2 1st, Liberty, MOMichael Jasper wmre t – 2 1st, St. Joseph, MO

Nancy Smith wfre t – 1 Heritage, Olathe, KS

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class 2023

Kathy Lueckert wfre Village, PV, KS

Ky Weekley wmte HR

Committee on Representation

Class 2018

Moderator – Walt Grainger wmre yr – 1 Village, PV, KS

Barbara Bever wfre t – 2 Covenant, KC, MO

Nominations Committee

Barbara Bever wfre t – 2 Covenant, KC, MO

Donna Chavez wfte t – 2 HR

Kevin Jones wnte t – 1 1st, Clinton, MO
Committee on Commissioned Ruling Elders
 Class 2018
 Moderator – Kathleen Knehans wfte yr – 1 HR
 Class 2020
 Tamara Miller wfte t – 1 HR
Safe Boundaries Response Panel
 Class 2018
 Moderator – RE Ann Ditty wfte yr – 1 1st, Lee’s Summit, MO
 Class 2020
 Melissa Bowers wfte t – 1 VM
 George McCall wnte t – 1 HR
Heartland Presbyterian Center
 Class 2020
 David Christensen wmre t – 2 Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO
 Bill Eckhart wmre t – 2 2nd, KC, MO
 Paula Starling wfl t – 1 Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO
 Tim Suarez wml t – 2 Pine Ridge, KC, MO
 Jim Wann wml t – 2 Village, PV, KS
Presbytery Council
 Class 2020
 Jason Carle wnte t – 1 Overland Park, OP, KS
 Elaine Loggi wfte t – 1 1st Fairfax, MO
 Rodger Nishioka amre t – 1 Village, PV, KS
Trustees
 Class 2020
 Kathy Lueckert wfte t – 2 Village, PV, KS
Business Affairs
 Bill Hirsch wmre t – 1 2nd, KC, MO
Personnel
 Jason Carl wnte t – 1 Overland Park, OP, KS
Synod of Mid – America Commissioners
 Class 2018
 Donna Chavez wfte HR
 Avis Odenbaugh wfte Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO
 Jack Schrimsher wmre Parkville, Parkville, MO
Youth & Young Adult Advisory Delegate – 2018 General Assembly
 Megan Berry wf Trinity, Independence, MO

Church Order and Listening

TE Nate Mochizuki moved the Overture to General Assembly from Grace Covenant, OP, KS on “Directing the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation to Divest from Fossil Fuel and Actively Invest in Securities that Focus on Renewable Energy”. Following discussion TE Fred Holbrook amended the motion and it received a second. “To delete the word ‘Directing’ to ‘Expect’”. The amendment was approved. The Overture as amended was approved.

Stewardship Division

TE Kevin Jones reported “The Spirit of Stewardship” event will be held on March 2 – 3, 2018 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, KC, MO. The Presbyteries of Northern Kansas and Missouri Union are joining in hosting this event with Heartland.

Congregational Ministries Division

TE Karen Wright encouraged individuals to attend the “G.R.O.W.” event on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Blue Ridge Presbyterian, Raytown, MO. The keynote speaker will be J. Herbert Nelson, 2018.

Committee on Commissioned Ruling Elders

TE Glenda Watts she began taking classes in this program and soon received her call to go further in ministry and went to seminary. She challenged ruling elders to consider their call to be a CRE. TE Bob Dahlgren said serving as a CRE is a special calling especially for small membership churches. They encouraged individuals to pick up their brochure and share it with other ruling elders.

Heartland Presbyterian Center

Program Director Michael Megraw encouraged churches, especially small ones, to attend their Youth Conference June 10 – 15, 2018. There will once again be a Grandparents event in June and Family Camp in July. Summer camp continues to grow and registrations are up. They are in need of more summer counselors.

One Minute Announcements

Individuals shared events and activities in the congregations and communities.

Lunch

TE Nikki Cooley offered a prayer for lunch and asked the presbytery to pass the peace with one another.

Reconvened with prayer

Moderator Faulwell reconvened the meeting with prayer at 1:05 pm.

Mission and Social Justice Division

RE Walt Grainger presented the “Resolution on Peace” be adopted. The resolution was approved.

Committee on Church Planting and Revitalization

TE Paul Rock said there was still time to register for the “1001 New Worshipping Communities” event on Friday, December 8, 2017 at South Broadland Presbyterian, KC, MO. Nick Pickrell shared that the Open Table is one of these NWC and is 3 years old. They meet at 2nd Presbyterian on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings and their numbers continue to increase. They are also participating in the presbyteries Shared Mission Giving and paying Per Capita.

Earthkeepers

RE Laurie Fisher shared information regarding climate change and was grateful the Overture about Fossil Fuel passed. She said if you participate in the 403b program with the Board of Pensions PC(USA) you can direct your money into Fossil Free accounts. If you have money with the Presbyterian Foundation you can also invest your money in renewal energy funds.

Adjourn with prayer

Moderator Bond Faulwell was thanked again for his service in 2017. He announced the next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Second Presbyterian, KC, MO and he closed the meeting with prayer. TE Cooley gave the benediction at 1:35 pm.

Submitted

Sally Hinchman, Stated Clerk