

Highlights of Heartland Presbytery Meeting Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- Second Presbyterian, KC, MO graciously welcomed the presbytery.
- TE Rachel Dannar served as the preacher and shared experience of growing up in Heartland Presbytery and her call to ministry. The offering of \$1487.00 will be given to the fund for scholarships for seminary students in Maya Quiche' Presbytery.
- Inquirer Rodger Nishioka from Village, PV, KS was examined and approved to move to candidacy.
- 33 TE's received certificates celebrating their completion in 2017 of their 5 year of ordination.
- TE James Gale explained that the Synod of Mid-American has appointed a Task Force to look at the futures of presbyteries in the synod.
- Individuals were elected to serve on commissions, committees and division.
- TE Brian Ellison reported on the work of the Administrative Commission for the Korean United Presbyterian, KC, KS. He said they will have a consultant from the Office of the General Assembly meet with the church and the AC.
- Personnel reported there are changes to the Employees Handbook. The office will be closed on Fridays. The Search Committee for the Transitional EP will be having 2 face to face interviews this month.
- An overture on amending G-3.307 to clarify the responsibility of the presbytery was adopted to be sent to the 2018 meeting of the General Assembly.
- The year end financials were discussed. A concern was identified that so few churches support the Shared Mission Budget.
- TE Karen Wright thanked the 125 individuals who attended the G.R.O.W. event in January at Blue Ridge Presbyterian. She also thanked the Blue Ridge congregation for hosting the event. If individuals had suggestions for workshops for the event in 2019 to give them to her. On April 6 – 7, 2018 the Youth Council will meet. Please encourage your young people to attend.
- Presbytery Council provided questions for discussion in small groups about the vision and mission of Heartland Presbytery.
- Numerous individuals provided information happening in their congregations, presbytery and at the national level.
- TE Brandon Frick from Baltimore Presbytery was examined for installation and membership to serve as Associate Pastor at Village Presbyterian on Antioch, OP KS.
- Candidate Paula Isgrig from Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO was examined for ordination and membership to serve as chaplain with Crossroads Hospice and Palliative Care.
- TE Amagd Megally was examined for membership and transfer from the Synod of the Nile of the Egyptian Presbyterian Church.
- RE Kathy Lueckert, Village Presbyterian, PV, KS was elected to serve on the Administrative Commission for the Arabic Fellowship.
- TE Moderator of COM gave a brief explanation of the Reorganization of Commission on Ministry. It will be posted on the presbytery website.
- Executive Director, Dan Schenaman shared that Heartland Presbyterian Center is celebrating its 60 years of ministry anniversary. 58,000 children and youth have attended summer camp. Over 400,000 individuals have attended a variety of events at the center. Heartland Youth Encounter Conference will be held in June especially for smaller membership churches youth groups. RE

Rodger Nisihioka from Village Presbyterian, PV, KS will be the keynoter. This summer there will be 39 Traveling Day Camps and there are 2 open weeks in early June.

- RE Don Buss invited individuals to attend the “Spirit of Stewardship” on March 2 – 3, 2018 at Pine Ridge Presbyterian, KC, MO. He then shared a brief video of Karl Travis, Keynote Presenter for this event.
- TE Steven Andrews shared how excited he is regarding the work of the Mission and Social Justice Division. On March 23, 2018 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO will host Jimmie Hawkins from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He will speak about the New Poor People’s Campaign that Martin Luther King started. TE Eric Garbison shared several ways that congregations could get involved in this campaign.
- TE Brian Ellison presented 3 overtures to be considered at the April stated meeting and referred them to Church Order and Listening.
- TE Moderator of Presbytery Council moved that the Trustees be elected as an Administrative Commission for the sale of The Sanctuary Place building.

Next Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, April 14, 2018
John Knox Kirk, Kansas City, MO