

Heartland Presbytery Minutes
Two Hundred and Twenty Seventh Stated Meeting – Saturday, November 14, 2015
First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO

Opening, Docket and Welcome

Moderator RE Vera Phillips opened the meeting with 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 40 teaching elders, 52 ruling elders from churches, 10 ruling elders from Presbytery Council and the stated clerk, 3 corresponding members, 1 inquirer, 3 staff members and 13 visitors.

The docket was presented. Moderator called for new business and there being none the docket was approved. Commissioners were reminded that the Commission on Ministry had a Supplemental Report and the Trustees Report had been corrected earlier in the week.

TE Nikki Cooley welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO. First time commissioners were introduced and welcomed. TE Becky Chamberlain of Santa Fe Presbytery, TE Alonzo Johnson of Mid Kentucky Presbytery and TE Barbara Sherer of Cimarron Presbytery were seated as Corresponding Members.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was presented and 2 items were removed from the Trustees Report regarding the leases at First Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS. The stated clerk said they would be handled under the Presbytery Council Report. The following items were approved:

1. Recommend approval of Council Minutes of August 31, 2015 and recommend to presbytery to incorporate them in the September 22, 2015 stated meeting of presbytery minutes.
2. Recommend approval of Minutes of Heartland Presbytery on September 22, 2015.
3. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission for Installation for TE Elaine Loggi at First Presbyterian, Fairfax, MO on October 18, 2015.
4. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission for Installation for TE Kristen Reigel at Second Presbyterian, Kansas City, MO on November 8, 2015.
5. Permit First Presbyterian, Gardner, KS to enter into a written facilities use agreement with First Light Methodist Church of Gardner, for worship and other activities based on the terms specified in their mutually agreed to Working Document.
6. Authorize Neema Community Church to enter into an agreement with American Boiler for an upgrade of the HVAC system at 621 S. Lee, Olathe, KS, in which 50% of the estimated \$86,000 will be financed by American Boiler.
7. Permit the sale of the property of the former Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, KS to the Kansas Chin Baptist Church, in accordance with the terms of a contract which has been negotiated and reviewed by presbytery attorneys and found acceptable.

Background: At its June 13, 2015 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery acted to dissolve Bethel Presbyterian Church, upon recommendation of the Administrative Commission for the Bethel Presbyterian Church and Session. At its September 22, 2015 Stated Meeting of Heartland Presbytery elected its Trustees to serve as an Administrative Commission to negotiate the sale of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. The Trustees have negotiated a sale price of \$300,000, pending the buyer's loan approval, an appropriate appraisal, and a successful building inspection. Assuming success in all of those areas a closing date of December 18, 2015 is anticipated. The closing date and figures are subject to further negotiations upon findings of the building inspection and appraisal.

8. Permit Calvary Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO to sell their building pending a congregational vote.

Background: Calvary Presbyterian Church plans to unite with Trinity Presbyterian Church, Independence, MO.

9. Approved the report of the reading of Session Minutes. (attached)
10. Receive the 2014 Audit. (attached)

Preparation for Worship, Worship and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

TE Alonzo Johnson, Associate for Peacemaking, Presbyterian Mission Agency was the preacher. He focused on "walking in the wilderness". He and TE Nikki Cooley celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The offering of \$1,323.05 will assist with the expenses of moving the presbytery offices back to 3210 Michigan Ave, KC, MO.

Presbytery Council

TE George McCall, Moderator of Council highlighted the many exciting programs and projects that the presbytery does.

Business Affairs

The year to date financials were reviewed and received. A 5 year budget comparison was presented.

Trustees

1. Permit First Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS to enter into a facilities use agreement with the Paola Association for Church Action (PACA) for serving needy families in the community to run through March 31, 2018. Motion was approved.
2. Permit First Presbyterian Church, Paola, KS to enter into a facilities use agreement with the ECKAN Head Start Community Action Program to operate a Head Start Center which will run through July 31, 2016, with provisions for mutually agreed upon renewal at that time. Motion was approved.

Moderator Elect

TE Carla Gentry shared thoughts of her experience at the Moderator's Conference. She would like to do pulpit exchanges and get into other churches in the presbytery in 2016.

Sexual Misconduct Response Panel

TE Kimby Young reminded the teaching elders of the last training event on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at John Knox Kirk, KC, MO. The group is preparing a list of possible counselors, spiritual directors and other self-care individuals.

Heartland Presbyterian Center

RE Michael Kruse shared that Heartland Presbyterian Center reached a record number of 2,555 campers (5 year olds to 18 year olds) this summer. They participated in overnight camps, day camps on site and the traveling day camps. In 2016 there will be 40 traveling day camps and only 8 spots are open. They can use semi-skilled labors to assist with some projects. Heartland Center is a distribution location center for excess items donated from 2 Home Depot Stores.

Commission on Ministry

TE Becky Chamberlain was examined for membership as a member at large by TE Ky Weekley followed by questions from the floor. The examination was approved.

RE Ann Ditty was examined to be commissioned as a Commission Ruling Elder to serve as a Chaplain at Interim Healthcare (Hospice) in Lee's Summit, MO with permission to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The motion was approved. Moderator Phillips asked the Constitutional Questions and Malinda Spencer offered a prayer.

TE Weekley moved that New Summit Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit MO change its name to New Springs Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO. Motion was approved.

Actions Taken by COM at their October Meeting

1. Permission was granted for **TE Glenda Watts** to labor outside Heartland Presbytery to preach and celebrate communion at 1st Presbyterian in Iola, KS on October 3, 2015.
2. Permission was granted for **TE Jason Carle** to administer Communion on October 3, 2015 at the Junior/Senior High Retreat at Heartland Center.
3. Approved RE Bob Stikeleather to preach November 29, 2015 at First Presbyterian, Pleasanton, MO.
4. Approved the dissolution agreement of the pastoral relationship of **TE Jonas Hayes** and Grace Covenant, OP, KS effective October 11, 2015 as follows:
 - a. Reason for dissolution: Mutual understanding that the spiritual gifts of Jonas Hayes are not being put to their best use at Grace Covenant.
 - b. Beginning October 11, 2015, Grace Covenant will pay to Jonas Hayes, installments in the normal course of Grace Covenant's payroll, no more than 6 months of the Salary, Housing, Medical/Dental Insurance, and Pension (which includes Death and Disability Insurance) components of his total Terms of Call, as those terms are reported in the minutes of January 25, 2015 annual meeting of the congregation of Grace Covenant. These payments will last for 6 months beginning October 11, 2015 or until Jonas Hayes gains other full-time employment with compensation equivalent to his current total Terms of Call, whichever period is shorter. Provided, however, if Jonas Hayes obtains full-time employment with compensation lower than his current total Terms of Call, severance will be prorated to make up the difference to equal the current total Terms of Call; and Jonas Hayes will use all accrued and available vacation, continuing education, and sick time before October 11, 2015.
 - c. Jonas Hayes's ministry duties with Grace Covenant will cease at 5:00 pm on October 11, 2015 and Jonas will not have access to Grace Covenant facilities after this time. The pastoral relationship between Jonas Hayes and Grace Covenant will end on October 11, 2015, subject to consent by Jonas Hayes as evidenced by this agreement, consent by the congregation at the congregation at its special meeting on September 27, 2015, and concurrence by Heartland Presbytery through its Commission on Ministry on October 1, 2015 meeting.
 - d. Jonas Hayes and Grace Covenant agree to seek remedies for any and all grievances arising out of the pastoral leadership between Jonas Hayes and Grace Covenant only in the Courts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Jonas Hayes and the session agree that Jonas will not act as moderator of the September 27, 2015, congregational meeting to consider dissolution. Jonas Hayes and the session agree they will present these terms of dissolution to the congregations fully agreed upon and acceptable to each party, neither party will take any action designed or tending to undermine this agreement or obtain from the congregation a rejection of this agreement or an approval of different terms than those found in this agreement.
5. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of **TE Kimby Young** and Grace Covenant, OP, KS effective October 31, 2015.
6. Granted permission for **TE Jean Murphy**, to be moved to Member-at-Large.
7. Approved **TE Jean Murphy**, to serve on Pulpit Supply List.
8. Approved **TE Tim Soule**, to serve on Pulpit Supply List.
9. Approved the Administrative Commission to install **TE Kimby Young** at First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS on November 15, 2015 at 1:30 pm:

Ruling Elders:

Ms. Vera Phillips, Presbytery Moderator

Ms. Karen Liu, First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, KS

Mr. Kevin Mason, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS
Ms. Candis Lockman, Ward Parkway Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Teaching Elders:

The Rev. Lonnie Lee, Honorably Retired
The Rev. Ky Weekley, Member-at-Large
The Rev. Bonnie Grabowski, Member-at-Large
The Rev. C. Davis Young, Honorably Retired

10. Approved the Administrative Commission to install **TE Elaine Loggi** at First Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, MO on October 18, 2015 at 4:00 pm:

Ruling Elders:

Ms. Vera Phillips, Presbytery Moderator
Ms. Beverly Barr, First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO
Mr. Herb Sutter, First Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, MO

Teaching Elders:

The Rev. Nikki Cooley, First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO
The Rev. Peter Sanders, NorthEastminster Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

11. Approved the Administrative Commission to install **Rev. Len T. Carrell** at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS on November 22, 2015 at 3:00 pm:

Ruling Elders:

Ms. Vera Phillips, Presbytery Moderator
Ms. Sally Hinchman, Stated Clerk, Heartland Presbytery
Ms. Alice Carrott, Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

Teaching Elders:

The Rev. Sally Wright, Validated Minister
The Rev. David Nzioka, Neema Community Presbyterian Church, Olathe, KS
The Rev. Chad Herring, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO

Actions taken by COM at their November 5, 2015 meeting:

1. Approved to allow First Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth, KS to update their most recent Mission Study and MIF and to allow the session to seek an Interim Pastor.
2. Approved the name of New Summit Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO be changed to New Springs Community Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit, MO.
3. Corrected Terms of Call for **TE Jason Ku** from First Presbyterian Church, Holden, MO and 1/2 is shared with First PC of Pleasant Hill beginning as of May 1, 2015:
 - Cash Salary \$23,480
 - Housing Allowance \$12,000
 - SECA Supplement \$2,670
 - Board of Pension \$14,698
 - 2 weeks including 2 Sundays Continuing Education
 - 4 weeks including 4 Sundays Vacation
 - Subtotal cash & pension: \$52,848.00
 - Automobile expense up to \$1,500
 - Continuing Education \$500
4. Granted permission for **TE Bonnie Grabowski**, to be moved to Member-at-Large.
5. Granted permission for First Presbyterian Church, Lee's Summit MO to discontinue search for an Associate Pastor.
6. Granted permission for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS to form a PNC.
7. Granted permission for TE Rebecca Kirkpatrick, of Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA to serve the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Heartland Presbyterian Center, on November 21, 2015 at Heartland Presbyterian Center.

Nominating Committee**Presbytery Council**

TE Carla Gentry – Moderator of Presbytery (wfc) 1st, Belton, MO

RE Bond Faulwell – Moderator Elect of Presbytery (wme) Grace Covenant, OP, KS

RE Vera Phillips – Moderator of Council (bfe) St. Paul, KC, MO

Class 2018

RE Teresa Clark (wfe) T-2 Parkville, Parkville, MO

RE Don Haring (wme) T-2 Central, KC, MO

TE Kathleen Knehans (wfc) T-2 Validated Ministry

TE Don Wilson (wmc) T-1 HR

Class 2016

RE Maggie Blankers (wfe) T-1 Grace Covenant, OP, KS

TE Jean Murphy (wfc) T-1 Member at Large

Church Order and Listening Division

RE Fran Haney – Moderator (wfe) T-3 Butler, Butler, MO

Class 2018

RE Fran Haney (wfe) T-2 Butler, Butler, MO

TE Jeromey Howard (wmc) T-1 United Christian Presbyterian, Richmond, MO

TE Thomas Williams (wmc) T-1 HR

Church Planting and Revitalization Division

TE Connie Happel – Moderator (wfc) T – 1 Ward Parkway, KC, MO

Class 2018

TE Connie Happell (wfc) T – 2 Ward Parkway, KC, MO

TE Jodi Mathews (wfc) T- 1 South Broadland, KC, MO

TE Paul Rock (wmc) T-2 2nd, KC, MO

Church Resource Center Advisory Board**Class 2018**

TE John Welch (wmc) T- 1 Community, St. Joseph, MO

Commission on Ministry

RE Carol Grimaldi – Moderator (wfe) T-1 2nd, KC, MO

Class 2018

RE Barbara Bever (wfe) T-2 Covenant, KC, MO

RE Carol Grimaldi (wfe) T-2 2nd, KC, MO

RE Jim Trast (wme) T-1 Grace Covenant, OP, KS

Commission of Preparation for Ministry

TE Heather Jepsen – Moderator (wfc) T-2 1st, Warrensburg, MO

Class 2018

RE Bob Grant (wme) T-2 Parkville, Parkville, MO

TE Heather Jepsen (wfc) T-2 1st, Warrensburg, MO

TE Jenny McDevitt (wfc) T-1 Village, PV, KS

Committee on Commissioned Ruling Elders

TE Bonnie Grabowski - Co-Mod. (wfc) T-2 Member at Large

TE Glenda Watts – Co-Mod. (wfc) T-2 HR

Class 2018

TE Pat Jackson (wmc) T-1 Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO

TE Kathleen Knehans (wfc) T-2 Validated Ministry

RE Paul Moss (bme) T-1 Jacoby Chapel, Warrensburg, MO

Class 2016

TE Robert Dahlgren (wmc) T-1 1st, Albany, MO
 RE Olain Francois (bme) T-1 Christ, KC, MO

Committee on Nominations
 TE Jeff Clayton – Moderator (wmc) T-1 Southminster, PV, KS
Class of 2018
 RE Ruth Crawford (wfe) T -1 Southminster, PV, KS
 RE Jack Schrimsher (wme) T-2 Parkville, Parkville, MO

Committee on Representation
 TE Kirk Perrucca – Moderator (wmc) T-1 Covenant, KC, MO
Class 2018
 TE Kirk Perucca (wmc) T-1 Covenant, KC, MO

Heartland Presbyterian Center Board
 RE Michael Kruse – Moderator (wme) T-2 Pine Ridge, KC, MO
Class 2018
 RE Michael Kruse (wme) T-2 Pine Ridge, KC, MO
 RE Laura Ozenberger (wfe) T-1 Parkville, Parkville, MO

Mission and Social Justice Division
 TE Kirk Perucca – Moderator (wmc) T-1 Covenant, KC, MO
Class 2018
 TE J. Dicks Mckell (wmc) T-2 HR
 RE Jo Randolph (wfe) T-2 Grace Covenant, OP, KS
 TE Don Sears (wmc) T-1 HR

Permanent Judicial Commission
Class 2017
 RE Kathy Lueckert (wfe) Village, PV, KS
Class 2021
 TE Jeff Clayton (wmc) Southminster, PV, KS
 RE Kevin Mason (wme) Grace Covenant, OP, KS

Sexual Misconduct Response Panel
 TE Bonnie Grabowski – Moderator (wfc) T-1 Member at Large
Class 2018
 TE Joseph Carle (wmc) T-1 HR
 RE Jan Myers (wfe) T-2 Parkville, Parkville, MO
 L Sherry Templeton (wfl) T-1 Covenant, KC, MO
 L Cindy Wilcox (wfl) T-2 Village, PV, KS

Stewardship Division
 RE Mary Jorgenson – Moderator (wfe) T-1 Southminster, KC, MO

Worship and Fellowship Division
 TE Elaine Loggi – Moderator (wfc) T-2 1st, Fairfax, MO
Class 2018
 TE David Cliburn (wmc) T-1 Woodville, Oregon, MO/Stony Point, Trimble, MO
 TE David Moore (wmc) T-2 New Summit, Lee’s Summit, MO
 TE Jean Murphy (wfc) T-1 Member at Large

Commissioners to Synod of Mid-America
 TE Donna Chavez (wfc) HR
 TE Carla Gentry (wfc) Belton, Belton, MO
 TE Tamara Miller (wfc) Linwood United, KC, MO
 RE Avis Odenbaugh (wfe) Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO
 RE Jack Schrimsher (wme) Parkville, Parkville, MO

RE Bob Stikeleather (wme)	1 st , Independence, MO
<u>Commissioners to General Assembly</u>	
RE Teresa Clark (wfe)	Parkville, Parkville, MO
RE Terry Miller (wme)	Linwood United, KC, MO
RE Vera Phillips (bfe)	St. Paul, KC, MO
TE Bonnie Grawboski (wfc)	Member at Large
TE Jonathan Mitchell (wmc)	1 st , Marysville, MO
TE Jean Murphy (wfc)	Member at Large
YAAD Timothy Gibson (wm)	Shawnee, Shawnee, KS

Alternates

RE Nancy Ehrlich (wfe)	1 st , Independence, MO
TE Heather Jepsen (wfc)	1 st , Warrensburg, MO

Stated Clerk of Heartland Presbytery

RE Sally Hinchman (wfe) for a 3 year term
 The slate was approved.

Report of Executive Presbyter

TE Charles Spencer challenged the commissioners to have the enthusiasm of the KC Royals fans and also as the Chicago Cubs fans especially as they continued to hang in there and not give up when there are struggles and difficult times in churches. The Presbytery Offices will move to 3210 Michigan when their space is completed. He reminded the presbytery that there will be some down time as the staff packs and unpacks. He noted that the 5 year budget comparisons shows that the giving is basically flat and as a result the presbytery cannot do as much with these dollars today because of inflation. The presbytery has had unexpected expenses these past couple of years such as the move to Olathe, court costs and assisting with expenses with 2 churches.

The Sanctuary Place

TE Tera Pennington said the Sanctuary Place is in need of volunteers to help with an after school program at a nearby elementary school.

Announcements

Commissioners made announcements about events on the presbytery and churches.

Lunch

Moderator Phillips said the presbytery would be in recess following the prayer by TE Nikki Cooley.

Reconvene

Moderator Phillips reconvened the meeting with prayer.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

TE Heather Jepsen began the examination of Inquirer Owen Gray from Village Presbyterian, PV, KS on his call to ministry followed by questions from the commissioners. TE Jepsen moved that Owen Gray move to candidacy. Motion was approved. Moderator Phillips asked the Constitutional Questions and TE Jepsen offered a prayer.

Congregational Ministries Division

TE Karen Wagner urged commissioners to get their members to attend “Embracing Hope” on February 6, 2016 at Southminster Presbyterian, PV, KS. There will be workshops for everyone. The keynote speaker is author and storyteller Barbara Essex.

Youth Council member Samantha Williams encouraged commissioners to send youth from their churches to serve on the Youth Council.

Youth Council members Katie Sheek and Ina Thomas highlighted the Youth Tubing day on January 18, 2016.

TE Seth Wheeler talked about his experience of attending the Youth Triennium when he was in High School. At that event he got his call to ministry. Churches are encouraged to send their youth to the Youth Triennium in 2016.

Malinda Spencer reminded churches to take advantage of the early bird subscription rate for the Resource Center.

Administrative Commission for Linwood Area Ministry Project

TE Krista Kiger commented on the Dedication Service that was held on November 1, 2015 for the redeveloped project. She said the Commission is beginning to work on the history of the project. Individuals and congregation were urged to consider helping to fund the completion of the project.

Church Order and Listening

RE Fran Haney presented the Overture on “Caring for God’s Creation” from Mission and Social Justice Division. The overture was approved. Through the drawing of names of churches who had their session minutes read, five churches received tokens of appreciation.

Report of Trip to Maya Quiche’ Presbytery

Linda Johnson from 1st Presbyterian, Leavenworth, KS said some of the individuals who signed the original Partnership Document 20 years ago were on the recent trip. She talked about the numerous changes in the Maya Quiche’ Presbytery and in the country Guatemala.

Presbyterian Urban and Immigrant Ministry Network Stories

TE Scott Myers reported that Westport Presbyterian, KC, MO uses their PUIMN shared mission dollars for a program for children and youth called “Peace Quest”.

TE Peter Sanders and RE Vivian Hunt reported that NorthEastminster, KC, MO uses their PUIMN shared mission dollars for handing out bus passes and pay for medicine at a pharmacy for persons in need.

Adjournment

Moderator RE Vera Phillips closed the meeting with prayer at 2:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Sally J Hinchman, Stated Clerk