

Heartland Presbytery Minutes
Two Hundred and Fortieth Stated Meeting – Tuesday, June 5, 2018
First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS

Opening, Docket and Welcome

Moderator TE Don Wilson 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 49 teaching elders, 50 ruling elders from congregations, 6 ruling elders from Presbytery Council, moderators and the stated clerk, 1 CRE, 5 Inquirers/candidates, 2 staff, 15 visitors (plus members of the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas) and 1 Corresponding Member.

The docket was presented with a few typo corrections and approved with no new business.

TE Rachel Dannar welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian, Atchison, KS. First Time Commissioners were welcomed and introduced. TE Jason Ku from Sacramento Presbytery was seated as a Corresponding Member.

Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk Sally Hinchman presented the Consent Agenda as printed in the packet. All Items were approved.

1. Approve the Presbytery Council Minutes of March 19, 2018 and incorporate them in the stated meeting minutes of April 14, 2018.
2. Approve the Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2018.
3. Receive the Year to Date Financials
4. Receive the Report of the Trustees
5. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission for Installation for TE Brandon Frick, to serve as Associate Pastor for Village Presbyterian and the site pastor for Village on Antioch, on Monday, May 22, 2018.
6. Approve the Presbytery Statistical Report as of December 31, 2017:

Prior year count of ministers 2016	186
deaths	1
dismissed to other presbyteries	9
dismissed to other denominations	4
ordained	2
received from other presbyteries	3
received from another denomination	2
losses	14
gains	7
Total ministers for 2016	179
Prior year count of churches 2015	97
Dissolved Churches	3
Total count of churches	94
New Church Development	1
New Worshipping Communities	2

Teaching Elder Roll

Dismissed to other Presbyteries

Sarah Are	10/11/2017
Norwood Brown	11/2/2017

Owen Gray	8/3/2017
Connie Happell	3/2/2017
Jeromey Howard	11/2/2017
Chris Miller	9/7/2017
Terra Pennington	6/1/2017
Amir Tawardrous	9/7/2017
Seth Wheeler	2/2/2017

Deaths

Robert Ceperley	8/1/2017
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Dismissed to other Denominations

Curtis Brophy	4/2/2017
John Kaiser	1/5/2017
David Moore	5/4/2017
Gary Myers	6/1/2017

Received from other presbyteries

Mark Hutton	10/10/2017
Keith Koch	2/25/2017
Nichole Richardson	7/30/2017

Ordained

Sarah Are	10/10/2017
Owen Gray	7/30/2017

Received from Other Denominations

Melissa Bowers	9/19/2017
Junhyoung Kim	2/6/2017

7. Approve the equalization of ruling elder/teaching elder commissioners:
 Letters have been sent to clerks following this presbytery meeting regarding their number of commissioners effective June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019

Churches with 1-99 members (1) ruling elder commissioner
 Churches with 100-250 members (2) ruling elder commissioners
 Churches with 251-450 members (3) ruling elder commissioners
 Churches with 451-1100 members (4) ruling elder commissioners
 Churches with 1101-4500 members (5) ruling elder commissioners
 Churches with 4501-6000 members (10) ruling elder commissioners

RE Commissioners from churches	130
CRE's	6
RE's Presbytery Council, Moderators, stated clerk & treasurer	12
Teaching Elders	179
Honorably Retired	92
Not living in the bounds of the presbytery	25

8. Receive Heartland Presbytery Totals for 2017.

Worship, Commissioning and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

TE Edward Thompson served as the preacher. The 223rd General Assembly Commissioners were commissioned. TE Edward Thompson and TE Elaine Loggi Celebrated the Lord's Supper. The offering of \$1,003 will be given to the "Poor Peoples Campaign – Stand Up KC".

Commission on Ministry

TE Ron Galvin conducted the examination for COM for **Candidate Will Ratcliff** for ordination, installation and membership to serve as Pastor for Tarkio Presbyterian, Tarkio, MO effective July 22, 2018 followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved that the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

TE Nikki Cooley conducted the examination for CPM and TE Elizabeth Strobel for COM for **Candidate Rodger Nishioka** to serve as Associate Pastor for Village Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS effective June 26, 2018 followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved that the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

Actions Taken at the May 3, 2018 Meeting:

1. Approved RE Craig Gibson to serve as team leader for the Northwest Support Team effective May 1, 2018.
2. Approved TE Sarah Butler to serve as at large member of the Northwest Support Team and RE Walt Grainger as at large member of the East Central Support Team.
3. Appointed RE Barbara Bever as moderator of the Linwood United, KC, MO session.
4. Transferred TE Jason Ku to the Presbytery of Sacramento.
5. Approved the transitional pastor covenant between Grace Covenant, Overland Park, KS and **TE Fred Holbrook** effective April 4, 2018, for six months at the following terms: annual salary \$80,000, full PCUSA pension/medical dues (\$30,392), continuing education expense reimbursed up to \$1,500, professional expense/mileage reimbursed up to \$3,000 at the IRS rate, paid vacation of four weeks (four Sundays), and paid study leave of two weeks (two Sundays).
6. Approved the call of the Tarkio Presbyterian, Tarkio, KS to **William Ratcliff** as pastor effective June 15, 2018 with the following annual terms: salary \$27,650, utilities \$3,600, free use of manse (valued at \$9,375), full PCUSA pension/medical dues (pastoral plan), travel expense at IRS rate up to \$1,000, continuing education/professional development \$500, paid vacation of four weeks (four Sundays), and paid study leave of two weeks (two Sundays). Followed EEOC Policy.
7. Approved William Ratcliff to be examined for ordination, installation, and membership at the June 5, 2018, meeting of presbytery.
8. Authorize First Presbyterian, Clinton, MO to form a PNC.
9. Appointed TE Craig Gibson moderator of the Argentine, KC, KS session.
10. Approved the call of Village Church Prairie Village to **Rodger Nishioka** as Associate Pastor for Village Presbyterian, PV, KS pending his election by the congregation and examination by presbytery, effective June 26, 2018 with the following annual terms: salary \$62,627, housing \$25,000, social security allowance \$6,703, full PCUSA pension/medical dues (\$19,444), dental \$450, auto \$1,500, continuing education \$1,000, professional expense \$1,500, paid vacation of four weeks (Including 4 Sundays), and paid study leave of two weeks (including 2 Sundays). Followed EEOC policy.
11. Approved Rodger Nishioka to be examined for ordination, installation, and membership at the June 5, 2018 meeting of presbytery.
12. Granted **Paul Davidson** permission to labor within the bounds of Heartland Presbytery from June 15, 2018, through September 15, 2018, to serve the New Hope Parish pending his election by the congregations of the parish and his ordination by Santa Barbara Presbytery.
13. Approved the MIF submitted by Northminster, Kansas City, MO.
14. Moved **TE Mari Lyn Jones** to member at large for Heartland Presbytery.
15. Moved **TE Jay Collins** from validated ministry to member at large of Heartland Presbytery.
16. Approved the extension of the interim pastor contract between Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO and **Victor Force** through July 14, 2018, with the following terms: salary \$21,960, housing \$22,000, full pension/medical (\$15,605.80), disability \$439, continuing education \$3,500, paid

vacation of one week per quarter, and paid study leave of one week per six months. This contract provides for Victor taking an immediate medical leave of up to 30 days.

17. Approved the installation commission of TE Brandon Frick as Associate Pastor of Village Presbyterian Church on May 21, at Village on Antioch, OP, KS: TE Don Wilson (moderator), RE Sarah Evans (Grace Covenant), RE Martha Malsbary (Village on Antioch), TE Sally Wright, TE David Nzioka, and TE Tom Are.
18. Moved **Bonnie Grabowski** to member at large effective May 13, 2018.
19. Approved to appoint **TE Robert Bardeen** moderator of the Ward Parkway, KC, MO session during the time that Victor Force is on medical leave.
20. Approved to receive the resignation of Anita Wertz from COM with deep regret.

Board of Pensions – Church Consultant

TE Edward Thompson shared information regarding new programs the Board of Pensions will be starting in July 2018 and January 2019.

Nominations Committee

The following persons were elected to serve:

Church Planting and Revitalization Division

Class of 2018

Nicole Richardson	wfte	t – 1	South-Broadland Presbyterian, KC, MO
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Commission on Ministry

Class of 2018

Robert “Bob” Bardeen	wmte	t – 1	HR
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Class of 2020

Carla Gentry	wfte	t – 1	VM
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Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2018

Brandon Frick	wmte	t – 1	Village on Antioch, OP, KS
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Presbytery Council

The presbytery approved the following motion:

The Church Planting and Revitalization Committee (CPR) recommends that Heartland Presbytery move funds from the CPR restricted fund ‘Olathe New Church Development’ (Edgar Moore) to CPR’s newly created restricted fund for ‘Planting and Resurrection’ which will be drawn upon to support the seeding and growth of new churches and new worshipping communities throughout Heartland Presbytery.

The Business Affairs Committee plans to bring a 2019 Realistic Mission Budget that reflects the anticipated receipts.

The Personnel Committee reported they had made some changes to the Interim Executive Presbyter Position Description.

Presbytery Council Discussion

A presentation was given regarding the responses from the discussions at the February and April presbytery meetings. The presbytery was divided into small groups to reflect on these responses.

Recess, Prayer and Lunch

TE Rachel Dannar gave directions for lunch and offered a prayer. Moderator Wilson recessed the meeting until 1:00 pm. The church served an array of homemade salads, rolls and pies!

Reconvene with Prayer

Moderator Wilson reconvened the meeting with prayer at 1:00 pm.

Administrative Commission for the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas

TE Jason Ku served as the translator for the AC Report. Members of KUPCK were given the privilege to speak regarding motion # 1.

Members of the Administrative Commission gathered on the chancel. TE Brian Ellison provided some context and background information regarding the recommendations the Administrative Commission were bringing to the presbytery.

1. **The Administrative Commission makes the following recommendations to Heartland Presbytery regarding the congregation:**
 - a. **That Heartland Presbytery dissolve the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas, effective June 30, 2018, upon recommendation of the Administrative Commission acting as the board of directors of the KUPCK corporate body.**
 - b. **That Heartland Presbytery, through its Administrative Commission, take all necessary legal steps to transfer control and ownership of all liabilities, property (land and building) and assets to Heartland Presbytery.**
 - c. **That Heartland Presbytery hold the property and assets in segregated accounts of the presbytery for paying all expenses related to the dissolution of the corporation, with the balance designated for possible use for new ministry with the Kansas City metro Korean community, for a period of no less than 24 months following the date of dissolution.**
 - d. **That Heartland Presbytery direct its Moderator, in consultation with the Administrative Commission, Commission on Ministry and the Committee on Church Planting and Redevelopment, to nominate a new administrative commission within 90 days for the purpose of examining the future of Presbyterian ministry in the Kansas City metro Korean community, subject to election by the presbytery at its next stated meeting. Membership in this commission may include members of the COM, CPR, the Board of Trustees, the current Administrative Commission and members of the former congregation.**
 - e. **That Heartland Presbytery direct the Stated Clerk to secure the session and congregational records and to transfer any members who wish to be transferred to the congregations of their choice in accordance with the *Book of Order*.**

Members of the KUPCK were given the opportunity to speak to this motion. Twelve members spoke with 6 members asking the presbytery to give the church one more chance, 6 members spoke regarding their concerns about the pastor and 3 spoke regarding they felt that it is right to dissolve the church.

Members of Heartland Presbytery were given the opportunity to ask questions and to speak for or against the motion. The motion was presented and the presbytery approved it by a voice vote with at least one no vote. Moderator Wilson then offered a prayer for the congregation.

TE Ellison made the following motion:

2. **Pending approval of the recommendations found in 1. above, the Administrative Commission makes the following recommendations to Heartland Presbytery regarding the pastoral relationship:**
 - a. **That the pastoral relationship be dissolved between the Rev. Junhyoung (John) Kim and the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas, effective upon dissolution of the congregation on June 30, 2018.**

- b. **That Pastor Kim receive severance payments of full salary and benefits through September 30, 2018.**
- c. **That as a condition of receiving severance, Pastor Kim be required to agree to the presbytery's covenant of closure, which shall preclude his involvement in PCUSA ministry with the Kansas City metro Korean community for a period of no less than 24 months from the date of dissolution.**

TE Juhyoung (John) Kim was given the opportunity to speak to motion # 2. He spoke very briefly. Members of the presbytery were given the opportunity to ask questions and to speak for or against the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. Moderator Wilson then offered a prayer for Pastor Kim and his family.

TE Ellison moved the following motion:

- 3. The Administrative Commission recommends that once a new Administrative Commission is elected and convenes its first meeting, Heartland Presbytery dissolve the current Administrative Commission.**

There was no discussion. The motion was approved. Moderator Wilson thanked the Administrative Commission for their work.

Moderator Don Wilson

Moderator Wilson explained he was turning the gavel over to Moderator-elect, RE Mary Jorgenson since he needed to attend his granddaughter's High School graduation.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

RE Mac Fletching conducted the examination of Inquirer Claire Brettell, Village Presbyterian, PV, KS to move to candidacy for CPM. Following questions from the presbytery, TE Nikki Cooley moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

TE Krista Kiger conducted the examination of Inquirer Caroline Barnett, Village Presbyterian, PV, KS to move to candidacy for CPM. Following questions from the presbytery, TE Nikki Cooley moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

RE Bob Grant conducted the examination of Inquirer Essie Reinke, Village Presbyterian, PV, KS to move to candidacy for CPM. Following questions from the presbytery, TE Nikki Cooley moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

Moderator-elect Jorgenson invited Claire, Caroline, Essie and their friends to the chancel. She then asked the Candidates the Constitutional Questions and offered a prayer.

TE Nikki Cooley nominated the following individuals to read Ordination Exams: RE's Michael Jasper and Virginia Lewis, TE's Brandon Frick and Heidi Peterson and Alternate TE Nikki Cooley. Motion was approved.

One Minute Announcements

Individuals shared celebrations and events in their congregations and communities.

Congregational Ministries Division

TE Pat Jackson shared the following events planned for youth in the presbytery:

July 16, 2018 – Micah Ministry Youth Mission Day

August 5, 2018 – Heartland Youth Council Faith & Fellowship

October 5, 2018 – Festival of Sharing

July 16 – 20, 2019 – Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Moderator- elect Mary Jorgenson thanked Pat for his years of service at Blue Ridge Presbyterian and at the presbytery. He and his family will be leaving for the Netherlands in August.

Presbyterian Women

TE Glenda Watts invited individuals to register for Presbyterian Women's Gathering in August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville, KY. In July of 2019 there will be a PW USA Mission Event in upstate New York.

Administrative Commission for The Sanctuary Place

TE Kathleen Knehans moved the following motion:
Having fulfilled our commission to explore fully the possibility for development and redevelopment at the former site of the United Church of the Good Shepherd, and having concluded that there is not sufficient funding and support at this time, the Administrative Commission for The Sanctuary Place respectfully requests that this Commission be dissolved, effective April 26, 2018.

Kathleen Knehans, Moderator; Elizabeth Strobel; Bob Stikeleather; George McCall, Clerk

Motion was approved. Moderator-elect Jorgenson thanked the Commission for their dedication to the work these past years.

Adjourned with Prayer

Moderator-elect Mary Jorgenson thanked First Presbyterian, Atchison, KS for their hospitality. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 3:50 pm with a prayer.

Submitted by

Stated Clerk RE Sally Hinchman