

Heartland Presbytery Minutes
Two Hundred Forty First Stated Meeting – Saturday, September 15, 2018
New Horizon Presbyterian Church, Odessa, MO

Opening, Docket and Welcome

Moderator TE Don Wilson led the presbytery in an opening prayer at 9:00 am. RE Stated Clerk 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 42 teaching elders, 54 ruling elders from congregations, 7 ruling elders from Presbytery Council, moderators and the stated clerk, 1 Commissioned Ruling Elder, 4 Corresponding Members, 2 staff and 15 visitors.

The docket was presented with several typo corrections. TE Rachel Dannar, Moderator of Council presented new business. The docket was approved.

RE Geoff Katchmarik from New Horizon's welcomed the presbytery. First Time Commissioner's were welcomed and introduced. Corresponding Members were introduced and seated.

Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk Hinchman presented the Consent Agenda as printed in the docket. All items were approved.

1. Approve the Presbytery Council Minutes of May 14, 2018 and incorporate them in the stated meeting minutes on June 5, 2018.
2. Approve Heartland Presbytery Stated Meeting Minutes on June 5, 2018.
3. Receive the year to date financials.
4. Approve the 2018 Terms of Call.
5. Receive the report of the Administrative Commission for the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas.
6. For the 'New' Administrative Commission for Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas approve the following persons to serve on the Administrative Commission: TE Jennifer Battaglioli, RE Tim Hayden, TE Dan McKnight, TE David Nzioka, and RE Bob Stikeleather. Recommend that Johnnie Baker serve as an advisory member. *NOTE: The powers are in the submitted in the COM Report.*
7. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission for KUPCK.
8. Administrative Commission for Churches Leaving the PC(USA) recommends:
 - (1) Dissolving the following churches: Walnut Grove, Butler, MO; Freeman Presbyterian, Freeman, MO; St. Luke Presbyterian, KC, MO; First Presbyterian, Olathe, KS; Barbee Memorial, Excelsior Springs, MO; and Colonial Presbyterian, KC, MO & Overland Park, KS effective September 15, 2018.
 - (2) That the Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks.
9. Receive the report of the Presbytery Council.
10. Close The Sanctuary Place effective September 15, 2018.
11. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Rodger Nishioka at Village Presbyterian, PV, KS.
12. Dismiss with thanks the Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Candidate Will Ratcliff at Tarkio Presbyterian, Tarkio, MO.
13. Receive the report of the stated clerk.
14. Receive the report from Presbyterian Women

Morning Prayers

RE Geoff Katchmarik and Richard Miller lead the presbytery in Morning Prayers. The offering of \$966.91 was given to the Heartland Presbytery Mission Budget.

Commission on Ministry

TE Lonnie Lee recommended the 2019 Minimum Terms of Call:

- a. Cost of living increase of 3% making the 2019 effective salary & housing \$41,818 (an increase of \$1,218 over the 2018 minimum of \$40,600)
- b. Pastoral Plan PC(USA) Pension and Medical dues will increase to \$15,473 for 2019 (an increase of \$451 over 2018).
- c. Continuing Education allowance - \$500 minimum, cumulative to \$1,500.
- d. Minimum Total Package will be \$57,791 for 2019 (an increase of \$1,669).
- e. 4 weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays) and 2 weeks continuing education including (2 Sundays).

Motion was approved.

TE Craig Gibson conducted the examination for COM for installation and membership of **TE Paul Davidson** to serve as pastor for New Hope Parish – First, Osawatomie, KS; First Paola, KS; and Miami, Paola, KS effective July 15, 2018. Followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved. RE Mike Barnett shared how excited the Parish is having Paul be their pastor.

TE Barbara Sherer conducted the examination for COM for membership of **TE Clifford Horton, HR**. Followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

TE Craig Gibson conducted the examination for COM for **RE Linda Dudley** to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder for First Presbyterian, Pleasanton, KS effective September 1, 2018 for 3 years, which is renewable and with all powers granted for CRE's. Followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved. Moderator Wilson invited members of the church to join Linda. He then asked her the Constitutional Questions and offered a prayer.

Actions Taken at the June 7, 2018 Meeting

1. Approved MIF for Ward Parkway Church.
2. Granted TE Sarah Butler Honorably Retired status effective July 31, 2018.
3. Placed TE Sarah Butler on Pulpit Supply List A.
4. Transferred TE Jenny McDevitt to the Presbytery of New York City.
5. Approved Paul Davidson to be examined by presbytery for installation and membership at the September 15, 2018, meeting of presbytery.
6. Approved "Conducting a Fit Interview" form.
7. Approved the assignment of TE Carla Gentry to the Northwest Support Team and TE Bob Bardeen to the East Central Support Team.
8. Approved RE Debbie Anderson as moderator of the Butler Presbyterian, Butler, MO.
9. Approved TE Joe Carle as liaison for First Presbyterian, Clinton, MO.
10. Placed TE Kathryn Bates of Central Nebraska Presbytery on the Pulpit Supply List B.
11. Approved the Ordination and Installation Commission for Roger Nishioka as Associate Pastor of Village Church on June 26, 2018, at 7:00pm with the following

members: TE Don Wilson, Moderator, TE Tom Are (Village), TE Nikki Cooley (Liberty First), RE Sally Hinchman (Grace Covenant), RE Kathy Lueckert (Village), TE Nathan Mochizuki (validated ministry). Corresponding members: Jack Marsh and the Reverend Marcia Riggs (Christian Methodist Episcopal Church).

12. Approved the attached MIF for Clinton First.
13. Moved TE John Kim to member at large effective July 1, 2018.
14. Moved TE Pat Jackson to member at large effective June 18, 2018.
15. Approved the attached MIF for Village Church.

Actions Taken at the August 2, 2018 Meeting:

1. Approved the 2018 Terms of Call for Teaching Elders and CRE's.
2. Approved the previous action of the executive committee to authorize the Ordination and Installation Commission for Will Ratcliff at Tarkio Presbyterian Church, Tarkio, MO on July 22 at 3:30pm with the following members: TE Don Wilson, Moderator, TE Bob Dahlgren, TE Ron Galvin, TE Nate Mochizuki, RE Susan Slaughter (Tarkio Presbyterian), and RE Anita Sutter (Fairfax Presbyterian).
3. Approved RE Barbara Bever to be moderator of the Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO Session.
4. Approved the attached twelve month temporary supply contract between the Belton Church, Belton, MO and TE Robert J. Cromwell (50% time) beginning July 1, 2018 (pending successful completion of a fit interview), with the following annual terms: salary \$5,300, housing \$15,000, travel expense \$250, continuing education \$250, full PCUSA medical/pension dues, vacation four weeks, and study leave two weeks.
5. Approved six month interim ministry contract between Ward Parkway Church, KC, MO and TE Robert Bardeen beginning July 1, 2018 (pending successful completion of a fit interview), with the following annual terms: salary \$21,960, housing \$22,000, post-retirement dues (12%) \$6067.20, medical supplement \$6,600, continuing education \$3,500, vacation one week per quarter, study leave one week every six months, and auto reimbursement at the IRS rate.
6. Moved TE Victor Force to member-at-large effective June 30, 2018.
7. Approved MIF for Trinity Church, St. Joseph, MO.
8. Established the policy that Ministers of Word and Sacrament moving into Heartland Presbytery without a specific call to a ministry validated by the presbytery may apply to be members-at-large of the presbytery by undergoing a fit interview and background checks. Their reception will be subject to their ongoing commitment to the continuing practice of ministry and their active participation in the life of one of Heartland's congregations (G-2.0503 b).
9. Approved Cliff Horton, H.R., to be examined by presbytery for membership at the September 15, 2018 meeting of presbytery.
10. Approved the interim pastor contract between Blue Ridge Church, Raytown, MO and TE Ron Galvin effective August 1, 2018, with the following terms: effective salary \$44,601, post-retirement dues (12%), auto reimbursement up to \$1,200, continuing education \$750, professional expense \$1,950, four weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays), and two weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays).
11. Approved the CRE contract between First Pleasanton, KS and Linda Dudley to serve 16% time effective September 1, 2018, at the following terms: salary \$3,500, housing \$3,500, travel/professional reimbursement \$5,000, four weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays), and two weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays) for 3 years, renewable with all powers for CRE's.
12. Approved the terms of call between the New Hope Parish and Paul Davidson effective July 15, 2018, with the following terms: effective salary \$40,600, professional expenses \$5,000, full PCUSA pension/medical dues, four weeks vacation, and two weeks study leave. AAEO policy.

13. Approved a motion to work with the Peacemaking Committee to co-sponsor a Conflict Workshop led by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.
14. Approved RE Ann Ditty to serve on the Southeast Support Team.
15. Appointed TE Elizabeth Strobel moderator of Linwood Presbyterian, KC, MO.
16. Authorized RE Jan Myers to explore Heartland participation in the Resiliency Program for Clergy.

Presbytery Council

TE Rachel Dannar moved to Amend Administrative Policy 5 – “Financial Policies” – to add a new B. 7. Budget Development – Any motion to amend the budget, made at the Council or presbytery level, must include an offsetting item under the same heading/category, so that the final budget will remain balanced. TE Chad Herring moved to amend to add following the word “budget, ‘to increase expenditures,’ so”. Amendment was seconded. The amendment was approved. The amended motion was approved.

RE Maggie Blankers, Moderator of Business Affairs, shared that over the past years our mission giving and per capita giving has declined. Presbytery Council will need to make some difficult decisions regarding the 2019 budgets. She said she is aware that churches are also struggling with their budgets. In the past the presbytery has been using reserves and that it is not a good practice. Business Affairs had a meeting with committee, division and commission moderators regarding some of these difficult decisions. The Council plans to bring realistic balanced budgets to the November stated meeting.

TE Rachel Dannar reported for the Search Committee. TE D’Ann (Dee) Cooper has accepted to be our Interim Executive Presbyter. Her start date will be towards the end of October, depending upon movers. There will be a called presbytery meeting for a meet and greet and receive her into membership.

Nominations Committee

TE Kimby Young moved the slate to be elected:

<u>Moderator-elect for 2019</u>		
Heather Jepsen	wfte	First, Warrensburg, MO
<u>Commission on Ministry</u>		
Class 2020		
Sarah Evans	wfre t-1	Grace Covenant, OP, KS
<u>Committee on Commissioned Ruling Elder</u>		
Class 2020		
Barbara Bever	wfre t-1	Covenant, KC, MO
<u>Synod Commissioners – 2019</u>		
Barbara Bever	wfre	Covenant, KC, MO
Jack Schrimsher	wmre	Parkville, Parkville, MO
Avis Odenbaugh	wfre	Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO
Rachel Dannar	wfte	1 st , Atchinson, KS
Paul Rock	wmte	2 nd , KC, MO

There were no nominations from the presbytery. Motion was approved. She then handed out paper and requested the presbytery to give suggestions for individuals to serve on presbytery committees, divisions and commissions.

Report of General Assembly Commissioner

RE Craig Gibson shared his experience of serving as a General Assembly Commissioner this past June. He said it was a growing experience for him. He share that his life was truly changed by serving as a commissioner.

Mission and Social Justice

Lindsay Behgam shared information regarding the Voter2Vote events to be held on September 22, 2018 at 1st Presbyterian, Leavenworth and Chapel Hill Presbyterian, Blue Springs, MO from 9 am – 11 am. Two other events were held on September 9th and September 15th.

Congregational Ministries Division

TE Karen Wright encouraged individuals to attend the E-4 Event on November 4 – 6, 2018. The theme is “Resilience”. G.R.O.W. will be Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Rolling Hills Presbyterian, O.P., KS. The committee is looking for workshop suggestions. Miranda Gibson urged churches to send young people to the Youth Triennium July 16 – 20, 2019 at Purdue University, IN.

One Minute Announcements

Individuals shared celebrations and events in the congregations and communities.

Presbytery Council Discussion Groups

TE’s Rachel Dannar and Jason Carle talked about what they have learned from the earlier discussions. The topic for today is “Communications”. Individuals were divided into groups to respond to the questions.

Recess, Prayer and Lunch

RE Geoff Katchmarik gave directions for lunch and offered a prayer.

Reconvene with Prayer

Moderator Wilson offered a prayer and read a Psalm at 1:00 pm.

Safe Boundaries Response Panel

RE Ann Ditty shared information that are in packets regarding the annual training for all teaching elders, CRS’s, inquirers and candidates. This year the training will be online and individuals will need to complete it by December 31, 2018.

Mission and Social Justice

TE Stephen Andrews moved that Heartland Presbytery endorse Proposition B, an initiative on the Missouri Ballot for the election on November 6, 2018. Motion was approved.

Commission on Ministry

TE Lonnie Lee moved the following powers for the New Korean Administrative Commission for the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas:

1. Assume the duties of the Board of Directors for the Corporation known as the Korean United Presbyterian Church of Kansas and to elect from among the members of the board, that is, the members of the commission excluding any advisory members, officers of the corporation.
2. Terminate and dissolve the corporate body when all accounts are settled and it is deemed feasible and prudent.
3. Determine the use or disposal of the former church building at 4849 England St., Merriam, KS. If the property and furnishings are sold, the proceeds will placed in a designated account for a period of no less than 24 months following the dissolution of the church (June 30, 2018) for use for a new ministry with the Kansas City metro Korean community.
4. Direct the use of funds designated for Kansas City metro Korean community for the commission’s work.

5. Research and study the need for a PC(USA) planting a Korean Church in the Kansas City metro area.
6. Have the authority to consult with the former Administrative Commission, Commission on Ministry, Church Planting and Revitalization Division, Trustees, presbytery staff, former members of KUPCK, and any other consultants as needed.
7. Report regularly to the presbytery regarding their work.

Motion was approved.

TE Barbara Sherer conducted the examination for COM for TE Nancy Gillard for at large membership in Heartland Presbytery. Followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

TE Barbara Sherer conducted the examination for COM for TE Grant Gillard for at large membership in Heartland Presbytery. Followed by questions from the presbytery. TE Lonnie Lee moved the examination be approved. Motion was approved.

Adjourned with Prayer

Moderator Don Wilson thanked New Horizon for their hospitality. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:45 pm.

Submitted

Sally Hinchman. Stated Clerk