

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 208th STATED MEETING

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY’S VISION STATEMENT

Joyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.

Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.

Drepared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

The 208th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Moderator Jim Holt. Jim welcomed everyone and introduced the Reverend Chris Miller, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri. Chris opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Elders new to the stated meeting of presbytery were introduced: The Reverend Bill Havens introduced Elder Jan Everett from First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, Missouri; Pastor Tim Oster introduced Elder Cindy Oster of Bethany Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri; the Reverend John Anderson introduced Thomas Walters and Sophia Gutierrez of First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri; the Reverend John Nipper introduced Elder Leah Pacht of Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church of Willard, Missouri; and the Reverend Chris Miller introduced Elder Bob Kick from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

ELDER BETH KICK

Stated Clerk, Elder Beth Kick stated that based on the participants’ list and the registration roll, a quorum was present for this hybrid meeting of presbytery. (“A quorum necessary to transact business at each stated meeting of the presbytery shall consist of not less than six (6) ministers and as many ruling elders as may be present, providing that at least four (4) particular churches are represented by ruling elders.”)

ATTENDANCE:

The attendance for the 208th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was 77 in total: 54 attended in person and 23 attended by zoom. The breakdown follows:

- Five (5) Teaching Elders serving a church, attended by zoom**
- Ten (10) Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person**
- One (1) Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired, attended by zoom**
- Four (4) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended in person**
- One (1) Commissioned Ruling Elder serving a church, attended by zoom**
- Three (3) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended in person**
- Five (5) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended by zoom**
- Twelve (12) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person**
- Five (5) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person**
(not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)
- Ten (10) Volunteers attended in person**
- Three (3) Visitors, attended by zoom**
- Seven (7) Visitors, attended in person (including 2 children)**
- Seven (7) Corresponding Members, attended by zoom**
- Three (3) Staff members, attended in person**
- One (1) Staff member attended by zoom**
- Sixteen (16) Churches were represented by elder commissioners**
(Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners)

COMMUNITY	CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER or CRE	Present Excused Absent	RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyterian	Crews, Joe	Absent	Absent
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Everett, Jan
Baxter Springs, KS	First Presbyterian	Gantt, Larry	Absent	Absent
Carlyle, KS	Carlyle Presbyterian	Traw, Steve	Absent	Absent

Carthage, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Huffstetler, Jane	Present	Holt, Linda
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Absent	Absent
Erie, KS	Federated Presbyterian	Choi, Shella	Absent	Absent
Everton, MO	Hampton Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Forsyth, MO	Community Presbyterian	LeBlanc, Frank	Present	Click, Reed
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Barrows, Mert
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Excused
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Absent	Excused
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Grimes, Mary Lynn
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Excused	Absent
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Present	Oster, Cindy
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Walters, Thomas
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Present	Gutierrez, Sophia
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Present	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Excused	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Bates, JoAnn
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Excused	Absent
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Present	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Connor, Janet
Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Excused	Absent
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Excused	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	-----	-----	Absent
Rolla, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Cormack, Scarlet
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	Groote, Marvin	Absent	Miller, Kathy
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Present	Kick, Bob
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	-----	-----	Absent
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Present	Piston, William
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Present	Moore, Jana
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Present	Excused
Webb City, MO	First Presbyterian	Spencer, Charles	Present	Absent
West Plains, MO	First Presbyterian	Dahlgren, Robert	Present	Absent
Willard, MO	Mt. Zion Presbyterian	Lee, Daniel	Present	Pachl-Nipper, Leah
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Smith, Tom
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Excused	Excused
-----	Honorably Retired	Havens, Bill	Present	In person
-----	Honorably Retired	Johnson, John	Present	In person
-----	Honorably Retired	Nipper, John	Present	In person
-----	Honorably Retired	Rosenbaum, Susan	Present	Zoom

-----	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	In Person
<u>PRESBYTERY MODERATORS and STAFF</u>				
	Presbytery moderator	Holt, Jim		Present
	Presbytery moderator-elect	Anderson, Kira		Present
	General Council moderator	Spieth, Toni		Present
	Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob		Present
	Committee on Ministry	Daleske, Reina		Present
	Committee on Representation	Muegge, Sarah		Present
	Mission and Nurture Committee	Schwandt, Becky		Excused
	Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan		Present
	Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Jackson, Linda		Excused
	Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis		Present
	Pastoral Presbyter	Spencer, Malinda		Present
	Stated Clerk	Kick, Beth		Present
	Recording Clerk – staff	Wilson, Gail		Present
	Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg		Present / zoom

VISITORS

Bay, John, / by zoom	Dahlgren, Celeste / in person	Lovinger, Warren / by zoom
Carthage, First	West Plains, First	Nevada, First
Smith, Susan / in person	Schroeder, Martha / in person	Tamburrino, Mike / in person
Willow Springs Presbyterian	Joplin, Bethany	Joplin, Bethany
Tamburrino, Pat / in person	Whittington, Lorraine / zoom	
Joplin, Bethany	Joplin, First	

VOLUNTEERS all in person

Bledsoe, Martha	Dunn, Patty	Hutton, Melissa	Kane, Brenda
Kane, Steve	Krier, Nissa	Mears, Ilace	Redfern, Jan
Thomas, June	Tombleson, Gail		

Stated Clerk, Beth Kick then moved that the amended docket be approved. The amendments to the original docket are that Education Time is given ten more minutes to allow for moving between rooms; the Vital Congregations Report and the Mission & Nurture Report are moved after the General Council Report; and General Council is given an additional five minutes to propose the two motions found in the Addendum to the General Council Report. Also, the Reverend Jack Cormack will give the Mission & Nurture report. We should conclude our day together about 2:30 p.m. Please note that election and installation of officers and committee members is expected to begin around 2:05 p.m. The motion was seconded. Time for questions and discussion was given. Hearing no objections to the approval of the amended docket, it was approved.

9:00 a.m.	Fellowship; New Commissioner Welcome; Zoom Room Open	
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Moderator, Elder Jim Holt
	Greeting from Host Church & Opening Prayer	The Reverend Chris Miller
	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery. Announcements; appointment of pages & Resolution of Thanks Committee	Moderator, Elder Jim Holt
9:40 a.m.	Report of Stated Clerk	Elder Beth Kick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to hybrid meeting • Declaration of a quorum • Approval of docket • Seating of corresponding members • Adoption of consent agenda 	

9:50 a.m.	Service of Morning Worship with Sacrament of Holy Communion	The Reverend Wilson Kennedy
10:30 a.m.	Education Time: Care of our Pastors	Elder Malinda Spencer
11:20 a.m.	Report of Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
11:30 a.m.	Report from the Synod	Elder Tony De La Rosa JCP Commissioner
11:40 a.m.	Report of Committee on Ministry	Elder Reina Daleske
11:55 a.m.	Report on Transitional Project	Elder Mert Barrows
12:00 p.m.	Prayer and Lunch	The Reverend Bill Havens
12:45 p.m.	Call to Order: Prayer and Resolution of Thanks	
12:50 p.m.	Report of Administrative Ministries Committee	The Reverend Bob Dahlgren
1:10 p.m.	Report of the Treasurer	The Reverend Dennis Winzenried
1:20 p.m.	Report of General Council	Elder Toni Spieth
1:45 p.m.	Report of Vital Congregations Initiative	The Reverend Chris Miller
1:50 p.m.	Report of Mission and Nurture Committee	The Reverend Jack Cormack
1:55 p.m.	Report of Presbyterian Women	Elder Joan Russell
2:00 p.m.	Report from Living Waters for the World & Presbyterian Disaster Assis.	Elder Toni Spieth
2:05 p.m.	Report of the Committee on Representation	Elder Sarah Muegge
2:10 p.m.	Installation of New Officers & Committee Members	Elder Jim Holt
2:20 p.m.	Report of the Moderator	Elder Jim Holt The Reverend Kira Anderson
2:25 p.m.	Motion to Adjourn Business Meeting after the Closing Prayer	
2:30 p.m.	Go Out as a Worshipping Community	

Beth moved that the following be seated as corresponding members:

- Elder Tony De La Rosa, the Transitional Synod Executive from the Synod of Mid-America**
- The Reverend Barry Williams, from Northern Kansas Presbytery**
- The Reverend Wilson Kennedy, the General Presbyter in Cherokee Presbytery, our preacher today and leading our Education Time**
- The Reverend Bill Vincent, from Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery**
- The Reverend Doris Evans from Southern Kansas Presbytery**
- The Reverend Christopher Tweel from Presbytery of the James**
- The Reverend Stuart Spencer from Southern New Jersey Presbytery**

Seconded. A call for additional people needing to be seated was made. Hearing no objections to the motion, it was approved.

Stated Clerk, Beth Kick moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

From Stated Clerk's Report

- * To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2022, stated meeting of Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
- * That, with the recommendation of General Council, the dates of the 2023 stated meetings of presbytery be approved (with hosts to be approved later):
 - Saturday, February 25, 2023, in-person with live stream available
 - Thursday, May 18, 2023, by Zoom
 - Thursday, August 3, 2023, by Zoom
 - Saturday, November 4, 2023, in-person with live stream available

From Report of Committee on Ministry

- * That Presbytery elect an Administrative Commission to help First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas, sell their building, consisting of Elder Jay Krezmeier (First, Iola) and Dixie Anders, HR.

From Report of Administrative Ministries Committee

- * That the financial reports for January 1 – September 30, 2022, be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.
- * That permission be approved for First Presbyterian Church, Parsons, Kansas to list their church building for sale. (*COM and AMC are both in agreement that this is FPC Parsons best plan of action given their financial circumstances and the cost of maintaining the physical plant. They are currently meeting at First Christian Church, Parsons, Kansas.*)
- * AMC recommends that First Presbyterian Church Parson, Kansas have a discussion with Paul Grier with the Presbyterian Foundation about managing the sale and its proceeds.
- * AMC concurs with COM that an administrative commission be formed to give guidance to First Presbyterian Church Parsons, Kansas on the sale and financial aspects after the sale.

From Report of General Council

- * That Presbytery set the following dates for our 2023 Stated Presbytery Meetings:
 - Saturday, February 25, 2023, in-person with live stream available
 - Thursday, May 18, 2023, by Zoom
 - Thursday, August 3, 2023, by Zoom
 - Saturday, November 4, 2023, in-person with live stream available
- * That the Third Quarter Financial Reports (Per Capital/Shared Mission, Budget vs. Actuals, Balance Sheet through September 2022) be filed for review.
- * That **notice be given today of the intent to amend the Bylaws** at the February 25, 2023, Stated Meeting of Presbytery as follows, removing the words with strike-through and adding the words in red, to make them consistent with our current situation.

2.40 Representation at Presbytery meetings

(a) When the Presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by an elder commissioned by the session with the following guidelines:

Churches with membership ~~over~~ **up to 200** shall be represented **by 1 elder and churches with membership over 200 shall be represented by 2 elders.**

as follows:-

~~201-500-2 elders~~

~~501-1000-3 elders~~

~~1001-2000-4 elders~~

~~2001-3000-5 elders~~

3.30 Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk may **request assistance** from volunteer **(s) or staff** ~~help~~ to record minutes during presbytery meetings.

- * **That the Manual of Operations be amended as follows, removing the words with strike-through and adding the words in red**, to make it reflect current realities:

MEETINGS

2.10 Presbytery meetings ~~should~~ **are ordinarily be** face-to-face. Telephone conference calls and electronic communications may...be used for stated or called meetings...

4.60 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

The Committee on Representation will consist of nine (9) members of equal number of males and females making sure, **if possible**, to include:

One racial ethnic male

One racial ethnic female

One youth male or female

One person with disability

4.61 The duties of the Committee on Representation will be those specified in the *Book of Order* G-3.0103. **The Committee on Representation will also serve as the Nominating**

Committee. At the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year, or when vacancies occur, this committee will nominate to the Presbytery the following:

5.10 Stated Clerk

(a.) Presbytery shall elect a Stated Clerk for a term of three (3) years. The Stated Clerk will perform the duties outlined in the *Book of Order* G-3.0104. The Stated Clerk shall be the primary provide staff support for the Committee on Ministry and its Subcommittee on Preparation for Ministry.

5.30 Staff

The staff of John Calvin Presbytery shall consist of a part-time Executive Presbyter and a part-time Stated Clerk. Temporary, contract, or regular support staff may be hired to facilitate the work of the Presbytery.

8.00 How Distributed

The current copy of the Manual of Operations will be available for download on the presbytery website, allowing four weeks after presbytery meetings for updates to be reflected online. Each continuing member of Presbytery and each member of a Presbytery committee shall be provided with a copy and revisions of this *Manual of Operations*. Each congregation shall be provided with a copy and revisions of the *Manual of Operations* equal to its number of commissioners to presbytery. The Stated Clerk may provide printed additional copies and revisions to others and may collect a copy and mailing fee in doing this.

***** Concludes Consent Agenda *****

For Information (Actions Taken):

Six sessions of records reviews / clerk trainings were held this year. Many church records reflect the need to create a sexual misconduct policy and a child/youth protection policy. Both policies should be reviewed annually. Please note that G-3.0106 mandates: “All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy and a child and youth protection policy.”

The results of the 2022 reviews follow:

SESSION MINUTES BOOKS APPROVED:

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| Chanute, Kansas - First Presbyterian | Forsyth, Missouri – Community Pres. |
| Mountain View, Missouri – First Pres. | Mulberry, Kansas – United Presbyterian |
| Parsons, Kansas - First Presbyterian | Shell Knob, Missouri – Trinity Presbyterian |
| Springfield, Missouri – Trinity PC(USA) | Stockton, Missouri – Stockton Presbyterian |
| Willow Springs, Missouri – Willow Springs Presbyterian | |

SESSION MINUTES BOOKS APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:

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| Aurora, Missouri - First Presbyterian | Carlyle, Kansas – Carlyle Presbyterian |
| Carthage, Missouri - First Presbyterian | Crane, Missouri – Crane Presbyterian |
| Fort Scott, Kansas - First Presbyterian | Golden City, Missouri – First Presbyterian |
| Hollister, Missouri – Hollister Presbyterian | Iola, Kansas - First Presbyterian |
| Joplin, Missouri – Bethany Presbyterian | Joplin, Missouri - First Presbyterian |
| Kimberling City, Missouri – St. Andrew | Mt. Vernon, Missouri - First Presbyterian |
| Mt. Vernon, Missouri – Ozark Prairie | Neosho, First Presbyterian |
| Nevada, Missouri - First Presbyterian | Ozark, Missouri – Ozark Presbyterian |
| Rolla, Missouri - First Presbyterian | Springfield, Missouri – Gibson Chapel |
| Springfield, Missouri – Hillcrest Presbyterian | Springfield, Missouri – Southminster Pres. |
| Springfield, Missouri – Westminster Pres. | Springfield, Missouri – Woodland Heights |
| West Plains, Missouri – First Presbyterian | Willard, Missouri - Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian |

ROLLS AND REGISTERS APPROVED:

Aurora, Missouri - First Presbyterian	Carlyle, Kansas – Carlyle Presbyterian
Carthage, Missouri - First Presbyterian	Chanute, Kansas - First Presbyterian
Crane, Missouri – Crane Presbyterian	Forsyth, Missouri – Community Presbyterian
Fort Scott, Kansas - First Presbyterian	Hollister, Missouri – Hollister Presbyterian
Iola, Kansas - First Presbyterian	Joplin, Missouri – Bethany Presbyterian
Joplin, Missouri – First Presbyterian	Mt. Vernon, Missouri - First Presbyterian
Mt. Vernon, Missouri – Ozark Prairie	Mountain View, Missouri – First Presbyterian
Mulberry, Kansas – United Presbyterian	Neosho, Missouri – First Presbyterian
Nevada, Missouri - First Presbyterian	Ozark, Missouri – Ozark Presbyterian
Parsons, Kansas - First Presbyterian	Rolla, Missouri - First Presbyterian
Shell Knob, Missouri – Trinity Presbyterian	Springfield, Missouri – Hillcrest Presbyterian
Springfield, Missouri – Trinity PC(USA)	Springfield, Missouri – Woodland Heights
Stockton, Missouri – Stockton Presbyterian	West Plains, Missouri – First Presbyterian
Willow Springs, Missouri – Willow Springs Pres.	

ROLLS AND REGISTERS APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:

Golden City, Missouri – First Presbyterian	Kimberling City, Missouri – St. Andrew Pres.
Springfield, Missouri – Southminster Pres.	Springfield, Missouri – Westminster Presbyterian
Willard, Missouri - Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian	

Beth applauded the many hard-working clerks of session who recently conducted peer reviews of their session minutes and rolls and registers.

All pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a congregation in John Calvin Presbytery (and those on the Pulpit Supply List) must complete boundaries training each year (usually before the end of September). The training involves reading the sexual misconduct policy and participating in a two-hour group meeting to discuss case studies involving boundary issues (finances, social media, confidentiality, youth and child safety, etc.). **Malinda Spencer plans to schedule one more training this year for those who have not yet been able to attend:**

Robert Bartels	Shella Choi	Joe Crews	Robert Cuthbertson
Jane Huffstetler	Daniel Lee	Julie Mercer	Dennis Pirkle
Steve Traw	Jon White		

Please note that the Presbytery adopted a Sexual Misconduct Policy in 2009 which was reformatted March 2022. All pastors serving congregations are required to review it annually. It can be found in the “Library” section of the website (www.jcpresbytery.com).

Each year the Stated Clerk is to report a list of those members who have served in the past on the Permanent Judicial Commission and when their term expired, in case they would be needed again. That list is as follows:

Class of 2019	Elder Jane Foval, First Presbyterian, Mt. View, Missouri
Class of 2021	The Reverend Diane Cooke

At its Assembly meeting on October 26, 2022, the Synod of Mid-America received the report of the review of the minutes of presbyteries. The minutes of John Calvin Presbytery for 2021 were approved without exception.

******* Concludes the Stated Clerk’s Report *******

The presbyters observed a time of worship. Worship was led by the Reverend Chris Miller and elders from Trinity Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Wilson Kennedy, General Presbyter in Cherokee Presbytery brought the sermon, via video. The Reverend Chris Miller presided at the table and Holy Communion was observed. The offering received during worship will be split evenly to support the designated mission of the host church and the **Creative Ministry Grant** fund of the Presbytery. **Trinity Presbyterian Church** has designated their portion of the offering

to benefit **Project Jubilee** to relieve the burden medical debt. Please give online or mail a check to **John Calvin Presbytery, P.O. Box 1394, Ozark, MO 65721-1394**, noting “Presbytery meeting offering.”

EDUCATION TIME – Care of Pastors

During education time the presbyters chose breakout rooms for questions and answers from pastors with different experiences.

- The Reverend Doris Evans – first call pastor
- The Reverend Christopher Tweel – pastor with staff
- The Reverend Bill Vincent – pastor serving two churches
- The Reverend Stuart Spencer – Head of staff

***** **Concludes Education Time** *****

To accommodate extra time taken during educational sessions, the moderator made a change in the order of the day: The report of the Executive Presbyter, Malinda Spencer, and the Transitional Project Report were moved directly after lunch.

SYNOD REPORT

Commissioner Elder Reina Daleske

Overview of the October 6, 2022, Synod Assembly

The stated assembly meeting of the Mid-America Synod was held on Thursday, October 6, 2022, from 9am to 3pm at Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri. The Reverend Jennifer Dawson, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer and worship, including reflection on Luke 7:9-17. John Calvin Presbytery was represented by the Reverend Jennifer Dawson, the Reverend Charles Spencer, Ruling Elder Bob Wilson and myself. This was the first in-person meeting of the Synod Assembly since the pandemic. It was exciting to meet other commissioners and guests in person!

Highlights:

- John Calvin minutes were approved without exception.
- Synod’s 2022 Missional Priorities will remain the same for 2023.
- The proposed records retention policy was adopted.
- The proposed Policy on Travel Expense Reimbursement was adopted.
- The Synod Assembly received the Synod’s Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2022. The Assembly will retain the 2021 and 2022 4.5% spending formula for invested funds in 2023. The Assembly will retain the 2020-2022 Synod per capita rate of \$2.90 in 2023.
- A final audit report, delayed due to the pandemic, is expected very soon and will be reviewed by the finance committee members before submitting the findings to the Synod Assembly via email for the formal action to receive the documents.
- Election of officers included the request for help with the presbyteries to give suggestions and ideas on how to better seek diversity on the Synod committees.
- Officers elected: The Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders will serve for Permanent Judicial Commission, effective immediately through December 31, 2024.
- The Synod’s Transitional Executive Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa led the Assembly through a timeline process to identify the Synod’s values, trust, and highlighting the high and low points of Synod.
- During the working lunch, the Assembly was sorted into separate groups to review the timeline process and to share in a discussion on ideas for the future of Synod.
- The small groups shared their ideas with the entire Assembly. More information will follow as the Committee on Governance will compile the information received, and then share this information with the Assembly to affirm the statements were heard correctly.
- *2023 Assembly meeting dates were approved:*
 - Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m. by Zoom*
 - Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. in person in the Kansas City area.*

- Closing worship included the installation of Ruling Elder Debbie Farrell as Moderator, Ruling Elder Harold Frye as Vice Moderator, effective January 1, 2023. Communion was shared. The Synod's current moderator, the Reverence Jennifer Dawson, was thanked for her leadership!

***** Concludes the report from the Synod Commissioner *****

TRANSITIONAL SYNOD EXECUTIVE

Elder Tony De La Rosa

Tony brought greetings from the Synod of Mid-America. Tony reported that Project Jubilee raised over \$60,000. A new initiative will focus on new worshipping communities.

***** Concludes the Report from the Transitional Synod Executive *****

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

ELDER REINA DALESKE

On behalf of the committee, Reina moved that presbytery examine the Reverend Barry Williams for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an honorably retired member. Reina asked Barry the first question. After Barry answered the question, the floor was opened for further questions. **The motion to arrest the examination was made, seconded, and approved.** Barry was then moved to the waiting room and questions and discussion ensued. **The motion was made, seconded, and approved to sustain the examination and approve the Reverend Barry Williams for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an Honorably Retired member.** Barry returned to the meeting amid welcoming applause. The Reverend Kira Anderson and the Reverend John Anderson prayed for Barry and his forthcoming ministry among us.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Reina moved that presbytery approve minimum terms of call for 2023 based on increased cost of living and inflation:

Minimum full-time salary	\$ 46,000.00
Board of Pensions Rate (increased to 39%)	\$ 17,940.00
Total effective salary plus Board of Pensions	\$ 63,940.00

No second is needed coming from a committee. A time for questions and discussion was given. Hearing no objections to the motion, it was approved.

Reina then moved that presbytery reaffirm the current stipulations that:

All salary minimums apply equally to Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders.

Part-time salary minimums should be calculated as a percentage of the full-time minimum.

For example, (based on the full-time minimum of \$46,000.00 for 2023):

1/4 time = \$ 11,500.00

1/3 time = \$ 15,333.33

1/2 time = \$ 23,000.00

3/4 time = \$ 34,500.00

The minimum continuing education allowance is \$ 1,500.00 for both full-time and part-time calls of each church and each person.

Pulpit supply minimums are:

\$ 125.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for one service.

\$ 160.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for two services (on the same day)

\$ 60.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for moderating a Session of Congregational meeting.

No second is needed. A time for questions and discussions was given. Hearing no objections to the motion, it was approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Biography - Barry W. Williams

October 2022

I was born in Jennings, Louisiana in 1952; the third of what would be five children. It was in Southwest Louisiana that I grew up in the 50's and 60's, learning a bit about Cajun culture and cooking. Beginning in 1970, I attended

Centenary College in Shreveport, La., earning a B.S. degree in Business. I married Brenda in July of 1974. We were active in Westminster Presbyterian Church; where I was elected and served as Ruling Elder. In 1977 we moved to Austin, Texas where I attended seminary, while I was under the care of Pines Presbytery. I went on to serve churches in the suburbs of Houston, Dallas, and Ft. Worth (FPC, Mansfield, where I was ordained in 1984). My second installed call was with FPC in Salina, Kansas beginning in 1989.

In 1996 the Williams family (Brenda, and sons, Stephen and Peter) moved to Springfield, Missouri. Brenda recently retired as a Ph.D. Psychologist with Cox Hospital System. Stephen went to the University of Tulsa where he met Shelby Riker. They were married in 2008. Stephen is a Captain in the U. S. Army, having spent most of 2012 in Afghanistan. Stephen, Shelby, and our grandsons Oliver and Wyatt live in Columbia, Maryland. Peter married Wynne Anderson in September of 2021, where they live and work in Washington, DC.

Since 1996, Springfield has functioned as “home base” for me as I served as an intentional interim/transitional pastor in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. I finished my fifteenth, and last, interim/transitional pastorate (in Lawrence, Kansas) at the end of March 2022. My retirement was effective April 1, 2022. I have been a member of Grace Presbytery, the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, John Calvin Presbytery, and Missouri Union Presbytery. I am currently a member of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas.

My training for interim ministry was in 1995 and 1996. I have been a Certified Interim Ministry Specialist in the Presbyterian Church (USA); (a certification process that the denomination discontinued about a decade ago.) I have been part of the PCUSA interim ministry education faculty since 2000.

My interests include fly fishing, cooking, and staying in contact with family, friends, and colleagues. What I am going to do to occupy my time in retirement is part of extended and ongoing conversation, of which I am in no hurry to resolve.

Statement of Faith - Barry W. Williams

January 2020

I believe that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are the one, triune God. My faith is rooted in the theological understandings of the Reformed Tradition. My ecclesiology and polity are definitively Presbyterian.

Those statements are compelling for me, but they may not be particularly helpful for a council of the Presbyterian Church USA in the need to know how I will live in, and serve, within a presbytery. So, the following reflections, along with my Faith Journey, may help the Presbytery to know a bit more about how I will serve “after the example of Jesus Christ.”

I believe that God’s loving grace desires a relationship with each of us, and all of creation. It is because of God’s steadfast love that Jesus walked this earth to teach us how to live, to serve, and to express gratitude. His example and teachings are authoritative guidance for me and for all who carry the name of Christ.

I believe that God’s continuing presence is known in the Holy Spirit’s work, who calls for us to repent of our capacity and tendency to sin, and to move to the recognition of Jesus as our Lord and Savior of our lives, temporal and everlasting. The Holy Spirit emboldens us to do God’s work on earth. We do Christ’s work, individually and together, willingly out of love and gratitude for God. Our love for God should manifest itself in ways that reflect God’s love—we are called to be kind, compassionate, forgiving, generous, hospitable, and prophetic.

I believe that within and through the Church we use our gifts to minister, support, strengthen, encourage, and to hold each other accountable. Together we are able to do works we are unable to do individually. We are charged to recognize and confront personal and systemic injustice in our world.

I believe the Lord’s Supper is where we not only remember Jesus’ sacrifice for us, but experience Christ’s presence. It is itself a celebration, where all are welcome to the Table, and it is a “feasting with the saints” in anticipation of the Great Banquet to come. Baptism is an outward and visible sign of our welcome into the family of God. For me, these sacraments, done in community, celebrate our relationship not only with God but with one another as members of the Body of Christ.

I believe that Scripture is the unique and authoritative word of God. Scripture teaches, encourages, directs, convicts, and challenges us. My study of scripture informs how I worship God, learn about God, hear God’s voice, and follow God’s leading. I continue to learn how to examine, confess, correct, and heal the many places where I “miss the mark.”

I believe that God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are the one, triune God. My faith is rooted in the theological understandings of the Reformed Tradition. My ecclesiology and polity are definitively Presbyterian. Thanks be to God!

******* Concludes Biography and Statement of Faith-Barry Williams *******

******* Concludes the report of the Committee on Ministry *******

The Reverend Bill Havens offered the blessing prayer for lunch and the presbyters dismissed for the meal.

Moderator Jim Holt called the afternoon portion of the stated meeting to order. The Reverend Chris Miller offered prayer.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

THE REVEREND JOHN ANDERSON

Whereas, we made our own energy through the embracing and embodiment of the Holy Spirit, overcoming the lack of liquid coffee in the sanctuary;
Whereas we enjoyed the fresh new adornments of our post-renovation host church and did our best to keep it clean;
Whereas we feasted in the middle of our meeting, remembering what life was like together before social distancing;
Whereas I personally appreciate everyone’s generous patience with the coughing coming from my two sick daughters;
Therefore, let us take this hospitality and opportunity for community as inspiration to follow the words of the Reverend Wilson Kennedy, learning to grow right relationships and offering our thanks. Amen.

******* Concludes the Resolution of Thanks *******

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

ELDER MALINDA SPENCER

Presbyterians love acronyms! I think this may be because it’s a way to get all the descriptive words in without saying them every time. They’re still there, but in a shortened form. The Presbyterian church has six agencies—some might say seven, with the recent formation of the Administrative Services Group. Please see below a short lesson on the PCUSA.

The **Presbyterian Foundation** manages funds from donors and investments. It was established in 1799, and its assets are greater than \$1 billion dollars. The Presbyterian Foundation pays careful attention to responsible investing, avoiding investments which are contrary to the policies of the Presbyterian Church USA. It’s the only agency without a regularly used acronym. Maybe they didn’t have acronyms in 1799.

The **Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP)** provides low-cost loans to PCUSA entities for construction, improvement, and purchase of buildings. Individuals and congregations invest with PILP, and PILP uses those funds to lend money. John Calvin Presbytery welcomed a presenter from PILP to a recent meeting.

The **Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)** is perhaps the most visible agency. It is funded primarily by shared mission contributions. Matthew 25, the Vital Congregations Initiative, World Mission, the International Peacemaker, the Special Offerings (One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Peace and Global Witness, Pentecost), and Presbyterian Disaster Agency buckets are from the PMA. These are just a few ministries of the PMA.

Office of the General Assembly (OGA) is responsible for the Book of Order, the biennial General Assembly meetings, ordination standards, the Presbyterian Historical Society, rolls, minutes and statistics, the call search system, and the GA Permanent Judicial Commission. OGA is funded primarily by per capita.

Presbyterian Publishing “publishes resources that advance religious scholarship, stimulate conversation about moral values, and inspire faithful living.” There are books, children’s books, and curriculum to enjoy. Some are print; some are download. All the curriculum is designed with the person in the pew in mind, and every piece is designed so that any Presbyterian can successfully lead the study.

The **Board of Pensions** offers medical and pension (retirement, death, and disability) for church employees. Many churches in John Calvin Presbytery are involved with the Board of Pensions.

There are 16 synods in the PCUSA. Our synod, the Synod of Mid-America, has six presbyteries.

After several recent consolidations, there are now 166 presbyteries in the PCUSA, and over 8000 congregations. Just as local congregations each have their own culture, each presbytery has its own way of living out our call to be Christ’s witness in the world. Let us celebrate the many ways God has called us and blessed us.

***** **Concludes the report of the Executive Presbyter** *****

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL PROJECT

ELDER MERT BARROWS

Good morning, everyone! I have been asked to share 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott’s experience with Greg Emery and our “Transitional Ministry Process.”

First a brief back story... In August 2021, we said goodbye to our much-loved pastor, Jared Witt. A difficult experience, but we, his congregation, and friends, completely understood Jared and his family’s decision to leave Fort Scott as the timing and opportunity were optimal for them.

After the separation was announced and accepted, the Session was advised and guided by our Presbytery on the next steps. Many of us on the Session had been elders during former pastor departures so we were aware of what awaited us. Our denomination’s interim process is one I have always believed in mostly because of how my mom (a cradle Presbyterian as was her mother whose father was a Presbyterian minister!) explained it to me. An interim helps the congregation move forward after their pastor leaves and absorbs some of the less-than-pleasant conversations that so often take place: “Well, that’s not how Reverend Smith would do it;” or “We have always done it that way.” This might be a little simplistic, but I got it and it made sense.

Our Session went about the business of securing an interim. We were confident that we had secured an interim in record time, but that, unfortunately, was not the outcome. The task now seemed far more daunting than before. But we did our due diligence and began the search again. Several interviews were arranged with perspective candidates and although some were positive, we just didn’t find an interim.

Thankfully, Malinda (ever the observer, listener, and advocate) was sensing our discouragement. She shared with us information about the Transitional Ministry Process and Greg Emery. What a concept! And one that makes me once again feel very blessed to be part of a forward-thinking denomination. We were truly stepping out of the box to solve a problem or challenge to assist our churches with the pastoral call.

A couple of emails and phone calls later, we were Zooming (not sure a word or a thing, but I like it!) with Greg on nearly a weekly basis for the next few months. At our initial Zoom meeting, each PNC member shared their background with Greg. I believe that Greg and his wife Ann later described us as a bunch of characters with character. We took that as a compliment! After that first meeting, Greg and our PNC jumped right in to find our next minister. Well, kind of!

Greg’s Transitional Ministry Process is just that, a process. And he was prepared to walk us through the stages. I wouldn’t say that any of us went kicking and screaming, but maybe there was some hesitancy, most likely because we are Presbyterians. Change AND sharing our feelings can be a little uncomfortable for us. Greg was thorough and patient. An analogy from one of our PNC members I believe was spot-on. He tries to do what a therapist does: he leads you to your own decisions and he does not make them for you.

We were given assignments to read printed material, look over scripture and to watch a few YouTube videos. Most of the PNC found the videos thought-provoking and often eye-opening. However, some of the information, although factual, was a little unsettling. I am quite sure that everyone at this meeting is aware of the disconnect with church attendance and it isn’t just with those who are 40 and younger. It is cross-generational and if we are to survive, it

must be addressed. Will we solve it in one fell swoop? Nope! But we need to care, and we need to not just talk about it. Prospective pastors want to know what we are doing and if we are willing as a congregation to help them with this disconnect. They do not want to arrive and then we tell them, “Hey, good luck with that!”

Ok. Ok. So, Greg gave us homework. What about finding a minister? Speaking of “finding.” We, the PNC, needed to find out who we were as 1st Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott and what we could offer not only a pastor, but our current congregation, our future congregation and our community.

The Transitional Ministry Process allowed us to bypass the interim search. And to date, we have had three very viable candidates. Two politely declined further discussion and the third we determined, after a visit, we would not pursue employment. We are not discouraged. As we so often hear, “Our timeline is not God’s timeline!”

We are confident the right person is out there, and we will keep searching. If you are curious as to how we manage pulpit supply, I will tell you this: WE HAVE AN AWESOME CONGREGATION of willing people (I have only twisted a couple of arms!) to step in to give the Sunday morning message. Since August 2021, we have only used a SOMA sermon video four times. They are also awesome and if you need pulpit supply on occasion, please consider their service. Dr. Warren Lovinger, our COM liaison from Nevada Presbyterian has graciously overseen our congregational meetings. Retired Reverend Greg Ferrer of Nevada and retired Reverend Reed Hartford from 1st Christian Church, Fort Scott have administered communion for us. Additionally, Reverend Jennifer Dawson serves as moderator for our session. She is wonderful, insightful and encouraging every step of the way. As you can see, God has so generously provided for us so that we can continue worshipping together as a congregation.

In closing, our PNC developed a quick and positive rapport with Greg. We became an even stronger group under his tutelage, and we would not hesitate to recommend his guidance.

***** Concludes the report of the Transitional Project *****

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE **REVEREND BOB DAHLGREN**

On behalf of the presbytery, Bob gave thanks to Gail Wilson for eleven years of work. Susan Rosenbaum offered an original poem, “Ode to Gail Wilson.” Malinda Spencer spoke a few words of gratitude to Gail on behalf of JCP.

Bob moved that Presbytery continue the agreement begun in 2020 whereby the Presbytery provides a grant of \$11,500 to First Presbyterian Church of Webb City, Missouri to pay for pastor participation in medical dues in the Board of Pensions for the Reverend Charles Spencer, which will cover their family with a savings to John Calvin Presbytery of about \$16,000 for the year 2023. No second is needed coming from a committee. A time for questions and discussion was given. Moderator Jim Holt asked if there were any objections to approving this motion. Hearing none the motion was approved.

Bob then moved that the terms of call for 2023 and 4% salary increase for the Executive Presbyter, Malinda Spencer, be approved.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023	Increase
Salary	58,978.00	61,337.00	2359.00
Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Pensions-medical	11,000.00	11,500	500.00
Board of Pensions - death & disability	5,603.00	5,827.00	224.00
Continuing Education	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Professional Expense/travel	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
Cell phone expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Presbytery Leadership Formation	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
4 weeks of vacation			
2 weeks of study leave			
Total	94,781.00	97,864.00	3083.00

A time for questions and discussion was given. Moderator Jim Holt asked if there were any objections to approving this motion. Hearing none **the motion was approved.**

Bob then **moved that the terms of call for 2023 and 4% salary increase for the Stated Clerk, Elder Beth Kick, be approved.**

STATED CLERK	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023	Increase
Salary	20,831.00	21,664.00	833.00
Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Pensions-medical	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Pensions - death & disability	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Professional Expense/travel	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Cell phone expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
4 weeks of vacation			
2 weeks of study leave			
Total	29,531.00	30,364.00	833.00

No second is needed. A time for discussion and questions was given. **JCP Moderator asked if there were objections to approving the motion, and hearing none, the motion was approved**

On behalf of the Administrative Ministries Committee, Bob **moved that the terms of call for 2023 and 4% salary increase for the Transitional Pastor, Elder Greg Emery, be approved.**

TRANSITIONAL PASTOR	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023	Increase
Salary	13,000.00	13,520.00	520.00
Reimbursable expenses:			
Pension, medical, social security offset	5,000.00	5,200.00	200.00
Continuing Education	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Professional Expense & mileage @ IRS rate	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
4 weeks of vacation			
2 weeks of study leave			
Total	20,500.00	21,220.00	720.00

No second is needed. A time for questions and discussion was given. A call for objections to approving this motion was given. **Hearing no objections for this motion, it was approved.**

FOR INFORMATION:

Actions taken:

1. AMC recommended to General Council that Per Capita be set at \$40.00 with the following breakdown: General Assembly-\$9.85; Synod of Mid-America-\$2.90; JCP-\$27.25. (Increases GA-\$0.87; Synod-\$0; JCP-\$0.63)

2. AMC recommended to General Council that the proposed 2023 John Calvin Presbytery Budget be approved.

3. AMC recommended to General Council that John Calvin Presbytery hire a temporary Administrative Assistant at the rate of \$18,000 per year to attend to the administrative duties of the Presbytery currently being accomplished by Gail Wilson.

4. AMC recommended to General Council that a Recording Clerk be given the responsibility during Presbytery meetings of taking Presbytery minutes at the rate of \$50 per meeting.

5. AMC approved the use of Grasshopper app to set up three cell phone extensions beginning November 1, 2022. One for the Executive Presbyter, one for the Stated Clerk, and one for the Administrative Assistant.

6. AMC approved a 4% increase in salary for Tami Griffeth, JCP bookkeeper, effective January 1, 2023.

7.	The AMC is currently working on job descriptions for the Stated Clerk, the Bookkeeper, and Administrative Assistant.
8.	AMC would like to recognize Gail Wilson’s good service to John Calvin Presbytery with words of thanks honoring her service from those who have worked closely with her. AMC approved that Gail Wilson also be honored with a dinner on a date to be chosen in consultation with Gail. Gail has done excellent work for JCP which has been greatly appreciated.
9.	Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings and email votes through October 20, 2022.
10.	Reviewed and approved the financial reports from Community Foundation of the Ozarks: John Calvin Presbytery Fund January 1 – September 30, 2022, and John Calvin Presbytery Cash Fund January 1 – September 30, 2022.
11.	Reviewed and approved JCP Budget vs Actuals: 2022 Budget FY22 P&L January-September 2022.
12.	Reviewed and approved Per Capita, Shared Mission, Special offerings January 1 – September 30, 2022.
13.	Reviewed and approved JCP Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2022.
14.	AMC’s work with Presbyterian Foundation on the two programs, Regeneration and Runway, is ongoing.

***** Concludes the report of the Administrative Ministries Committee *****

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL

ELDER TONI SPIETH

Moderator Toni Spieth awarded grants to the following churches:

Creative Ministry Grant in the amount of \$1,500 to Hollister Presbyterian Church of Hollister, Missouri, for outreach into the community was received by Elder Mary Lynne Grimes.

Creative Ministry Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri, for help adding an affordable infant care space was received by the Reverend Kira Anderson.

Small Church Resource Grant in the amount of \$1,000 to First Presbyterian Church of Golden City, Missouri, was received by the Reverend Christine Iannucilli. The grant will help restore the church after water damage from flooding rains.

Small Church Resource Grant in the amount of \$609 to Hillcrest Presbyterian Church & Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri was received by the Reverend Jack Cormack. The grant will help bring the church doors into compliance with the fire code.

On behalf of General Council, Toni moved that Sarah Muegge (WFRE) be elected as moderator of the Committee on Representation, in the class of 2023, and that the following be elected as members of the Committee on Representation in the Class of 2025, with terms beginning January 1, 2023:

**Sarah Muegge, WFRE, Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Springfield, Missouri
Jack Cormack, WMTE, Hillcrest Presbyterian Church & Gibson Chapel Presbyterian Church of
Springfield, Missouri**

No second is needed, coming from a committee. Time for questions, discussions & nominations from the floor was requested. There were no objections to approving this motion. It was approved.

Toni then moved that Per Capita be set at \$40.00 with the following breakdown:

General Assembly	9.85
Synod of Mid-America	2.90
John Calvin Presbytery	27.25
2023 Per Capita	40.00

No second is needed coming from a committee. A time for questions and discussion was given. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Toni moved that the proposed 2023 Budget be approved. No second is needed. A time for discussion and questions was given. Hearing no objection to approving the motion, it was approved.

From the General Council Addendum Report, Toni brings the following motions:

Toni moved that Presbytery adopt the policy of creating an Administrative Commission to assist a church in selling property according to the following pattern:

**That Presbytery create an Administrative Commission (AC) consisting of:
[these names]**

to walk alongside the congregation of _____, in partnership, with these charges:

- a. to facilitate a possible sale of the _____ property as long as it is, in _____ and the Presbytery.**

Presbytery will approve the sales contract when it is presented. The AC will act on behalf of the presbytery in the interval between presbytery approval and closing, per the Administrative Ministries Committee guidelines.

- b. to be a resource to _____ as they develop a plan for their next chapter in ministry.**
- c. Assume original jurisdiction, if necessary, following the safeguards outlined in G-3-0303e.**

(The policy will be added to the manuals of the Committee on Ministry and Administrative Ministries Committee)

No seconded is needed coming from a committee. A time for questions and discussion was offered. Hearing no objections for approval, the motion carried.

Toni then moved that Presbytery create an Administrative Commission consisting of Elder Jay Kretzmeier, First Presbyterian Church of Iola, Kansas, Elder Grant Spieth, First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri, and the Reverend Dr. Dixie Voss Anders, Honorably Retired, to walk alongside the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas in partnership, with these charges:

- a. to facilitate a possible sale of the church property as long as it is, in the view of the Administrative Commission, in the best interest of both First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas and the Presbytery.**

Presbytery will approve the sales contract when it is presented. The AC will act on behalf of the presbytery in the interval between presbytery approval and closing, per the Administrative Ministry Committee guidelines.

- b. To be a resource to First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas, as they develop a plan for their next chapter in ministry.**
- c. Assume original jurisdiction, if necessary, following the safeguards outlined in G-3.0303e.**

No second is needed. A time for questions and discussion was offered. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

******* Concludes the Report of General Council *******

REPORT OF VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE

REVEREND CHRIS MILLER

Chris Miller brought an update on the Vital Congregations Initiative of John Calvin Presbytery. Chris encouraged everyone to find time to celebrate what is good in your church.

******* Concludes the report of the Vital Congregations Initiative *******

REPORT OF MISSION & NURTURE COMMITTEE

REVEREND JACK CORMACK

Jack Cormack gave an update on the work of the Mission and Nurture Committee. Committee member, Celeste Dahlgren, came forward to explain about the Advent Bible Study that begins November 29.

******* Concludes the report of the Mission and Nurture Committee *******

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

ELDER JOAN RUSSELL

Presbyterian Women of John Calvin Presbytery held their Fall Gathering on October 1, 2022, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Thirty-six women enjoyed a day of worship, education, and fellowship.

We were introduced to "Gathering Friends" which was Westminster's mission recipient of \$420. The Peacemaker, Rev. Fursan Zu'mot was our feature speaker, and a donation was made through PCUSA. Like many of you, we really enjoyed his presentation.

The devotion and Celebration of Communion was presented by Westminster's pastor, Rev. Micki Pulleyking. We appreciate the women of Westminster for their hospitality.

We have just sent out our autumn newsletter which can also be seen in "JCP Notices". A holiday edition is also in the works for the first week in December.

PWSMA will continue with the Second Saturday Synod Circle on December 10th. Cheryl Mayo from Joplin First will report on her trip to Jerusalem in November. Women of John Calvin Presbytery will be invited to attend by Zoom.

We started this year with the idea of rebooting the organization. We had all experienced a long period of isolation. I believe we have come a long way in accomplishing our goal. We thank the congregations of John Calvin Presbytery for helping us accomplish this goal for Presbyterian Women.

******* Concludes the report of the Presbyterian Women *******

REPORT ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER BUCKETS

ELDER TONI SPIETH

On October 19, 2022, Grant and I collected 13 buckets from First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri then drove to Hillcrest/Gibson Chapel of Springfield, Missouri, for their 9 along with 14 from Willow Springs Presbyterian. We journeyed to Fern Cliff, Arkansas, arriving after 7 p.m. and stayed the night in the Retreat House. In the morning we delivered the 36 buckets (68 last year) to the warehouse which filled one pallet. Then we drove home logging 650 total miles. Our expense voucher for mileage (minus 10% tithe) and overnight lodging for a total of \$167 has been submitted to the JCP Presbyterian Disaster Assistance account. It is an honor to be able to assist in this mission.

If there are churches who want to donate financially to this cause your check can be sent to: Ferncliff, 1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock, AR, 72223 with "PDA Buckets" in the memo line.

******* Concludes the report about PDA Buckets *******

REPORT OF LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

ELDER TONI SPIETH

The Living Waters for the World Committee has met twice in Springfield and reorganized with officers unanimously elected:

Chair—Chris Scrivener
Vice-Chair—Grant Spieth
Secretary—Martha Bledsoe
Treasurer—Sarah Muegge.

By-laws will be reviewed and updated.

Chris traveled to the Dominican Republic, September 5th-9th to coordinate a trip. The committee agreed on the date of March 26th-April 1, 2023, to travel to Constanza, La Vega, Dominican Republic, and install a UV system at the Cecaini School.

There will be a Zoom meeting on January 5th at 7:00 p.m. for anyone who might be interested and has questions. Contact Sarah Muegge to be included on the Zoom meeting. Her email is twin2_53@hotmail.com

We also encourage anyone interested in learning more about LWW to attend the training/informational session at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1900 E. Barataria Street, Springfield on March 4th from 9:00-12:30. Some of us are ageing out and hoping to mentor younger folks called to this mission.

Remember that 780 million people worldwide do not have access to clean water. Every 15 seconds, a child dies from a preventable, water-related disease. We can make a difference by installing one water system at a time reaching a school and the village.

***** Concludes the report of Living Waters for the World *****

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

ELDER SARAH MUEGGE

F - Female	M - Male	RE - Ruling Elder	Y - Youth
TE - Teaching Elder	CRE - Commissioned Ruling Elder	AA - African-American	
W - White	A - Asian-American		

On Behalf of the Committee on Representation, moderator Sarah moved that the following persons be elected to begin terms January 1, 2023. All have agreed to serve.

Moderator of General Council – Class of 2023
Jim Holt, WMRE - Crane Presbyterian, Crane, Missouri

Moderator of Presbytery – Class of 2023
Kira Anderson, WFTE – Co-pastor of First Presbyterian, Joplin, Missouri

Moderator-Elect of Presbytery—Class of 2023
Dan Davis, WMTE – Pastor of First Presbyterian, Iola, Kansas

Synod Commissioners (2- year term)—Class of 2024
Laura Agee, WFTE – Pastor of First Presbyterian, Nevada, Missouri
Robert Wilson, WMRE - Hollister Presbyterian, Hollister, Missouri

Committee Moderators (1-year term)—Class of 2023
Administrative Ministries - Robert Dahlgren, WMTE – Pastor of First Presbyterian, West Plains, Missouri
Committee on Ministry - Reina Daleske, WFRE - St. Andrew Presbyterian @ Kimberling City
Mission and Nurture - Becky Schwandt, WFTE – Pastor of Ozark Presbyterian, Ozark, Missouri, and Ozark Prairie Presbyterian, Mt. Vernon, Missouri

Administrative Ministries Committee (3- year term)—Class of 2025
Christine Iannucilli, WFTE – Pastor of First Presbyterian, Golden City, Missouri
Dave Coonrod, WMRE - Westminster Presbyterian, Springfield, Missouri
Jim Holt, WMRE - Crane Presbyterian, Crane, Missouri

Committee on Ministry (3- year term)—Class of 2025
Bill Agnew, WMRE – CRE Pastor of Crocker Presbyterian, Crocker, Missouri
Carole Hudgings, WFRE – Trinity Presbyterian, Springfield, Missouri
Jeanie Skibiski, WFRE – Ozark Presbyterian, Ozark, Missouri
Dixie Voss Anders, WFTE – Honorably Retired (currently filling an unexpired term, Class of 2022)
Dan Davis, WMTE – Pastor of First Presbyterian, Iola, Kansas
William (Bill) Martin, WMRE – First Presbyterian, Nevada, Missouri

Mission and Nurture (3-year term)—Class of 2025
Celeste Dahlgren, WF Deacon – First Presbyterian, West Plains, Missouri
Debbie Fraski, WFRE - Crocker Presbyterian, Crocker, Missouri (currently filling an unexpired term, Class of 2022)

Becky Schwandt, WFTE – Pastor of Ozark Presbyterian, Ozark, Missouri, and Ozark Prairie Presbyterian, Mt. Vernon, Missouri
Daniel Lee, AMTE - Pastor of Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian, Willard, Missouri
Frank LeBlanc, WMTE – Transitional Pastor of Community Presbyterian, Forsyth, Missouri (filling an unexpired term - Class of 2023)
(Note: Cletus Johnson was elected Aug. 4, 2022 to immediately fill term in Class of 2024.)

Sexual Misconduct Allegations Response Team (3-year term)—Class of 2025
Bill Havens, WMTE - Honorably Retired
Jacob Sappington, WMRE – Westminster Presbyterian, Springfield, Missouri

Sexual Misconduct Investigating Team (3-year term)—Class of 2025
Jack Cormack, WMRE – Pastor of Hillcrest Presbyterian and Gipson Chapel, Springfield, Missouri
Susan Rosenbaum, WFTE - Honorably Retired

Ordination Exam Readers (2-year term, nominated odd years)—Class of 2024
Peggy Wobbema, WFTE – Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian, Shell Knob, Missouri
Dennis Pirkle, WMRE – St. Andrew Presbyterian @ Hideaway, Galena, Missouri
Alternate: Linda Holt, WFRE - Crane Presbyterian, Crane, Missouri

No second is needed coming from a committee. Nominations from the floor was requested. A time for discussion and questions. Hearing no objections to approval, the motion carried.

For Information (Actions Taken):

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| 1. | The Committee on Representation has worked to be equal in representation to the demographics of John Calvin Presbytery. |
| 2. | Cletus Johnson will also be installed today. He was elected August 4, 2022, to serve on the Mission & Nurture Committee, immediately filling an unexpired term in the Class of 2024. |

******* Concludes the report of the Committee on Representation *******

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS MODERATOR JIM HOLT

The service of installation for new officers and committee members was held, led by Presbytery Moderator Jim Holt.

Jim Holt, outgoing Presbytery Moderator (as of December 31, 2022) passed the stole, cross, gavel and moderator banner to the Reverend Kira Anderson, incoming Presbytery Moderator (as of January 1, 2023). Jim spoke a few words of gratitude about his service to the presbytery. Kira presented Jim with a Christmas ornament as a symbol of the presbyters’ thanks for his service.

The motion to adjourn the meeting of presbytery at 2:18 p.m., was made, seconded, and approved.

The closing prayer was offered by the Reverend Matthew Roberts.