

**JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 210th 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.

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

The 210th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator Kira Anderson. Kira welcomed everyone and introduced Elder Mert Barrows, Elder Commissioner of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott, Kansas. Mert opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, reminding the presbytery that though they are without a pastor they are functioning well and continuing to serve God in Fort Scott.

The Stated Clerk gave an orientation to the Zoom videoconference platform to facilitate member participation.

Moderator Kira Anderson asked that any new Elder Commissioners or Ministers to the stated meeting of presbytery to be introduced:

Greg Carter from First Presbyterian Church in Joplin

Debra Fraski from Crocker Presbyterian Church

Pattie Moulin from Ash Grove United Methodist-Presbyterian Church

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

Stated Clerk, the Rev. Becky Schwnadt, stated that based on the participants' list and the registration roll, a quorum was present for this in-person 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 210th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was fifty-five ( 55 ) in total. The breakdown follows:

Fifteen ( 15 ) Teaching Elders serving church, attended via Zoom

Two ( 2 ) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended via Zoom

Three ( 3 ) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended via Zoom

Twenty-Four ( 24 ) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended via Zoom

Three ( 3 ) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended via Zoom (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

Two ( 2 ) Volunteers, attended via Zoom

Seven ( 7 ) Visitors, attended via Zoom

Zero ( 0 ) Corresponding Members

One ( 3 ) Staff members, attended via Zoom

One ( 1 ) Members at Large, attended via Zoom

Twenty-One ( 21 ) Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners)

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDER or CRE</b>	<b>Present Excused Absent</b>	<b>RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER</b>
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyterian	Crews, Joe	Absent	Moulin, Patty
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Baxter Springs, KS	First Presbyterian	Gantt, Larry	Absent	Absent
Carlyle, KS	Carlyle Presbyterian	Traw, Steve	Absent	Crawford, Carol
Carthage, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Dawson, Mary
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Holt, Linda
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Absent	Fraski, Debra
Erie, KS	Federated Presbyterian	Choi, Shella	Absent	Absent
Everton, MO	Hampton Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Forsyth, MO	Community Presbyterian	LeBlanc, Frank	Excused	Click, Reed
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Barrows, Mert
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Prikle, Dennis
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Excused	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Wilson, Bob
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Banz, Rich
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Absent	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Carter, Greg
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Present	Mayo, Cheryl
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Funk, Mary Beth
Lockwood, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent

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Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Excused	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Foval, Jane
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Present	Absent
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Present	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Martin, Bill
Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Skibiski, Kevin
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	Kimball, Jonathan
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Cassidy, Theresa
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	-----	-----
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Excused	Susan Uffman
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	-----	-----	Muegge, Sarah
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Present	Piston, Bill
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Excused	Moore, Jana
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Present	Behan, James
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	Excused	Absent
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Absent
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Evans, Vicki	Excused	-----

-----	Member at Large	Foos, Laurie	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Groote, Marvin	Excused	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	-----

Presbytery Moderators and Staff		
Presbytery moderator	Anderson, Kira	Present
Presbytery moderator-elect	Davis, Daniel	Present
General Council moderator	Holt, Jim	Present
Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob	Present
Committee on Ministry	Deleske, Reina	Present
Committee on Representation	Muegge, Sarah	Present
Mission and Nurture Committee	Vacant	Vacant
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	Schwandt, Becky	Present
Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg	Present

**VISITORS**

Dahlgren, Celeste	Spieth, Tony		
Field, Deb	Tilus, Kenn		
Holcomb, Rachel	Whittington, Lorraine		
Pogue, Marga			

**VOLUNTEERS**

Gilpin, James			
McCollam, Kathleen			

**The Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the Docket be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.**

**DOCKET**

8:30 AM	Fellowship; New Commissioner Welcome; Zoom Room Open	
9:00 AM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
	Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: Mission and Ministry of First Pres, Fort Scott	Elder Mert Barrows
9:10 AM	Orientation to Videoconference Meeting	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
9:15 AM	Introduction of New Elder Commissioners and Ministers	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
9:20 AM	Report of the Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Declaration of a Quorum</li><li>• Approval of Docket</li><li>• Seating of Corresponding Members</li><li>• Adoption of Consent Agenda</li></ul>	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
9:30 AM	Service of Morning Worship	Elder Greg Emery, Preaching
10:15 AM	Education Time - Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services	Ken Tilus from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services
10:45 AM	Break	
10:55 AM	Report of Presbyterian Woman	Elder Joan Russell
11:00	Report for Committee on Representation	Elder Sarah Muegge
11:05 AM	Report of Mission and Nurture	The Rev. Jack Cormack

11:10 AM	Report from Synod	Elder Reina Daleske
11:20 AM	Report of Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
11:25 AM	Report from Administrative Ministries	The Rev. Bob Dahlgren
11:30 AM	Report of the Treasurer	The Rev. Dennis Winzenried
11:35 AM	Report of Committee on Ministry	Elder Reina Daleske
11:40 AM	Report of General Council	Elder Jim Holt
11:45 AM	Resolution of Thanks Closing Prayer	The Rev. Will Lee
11:50	Go Out as a Worshipping Community	

**The Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the consent agenda be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.**

### **Consent Agenda**

*\* Indicates an action item moved from another report to the Consent Agenda.*

From Stated Clerk's Report:

- \* 1. To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 25th, 2023 stated meeting of Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
- \* 2. That the Necrology Report be read during the worship service.

From the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee:

- \* 1. That the financial reports for January 1st - March 31st, 2023 be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes the Consent Agenda \*\*\*\*\***

For Information:

1. 225th Amendments to the Book of Order - As of May 11th, 2023, **all items** have been approved and ratified by the presbyteries to be amended in the Book of Order. For those that are interested in the detailed voting results, they may be found at <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/resources>.
2. A new Book of Order with the approved amendments will be available July 9th, 2023.

3. The Stated Clerk attended the 2023 Spring Cohort Mid-Council Leaders Orientation in Louisville, KY. The conference was held March 21-22 at the PC(USA) Center. She continues to be a part of this group with additional training through a series of 9 webinars over various topics and 4 quarterly Cohort Gatherings.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes the Stated Clerk Report \*\*\*\*\***

### **Service of Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Elder Greg Emery, JCP Transitional Ministry staff person, and the Rev. Daniel Davis lead morning worship. Greg Emery preached with a sermon focused transition. Elders Mert Barrows, Mary Beth Funk, Linda Holt, Jonathon Kimball, and Dennis Pirkle assisted with liturgy. Dan presided over the Lord's Table. The Rev. John Anderson led the prayer after communion and gave the benediction. All participates in this service are from churches working with Greg during their times of transition. The offering taken will benefit the Creative Ministries Grant Fund for John Calvin Presbytery.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Service of Morning Worship \*\*\*\*\***

### **Education Time**

The Rev. Laura Agee introduced guest speaker Kenn Tilus who spoke about Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services mission to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. Mr. Tilus spoke about the overall work of PCHAS and about our local home The Ashley House. He shared a video of PCHAS clients describing the specific support they received which showed the width and breadth of what the organization can offer. Mr. Tilus then updated the body on the current work The Ashley House is doing. Previously, it was a home for young women who had aged out of the foster care system but were not quite ready to live on their own. Currently, The Ashley House is being used as a transitional living facility for young men.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Educational Time \*\*\*\*\***

### **Report of Presbyterian Women**

JCP PW Co-Moderator Elder Joan Russell brought the report of Presbyterian Women. PW is busy planning for meetings and other events for the year. A new member was added to the planning team and other officers have agreed to extend their terms.

The Spring Gathering was held at Willard-Mt. Zion Thirty-two women enjoyed the day of worship, education, and wonderful music and food provided by members of Willard-Mt. Zion. Reverend John

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Nipper delivered the message and the celebration of communion. The offering was donated to Willard's mission--"For All Generations"--an elementary school in Senegal. An informal conversation was conducted by Colleen Lightwine and Toni Spieth, of our coordinating team, on their recent trip with "Living Waters."

We have taken part in the annual synod meeting on March 18th and will attend Horizons Bible Study Workshop at Village Presbyterian in Prairie Village, Kansas, on August 12, 2023.

We look forward to our Fall Gathering/Workshop at Ft. Scott First Presbyterian on September 23rd. All women in John Calvin Presbytery are invited to attend.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Report of Presbyterian Women** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Report from the Committee on Representation**

**COR Moderator Sarah Muegge moved that the following people be elected and their terms to begin immediately:** (all have agreed to serve)

1. For Moderator of the Committee for Mission and Nurture completing an unexpired term through 2023:

**Rev. Daniel Lee**

2. For member of the Committee for Mission and Nurture completing an unexpired term through 2025:

**Rev. John Anderson**

3. For member of the Sexual Allegation Investigation Team completing an unexpired term through 2024:

**Rev. Jane Huffstetler**

Moderator Kira Anderson asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none she called for the vote. Coming from a committee this does not require a second. **Motion passed.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes Report of Committee on Representation** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Report from Mission and Nurture Committee**

Moderator Kira Anderson invited The Rev. Jack Cormack to give the report of Mission and Nurture Committee. Jack reports that much of the committees report will be shared in Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer's report. Malinda and the committee have been working together for many of these opportunities. Jack reports the committee will be putting in our application for a Presbyterian Peacemaker. The dates will be dependent upon the peacemaker's availability. Lastly, Mission and Nurture will be having a retreat in mid-July to reflect on the presbytery's mission and nurture and to plan for the coming months.



\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Report of Mission and Nurture Committee \*\*\*\*\*

## Synod Report

Moderator Kira Anderson invited Elder Reina Daleski, a JCP Synod Commissioner, to give the Synod Report. Reina informed the body that applications for the Synod's 2023 Higher Education Grants for members of small churches will be open for submission starting Monday, May 15, via the Synod website and provided the link <http://synodma.org/college-scholarships>.

Reina also provided the following report from the Spring Synod Assembly Meeting: The Spring Synod Assembly Meeting took place on March 23, 2023, in Kansas City. Following an extensive presentation by the *Governance Committee*, the Assembly unanimously adopted the Mission, Vision and Values statements that will help guide our Synods' future – and its leadership - for the coming years. Also adopted was a comprehensive set of Goals and Objectives that were organized into four themes:

1. Programs and Educational Training
2. Relationships, Collaboration, and Communication
3. Pastoral Care
4. Stewardship

The *Finance Committee* has been meeting monthly over the past year. Included in the overseeing the Synod's financial administration, the Committee also presented detailed reports maintaining transparency on the structure of the Synod's invested funds, their restrictions or designations, and their year-end balances. Also presented were the 2022 year-end financial statements with comparisons to 2021 and 2020 reporting, which are all in compliance with the Assembly's adopted stewardship goals and objectives.

The *Executive Search Committee* was elected. Those serving include the Rev. Gail Doering, Transitional Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas to be the Moderator and Elder Patrick Yancey from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas to serve as Secretary. In addition, the Committee has secured the services of the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Director of Mid Council Ministries from the Office of the General Assembly, to staff the Committee. The Committee has resolved to meet on a weekly basis to pursue their work in the months ahead with a goal of being able to complete the MIF and nominate a permanent Synod Executive candidate at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Synod Assembly meeting for election and installation early in the new year.

\*\*\*\*\* Concludes the Report of the Synod Commissioner \*\*\*\*\*

## Report from the Executive Presbyter

Moderator Kira Anderson invited Executive Presbyter, Elder Malinda Spencer, to share her report. Malinda reports that nationwide Presbyterian churches are reporting that they are at about 1/3 of their pre-pandemic attendance. It is an uncomfortable and concerning reality. There are congregations both locally and across the PCUSA who are reporting welcoming new members since the return of in person worship. She encouraged us to ask the question "what is God calling us to do?" Malinda prompted the body to look for outside input. She reminded us that one of the hallmark of the Presbyterian Church is that we discern together. With that, she provided several opportunities to talk to others, attend workshops, or reinvigorate stewardship ideas and financial discipleship. She encouraged us to attend the Presbyterian Foundation's Church Economics series that will happen across the presbytery on 4 different dates. Malinda's written report contained the follow opportunities available in John Calvin Presbytery to strengthen our congregations: Leadership Development presented by Dubuque Seminary, APCE, Stewardship Kaleioscope, as well as Church Economics.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Report of the Executive Presbyter** \*\*\*\*\*

#### **Report from Administrative Ministries Committee**

Moderator Kira Anderson asked AMC Moderator Bob Dahlgren to give his report.

**Bob moved on behalf of Administrative Ministries Committee and General Council that the Rev. Dennis Winzenried be elected to an additional 3 year term as Treasurer of John Calvin Presbytery.** This does not require a second. **Motion passed.**

Bob introduced Rachel Holcomb as our new Communication and Information Assistant. Rachel joined the meeting to introduce herself. She was hired with the following terms: \$18.00 per hour for approximately 15 hours per week, 2 weeks of paid vacation per year, with a 90-day probationary period.

Bob thanked Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt for her work in becoming the new stated clerk and her effort to learn the many aspects of the position.

Bob then shared the following points for information:

1. AMC recommended to General Council that a Recording Clerk be given the responsibility during Presbytery meetings of taking Presbytery minutes at the rate of \$100 per meeting, mileage, and provide the Recorder with a meal during in person presbytery meetings. The AMC is currently looking for a person(s) to do this.
2. AMC recommended to General Council that JCP have an Assistant Treasurer to both learn the work and fill in for the Treasurer when needed, with an eye toward future service to JCP as the elected Treasurer when a vacancy occurs.

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3. AMC is working on job descriptions for the Bookkeeper, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, as well as the Presbytery Recorder.
4. Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings through March 16, 2023.
5. AMC's work with Presbyterian Foundation on the two programs, Regeneration and Runway, is ongoing.
6. AMC continues to review the Stated Clerk's request regarding retirement compensation.
7. AMC is working on revising the JCP Expense Voucher.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Moderator Kira Anderson asked our newly re-elected Treasurer, the Rev. Dennis Winzenried, to give his report. Dennis reminded us that the 2023 Financial reports included for the May 18, 2023 meeting of presbytery are:

- Budget vs. Actuals – Income & Expenses versus budget
- JCP financial balances as of end of March, 2023
- Excel spreadsheet showing congregational giving to Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings

Please review these documents and let me know if you have any questions.

Dennis shared a philosophy he learned from a recently retired pastor who said, "Make not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice with regard to the financial life of the church." Dennis then told us that if each church were to give around \$110 per member to the presbytery, that would fulfill our yearly budget.

The giving of annual gifts to Per Capita really helps us start the year strong. We thank those congregations that have paid their Per Capita in full for the year. (An \* means they have also given a gift to Shared Mission)

\*First Presbyterian, Carthage, Missouri

Crane Presbyterian, Crane, Missouri

\*Federated Church, Erie, Kansas

\*Hollister Presbyterian, Hollister, Missouri

First Presbyterian, Iola, Kansas

\*St. Andrew Presbyterian @ Kimberling City, Missouri

\*Ozark Prairie Presbyterian, Mt. Vernon,

Missouri First Presbyterian, Parsons, Kansas

Scammon Presbyterian, Scammon, Kansas

\*Trinity Presbyterian Church, Springfield,

Missouri Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri

\*First Presbyterian, Webb City, Missouri

\*Willow Springs Presbyterian, Willow Spring, Missouri

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Along with these churches, we have ones who send in a monthly or quarterly gift to Per Capita or Shared Mission:

First Presbyterian, Chanute, Kansas

\*Crocker Presbyterian, Crocker, Missouri

\*First Presbyterian, Ft. Scott, Kansas

First Presbyterian, Joplin, Missouri

\*First Presbyterian, Mountain View, Missouri

\*First Presbyterian, Nevada, Missouri

Trinity Presbyterian, Shell Knob, Missouri

\*Hillcrest Presbyterian, Springfield, Missouri

Stockton Presbyterian, Stockton, Missouri

\*First Presbyterian, West Plains, Missouri

I hope I didn't overlook any of our churches.

Thanks for your faithful gifts through the first quarter of this year.

Dennis then shared that he has told AMC that he would like someone to work along side him over the next 3 years so that there is someone else who knows how to do the treasurer work.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Treasurer's Report** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Report Form Committee on Ministry**

Moderator Kira Anderson invited COM Moderator Reina Daleski to give her report. Reina stated there were no action items for the presbytery from COM this meeting. She provided a list of actions from the work of COM:

1. Received liaison reports.
2. Approved Rolla's Jonathan Kimball, Ruling Elder to officiate a baptism.
3. Fit interview the Rev. Dr. Thomas Schacher for St. Andrew, Kimberling City.
4. Fit interview for The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg.
5. Training (Zoom) for Southminster and Mulberry Administrative Commissions with Laurie Griffith from the Office of General Assembly.
6. Interviewed two potential candidates for ministry.
7. Reviewed Ministry Information Forms for Community (Forsyth) and Yoked: Crane, Hideaway.
8. Approved \$1800 for the Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders to attend the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program: 2023 the American Southwest: Native Lands Travel Study Seminary. Synod of Mid-America provided a \$700 grant.
9. Approved the Rev. Dennis Winzenried to moderate the Crane session in March.

10. Approved the pulpit supply contract between Crane and Rev. Winzenried for March 26, 2023, until December 31, 2023.
11. Approved RE Phyllis Winzenried (formerly a CRE) to officiate communion at Hideaway on April 16, 2023.
12. Approved RE Dennis Pirkle to officiate communion at Crane.
13. Approved the Rev. Dr. Thomas Schacher to preach four consecutive Sundays in the St. Andrew Kimberling City pulpit as part of the discernment to accept a called and installed position - April 16th, 23rd, 30th, and May 7th
14. Approved the Rev. Julie Mercer to officiate at a civil wedding ceremony in the Washington DC area.
15. A Sub-committee visited the Carthage session for a called meeting.

Reina wanted to remind the body of John Calvin Presbytery's vision statement:

**J**oyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.  
**C**ommitted to serving Christ in the church and in the world.  
**P**repared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

She sees how hard the presbytery works for this each and every day and thanks the presbytery for its dedication to this statement.

COM Moderator then asked Elder Dennis Pirkle, Moderator of the Southminster Presbyterian Church's Administrative Commission to give an update on the closing of that church. Dennis reported the AC has done most of its work, but there are still a few tasks that still need to happen. Southminster has ceased its daily operations and the AC will close out the last tasks as soon it is feasible.

Reina concluded her report reminding the body that there is a Dropbox link that shares the beginnings and history of Southminster Presbyterian Church. She hopes people will talk the time to go through this interesting reading.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/9225btpy7pc3u1kqfv9zj/h?dl=0&rlkey=xhlbqlgup1kcxpssifxqc4gu3>

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Report from Committee on Ministry \*\*\*\*\***

### **Report from General Council**

Moderator Kira Anderson invited GC Moderator Jim Holt to give the General Council report. Jim announced that General Council will be calling a meeting on June 6th, 2023 for the purpose of examining the Rev. Dr. Thomas Schacher for membership in John Calvin Presbytery and to approve his call as the installed pastor for St. Andrew Kimberling City. This will be an in person meeting only. A reception hosted by St. Andrew Kimberling City will follow

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the meeting. Jim asked for people to look out for the details, registration, and documents for this meeting in the coming days.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes Report from General Council** \*\*\*\*\*

Moderator Kira Anderson asked the Rev. William Lee from Neosho to offer the Resolution of Thanks.

Will offered the following resolution:

We praise God for John Calvin Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church Fort Scott for hosting this virtual meeting. Hereby resolved to give thanks filled with this wonderful, almost three hours, filled with interesting meetings. We praise God for our fearless Moderator Rev. Kira Anderson for stepping forward when all our former moderators have burned out beyond limits. We praise God for our new Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, who sprang into action in full throttle today, fortunately for us who is well versed in the mysterious art of so-called Zoom Meeting. We praise God for Greg Emery for a contemplative message for our churches today. We give thanks for allowing us to celebrate the Lord's Communion with the heartwarming song, "Welcome Home." Additionally, we thank the Lord for Kenn Tilus reminding us of the importance and need of supporting Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, supporting foster kids and foster parents. And, we thank God for all the eye opening reports encouraging us to support the hardworking committees. We praise God the new members stepping up to serve on our committees. We are thankful for Malinda Spencer oversee and visiting our churches. We praise God for our new Treasurer Dennis Winzenried for taking care of all our finances. Finally, be it resolved that we may grow deeper in love for our Lord Jesus Christ, the King and the Head of our church, and out of an abiding affection for the congregation of John Calvin Presbytery.

Moderator Kira Anderson told the body that the business of this meeting has now concluded.

**The Rev. Daniel Davis moved to adjourn the 210th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery at the conclusion of the closing prayer. Seconded and approved.**

**Elder Cheryl Mayo offer a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Rev. Becky Schwandt

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