

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY CALLED 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 Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 2:00 PM by Moderator Rev. Kira Anderson, followed by an opening prayer by CRE Bob Cuthbertson. The Rev. Daniel Davis read Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18.

Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt stated the purpose of this Called Meeting was to hear a motion from the Administrative Commission concerning the disposition of the real property of United Presbyterian Church in Mulberry, KS.

Based on attendance and the participation list Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, declared that a quorum was present for this called meeting of John Calvin 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 June 6th, Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was twenty-three (23) in total. The breakdown follows:

Ten (10) Teaching Elders serving church, attended via Zoom

One (1) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended via Zoom

Two (2) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended via Zoom

Seven (7) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended via Zoom

Two (2) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended via Zoom (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

Zero (0) Volunteers, attended via Zoom

Zero (0) Visitors, attended via Zoom

Zero (0) Corresponding Member

2 (2) Staff members, attended via Zoom

Seven (7) 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	Dawson, Mary
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
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	Absent	Excused
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Barrows, Mert
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Excused
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	Absent
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Absent	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Spieth, Grant
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Absent	Absent
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Schacher, Tom	Absent	Funk, Mary Beth
Lockwood, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
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	Absent	Absent
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Absent	Choate, Bev
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Absent	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Absent

Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Excused
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Present	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
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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	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	-----	-----
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Excused	Uffman, Susan
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	-----	-----	
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Excused	Moore, Jana
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Absent	Absent
Webb City, MO	First Presbyterian	Spencer, Charles	Absent	Absent
West Plains, MO	First Presbyterian	Dahlgren, Robert	Present	Absent
Willard, MO	Mt. Zion Presbyterian	Lee, Daniel	Present	Absent
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Absent
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Excused	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Evans, Vicki	Excused	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Williams, Barry	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	Excused
Committee on Representation	Muegge, Sarah	Excused
Mission and Nurture Committee	Lee, Daniel	Present
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Excused
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Jackson, Linda	Excused
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Excused
Pastoral Presbyter - Staff	Spencer, Malinda	Present
Stated Clerk - Staff	Schwandt, Becky	Present
Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg	Excused

Docket

**CALLED MEETING OF JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY
Mulberry United Presbyterian Church
June 30th, 2023**

12:00 PM Call to Order - Moderator, the Rev. Kira Anderson
Opening Prayer - Elder Bob Cuthbertson
Psalm of the Day - The Rev. Daniel Davis
Declaration of a Quorum - Stated Clerk, the Rev. Becky Schwandt
Report of the Administrative Ministries Committee including a report from the
Administrative Commission for Mulberry United Presbyterian
Church - The Rev. Bob Dahlgren and Elder Toni Spieth
Adjourn in Prayer - The Rev. Peggy Wobbema

Report of the Administrative Ministries Committee

FOR INFORMATION:

1. The congregation of Mulberry United Presbyterian Church in Mulberry, Kansas voted to approve the sale of their property on June 6th, 2023 for \$41,500 pending an inspection for

the buyer and approval from John Calvin Presbytery. It is a cash offer to close as soon as possible, if the way be clear.

2. The inspection report dated June 14th, 2023 contained several concerning items about the physical plant the buyer would have to correct. The buyers came back with revised cash offer of \$35,000.
3. The congregation via a congregational meeting, the AC in meeting with the session, and the AMC after review all agreed this offer was fair.
4. The AMC voted on and approved the offer on June 24th, 2023; thus sending it to the presbytery for final approval.

FOR ACTION:

1. **That John Calvin Presbytery grant permission for Mulberry United Presbyterian Church of Mulberry, KS to sell the real property, including the church building, an outbuilding, and land, as well as selected contents of the church for the amount of \$35,000.**

Presbytery Moderator Kira Anderson invited Moderator of the Administrative Ministries Committee Bob Dahlgren to bring AMC's report to the presbytery. Bob then invited Elder Toni Spieth, Moderator of the Administrative Commission for Mulberry United Presbyterian Church share their latest report.

Toni brought the following report:

The JCP administrative commission met at 2:00 PM on July 10, 2023, in the Mulberry church fellowship hall. Members present were Toni Spieth, commission moderator, Mulberry Pastor Robert Cuthbertson, Beverly Choate, Billy Choate, Margie Rhodes, and Judith Cuthbertson. The meeting began with a meditation and prayer by Toni Spieth.

Discussion ensued regarding the PILP Mortgage loan. The members understand that John Calvin Presbytery will need to be repaid since the amount of \$6560 + \$30 filing fee was sent to the Presbyterian Foundation to repay the loan. Toni read Malinda's email suggesting money be sent to Presbytery maybe for scholarships, youth ministry or ministerial aid. It was agreed among the group that gifts not designated were often what organizations really needed. Malinda was notified that per capita for the Mulberry Church was paid for 2022 at the end of 2021.

Bev gave the last nine- and one-half years of financial records to Toni to take to Malinda and Becky. Pastor Bob voiced concerns about whether some money left should be used to make repairs on the church. Toni reminded the group that the buyer is willing to take as is and to be sure everything is in order on the date of the sale as they will no longer be able to enter the church. Pastor Bob's last sermon was on June 25th for which he was reimbursed.

Bev wondered if the Not-for-Profit Corporation Annual report and the KS Department of Revenue Tax exempt information, which expires in 2024, need to be filled out. Malinda, on phone, thought it would be a good idea to complete those two forms.

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Called Meeting
United Presbyterian Church, Mulberry, KS
Meeting Via Zoom

Pastor Bob made calls to a couple of Mulberry organizations to see who might need some money after the sale goes through. The Funeral Fund for Senior Citizens is in good shape so do not need funds currently.

The following are approximate money decisions the Mulberry members made (to be finalized at a meeting when funds are actually in the bank).

\$2,100 realtor's fee, \$550 closing costs, \$6,590 to JCP for repayment of loan, \$500 to Gideons, \$6,000 to Mulberry Museum, \$7,000 Senior Citizen's Fund, \$5,000 to Rose Bank Cemetery, and \$3,000 to John Calvin Presbytery. Any money left over will be given to JCP when it is time to close the account.

The members of the church are so glad that much good will come of their funds.

AMC Moderator Bob Dahlgren moved That John Calvin Presbytery grant permission for Mulberry United Presbyterian Church of Mulberry, KS to sell the real property, including the church building, an outbuilding, and land, as well as selected contents of the church for the amount of \$35,000. Coming from a committee it does not need a second. Motion passed.

The Rev. Barry Williams moved that we adjourn the meeting following the closing prayer. Seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM after a closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Peggy Wobbema.