

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 213th STATED MEETING MINUTES

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 213th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Moderator Reverend Daniel Davis. Dan welcomed everyone and introduced the Reverend Daniel Lee, pastor of Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church of Willard, Missouri. Daniel opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of Willard Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church of Willard Missouri. Elders new to the stated meeting of presbytery were introduced:

Minister - The Rev. Sarah Gengler - Fort Scott

Minister - The Rev. Changwon Seo - Pittsburg

Elder Steve Foreman - Willard

Elder Carol Ann Schneider - Springfield

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Pro-Tem, The Reverend Dixie Anders 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.") The Consent Agenda was approved as presented

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the 213th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was 59 in total. The breakdown follows:

 17 Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person

 7 Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended in person

 2 Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended in person

 18 Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person

 1 Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person
(not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

 0 Volunteers, attended in person

 11 Visitors, attended in person

 2 Corresponding Members

 1 Staff members, attended in person

18 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	Huffstetler, Jane	Present	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Dawson, Mary
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Holt, Jim
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	Gengler, Sarah	Present	Absent

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Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Pirkle, Dennis
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Absent	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Grimes, Mary Lynne
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Banz, Rich
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Absent	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Present	Absent
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Schacher, Tom	Present	Funk, Mary Beth
Lockwood, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Present	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Orchard, Patty
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Pesent	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Absent	Byers, Steven

Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Excused	Fitzgibbons, Cynthia
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Present	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	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Present	Newberry, Joan
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Ferba Lofton
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Cormack, Scarlet
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	_____	_____
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Present	Uffmann, Susan
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	_____	_____	Absent
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Absent	Absent
Springfield, MO	Woodland Heights Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Present	Russell, Joan

Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Present	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	Foreman, Stephen
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Absent
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Becker, John	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Havens, Bill	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Nipper, John	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Hollingsworth, Kent	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Rosenbaum, Susan	Present	-----

Presbytery Moderators and Staff		
Presbytery moderator	Davis, Daniel	Present
Presbytery moderator-elect	Williams, Brenda	Present
General Council moderator	Kira Anderson	Present
Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob	Present

Committee on Ministry	Kent Hollingsworth	Present
Committee on Representation	Diane Cooke	Present
Mission and Nurture Committee	Lee, Daniel	Present
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Present
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Present
Pastoral Presbyter	Spencer, Malinda	Present
Stated Clerk	Schwandt, Becky	Excused
Recording Clerk	Cormack, Scarlet	Present

VISITORS

Banwart, Constance	Becker, Debbie	Blackburn, Phil	Bucklin, Alison
Field, Deb	Dahlgren, Celeste	Holt, Linda	Martin, William
Muegge, Sarah	Orchard, Jerry	Wilson, Robert	Wright, David
Wright, Susan			

VOLUNTEERS

Stated Clerk Pro -Tem, Dixie Anders, then moved that the docket be approved. Motion was seconded and approved.

Time for questions and discussion was given. Hearing no objections to the approval of the amended docket, it was approved.

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8:30 AM	Informal Fellowship New Commissioner Orientation (8:45)	Stated Clerk Pro Tem, The Rev. Dixie Anders
9:30 AM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis
	Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church	
9:40 AM	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery Announcements; appointment of pages and Resolution of Thanks	Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis
9:45 AM	Report of Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Declaration of a quorum ● General Council Motion to elect Stated Clerk Pro Tem ● Approval of docket ● Approval of the Consent Agenda ● Seating of corresponding members 	Stated Clerk Pro Tem, The Rev. Dixie Anders
9:55 AM	Service of Morning Worship	The Rev. Phillip Blackburn, preaching
10:55 AM	BREAK	
11:10 AM	Education Time	Small Groups
12:00 PM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis
1:00 PM	Report of the Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
1:10 PM	Report of Presbyterian Women	Elder Joan Russell
1:15 PM	Report of Mission and Nurture	The Rev. Daniel Lee
1:20 PM	Report from Administrative Ministries	The Rev. Bob Dahlgren
1:25 PM	Report of the Treasurer	The Rev. Dennis Winzenried
1:30 PM	Report of Committee on Ministry (including AC Reports)	The Rev. Kent Hollingsworth
1:55 PM	Report from General Council	The Rev. Kira Anderson
1:50 PM	Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer	The Rev. Julie Mercer

1:55 PM	Go Out as a Worshiping Community	

Dixie Anders moved that the following be seated as corresponding members:

- The Rev. Philip Blackburn, a minister member of the Presbytery of Arkansas and the Rev. Allison Bucklin, an Honorably Retired minister member of Twin Cities Area Presbytery. A call for additional people needing to be seated was made. **Hearing no objections to the motion, it was approved.**

Stated Clerk Pro Tem, Dixie Anders, moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and the floor open for discussion the Consent Agenda was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

From the Stated Clerk's Report:

- **Moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 4, 2023 stated meeting and that those minutes be approved. Motion approved.**
- **Moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 10, 2023 called meeting and that those minutes be approved. Motion approved.**
- **Moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 17, 2023 called meeting and that those minutes be approved. Motion approved with amendment to the date change from 2024 to 2023.**

From the Administrative Ministries Committee Report:

Actions Needed: (* items are included in the consent agenda.)

1. *That the financial reports for January 1 – December 31, 2023 be filed for review: Budget vs Actuals Report, Balance Sheet, and Per Capita/Shared Mission/Special Offerings Report.

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

Report of Committee on Ministry

Rev. Kent Hollingsworth, Committee on Ministry, moved the following:

Actions Needed:

1. **COM recommends to Presbytery that the Hollister Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective Sunday, February 25, 2024, and that the congregation's life in ministry be recognized.**

a. Motion carries

2. **That John Calvin Presbytery approve the dissolution of Hollister Presbyterian Church, effective February 25th, 2024. It was further moved that the memberships of the Hollister congregation be held by the presbytery for up to one year and authorize the Stated Clerk to grant letters of transfer or dismissal for the members as requested.**
3. **COM recommended to Presbytery that Dale Hill's commission to serve the Stockton Presbyterian Church be renewed for an additional three years. This commission authorizes him to officiate the sacraments and moderate the Stockton Session. The commission will begin on February 25th, 2024 and expire on February 24th, 2026.**

Actions Taken:

1. Approved Bill Martin to moderate the congregational meeting at FPC, Chanute, January 28, 2024.
2. Approved Jim Gilpin to moderate the congregational meeting at FPC, Baxter Springs on February 11, 2024
3. Approved Pastors Elect Changwon Seo to moderate the session of the Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg and Sarah Gengler to moderate the session of FPC, Fort Scott.
4. COM examined Jonathan Kimball as he has applied to become a Certified Ruling Elder. COM certifies Jonathan Kimball is ready to receive a commission pending a satisfactory background check and psych evaluation.
5. Approved the contract extension terms between the Rev. Frank LeBlanc and Community Presbyterian Church through June 30, 2024 with the option for renewal.
6. Approved the Covenant/Contract between the Session of Crane Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dennis Winzenried for temporary supply services.
7. COM adopted the following paragraph for it's manual. "The Committee on Ministry is encouraged to visit each session of the Presbytery at least once every three years, discussing with them the mission and ministry of that particular church and encouraging full participation of each session and congregation in the life and work of the presbytery and the larger church."

For Information:

1. Three representatives of COM met with the council of Ash Grove United Methodist & Presbyterian Church to discuss pastoral transition.
2. On July 25, a representative of the Board of Pensions will meet with COM to discuss the new pension/medical plan.

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

Service of Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

- The Rev. Phillip Blackburn along with Rev. Dr. Daniel Siwon Lee, Rev. Dr. John Nipper, and Rev. Jane Huffstetler led our worship service. The Rev. Phillip Blackburn preached

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the sermon. Daniel and Jane officiated the Lord's Supper. The offering that was collected will be split evenly between Willard-Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church for the Willard South Elementary School Clothing Bank and John Calvin Presbytery's Creative Ministry Grant Fund.

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

Report of the Presbyterian Women

During the last three months, Presbyterian Women of John Calvin Presbytery have continued with the publication and distribution of our quarterly newsletter, "Women's Word." We have begun planning our activities for this year.

Our first planning meeting will take place on March 7th at Ozark Presbyterian Church. The executive committee will have a roster of new officer candidates available. The business meeting will follow the planning of Spring Gathering. Spring Gathering will be held at Ozark on April 20th and new officers will be installed at that time.

Churchwide Gathering takes place this year in St. Louis , August 8-11. The theme of this year's event is "Do Everything In Love." We look forward to having many of the women of our presbytery attending.

******* Concludes Report from Presbyterian Women *******

From the Mission and Nurture Report

Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Lee, provided a report of the activities coming from this committee.

1. Presbytery-wide golf tournament on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Deer Lake in Springfield, MO. The event will start at 10:00am. There is a hope to have 18 teams.
2. The Lenten Zoom Study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *God Is on the Cross* started on Tuesday, February 13. It meets every Tuesday until Easter at 11 AM and 7 PM.

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

From Report of the Executive Presbyter

Executive Presbyter Elder Malinda Spencer reported on the closing of the Mulberry United Presbyterian Church and how that is a sad time. However, with this there is also the fact that churches are receiving visitors and new members. Also discussed the March 15th and 16th event

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that is being held in Springfield, MO at Trinity. Friday the 15th is for pastors and spouses and the 16th is for all leaders in the church.

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

Report of Administrative Ministries Committee

Moderator, the Rev. Bob Dahlgren brought the report of Administrative Ministries. In addition to the filing of the financial records on the Consent Agenda, Bob brought the following for information:

FOR INFORMATION:

Actions taken:

1. Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings and email votes from October 16, 2023 through January 25, 2024.
2. Update on the Sale of Church Property
Joplin's Shoal Kirk property: An AC is working with them, and the reserve at the auction was not met.
Stockton Presbyterian Church: An AC is working with them.
Golden City Manse: A congregational meeting was held on February 11, 2023, voting unanimously to seek approval for the listing and sale of the church manse.
2. JCP Treasurer, Dennis Winzenried will be sending emails to JCP churches regarding the status of their giving to Per Capita and Shared Mission.
3. The annual staff evaluation for Tami Griffith, Bookkeeper, Rachel Holcomb, Communications and Information Assistant, Becky Schwandt, Stated Clerk, and Malinda Spencer, Executive Presbyter have been completed.
3. AMC is revising the Presbytery Expense Voucher Form.
4. The AMC is currently looking for a person(s) to serve as a Recording Clerk to take minutes during Presbytery meetings.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dennis Winzenried spoke about the importance of Shared Mission and Per Capita. A phrase I've come to appreciate in thinking about stewardship of the financial gifts God entrusts to us is; not equal gifts yet equal sacrifice. I may not be able to give what someone else gives yet I can make the same sacrifice. So it is with our churches. Not all give the same amount of dollars yet each can hear God's call to equal sacrifice; a tithe of income from members.

Thank you to all the sessions which sent in their per capita and contributed to the shared mission of the larger church. A special thanks to those sessions which gave over \$100 per member: St.

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Andrew Presbyterian @ Hideaway, Willow Springs, Southminster Springfield, Hollister, Trinity Springfield, Federated Church in Erie, KS, Community Forsyth. (See PC SM SO report attached for specifics.)

Total Income for 2023 - \$220,132.25. Total Budgeted Expenses - \$254,776.85 for a loss of **\$34,644.60**.

Income by category

Per Capita \$96,107.63 (\$7,072.50 was 2024 per capita sent in December) anticipated income \$96,400 = **-\$292.38**

Shared Mission Budgeted optimistically at \$120,000 giving by churches \$95,449 - **-\$24,551**. (79.54%)

No real surprises in expenses. Total expenses were held at 81.7% of what was budgeted. That is thanks to staff, committees and leadership as a whole.

Monies from CFO cash account for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church @ Kimberling City, MO 2023 Transformational grant; \$12,146.

Total monies in 2023 from reserve: \$34,645 plus \$12,146 = 46,791.

Total Assets end of 2022 = 1,212,424 thus as percentage we used 3.9% to meet expenses. Total Assets as of 12/31/2023 = \$1,334,531. An increase in total assets of \$122,107.

New Covenant funds showed a 11.7% increase.

CFO Investment funds show a 13.6% increase.

Overall, John Calvin Presbytery is in great financial health thanks to gifts given in the past and present gifts. We'll continue that way as we continue faithful giving to the larger church: John Calvin Presbytery, Synod of Mid-America, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a whole.

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

Report of General Council

General Council Moderator Rev. Kira Anderson was invited to give her report.

Actions Needed:

- 1. It was moved that the follow dates and formats for the remaining 2024 Stated Meetings of John Calvin Presbytery be approved**

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- **Thursday, May 16th, 2024 - In person meeting beginning at 9:30 AM at Ozark Prairie Presbyterian Church (Brick) in Mt. Vernon, MO**
 - **Thursday, August 1st, 2024 - Zoom meeting beginning at 6:30 PM. Host church still needed**
 - **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 - In person meeting beginning at 9:30 AM at First Presbyterian Church of Iola, KS**
2. **It was moved that General Council suspend the standing rule 4.30 Quorum in John Calvin Presbytery Bylaws due to an imbalance of ruling elders and teaching elders on General Council.**
- a. Question was asked by Rev. Jack Cormack on how long this suspension was for. Answer was for 1 year.

******* Concludes General Council Report *******

Motion was made to close the John Calvin Presbytery 213th Stated Meeting following the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer. Seconded. Motion Approved.

Rev. Dan Davis invited the Rev. Julie Mercer to offer the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer.

Moderator Rev. Dan Davis adjourned the meeting at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scarlet Cormack
Recording Clerk
John Calvin Presbytery