



May 27, 2010

To: Rev. Maryann Farnsworth,

Dear Maryann,

*... to strengthen its partner
Presbyteries, and to
support and enable them
to do ministry that a
particular Presbytery
cannot accomplish alone.*

On behalf of the Synod of Mid-America, I want to thank you for your devoted service to our Lord Jesus Christ as exemplified in the quality of your work in producing the minutes of Heartland Presbytery. It is clear that you are well-equipped for your calling and your service as Stated Clerk is appreciated by us as it is, no doubt, by many in your Presbytery.

As you know, the 2009 minutes of our constituent Presbyteries were reviewed by a team of colleagues consisting of several of our Presbyteries' Stated Clerks supplemented by members of our Synod's Executive Committee. I thank you for your participation in this event and for helping us with this important task.

Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
Heartland Presbytery
John Calvin Presbytery
Missouri Union Presbytery
Northern Kansas Presbytery
Southern Kansas Presbytery

The Peer Review took place on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Gardner, Kansas. The intended purpose of the annual minutes' peer review is to build collegial relationships among the clerks, share best practices, and provide an advisory report to the Synod's Executive Committee to assist them in the carrying out of the Synod's responsibility to read the minutes of its constituent Presbyteries.

The results of this review were subsequently reported to the Synod's Executive Committee at its meeting held at the Synod office in Prairie Village, KS on Friday, May 7th.

In regard to the 2009 minutes of Heartland Presbytery, the Committee approved the report which emerged from the peer review event as follows:

"Heartland Presbytery Minutes, (reviewed by Don Bay and Ed Thompson)
The Presbytery Clerks recommend:

That the minutes be approved without exception.

The minutes were very well done, with considerable detail."

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Please report these results to the Presbytery and make them a part of your 2010 minutes.

Again, thank you for the fellowship of your collegial ministry & God Bless!

Ron Lavoie
Stated Clerk

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Vice-Moderator