

Heartland Presbytery Meeting Highlights

March 7, 2009

The Presbytery gathered with prayer at the Colonial Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, MO, under the leadership of Moderator Elder Jack Schrimsher of the Parkville Presbyterian Church, Parkville, MO.

The amendments which receive an affirmative vote of the majority of presbyteries will be effective immediately upon receiving that majority vote as will the ecumenical statements concerning the Korean Presbyterian Church in America and the Roman Catholic Church. The ecumenical statements concerning the Moravian Church and the Episcopal Church have not been considered by their respective bodies.

In Heartland Presbytery, the voting on constitutional amendments and ecumenical statements was completed by written ballot.

After reciting a litany of the Heartland Presbytery Covenant, the meeting was a service of worship. Rev. Charles Spencer, Executive Presbyter, preached the sermon on Genesis 11:1-7 and Ephesians 3:1-12 titled "Through the Church."

Between hearing and reading excerpts from the Book of Confession and singing hymns, the presbytery considered the fourteen constitutional amendments and ecumenical statements sent to the presbyteries by the 218th General Assembly (2008).

Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the results of the presbytery's action were:

08 – A	Membership Vows	Fail
08 – B	Church Officers	Pass
08 – C	"Sympathy" or "Empathy"	Pass
08 – D	GAC name change	Pass
08 – E	Non-geographic Presbyteries	Pass
08 – F	Christian Educators	Fail
08 – G	Mbrship on Permanent Committees	Pass
08 – H	Five Ordination Exams	Pass
08 – I	Certified Christian Educators	Fail
08 – J	Alternative Forms of Resolution	Pass
08 – K	Roman Catholic Church	Pass
08 – L	Episcopal Church	Pass
08 – M	Korean Pres. Church in America	Pass
08 – N	Moravian Church	Pass

For a fuller explanation of each item, the Amendment Booklet is posted on the presbytery's website www.heartlandpby.org under "Presbytery Packets" and "March 7, 2009."

The next meeting of Heartland Presbytery is Tuesday, April 28th at Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri.