

MINUTES
Heartland Presbytery
June 10, 2008

Heartland Presbytery convened for its 191st Stated Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the South-Broadland Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. Moderator Rev. Tamara Miller opened the meeting with prayer at 9:10 a.m. from the Children's Mission Yearbook.

The Stated Clerk Rev. Maryann Farnsworth presented the docket as approved by the Presbytery Council. The Moderator called for New Business. There was none. The Rev. Jeff Cochran moved the approval of the docket as presented. It was seconded and approved.

In order to build community, several First-time Commissioners were introduced.

Rev. Jeff Cochran moved that the following persons were seated as corresponding members: The Rev. Al Zimmerman, East Iowa Presbytery; Mr. Dan Clark, Candidate from Kiskimontes Presbytery; Mr. Rodney Nitz from PNK, Cindy Wissinger from CDC, Veeda Javaid from Pakistan and Mr. John Welton, inquirer from First, Liberty. It was seconded and approved.

The following guests were introduced: Daniel Romero, New Sanctuary Movement; The Praise Team and Audio Team from South-Broadland Presbyterian Church.

Announcements for the Good of the Community included: Discernment Retreat for Ministers considering NCD work should contact Dave Moore or Dan McKnight; Estate Planning Tools area available through CDC; Praying our Way to San Jose is scheduled for First, Lee's Summit, MO on Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Alison Seed, preaching; and Peacemaking Committee is making a \$1000 donation to the New Sanctuary Movement.

Preparing for Worship

The presbytery shared the following Joys and Concerns for Prayer:

Rev. Henry Barnett died May 12th at the age of 97, the longest living member of Heartland Presbytery; Corder and First, Higginsville celebrate the 50th Ordination anniversary of Rev. Don Sturgess, HR and Pastor Emeritus; Grace Covenant is standing with Jeremy Frye, a 22 year old man who is dying from a brain tumor and ask us to join them in praying for the family.

The presbytery moved to a time of **Worship including the Lord's Supper and the Commissioning of our 218th General Assembly Commissioners**. The Rev. Tom Thomas preached with leadership from the Worship and Fellowship Division. The offering received benefited the Emergency Fund for Community Mission at the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation.

Rev. Maryann Farnsworth presented the **Report of the Stated Clerk** which included the following:

1.) The Stated Clerk received the resignation of **Elder Sarah Butler** from Congregational Ministries Division (2008) and Worship and Fellowship Division (2010).

Rationale: Elder Sarah Butler has received a call in the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys to be pastor of the Windom Presbyterian Church. Her ordination service is scheduled for Sunday, July 27, 3:00 p.m. at the Ruskin Heights church pending successful examination by the calling presbytery.

2.) The Stated Clerk received correspondence from **Rev. R. Kent Mathews** on April 21, 2008, renouncing the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (USA) effective April 19 (G-6.0701). Rev. Mathews was formerly the pastor of the Westminster church in Ottawa, KS.

3.) The Stated Clerk reports the **dismissal of an investigative committee** as the pastor under investigation has renounced jurisdiction. Special thanks to Rev. Mark Medina (First, Independence), Rev. Carla Gentry (Ruskin Heights, KCMO), Elder Jim Bernard (Second, KCMO), Elder Laraine Edwards (John Knox Kirk) and Elder John Tapp (First, Lee's Summit) for their work in a most difficult situation.

4.) The Stated Clerk received the following written Interim Reports from Administrative Commissions:

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| - New Horizon, Odessa | Rev. Duane Stephens, Moderator |
| - First, KCK | Rev. George McCall, Moderator |
| - For Churches Seeking Dismissal | Rev. Leslie King, Moderator |

The Stated Clerk made the **Presentation of the Consent Agenda** as follows:

1.) Presbytery approve the minutes of the April 12, 2008 stated meeting of Heartland Presbytery.

2.) Dismissal with gratitude of the Administrative Commission elected September 18, 2006, to make recommendations on the nomination and election of commissioners to the General Assembly of the PC(USA) and to the Synod of Mid-America. Members of the Commission were: Rev. Tom Are (Village, Prairie Village, KS); Ray Jones (Colonial, KCMO); Rev. Carla Gentry (Ruskin Heights, KCMO); Gail Cunningham (Second, KCMO); Gurnie Gunther (St. Paul, KCMO); Rev. Jeff Cochran (Effingham Union, Effingham, KS); and Rev. Tamara Miller (Linwood, KCMO). The commission's recommendation on the selection process for GA commissioners was adopted by presbytery April 2007. No change was recommended in the process for nominating and elected synod commissioners.

The presbytery was welcomed by Host Pastor Rev. Lyn Olson.

The Moderator asked if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were none. The Moderator called for the **Consent Agenda Vote**. There was no objection to the approval of the consent agenda as presented so it was approved by mutual consent.

Elder Mary Jorgenson presented the report of the **Stewardship and Mission Committee**. Ms. Jorgenson presented a true one minute "Minute for Mission" about the importance of the first readings of the 2009 budgets and a reminder to buy and use the Presbyterian Planning Calendars available through the presbytery office or by online order through PDS.

The presbytery welcomed Ms. Veeda Javaid from the **Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan**. Ms. Javaid will be in our presbytery for the next few weeks.

Rev. Don Fisher presented the report of the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended that Heartland Presbytery that John Welton be enrolled as a Candidate for ministry.

Mr. Welton just graduated from Union-PSCE Theological Seminary last month and is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, MO. John was enrolled as an inquirer in April 2004.

The presbytery was reminded that in examining an inquirer for candidacy, the Book of Order G-14.0305e states “the presbytery shall examine the inquirer in person with respect to his or her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.”

Questions for Mr. Welton concerned what has brought him to this point and which course or experience at Union-PSCE had the greatest impact on him. The presbytery had no questions for the inquirer. Rev. Alison Seed asked if the inquirer was presently employed since he had graduated. It was clarified that Mr. Welton is beginning a year-long internship as a solo student pastor with a modest stipend.

The Moderator put the committee’s motion before the presbyter, “Shall the presbytery enroll John Welton as a candidate for ministry of the Word and sacrament?” It was approved.

The Presbytery held a **Reception of the Candidate** to commemorate his candidacy. Moderator Miller, the pastor and members present from First, Liberty, and the CPM participated in the brief service.

The Committee on Preparation recommended that the presbytery approve Daniel B. Clark for ordination pending his successful examination in order to accept the call to be pastor of the Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church in Excelsior Springs, MO, and approval of the call.

Dan graduated from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in May 2007 after a career as a general surgeon. Dan has been certified ready to receive a call by the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas (western Pennsylvania).

The presbytery was reminded that in examining a candidate for ordination, the Book of Order G-14.0842 states “the presbytery may conduct further examination of the candidate’s Christian faith, views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the church as it deems necessary.”

Dan Clark was examined in the areas of his faith journey; his understanding of the Trinity; doctrine of the church; his understanding of the authority of scriptures and its interpretation; and that he could answer all the constitutional questions related to ordination and installation in the affirmative. COM Moderator Bev Barr asked what was it that attracted him to Barbee Memorial and if, in addition to answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative, would he abide by its polity and its discipline which he answered in the affirmative.

The presbytery had no questions for the committee concerning the examination or the candidate. **The Moderator put the question to the presbytery, “Shall the presbytery approve Daniel B. Clark for ordination to be pastor of the Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church of Excelsior Springs, MO?”** The motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moved that the presbytery approve the following persons as Ordination Exam Readers for Heartland Presbytery:

Elder Walter Powell, Belton

Primary

Rev. Alison Seed, Trinity, Independence
Elder Robert Seed, Trinity, Independence

Primary
Primary

Rev. John Williams, HR Overland Park, KS
Rev. Madeline Mercer, Pleasant Hill, MO

Alternate
Alternate

The motion was approved.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended the approval of Rev. Don Wilson as the presbytery's representative for the Theological Education Fund.

The motion was approved.

FOR INFORMATION: Seminary Policy Statement

The Heartland Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry understands that a calling to serve the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as a Minister of Word and Sacrament is a calling that must be identified by a candidate but also confirmed by the church.

In order to provide the Presbyterian Church with pastors who have received the best possible theological education, who are grounded in the Reformed tradition, and who have an understanding of and commitment to ministry within the Presbyterian Church, the Heartland Presbytery Committee on Ministry follows these policies in its ministry with those preparing for ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

- The Committee *strongly encourages* all years of theological education to be taken at a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- The Committee *requires* that a period of study of at least one year in residence be taken at a seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Students enrolled at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminaries will receive priority in the Committee's disbursement of financial aid.
- Students who take a majority of their education at a non-Presbyterian seminary may be assigned additional requirements by the Committee.

Rev. Tom Thomas moved that the seminary policy be referred to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for further consideration after hearing the discussion before bringing it to the full body for approval. It was seconded and discussed.

Heidi Peterson moved the previous questions. It was seconded and approved.

The Moderator put the motion before the presbytery again, it was approved.

Elder Bev Barr presented the report of the **Committee on Ministry** which began with a celebration of ministry with the recognition of the **Honorable Retirement of the Rev. Joe Pallikkathayil**. Rev. Andy Cullen shared a little personal history with the presbytery. Rev. Bob Lehleitner shared some of his professional history with the presbytery. Mrs. Ginnie Sampson, Clerk of Session at St. Luke Presbyterian Church spoke of their affection for Joe. Mr. Bob Hayward from St. Luke spoke on behalf of St. Luke with great emotion about how blessed St. Luke was to have Joe, his wife Leoni and their family in their congregation. Rev. Joe responded with words of concern and appreciation for all the church including Colonial, St. Luke and the presbytery.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch.

The Moderator reconvened the presbytery with another prayer from the Children's Mission Yearbook of Prayer.

The Moderator announced that \$945.98 was collected in the morning offering for the Community Mission Fund of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation. The Moderator encouraged additional giving to make that amount \$1,000.

Reports from the Table Talks about how do we show respect to one another included: letting down our guard and learning how to play together; open to the community but true to our values; proclaiming the gospel to all; pause before we pre-judge one another; gain understanding by listening to one another; sitting with folks we have never met and listening to one another's passions in mission and ministry; initiating opportunities for community building; pulpit exchanges could build community and respect; recognizing the gifts of each person and their ability to contribute; and forgiveness of one another is a form of respect.

At 1:25 p.m., the **Committee on Ministry report continued** with Elder Bev Barr beginning the examination of Elder Rodney Nitz as Interim Associate Commissioned Lay Pastor at Rolling Hills.

The Committee on Ministry recommends that the examination be sustained and that Elder Rodney Nitz be commissioned as an interim associate lay pastor at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, KS, effective June 30, 2008 – June 29, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$31,250
Housing	\$31,250
Auto Reimb.	IRS rate
Cont. Ed/Prof. Expenses Reimb.	\$ 2,000
Cell Phone	\$ 25/month

403b Match as same rate as other employees
Pby of Northern Ks Leave: 14 days which shall include
2 Sundays
Study Leave: 2 weeks including 2 Sundays annually
Vacation: 4 full weeks per year including 4 Sundays
Accrued vacation time shall be paid in full upon
termination.

Elder Rodney Nitz responded to COM questions that included his journey to seeking to become a trained CLP; his understanding of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; his understanding of his status as a CLP and the value of the program to the local church; and his ability to affirm all the constitutional questions for commissioning including abiding by its discipline and polity which he affirmed.

Questions from the presbytery included under whose jurisdiction would he labor in Heartland Presbytery while being a church member in the presbytery of Northern Kansas (First, Salina, KS) and the answer was he is under PNK for everything except the commission to Rolling Hills where he is under the jurisdiction of Heartland Presbytery; Rev. Andy Cullen from Rolling Hills spoke in the affirmative about the match between Rodney Nitz and the church.

Elder Bev Barr moved that the examination be arrested. It was seconded and approved.

The floor was opened for questions and Rev. Mark Braden (Moderator, Church Order Committee of the Synod of Mid-America) pointed out that usually CLP's are a product of the presbytery in which they are commissioned and wanted to know Elder Nitz' particular credentials that qualify him for the position and the crossing of presbytery geography lines. COM Moderator and CLP Sub-Committee Moderator Ron Galvin responded to the extensive work in considering Rodney Nitz for commissioning.

Rev. Jeff Clayton moved the previous question. It was seconded and approved.

The Moderator put the question to the presbytery, **“Shall the examination be sustained and Elder Rodney Nitz be commissioned as an interim associate lay pastor at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, KS, effective June 30, 2008 – June 29, 2009 and that he be given the functions of G-15.14.0562 a-d according to the terms listed?”**

The motion was approved.

The Presbytery then moved to commission Elder Rodney Nitz to Interim Associate Commissioned Lay Pastor at Rolling Hills Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Ks. Elder Nitz answered all the commissioning constitutional questions in the affirmative. He was welcomed to the presbytery and presented a certificate of commissioning to the position.

The Committee on Ministry examined the **Rev. Al Zimmerman, for membership by transfer from East Iowa Presbytery, in order to accept a call as Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, Kans., effective July 1, 2008. Terms are as follows:**

Salary	\$33,000
Housing	\$12,000
Auto Allowance	\$ 2,500
Pension/Medical	\$14,175
Moving Exp.	\$ 5,000
Study Leave Allowance	\$ 1,200
AA/EEO Guidelines were followed (5/1/08)	

Mr. Zimmerman was asked about the pastor who influenced him greatly in seminary (Rev. John Connor, Oregon State campus chaplain and former GA Moderator); his understanding of the power of the Holy Spirit; and his understanding of how Jesus met the needs of his community and how did that intersect with his ministry.

Questions from the presbytery included ways in which he would excite the congregation in order to overcome the inertia that is so Presbyterian and then someone from First, Atchison spoke in the affirmative of their call to Rev. Al Zimmerman.

Elder Barr moved that the examination be arrested. It was seconded and approved.

Rev. Zimmerman was excused from the meeting and the presbytery had no questions of the committee.

The Moderator put the motion to the presbytery, **“Shall the Rev. Al Zimmerman be received by transfer from East Iowa Presbytery, in order to accept a call as Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, Kans., effective July 1, 2008, according to the terms in the docket?”**

The motion was approved.

The following items approved at the June 5, 2008, meeting of Committee on Ministry were submitted to the presbytery for information:

Approval the pastoral terms of call for the Rev. Dan Clark, Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO pending successful examination on the floor of presbytery, June 10, 2008, effective July 13, 2008. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$20,000
Housing	\$20,000
Full Pension/Medical	
Travel expense	\$ 3,700
Continuing Ed Reimb.	\$ 3,700
Moving Expense	\$10,000 *(up to)
Study Leave:	2 weeks
Vacation:	4 weeks
AA/EEO guidelines were followed	

Approval of the administrative commission for ordination/installation of the Rev. Dan Clark, pastor Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO on July 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO as follows:

Moderator's Designee:	Former Moderator, Rev. Dr. Ron Galvin
Rev. Madeline Mercer	First Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill, MO
Rev. Landon Whitsitt	First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, MO
Rev. Renee Meyer	New Horizon, Odessa, MO
Elder Beth Humphreys	Barbee Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs
Elder Bev Barr	First Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO
Elder Vic DeJong	Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church, KCMO

Approval of the administrative commission for the installation of the Rev. Al Zimmerman, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS, on July 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Atchison, KS.

Elder Susan Golob, Linwood United, KCMO
Elder Kathy Supple, First, Atchison, KS
Elder Sue Litezia, Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO
The Rev. Maryann Farnsworth
The Rev. Charles Spencer
The Rev. Bert Darden
The Rev. Tamara Miller, Moderator Heartland Presbytery

Approval of the administrative commission for the ordination of Sarah Butler on July 27, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO.

Elder David Lancey, Oregon, MO
Elder Kenda Tomes, Ward Parkway, KC, MO

Elder Diane Waddell, Trinity, St. Joseph, MO
The Rev. Carla Gentry
The Rev. Kathie Knehans
The Rev. Dr. Ron Galvin
The Rev. David Cliburn, Moderator's Designee

The Report of the Committee on Ministry Actions since April 12, 2008 was attached.

Mrs. Malinda Spencer presented the **Report from the Church Resource Center** which was a video called "Yes Lives in the Land of No" by www.starthrower.com. This video is available for use through the Church Resource Center.

Rev. Heidi Peterson presented the **Report of the Committee on Nominations** as follows:

Racial designation: (A) Asian (B) Black (H) Hispanic (N) Native American (W) White
Gender: (M) Male (F) Female
Ecclesiastical classification: (C) Clergy (E) Elder (L) Layperson (HR) Honorably Retired (CLP) Commissioned Lay Pastor
Other designation: (Y) Youth (D) Disabled (YAD) Youth Advisory Delegate
(1) or (2) reference to terms served

FOR ACTION:

The Committee on Nominations moves the following persons be elected to serve in Heartland Presbytery:

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES DIVISION

Class of 2010:

Rev. Mark Medina (1) (WMC) First, Independence, MO

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES DIVISION:

Class of 2010:

Lois Hunt, (1) (WFL) Village, Prairie Village, KS

HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Class of 2010:

Henry Dyhouse (1) (WME) Second, Kansas City, MO

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. **Rev. Peterson moved the slate for Congregational Ministries Division, Social Justice Ministries and Heartland Presbytery Board of Trustees.** It was approved.

Rev. Peterson moved the slate for the Associate Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee (AEPNC):

Judy Cooper (WFE), Village, Prairie Village, KS
Mardy Cottrell (WFE), Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO
Gurnie Gunter (BME), St. Paul, Kansas City, MO
Angela Holstedt (WFY), Pine Ridge, Kansas City, MO
Rev. Rachel Lancey (WFC), Tarkio, Tarkio, MO
Martha Malsbary (WFE), Colonial, Kansas City, MO
Rev. Joe Pallikkathayil (AMC), Honorably Retired

Rev. Tom Thomas, (WMC), First, Higginsville/Corder, MO
Rev. Ky Weekley (WMC), Grace Covenant, OP, KS

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The slate was approved.

Rev. Peterson moved that Harold Frye (WME, Grace Covenant) be elected to the Administrative Commission for First, Kansas City, KS. It was seconded and approved.

Rev. Charles Spencer presented the **Report of the Executive Presbyter**. Rev. Spencer invited the presbytery to the educational event sponsored by Congregational Ministries Division on January 24, 2009. Rev. Spencer invited the presbytery to pray for the church including the CMD event, the GA, those churches who have called pastors today, etc. He invited all presbyters to the ordination and installations that have been announced today.

He announced the Northwest Missouri small church meeting on July 20th at 3:30 p.m. at the Craig Presbyterian Church. It is hoped that this will be the first meeting in the presbytery and future meetings will be in the southwest, southeast, east and central areas of the presbytery.

The Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation is more than the presbytery's offices. It is a beacon of assistance to the community through the ministry of Rev. Bill Johnson. He thanked the presbytery for the generous support through the morning's offering. The ELCA offices have been experiencing leaks from the roof and concave walls of the building. Expensive repair bills will be in the near future.

When the presbytery approves a loan for a church, we are pledging the full faith and resources of the presbytery to that loan. One current loan is several months behind and that CDC will hold the presbytery responsible for that debt. The New Horizon and Heritage churches are struggling with their CDC loans. Rev. Spencer continues to be amazed at the presbytery's willingness to pray and pay for the church, the presbytery, the synod and the denomination they want.

Elder Brian Frick presented the report of the **Social Justice Ministries Division** on caring for the environment called "What is Green?" Heartland Presbyterian Center is in the forefront of the green movement for camps and conference centers. This summer marks the 100th anniversary of outdoor ministry in the Presbyterian Church. It is also the 50th anniversary of the Heartland Presbyterian Center as the "Camp in Parkville".

Using a radio talk show format, **Presbyterian Urban Ministry Network** members Elder Ann Keeling (First, KCKS) interviewed Rev. Alfonso Tot (Grandview Park, KCKS) and Rev. Donna Chavez (Argentine, KCKS) translated what was happening in the Grandview Park congregation. Greg Wooten from the Bethel (KCKS) reported their youth group was growing due to the grant from the PUMN. Rev. Kirk Perucca from Covenant (KCMO) reported that the church's air conditioning unit was vandalized for the copper. The replacement was stolen then a second replacement unit was donated. It was vandalized for the copper this past weekend. A brochure about the **Presbyterian Urban Ministry Network's Ministries** was also distributed which was edited by Rev. Scott Meyer, Westport Church (KCMO). Mr. Wooten played guitar and the presbytery sang "I'll Fly Away".

Elder Sunok Pai presented the **Report of the Presbytery Council**. On May 19, 2008, the Council Meeting and approved the minutes of its March Council meeting. Those are in the presbytery packet. Council also approved the presbytery minutes of April 12, 2008, which were on the consent agenda earlier today.

There were lengthy discussions about the ongoing implementation of the covenant values in the work of the committees and divisions as well as a discussion of the April presbytery meeting 59 evaluations. Most were very favorable and those comments which could be implemented quickly were implemented. For example, the inclusion of gluten-free wafers for communion was one of those suggestions. The council values your feedback on presbytery meetings so please do complete your evaluation form and return it at the registration table as you leave the meeting.

The Vision Report recommended that the table talks during the presbytery meeting continue. Worship and Fellowship Division are formatting worship and table talks at each meeting around a covenant value. Today's value was to "respect one another".

The Council appointed overture advocates for two of our four overtures going to the 218th General Assembly. Jay McKell will advocate for the overture on examinations and Diane Waddell will be the advocate for the overture on disposables. There are no financial implications for the presbytery with overture advocates.

The Council reviewed the conflict of interest forms for any conflict needing their attention. The conflict of interest policy is being signed by all committee, division and council members on an annual basis.

Rev. Carla Gentry presented the report of the **Business Affairs Committee** which included the Financial Reports from March 31, 2008, Financial Statement, General Mission and Per Capita. The Financial Statement from April 30, 2008 was also presented.

The committee is seeking input about the 2008 financial reports and 2009 first drafts of the three budgets. Input may be sent to Rev. Chad Herring at Southminster PC, Prairie Village, KS.

Legal Counsel was budgeted for \$12,000 but at the end of April exceeded \$26,000. Most of those expenses were related to the administrative commission for churches seeking dismissal. It is unclear how those expenses will be dispersed throughout the revenue streams available.

The first readings of 2009 Budgets for Operations, Mission and Unified Giving were presented early so that churches might use the presbytery's projections in their budgeting processes. The Unified Giving budget projection is for comparison only and not a separate budget. Included in the budget is a 5% salary pool to include a cost of living increase and small merit increases. Both Operations and Mission Budgets 2009 are deficit budgets but Business Affairs is working to reduce the deficits. The 2009 budgets will be presented at the September presbytery meeting for final approval.

The Business Affairs Committee is working with the newly formed Board of Trustees concerning such expenses as the repairs needed at the Harold Thomas Center and the guaranteeing of loans for congregations. Working with the Council, prudent financial decisions will continue to be made on behalf of presbytery.

Moderator Miller reminded the presbytery to pray for the 218th General Assembly and of the presbytery's next meeting on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Olathe, Kansas.**

At 3:22 p.m., Moderator Miller asked for a motion to **adjourn with prayer**. Rev. Don Wilson moved it and it was seconded. The motion was approved.

Submitted by,



Rev. Maryann S. Farnsworth
Stated Clerk

Approved by Council: August 25, 2008

Approved by Presbytery: September 9, 2008