

**Heartland Presbytery
MINUTES
February 20, 2010**

The Presbytery of Heartland met for its 198th Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2010, in the sanctuary of the Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6303 Roe Avenue, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Convening Activities

At 9:04 a.m., Moderator Jack Schrimsher convened the meeting with three raps of his gavel and then led the presbytery in an opening prayer.

The presence of a **quorum** was declared by the Stated Clerk.

Adoption of the Docket

The Stated Clerk made the following corrections to the docket:

Page 2, Item D: Insert at the end “in 2010.”

Page 2, Item F: Remove it, as it is covered in detail under the Council report.

Page 3, Item C: The Administrative Commission motion for First, KCKS can be completed by filling in the date of June 2, 2010.

Page 12, Item A: Change the starting date for Rev. Carlson to March 15

Page 12, Item C: Change the starting date for Rev. Perucca to March 1, 2010, and “Deferred Comp” to “Dental”.

Page 12, Item D: Change the starting date for Rev. Florio to March 11, 2010.

Page 13, Item E: Add “Moving Expenses up to \$4,000 total shared equally between the two churches”

Rev. Davis Young moved approval of the docket as amended. It was seconded and approved.

Building Community

Rev. Jeff Clayton, host pastor, welcomed the presbytery to Southminster.

Several **First-time Commissioners** were introduced.

Elder Ann Keeling moved that the following Corresponding Members be seated:

Rev. David C. Carlson Pby Foothills

Rev. Andrew Florio Pby Foothills

Rev. Robert Dahlgren Pby Plains and Peaks

Rev. Tim Soule Pby Southern KS

Rev. David Winters Pby Pacific

Rev. Nancy Kahaian Pby Northern KS

Rev. Timothy Fulop Pby Winnebago

It was seconded and approved.

There were several announcements for the Good of the Community including the “Embracing Hope” January event which was attended by over 200 persons; various fundraisers at area churches were noted; an invitation to the Spring PW Gathering and Festival of Peacemaking on April 24; the April 13-14 presentation by President of McCormick Theological Seminary, Dr. Cynthia Campbell at HPC through the Omaha Seminary Foundation,; an invitation from Cherith Brook to volunteer at their mission site or

participate in various peacemaking witnessing events; and an invitation from First, Pleasant Hill, MO to attend presbytery in their church on April 18.

Preparing for Worship

Joys and Concerns for Prayer were shared including Moderator Jack Schrimsher' upcoming foot surgery; Marcus Cumpton gave thanks to God for his new grandchild; prayers for safe travel for Kaw Prairie's first international trip over spring break to Mexico; prayers for Haiti and our Haiti Christian Fellowship which has lost 35 family members in the earthquake; and hope was expressed that spring would come prior to the April 20th meeting of presbytery in Pleasant Hill, MO.

Worship including the Lord's Supper and Installation of the 2010 Presbytery Moderator Rev. Chad Herring

The Rev. Landon Whitsitt and Rev. Chad Herring presided during the service of worship. The Moderator of the Presbytery 2010 Rev. Chad Herring was installed and outgoing Moderator Elder Jack Schrimsher was thanked for his service and received an engraved Moderator's Cross as a gift of gratitude from the presbytery.

Presentation of the Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk Rev. Maryann Farnsworth presented the Consent Agenda as follows:

(A.) The Trustees recommended and moved that Heartland Presbytery grant permission to the congregation of NorthEastminster Presbyterian Church, 301 Van Brunt Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64124 to sell the property and building located at 217 Benton Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64124 (the former Eastminster Presbyterian Church), legal description: *WALROND PLACE LOTS 1 & 2 & S 6.67' OF LOT 3 BLK 2 (KNOWN AS TR 2 ON CERT SUR S-3 PG-64), Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.*

A minimum sale price has been set by the Session and agreed to by the Trustees below which the Trustees must approve.

The minimum amount is not made public at this time to allow the congregation latitude in the sale negotiations and to avoid any conflict of interest concerns that might arise.

(B.) The Council recommended that Presbytery approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009, stated meeting of Council.

(C.) The Council recommended that Presbytery approve the minutes of the November 17, 2009, stated meeting of presbytery.

(D.) The Council recommended that Presbytery approve the change of location for the stated and called meetings of Presbytery Council to the Linwood United Church in Wesley Hall.

(E.) The Council recommended that Kaw Prairie Community Church host the September 2010 presbytery meeting and that First, St. Joseph host the February 2011 presbytery meeting. *NOTE: A flyer with all the council and presbytery meeting dates and packet deadlines is in the FYI section of the presbytery packet.*

(F.) *DELETED:* The Council recommends a 2% increase in their effective salary for the Executive Presbyter, Acting Associate Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk for 2010.

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk received the following resignations:

Rev. Ron Galvin (WMC) COM, Class of 2011
Rev. Alex Wales (WMC) Stewardship, Class of 2010
Rev. Alex Wales (WMC) Lay Ministry, Class of 2012

The annual statistical report from each congregation should be entered online by midnight on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Membership reports are utilized in determining the per capita for each church for 2011.

Reports from Administrative Commissions

Congregations Requesting Dismissal from the PC(USA) – no report
Ruskin Heights, KCMO – no report
Neema, Prairie Village, KS – no report

First, Kansas City, KS Administrative Commission Report:

While giving thanks to God for the nearly 129 years of mission and ministry in Wyandotte County, the Presbytery of Heartland dissolves the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, effective June 2, 2010.

A Celebration of the Mission and Ministry of the First, Kansas City, Kansas was led Elder Harold Frye from the Administrative Commission and Clerk of Session Sandy Nuessen. The presbytery participated in a litany of thanksgiving for the mission and ministry of First, KCKS, while a photographic montage was projected on the screen.

The Stated Clerk moved approval of the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and approved.

Minute for Mission: Stewardship Kaleidoscope

Elder Mary Jorgenson encouraged all the churches to send participants to Indianapolis for the national stewardship event March 15-17.

Heartland Presbyterian Center

Elder Dan Scheneman presented an update on the Center and its financial and programmatic challenges. 2009 was the Center's best financial year! The Center is paying down its debt to the presbytery and building up their cash reserves. Mr. Scheneman thanked many persons including the volunteers who donate time during camping season, those who provide skills to repair and improve the facilities and named the many churches that have committed to "Second Mile" giving to the Center. The Center's video "Be a Hero" was shown to the presbytery and Program Director Michael McGraw reminded the opportunity to participate in "TLC" which is preparation of the camp on April 24, 9:00 – 3:00 and reminded the presbytery how much the camp has been part of everyone's life.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Rev. Glenda Watts, Moderator of CPM, led the presbytery through the examination for ordination of **Amy Ramirez-Spears** which included her growth between the time of her certification ready to receive a call and receiving a call; her understanding of the atonement; her understanding of the sovereignty of God and she affirmed her ability to answer all the constitutional questions for ordination in the affirmative including agreeing to governed by its polity and abide by its discipline.

The presbytery conducted further examination of the candidate's Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the church as it deemed necessary which included her understanding of God as Father and Redeemer; how does she plan to baptize using the Trinitarian formula; and how she has changed or grown during the inquirer/candidacy process.

Mrs. Ramirez-Spears was escorted out of the meeting place. There were no questions for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. **Rev. Dick Pierson moved that the examination for ordination cease.** It was seconded and approved.

The presbytery being fully satisfied of the candidate's qualifications, **CPM moved that the Presbytery approve Candidate Amy Ramirez Spears to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.** The motion was approved and Mrs. Ramirez Spears was welcomed back into the meeting to applause.

Rev. Glenda Watts led the presbytery through the examination for ordination of Bonnie Grabowski which included her growth between the time of her certification ready to receive a call and receiving a call; her understanding of "fully human and full divine" and its relevance to today; her understanding of her relationship with God; her excitement about serving as pastor in Savannah; and she confirmed her ability to answer all the constitutional questions for ordination and installation in the affirmative include agreeing to governed by its polity and to abide by its discipline.

The presbytery conducted further examination of the candidate's Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the church including her perception of what may be her first challenge in being pastor in a small church.

Mrs. Grabowski was escorted out of the meeting place. There were no questions for CPM or COM from the presbytery. **Elder Terry Miller moved that the examination cease.** It was seconded and approved.

The presbytery being fully satisfied of the candidate's qualifications, **CPM moved that the Presbytery approve Candidate Bonnie Grabowski to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.** It was approved and Mrs. Grabowski was welcomed back into the meeting with applause.

Minute for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Rev. Carla Gentry encouraged participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing which benefits the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Self-Development of People program in one minute!

The Moderator announced that the **Presbytery Offering** was \$1,172 and will be divided equally between the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County and the Community Mission Fund of the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation.

At 12:00 p.m., the presbytery recessed for the **ORDER OF THE DAY**. Rev. Jeff Clayton shared grace before the meal.

At 1:00 p.m, Moderator Herring **reconvened the Presbytery with prayer.**

Minute for Mission: Shared Mission Giving

Elder Mary Jorgenson explained how shared mission giving multi-tasks by supporting many of the wonderful missions and ministries in the presbytery, synod and General Assembly in less than a minute!

Report of the Executive Presbyter

Rev. Charles Spencer responded to a question about a follow up report on the work of the Administrative Commission's work with the Gashland church. In late September, several members of the presbytery expressed belief they could help effect a moment of reconciliation between the presbytery and Gashland to enable a conversation between the church and the presbytery but those efforts were declined by Gashland. Legal action began in late November two months following the presbytery's approval of taking legal recourse. He highlighted the new residency program sponsored by General Assembly for churches to share a pastor and the local Face-To-Face in April for pastors seeking calls and PNC's to meet and interview each other.

Congregational Development & Redevelopment

Rev. Dan McKnight and Rev. David Cliburn explained the history of the Arabic-speaking fellowship and Samir Awad spoke to the presbytery about their fellowship. Members who attend are originally from Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq and Palestine. They worship every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

The Division moved that the Presbytery receive the Arabic-speaking fellowship currently meeting at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church as an immigrant fellowship of the presbytery called the Arabic Presbyterian Fellowship.

The motion was approved.

Mission and Social Justice Division

Rev. Al Zimmerman led the division in its report. Elder Jane Piper reported for the **Guatemala Partnership** and the current issue of Presbyterians Today has an article about the July trip celebrating Maya Quiche's 25th Anniversary. She challenged the presbytery be "be in mission" instead of just doing mission. Churches in Guatemala will begin to propose projects so that Heartland churches can partner with a sister church to assist in completing that project. The next trip to Maya Quiche will be this fall. Partnership mugs were presented to the presbytery moderator, executive presbyter and stated clerk.

Community Mission Grants Report was included in the presbytery packet.

The **Thwake Village** Travelers were commissioned by the presbytery for their trip departing February 22, 2010. Rev. David Nzioka, Rev. Kirk Perucca, Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin, Larry and Joan Bechtel, and Rev. and Mrs. Al Zimmerman. The projects include construction of a church, a medical clinic and a bore hole.

Rev. Kirk Perucca invited the presbytery to the April 24th **Festival of Peacemaking and PW Spring Gathering**.

Church Order and Listening

Rev. Heidi Peterson, Moderator of the Church Order and Listening Division along with some its members presented each overture received from a session without recommendation for approval or disapproval of each session's request.

Rev. Heidi moved for COAL that each speaker in debate be limited to 2 minutes. It was seconded. The motion received a 2/3 majority approval.

Overtures concerning G-6.0106b:

Rev. Jason Carle, a member of the division gave a framework of the overture from the Central Presbyterian Church Session concerning G-6.0106b and G-14.0450.

Rev. Rachel Lancey, a member of the division gave a framework of the overture from the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Session concerning G-6.0106b.

Elder Avis Odenbaugh, a member of the division gave a framework of the overture from the Brookdale Presbyterian Church Session requesting an authoritative interpretation of G-6.0106.

On behalf of COAL, Rev. Heidi Peterson moved the overture from Central Presbyterian Church Session concerning G-6.0106b and G-14.0450 be approved.

Elder Neta McCall from Central Presbyterian Church spoke to the motion then the debate opened to the floor.

The Session of Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri, respectfully requests Heartland Presbytery to overture the 219th General Assembly (2010) to do the following:

1. Direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

a. Strike the current text of G-6.0106b and insert new text to read as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

~~“b. Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Those who are called to ordained service in the church, by their assent to the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003), pledge themselves to live lives obedient to Jesus Christ the Head of the Church, as revealed in Holy Scripture, striving to follow where He leads through the authoritative witness of the Scriptures, and to understand the Scriptures through the instruction of the Confessions. In so doing, they declare their fidelity to the standards of the Church. Each governing body charged with examination for ordination and/or installation (G-14.0240 and G-14.0450) establishes the candidate’s faithful efforts to adhere to these standards.”~~

b. Amend G-14.0450 by inserting a new paragraph “b.” and by re-lettering current paragraphs “b.” through “d.” as “c.” through “e.” The text shall read as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Final Assessment of Readiness to Begin Ordained Ministry

“In the final year of theological education or when a candidate has satisfied all of the requirements of this section, and before the candidate has received a call, the committee on preparation for ministry of the candidate’s presbytery shall conduct a final assessment of the candidate’s readiness to begin ordained ministry. A summary of this assessment shall be reported to the presbytery and shall be transmitted to a calling presbytery when requested. The committee on preparation for ministry shall report to the

presbytery when it has certified a candidate ready for examination for ordination, pending a call. This consultation shall focus on the outcomes of inquiry and candidacy and shall include each of the following requirements of certification:

“a. demonstration of readiness to begin ministry of the Word and Sacrament as required to fulfill the candidacy phase of preparation;

“b. *demonstration of readiness to assent to the constitutional questions for ordination and installation;*

“b. c. presentation of a transcript showing satisfactory grades at a regionally accredited college or university, together with a diploma;

“e. d. presentation of a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, the transcript showing satisfactory grades, and presentation of a plan to complete the theological degree including Hebrew and Greek and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek texts;

“d. e. presentation of satisfactory grades together with the examination papers in the five areas covered by the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates.”

The motion was approved.

On behalf of COAL, Rev. Heidi Peterson moved the overture from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Session concerning G-6.0106b be approved.

Elder Kevin Mason from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church spoke to their overture to the presbytery then debate was opened to the floor.

The Session of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, Kansas, respectfully request Heartland Presbytery to send the following overture to the 219th General Assembly (2010).

The Presbytery of the Heartland respectfully overtures the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) to direct the Stated Clerk to send the following amendment of the Book of Order to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

To delete the current text of G-6.0106b and to substitute the following:

b. Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G-14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

After a brief comment, the overture was approved.

Rev. Tom Thomas registered his dissent to the previous action of the presbytery as he felt it was redundant to send both the Central and Grace Covenant overtures to the General Assembly.

On behalf of COAL, Rev. Heidi Peterson moved the overture from Brookdale Presbyterian Church Session concerning an authoritative interpretation on G-6.0106b be approved.

Elder Vernalee Carter, a member of the Brookdale Presbyterian Church, spoke to their session's overture.

The Session of Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, meeting on January 31, 2010, respectfully requests Heartland Presbytery to overture the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to issue the following authoritative interpretation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Constitution:

The 219th General Assembly declares that church officers and ministers of Word and Sacrament may in good conscience disagree with constitutional requirements for both faith and behavior. Nevertheless, the constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA, while allowing freedom of conscience in interpreting the Scripture (G-6.0108 a), also requires that in becoming candidates and officers, members of the Presbyterian Church USA choose to exercise their consciences within certain bounds. "His or her conscience is captive to the Word of God as interpreted in the standards of the church so long as he or she continues to seek or hold office in that body." G-6.0108 b shall be understood to mean that no governing body may grant an exception to any explicitly stated behavioral standard for ordination and that church officers are to remain in compliance with such standards. Consequently, any person declining to comply in practice or refusing to comply in stated intent is ineligible for ordination or installation or for candidacy as an officer or minister of word and Sacrament, and shall not be ordained, installed, validated, or reinstated to active ministry by any governing body. We recognize the church's responsibility to counsel with and care for those whose consciences lead them to disagree with standards adopted by consent of the whole church and urge our particular churches and governing bodies to counsel and minister to such persons at all times with Christ's love and moral clarity.

After a brief debate, the motion failed.

Rev. Tom Thomas moved that a commission be formed with two session members of Central Presbyterian Church and two session members of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church with members of Church Order and Listening Division to combine the two previous approved overtures into one single overture before sending it to the 219th General Assembly.

The Moderator ruled the motion out of order as both overtures had been approved without amendment.

Overtures concerning the meaning of Christian Marriage:

Rev. Mark Hughes, a member of COAL, gave a framework for the overture from the Brookdale Presbyterian Church Session concerning the definition of marriage.

Rev. Pat Jackson, a member of COAL, gave a framework for the overture from the Central Presbyterian Church Session concerning same gender marriage in states where it is legal.

On behalf of COAL, Rev. Heidi Peterson moved the approval of the Brookdale Session's overture concerning an authoritative interpretation of W-4.9001.

Elder Vernalee Carter, a member from Brookdale, spoke to their overture which seeks to eliminate moral confusion on the definition of marriage.

The Session of Brookdale Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri meeting on January 31, 2010, respectfully requests Heartland Presbytery to overture the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to issue the following authoritative interpretation of section W-4.9001 of the Directory for Worship of the Book of Order:

The church's constitutional definition of marriage is found not only in this section of the Directory for Worship (W-4.9001) but also in the Book of Confessions (6.131 and 6.133-134) This understanding of marriage is also expressed or assumed in at least two other passages in the Book of Confessions (5.246, 9.47) and at least one other passage in the Book of Order (G-6.0106b). If the church were to discern a need to change its constitutional definition of marriage, good church order and constitutional consistency would require that appropriate amendments be made to both parts of the Presbyterian Church (USA) constitution. Amendments to the Book of Order definition of marriage shall not become effective unless corresponding amendments to the Book of Confessions have also been approved.

The overture failed .

On behalf of COAL, Rev. Heidi Peterson moved approval of the Central Presbyterian Church Session's overture requesting an authoritative interpretation concerning same gender marriages.

Elder Neta McCall spoke to the Central Presbyterian Church's overture.

The Session of Central Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Missouri respectfully requests Heartland Presbytery to overture the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to issue the following Authoritative Interpretation of the PC(USA) Constitution: Since several states have recognized that marriage is a fundamental right for all persons, and since the definition of marriage in the Directory for Worship can be interpreted as descriptive and therefore does not mandate that a marriage contract must be only between a man and a woman, the 219th General Assembly declares that in the states which authorize same-gender marriage, pastors may officiate at such marriages in the context of Christian worship.

After a brief debate, the overture was approved 70-65.

Presbytery Council

Elder Jack Schrimsher reported on January 25th Meeting and Retreat and presented the following motions:

On behalf of the Council, Rev. Jeff Clayton, Moderator of Personnel moved that the Presbytery approve the following terms of call for 2010 (2% effective salary increase):

Rev. Charles Spencer, Executive Presbyter (Full time)

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| Salary | \$51,222.89 | |
| Manse Allowance | \$25,500.00 | |
| Full Board of Pensions | \$24,167.71 | |
| Dental | \$ 330.60 | |
| Professional Expense | \$12,000.00 | reimbursable up to |
| 1 month vacation | | |
| 2 weeks study leave | | |

Rev. David Cliburn, Acting Associate Executive Presbyter (Full time)

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| Salary | \$41,500.94 | |
| Manse Allowance | \$20,000.00 | |
| Full Board of Pensions | \$19,372.80 | |
| Dental | \$ 330.60 | |
| Professional Expense | \$ 9,000.00 | reimbursable up to |

1 month vacation
2 weeks study leave

Rev. Maryann Farnsworth, Stated Clerk (Part time – 20 hours wkly)

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| Salary | \$17,369.81 | |
| Manse Allowance | \$15,000.00 | |
| Full Board of Pensions | \$14,930.58 | |
| Dental | \$ 330.60 | |
| Professional Expense | \$ 4,200.00 | reimbursable up to |

1 month vacation
2 weeks study leave

The motion was approved.

Report from Synod Commissioners

Rev. Ryan Kapple, Synod Moderator Elect and Rev. Rachel Lancey, Moderator of Mission Personnel, presented the background on the Council's motion. In early 2008, the synod established a mission study task force made up of members from all the presbyteries in the synod. After the task force completed its work in 2009, the October 2009 synod assembly voted to temporarily suspend its bylaws and standing rules for 2010 to allow a re-structuring.

The Presbytery Council recommends the Presbytery's concurrence with the Synod's action at their October 15, 2009, assembly meeting to change the manner in which presbyteries are represented at the synod level to 24 commissioners, four from each presbytery including two elders and two ministers.

The motion was approved with some dissenting votes.

Business Affairs

Elder Bond Faulwell provided an overview of the **presbytery's financial status** as of December 31, 2009. The Statement of Activities showed that the year ended in the black for both per capita and shared mission. The Statement of Financial Position, Per Capita Report and Shared Mission Report ending 12/31/2009 were included in the packet. Shared Mission Giving rebounded and ended the year in the black.

Committee on Nominations

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
or (2) reference to terms served

The Moderator Rev. Chad Herring moved the following nomination to the Committee on Nominations:

Class of 2012 – Clergy: Tamara Miller (1) (WFC), Linwood United, KCMO.

There were no nominations from the floor for the Committee on Nominations. The motion was approved.

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

Church Order and Listening Division:

Class of 2010 – Clergy: Heidi Peterson (1) (WFC), Central, KCMO

Class of 2012 – Elder _____

Moderator: Heidi Peterson (1) WFC), Central, KCMO

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2012 – Clergy: Don Wilson (1) (WMC), HR

Class of 2012 – Elder _____

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2010 – Elder _____

Class of 2011 – Elder _____

Class of 2012 – Elder _____

There were no nominations from the floor.

Committee on Representation:

Class of 2012 – Clergy _____

Class of 2012 – Youth _____

There were no nominations from the floor.

Congregational Development and Redevelopment Division:

Class of 2012 - Clergy: Landon Whitsitt (1) (WMC), Liberty, Liberty, MO

Class of 2012 –Elder: Jim Haggard (1) (WME), Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO

Class of 2012 –Elder _____

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Congregational Ministries Division:

Class of 2011 – Clergy _____

Class of 2010 – Elder/Lay Josephine Njorge, (BFE) Village

Class of 2011 – Elder/Lay _____

Class of 2012 – Elder/Lay Michael McGraw (WML) Lawson

Lay Ministry Committee:

Class of 2010 – Elder: David Berger (1) (WME), Hyde Park, St. Joseph, MO

Class of 2010 – Clergy Dick Pierson (1) (WMC), Butler

Class of 2011 – Clergy Jeff Cochran (1) (WMC), Effingham Union

Class of 2012 – Clergy Bonnie Grabowski (1) (WFC) Savannah

Representative from CPM: Joe Carle (1) (WMC), HR

Representatives from COM: Rev. Molly Jones (WFC), Stanley

Rev. Kathie Knehans (WFC), Chaplain

Class of 2010 – Elder _____

Class of 2011 – Elder _____

Class of 2012 – Elder Cheryl Keimig (1) (WME), Parkville

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Mission & Social Justice Division:

Class of 2010 – Clergy Heather Walchar (1) (WFC), Trinity, St. Joseph

Class of 2012 – Clergy Jay Collins (1) WMC), At Large

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Committee on Nominations:

Moderator: Don Spencer (2) WME), Pine Ridge, KCMO

The motion was approved.

Worship & Fellowship:

Class of 2012 – Clergy _____

Class of 2010 – Elder _____

Class of 2012 – Elder Jack Nesbitt (1) (WME), Second, KCMO

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Heartland Presbyterian Center Board of Management:

Class of 2010 – Clergy Ryan Kapple (1) (WMC), Leawood, Leawood, KS

Class of 2010 – Elders

Dave Ege (1) (WME), Second, KCMO

Teresa Clark (1) (WFE), Parkville, Parkville, MO

Class of 2011 – Elder

John Tapp (2) (WME), First, Lee's Summit, MO

Class of 2012 – Elders

Nancy Whitworth (2) WFL), Parkville, Parkville, MO

David Hintz (2) (WME), Stanley, OPKS

Olain Francois (2) (BMCLP), Christ, KC, MO

Doug Geehan (1) (WML), Pine Ridge, KCMO

Gary Oberlander (1) WME), Blue Ridge, Raytown, MO

Judy Cooper (1) (WFE), Village, PVKS

Moderator: Nancy Whitworth (1) WFL), Parkville, Parkville, MO

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Sexual Misconduct Response Panel:

Class of 2012 – Clergy or Elder (2)

There were no nominations from the floor.

The Committee on Nominations moves the following person be elected to serve in the Synod of Mid-America:

**Synod Elder Commissioner:
John Walls (1) BME), Belton**

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

Committee on Ministry

Elder Ruth Davidson led the presbytery through the committee's report.

Elder Davidson moved that

(A.) The Presbytery approve the following administrative commission for the ordination of Amy Ramirez-Spears on March 14, 3:00 p.m. at the Grandview Park Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas, pending her successful examination on the floor:

Rev. Chad Herring, Moderator; Rev. Donna Chavez, Argentine Presbyterian Church; Rev. Rick Behrens, Grandview Park; Rev. David Nzioka, Neema Community Church; Elder Sue Letizia, Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church; and Elder Cheryl Keimig, Parkville Presbyterian Church.

It was seconded and approved.

The Committee on Ministry moved the following actions with the understand that affirmative action on the motions below will transfer the minister to Heartland Presbytery effective on the starting date listed in each motion.

B) That Presbytery grant permission to moderate session before installation and approve the terms of call for the Rev. David Carlson with First, Independence beginning March 15, 2010, as follows:

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| Salary | \$40,000.00 |
| Housing | \$24,000.00 |
| Duplicate housing expense+ | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Professional Expense (voucher) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Continuing Ed (voucher) * | \$ 1,500.00 |

Full Pension/Death, Disability/Medical

Social Security off-set (7.65% of effective salary)

Mileage reimbursement at current IRS rate (voucher)

Church Provided cell phone

***Cont. Ed - Cumulative to \$3,000.00**

Vacation: 4 weeks per year including 4 Sundays

Study Leave: 2 weeks per year including 2 Sundays - cumulative to 4 weeks; 3 weeks if working on Doctor of Ministry

Moving expenses: 3 guaranteed quotes required- not to exceed \$15,000 *Any excess moving funds may be used to offset duplicate housing expenses not to exceed \$5000.00. Only one move provided.

In the seventh year of service the congregation will provide for a three month Clergy Sabbatical Leave, continuing salary & benefits for that period.

Congregational Meeting: 12/6/2009

Presbytery: Foothills

COM examined Rev. Carlson in the areas of his understanding of the embodiment of Christ in our daily living; whether one can turn away from God's love; and he confirmed his ability to be governed by our polity and abide by its discipline.

Elder Bob Stikeleather, PNC Moderator, spoke about the journey First of Independence, MO in finding Dave with the help of COM and presbytery staff and the church's personnel committee.

There were no questions from the floor for Rev. Carlson. Rev. Carlson was excused from the meeting briefly. There were no questions for COM.

Rev. John Williams moved that the examination be sustained. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved and Rev. Carlson was welcomed back to the meeting with applause.

C) That Presbytery approve the terms of call for the Rev. Kirk Perucca and Covenant Presbyterian Church as follows to begin March 1, 2010, pending a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Presbytery as Rev. Perucca has been serving as temporary supply (G-14.0551):

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| Salary | \$30,188.00 |
| Housing | \$ 8,750.00 |
| Dental | \$ 330.60 |
| Auto (reimbursable @ .585) – part of Professional | |
| Professional (reimbursable) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Continuing Ed (reimbursable) | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Full Medical, Pension, Death | |
| Vacation – 4 Weeks | |
| Continuing Ed – 2 Weeks | |
| Congregational Meeting Date: 12/20/2009 | |

The COM examined Rev. Perucca in the areas of his understanding of Covenant as their long time temporary supply pastor; his experience of God's good news through mission; and he confirmed his ability to be governed by our polity and abide by its discipline.

There were no questions from the presbytery.

Elder Paul Moss, Moderator of the PNC, spoke to their history with Rev. Perucca and why they believed he was the very best candidate to be their pastor.

Rev. Perucca was briefly excused from the meeting. There were no questions for COM.

Elder Cindy Wilcox moved that the examination be sustained. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved and Rev. Perucca was welcomed back to the meeting with applause.

D) That Presbytery grant permission to moderate session before installation and approve the terms of call between Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Blue Springs MO, and the Rev. Andrew Florio, Pastor, beginning March 11, 2010, with terms as follows:

Salary \$30,500.00
Housing \$18,000.00

Full Pension/Medical/Disability/and death coverage under the BOP at current rate

Supplemental Pension (403B) \$ 7,500.00

Dental Insurance full at current rate

Vacation: 4 weeks annually

Continuing Ed. Reim. \$ 1,500.00

Continuing Education leave of 2 weeks annually, with an additional week of education leave while enrolled in a course leading to D. Min. degree

Moving expenses, reimbursable up to \$ 7,500.00

Travel expenses, reimbursable at the IRS approved rate

Congregational Meeting Date: January 3, 2010

Presbytery: Foothills

COM examined him in the areas of his understanding of mission in the church; what it was that attracted him to Chapel Hill and he confirmed his ability to be governed by our polity and abide by its discipline.

Questions from the presbytery included learning about his family background and education.

Elder Wayne Letizia, Moderator of the PNC, spoke to the process and joy of finding Rev. Florio. He thanked the congregation for forming a diverse PNC and for the assistance from COM liaison Bob Stikeleather.

Rev. Florio was excused briefly from the meeting. There were no questions for COM.

Elder Bill McEachen moved that the examination cease. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved and Rev. Florio was welcomed back into the meeting with applause.

E) That Presbytery grant permission to moderate sessions before installation and approve the terms of call for the Rev. Robert Dahlgren for King City Presbyterian Church, King City MO/First Presbyterian Church, Albany MO starting February 21, 2010, as follows:

Yoked Congregations:

a. Albany Contribution:

Salary \$14,000.00

Housing \$ 6,000.00

Total Effective Salary \$20,000.00

Board of Pensions \$ 6,300.00

Study Lv/Prof. Devel. \$ 300.00

Mileage (IRS Rate) \$ 1,000.00

b. King City Contribution:

Salary \$14,000.00

Housing \$ 6,000.00

Total Effective Salary \$20,000.00

Board of Pensions \$ 6,300.00

Study Lv/Prof. Devel. \$ 300.00

Mileage (IRS Rate) \$ 1,000.00

Moving Expenses up to \$4,000 total equally shared by both churches
Vacation: 4 weeks including Sundays
Continuing Education Leave: 2 weeks including Sundays
Congregational Meeting Dates: 2/14/2010 (both congregations)

COM examined Rev. Dahlgren in the areas of his sense of call to ministry in the small church and community; his understanding of the Body of Christ and its work in the world; and he confirmed his ability to answer the constitutional questions for installation in the affirmative including agreeing to be governed by its polity and abide by its discipline.

Elder Craig Gibson, Moderator of the joint PNC, reported that the churches were inspired by COM's interest in shared ministry between First, Albany and King City and the joy of working in partnership with the whole presbytery.

There were no questions from the presbytery for Rev. Dahlgren. Rev. Dahlgren was excused briefly from the meeting. There were no questions for the COM.

Elder Marge Blank moved the examination cease. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved and Rev. Dahlgren was welcomed back into the meeting with applause.

F) That Presbytery approve the call of and ordination commission for Bonnie Grabowski as 1/3 time pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, beginning March 7, 2010 with terms as follows:

Salary: \$15,000

Travel/mileage at IRS rate \$ 2,500

Continuing Education \$ 500

Four weeks vacation, two weeks Study Leave

Congregational Meeting date: Jan.17, 2010

Ordination/Installation March 6, 2010 3pm

Commission: Jack Schrimsher, Heartland Presbytery; Rev Seth Wheeler, Northminster; Rev Wilber Whiteside, HR; Bob Grant, Elder, Parkville; Rev Allison Seed, Trinity; Rev Donna Chavez, Argentine; Ann Rich, Elder, Trinity.

The motion was approved.

G) That Presbytery granted permission to moderate session before installation and approved the terms of call between the Rev. Tim Soule and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, KS, beginning March 22, 2010, as follows:

Salary: \$40,000

Housing \$32,000

Dental \$700

Vouchered Expenses \$ 5,000

(Mileage at IRS rate)

Moving Expenses Incurred

Full Board of Pension Dues

Four Weeks of Vacation, plus two additional Sundays

Two Continuing Education weeks

Congregational Meeting date: January 31, 2010

The COM examined Rev. Soule in the areas of his experience of being a pastor's son and become a pastor; his sense of call to the Westminster congregation; and he confirmed his ability to answer the constitutional questions for installation in the affirmative including agreeing to be governed by its polity and abiding by its discipline.

Questions from the presbytery included an affirmation of Tim's return to Heartland Presbytery having been a child in the Shawnee church where his father was pastor.

Moderator of the PNC spoke to the experience of serving on the committee after the departure of their previous pastor and many of its members. Rev. Soule was their first choice and they compared all other PIF's to his.

Rev. Soule was briefly excused from the meeting. There were no questions for COM.

Rev. Andy Cullen moved that the examination cease. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved and Rev. Soule was welcomed back into the meeting with applause.

H) That Presbytery approve the Rev. Dave Winters, H.R. as minister member of Heartland Presbytery beginning February 21, 2010, pending examination on the floor of Presbytery.

COM examined Rev. Winters in the areas of his experience of being a mission co-worker in Guatemala for three years; his hope of living a life of reconciling presence in his retirement; and his confirmed his ability to answer the constitutional questions for installation in the affirmative including agreeing to be governed by its polity and abiding by its discipline.

There were no questions from the presbytery.

Rev. Winters was briefly excused from the meeting. There were no questions for COM.

Rev. Paul Gaug moved that the examination cease. It was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved.

The Report from the Committee on Ministry was included in the presbytery packet.

New Business

There was no new business.

Moderator Herring reminded the presbytery of its next meeting on:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary of the
First Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill, MO**

Elder Don Frankland moved that the presbytery adjourn. It was seconded by many commissioners and minister members. The motion was approved.

At 3:43 p.m., Moderator Herring **adjourned with prayer.**

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maryann S. Farnsworth".

Rev. Maryann S. Farnsworth, Stated Clerk

Approved by Council: 3/15/2010

Approved by Presbytery: 4/20/2010