

# **MINUTES**

## **Heartland Presbytery**

### **September 18, 2010**

#### **Convening Activities**

At 9:00 a.m., Moderator Chad Herring convened the 210st stated meeting of Heartland Presbytery at 9:00 a.m. in the worship center of the Kaw Prairie Community Church, 9421 S. Meadowview, Lenexa, KS. This congregation is a joint effort between the ELCA and the PCUSA. Moderator Herring opened the meeting with prayer. The Stated Clerk Rev. Maryann Farnsworth declared a quorum was present.

The following changes were made to the docket by the Stated Clerk:

- Under "Announcements" on page 1, delete "Committee on Representation" and insert after the "Synod After Party" the "Festival of Sharing" and "Regional Pastors Gathering".
- Under COM (page 4), Item 1, the second sentence should read: "Terms begin on September 19, 2010, and are:"
- Under COM (page 6), Item 5, correct the spelling in the title of the motion from "administration commission" to "administrative commission".
- Under COM (page 9), add Item 7

**By common consent, the amended docket was adopted.**

#### **Building Community**

Rev. Dan McKnight, our host pastor welcomed the presbytery to Kaw Prairie Community Church, an ELCA/PCUSA congregation. Many first-time commissioners were introduced.

**The Stated Clerk moved that the following corresponding members be seated with voice:**

<b>Rev. Aaron Teter</b>	<b>Pby of Long Island</b>
<b>Rev. Ayana Harris Teter</b>	<b>Pby of Long Island</b>
<b>Rev. Bruce Bradley</b>	<b>Pby of Missouri River Valley</b>
<b>Rev. Ted Pierce</b>	<b>Pby of Great Rivers</b>
<b>Rev. Nancy Kahaian</b>	<b>Pby of Northern Kansas</b>
<b>Rev. Thad Holcombe</b>	<b>Pby of Northern Kansas</b>
<b>Rev. Hal LeMert</b>	<b>Pby of Missouri Union</b>
<b>Candidate Jason Ku</b>	<b>Pby of Sacramento</b>
<b>Rev. Sung Chun Park</b>	<b>KPCA</b>

The motion was seconded and approved.

The following persons made announcements for the good of the community:

OASIS/APCE 2011	Elder Malinda Spencer
Presbyterian Women	Rev. Glenda Watts
"Embracing Hope"	Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
"Synod After Party"	Rev. Rachel Lancey
"Festival of Sharing"	Elder Bob Seed
Regional Gathering	Rev. Leslie King
Heartland Camp and Conference/PUMN	Rev. Dennis Haines
Earthkeepers: Earth Care Seminar	Elder Bill McEachen
Presbytery Greetings to Maya Quiche	Rev. David Winters

#### **Worship including the Lord's Supper**

Many joys and concerns were shared for prayer during worship including prayers of thanksgiving for Rev. Dave Irwin's wife; a celebration of 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Westport Presbyterian Church; prayers for Rev. Don Schomacker as he has returned home from the hospital; 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Warrensburg, MO.; and prayers of concern for Bev Barr's father who has kidney and bladder cancer; Rev. Jean Murphy's father and Mary Lee, mother of Rev. Mark Moon and a member at Faith in Raytown who is in hospice. The Rev. Dan McKnight preached and Rev. Elise Sharrett-Hawke celebrated the sacrament. The presbytery's offering was equally divided between Calvary (Independence, MO) Presbyterian Church's homeless and jobless ministry and the Harold Thomas Center for Reconciliation Community Mission Emergency Fund.

## **Consent Agenda**

Stated Clerk Rev. Maryann Farnsworth presented the consent agenda as follows:

- A) The Council recommended that Presbytery approve the minutes of the May 17, 2010, stated meeting of Council.**
- B) The Council recommended that Presbytery approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010, stated meeting of presbytery.**
- C) Congregational Development & Redevelopment Division recommended that Heartland Presbytery extend an invitation to the currently unaffiliated Korean Presbyterian Church of Kansas (Kansas City, Kansas) to become either an immigrant fellowship, or a full congregation, of Heartland Presbytery, whichever the KPCK Session and Congregation should choose.**
- D) Committee on Representation requested an exemption to the Manual of Administrative Operations 13.3 which states "The Committee on Nominations will nominate a moderator for each committee, board or division for a one-year term. These moderators may be eligible for re-election for not more than one additional consecutive term." This exemption would allow for Elder Tom Carlisle (Class of 2012) to serve a third consecutive year as moderator.**
- E) Presbytery Council recommended the 2009 Financial Audit for approval.**
- F) The Stated Clerk recommended the presbytery approve the installation commission for the Reverend Mary Jean Bird, Lawson United Christian/Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 19, 4:00 p.m. as follows:**

<b>Elder Bev Barr</b>	<b>First, St. Joseph, MO</b>
<b>Rev. Maryann Farnsworth</b>	<b>Stated Clerk</b>
<b>Rev. Chad Herring, Moderator</b>	<b>Southminster, Prairie Village, KS</b>
<b>Rev. Barry Robinson</b>	<b>Honorably Retired</b>
<b>Rev. Heather Walchar</b>	<b>Trinity, St. Joseph, MO</b>
<b>Mr. Robert Ensley</b>	<b>Lawson United Christian &amp; Presby.</b>
	<b>as a corresponding member from the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church</b>
<b>Rev. Bill Rose-Heim</b>	<b>Regional Minister – Disciples/Christian</b>

as a corresponding member from the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church  
Rev. Donna Rose-Heim Disciples of Christ/Christian Church  
as a corresponding member from the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church

## Report of the Stated Clerk

1. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations:

Rev. Henry Gower, MAL (WMC)	Council & Personnel, 2011
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Elder Bill Rinne, Colonial (WME)	COM, 2011
Rev. Renee Meyer, New Horizon, Odessa, MO (WFC)	COAL, 2011
Elder Mary Sue Thomas, Grace Covenant (WFE)	CPM, 2011
Elder Bob Nicholson, First, Paola (WME)	AC for Ruskin Heights PC
Elder Larry Stone, Colonial (WME)	COAL, 2011

2. The Stated Clerk has invited the Moderator of the General Assembly to be present with us at any of our remaining 2010 meetings or 2011 meetings.

3. The Stated Clerk received correspondence from the General Assembly Office for the Youth Triennium complimenting the outstanding work of presbytery staff member Mindy Fox as registrar for Heartland Presbytery youth participants.

4. Letters renouncing the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (USA) were received by the Stated Clerk on August 23, 2010, from Rev. James West, Rev. Robert Lehleitner and Rev. Mary Brown. They then joined the EPC New Wineskins Presbytery.

### **For Information:**

Presbytery will be **voting on General Assembly actions** in three stated meetings with accompanying educational opportunities in four different geographic locations prior to each vote:

The Belhar Confession on November 16, 2010 (Effingham, KS)  
Amendments to the Constitution on February 12, 2011, (First, St. Joseph, MO)  
The New Form of Government on April 12, 2011 (Blue Ridge, Raytown)

Information on the educational opportunities will be in the Connections and posted on the website.

### **Reports from Administrative Commissions**

Congregations Requesting Dismissal from the PC (USA)

Moderator Leslie King made two points: 1.) The Presbytery filed a lawsuit against the former Gashland congregation concerning the property. The county court has ruled in favor of Gashland which was the anticipated result. 2.) Colonial Session has filed a lawsuit against the presbytery to protect their property rights.

Questions from the presbytery included the current costs incurred by the AC and what does the presbytery gain by pursuing these lawsuits. The presbytery was assured the AC has done its best to conserve legal fee costs by doing some of the legal research on behalf of their attorney. The AC focuses on reconciliation in their work. Executive Presbyter Charles Spencer reported that legal fees have accumulated to approximately \$80,000 to protect the presbytery's original costs of establishing those congregations and the funds for legal fees come from the per capita budget line item of \$10,000 and a fund established by the proceeds of the sale of the Hillsdale church. Di Lupton read the conclusion of the judge's ruling and questioned why the AC would pursue an appeal.

Ruskin Heights – no report

Neema, Prairie Village, KS

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. The **Consent Agenda** was approved by common consent.

### **Ecumenical Campus Ministry**

Rev. Thad Holcombe reported they have raised \$690,000 of their \$832,000 goal. They hope to earn a Mabee Center grant of \$119,000 to complete the campaign. The primary mission of the ECM is hospitality to all students. They are working with many international students. They offer seminars in human sexuality, environmental concerns, faith dynamics and Bible studies.

### **CROP Walk**

Rev. Jay McKell with the help of friends Don Frankland and Leigh Gillis reminded the presbytery of the importance of the annual CROP Walk to alleviate hunger in our communities and around the world. \$150,000 was recently sent to the people of Pakistan for relief efforts. 14% of the people in the USA are living in poverty today. In 2009, PC(USA) participants gave more than 1/3 of the funds raised.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rev. Glenda Watts examined Mr. Jason Ku, candidate from the Presbytery of Sacramento in the areas of his sense of call, Bible, theology, worship and sacraments and polity.

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moved the approval of the ordination of candidate Jason Ku from the Presbytery of Sacramento in order that he may be the Designated Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Holden, MO and pending a successful examination, request the Presbytery of Sacramento to ordain him on our behalf.**

*Rationale:* The General Assembly pastoral residency program “For Such a Time as This” requires ordination of the pastoral resident to their called position. The Committee on Ministry has examined Mr. Ku for appropriateness of fit with the congregation and will participate briefly in his examination.

Members of First, Holden showed their enthusiasm for his call.

The motion was approved.

### **Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Chris Herring presented the report of the Committee on Ministry beginning with the recognition of two pastors retiring this fall.

**Rev. Sam Mann** retired from St. Mark after 40 years of service there. Ms. Ruby Russell spoke on behalf of her 100 year old mother who was unable to attend. She spoke of his friendship and passions as well as pastoral skills. Anika Hickman read a letter from the men in the prisoners program at Crossroads Correctional Center. Randall Hundley spoke to the many projects in the community that Sam Mann has brought to fruition. He described Sam Mann’s legacy as the touch he has had in so many lives in the community. Mr. Hundley also read a letter from Rev. Dr. Bob Meneilly. Several members of the presbytery thanked Sam for being their colleague. Sam was given a standing ovation by the presbytery.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY: LUNCH**

Rev. Dan McKnight led the presbytery in grace before the meal.

At 1:01 p.m., Moderator Chad Herring reconvened the presbytery with prayer.

**Rev. Gene Augustine** retired from Village Church after seventeen years of pastoral care ministry. Rev. Tom Are spoke of Gene's passions, personal history and clear sense of being a learning disciple. Tom praised Gene for his passion in sharing his intellect in energetic and creative ways. After growing up Pentecostal, Gene found the Presbyterian Church and has served congregations in Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas. Gene Augustine expressed his gratitude for his ministry at Village and for finding the PC (USA) where he could engage his mind with his heart and faith. The presbytery gave Gene a standing ovation.

### **Examinations for Membership:**

- 1. Pending examination and approval of Presbytery, COM granted permission to moderate session and approved the terms of call between Rev. Aaron Teter and Rev. Ayana Harris Teter voted upon at a congregational meeting Sunday, August 1, 2010. Terms begin September 19, 2010, and are as follows:**

**Rev. Aaron Teter at 20 hrs per week**

**Cash salary /Housing Allowance                      \$25,000**

**Major medical, death & disability, pension**

**Continuing Ed/Prof Allowance    \$ 1,250**

**Auto Allowance (Reimbursable expense)      \$    600**

**Cell phone allowance (reimbursable exp)      \$    500**

**Moving expenses-lowest of three bids (Teters to provide the bids) (estimated at \$5,000)**

**4 Weeks Vacation (vacation and study leave would be full terms on both Terms of Call as we would use these as if one person filling one position)**

**2 Weeks study leave**

**Additional item: full tuition offered by South-Broadland's Rainbow School for all three children for as long as they are pastor at SBPC (a total of approx. \$12,000)**

**The pension dues as a 1409 couple will be due for the one with the earlier birth date of \$11,531.25 to cover full BOP and dues for the other of \$3,000 which would cover all but medical because they would be covered as spouse.**

COM Moderator Chris Herring examined Rev. Teter in the areas his family history, his Baptist background, his understanding of the church and he affirmed his ability to answer in the affirmative all the constitutional questions for installation including being governed by its polity and abiding by its discipline. Dotty Lafferty, PNC Moderator, spoke to the needs of the congregation in their next pastor and the PNC believes they have found their ideal pastor in both Aaron and Ayana.

There were no questions from the presbytery. Rev. Teter was excused from the meeting briefly.

The motion was approved.

**Rev. Ayana Teter at 20 hrs per week:**

**Cash salary /Housing Allowance                      \$25,000**

**Major medical, death & disability, pension**  
**Continuing Ed/Prof Allowance \$ 1,250**  
**Auto Allowance (Reimbursable expense) \$ 600**  
**Cell phone allowance (reimbursable exp) \$ 500**

**Moving expenses-lowest of three bids (Teters to provide the bids) (estimated at \$5,000)**

**4 Weeks Vacation (vacation and study leave would be full terms on both Terms of Call as we would use these as if one person filling one position)**

**2 Weeks study leave**

**Additional item: full tuition offered by South-Broadland's Rainbow School for all three children for as long as they are pastor at SBPC (a total of approx. \$12,000)**

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COM Moderator Chris Herring examined Rev. Teter in the areas of her personal faith, sacraments, her sense of call to South-Broadland; her hopes for their ministry there and she affirmed her ability to answer in the affirmative all the constitutional questions for installation including being governed by its polity and abiding by its discipline.

The PNC Moderator stated that her comments about Aaron Teter stood for Ayana Teter. There were no questions for COM.

The motion was approved.

**2. Pending examination and approval of Presbytery, COM approved permission to moderate session and the terms of call between Jason Ku, to be the full time Designated Pastor for a two year term, and Holden, MO., beginning October 24, 2010. Approval of their congregational meeting was August 15, 2010, terms are as follows:**

<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$ 25,960.00</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>\$ 6,300.00</b>
<b>Utilities Allowance</b>	<b>\$ 3,300.00</b>
<b>Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions</b>	<b>\$ 11,201.40</b>
<b>Vacation</b>	<b>4 weeks annually</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	<b>2 weeks annually</b>
<b>Auto reim.</b>	<b>\$ 1000</b>
<b>Continuing Education</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Moving Exp</b>	<b>\$ 1000 max</b>

The motion was approved.

**3. Following the September 12<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting, pending examination and approval of Presbytery, COM approved on a split vote the Associate Pastor contract between the Rev. Ted Pierce and**

**Rolling Hills, Overland Park, KS beginning October 1, 2010, with the understanding that it is the intention of COM to establish a mentor relationship for and in cooperation with Rev. Pierce that will provide an external support system to be in contact with the COM. Terms are as follows:**

<b>Salary</b>	<b>\$ 40,000.00</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>
<b>Reimbursable Expenses:</b>	
<b>Automobile (IRS per mile)</b>	<b>\$ 400.00</b>
<b>Bus./Professional Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>Other Allowances – Cell Phone</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>Continuing Ed</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions</b>	
<b>Vacation</b>	<b>4 weeks including 4 Sundays</b>
<b>Continuing Ed</b>	<b>2 Weeks</b>
<b>Moving expenses not to exceed \$15,000</b>	

COM Moderator Chris Herring questioned Rev. Pierce about his biography being written in the third person, his personal history with physical and emotional challenges, his sense of call to Rolling Hills and his ability to answer all the constitutional installation questions including being governed by its polity and abiding by its discipline. Questions from the presbytery included his sense of responsibility for his own choices in those situations which led to misdemeanor and felony charges in which he was later found not guilty.

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

Lou Potts from the Rolling Hills APNC reported the congregation's unanimous vote.

Questions from the presbytery for COM included the nature of the discussion at COM that resulted in the split vote on this call. The COM Moderator emphasized the motion includes a mentor or counseling relationship for Rev. Pierce to help protect Rev. Pierce's mental and physical health. Lou Potts reported that the congregation held two informational meetings for the congregation, the PNC sent an introduction brochure to each member's home and they believe they have done due diligence and are following the Presbytery of Great Rivers' recommendation that Rev. Pierce seek only associate pastor roles. Dr. John Quick, psychologist, member of Rolling Hills APNC and Personnel Committee, expressed his opinion that the medication prescribed Rev. Pierce could lead to unfortunate incidences. Dr. Quick and another physician will meet monthly with him along with a support committee's monthly meetings. A commissioner requested information on the nature of the event that triggered misdemeanor and felony charges and the COM moderator explained that it was a threat with a weapon and no injury was incurred.

The motion was approved with several dissenting votes.

**4. COM recommends that if the way be clear Heartland Presbytery receive the Rev. Bruce Bradley's transfer of membership from the Missouri River Valley Presbytery.**

COM Moderator Chris Herring examined Rev. Bradley in the areas of his use of exclusive language when referencing God and humanity; his experience in serving as pulpit supply at Faith in Raytown; and if he would be able to answer in the affirmative the constitutional questions for installation in the future and he would be governed by its polity and abide by its discipline.

Clerk of Session Sandra Melton spoke of the session's excitement of having Rev. Bradley as their stated supply pastor.

**5. COM requests that the Presbytery form an Administrative Commission for Mound City.**

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION  
FOR MOUND CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
MOUND CITY, MISSOURI**

**Background:** The clerk of session of the Mound City Presbyterian Church has informed the Committee on Ministry that the congregation is concerned about their ability to maintain their facility. They wish to explore the continuation of their ministry should they no longer be able to maintain the facility. They have had conversations on this matter in the congregation and with the executive presbyter and members of the Committee of Ministry of Heartland Presbytery. They have requested through Committee on Ministry that Heartland Presbytery join them in conversation and planning for the future of the Mound City Presbyterian Church.

**Resolution:** The Committee on Ministry recommends to Heartland Presbytery the appointment of an administrative commission per G-9.0503a and in accord with G-9.0504b (3), "for a presbytery, not fewer than seven members, with not more than one of its elder members from any one of its constituent churches." COM recommends the following membership of the administrative commission:

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_____	_____
_____	_____

**A. The Administrative Commission shall be charged to:**

- 1. Consult with the congregation regarding their desire for the continuation of the mission and ministry of the Mound City Presbyterian Church, including consideration of their mission and ministry continuing without ownership of a building.**
- 2. Consider the possible redevelopment of Mound City Presbyterian Church alone or in partnership with other congregations or fellowships;**
- 3. Consider other uses of the Mound City Presbyterian Church location in accord with the presbytery's responsibility "to develop strategy for the mission of the church in its area consistent with G-3.0000" per G-11.0103a;**
- 4. Explore whether the Mound City Presbyterian Church location would be appropriate for the organization of a new congregation per G-11.0103h and G-11.0103j;**
- 5. Carry out this charge mindful of the presbytery's responsibility "for the mission and government of the church throughout its geographical district" per G-11.0103;**
- 6. Bring to Heartland Presbytery through its Committee on Ministry recommendations for action in these areas of the presbytery's responsibilities with respect to ministry in the area of the current Mound City Presbyterian Church.**

**B. Although it is not anticipated at this time, if the Administrative Commission in consultation with the congregation determines that the congregation cannot continue their mission and ministry even without the burden of their building, the Administrative commission may find that the mission and ministry of the presbytery are best served by dissolution of the congregation and are then charged to:**

- 1. Ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the Session and:**
  - a. Conduct a financial review of the Treasurer's books**
  - b. Determine location of checking accounts, savings accounts, endowment accounts, Sunday School accounts. Women's group accounts, and any other financial resources.**
  - c. With any endowment or memorial accounts, determine if there are any bequest stipulations**
  - d. Have all accounts closed, transferring any balances to the primary checking account of the Session**
  - e. Submit new signature card(s) for accounts with at least two members of the Administrative Commission designated as signatories.**
  - f. Determine any outstanding debts/obligations**
  - g. Publish in local paper a public notice to the effect:  
The Mound City Presbyterian Church of Mound City, MO will cease operation on or about such date as may be determined by consultation with the congregation. Any outstanding debts/financial obligations must be submitted in writing to the Administrative Commission at Heartland Presbytery, 3210 Michigan Ave, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO 64109, by the close of the business on such date as may be determined by consultation with the congregation.**
  - h. Oversee the discharge of all financial obligations.**
  - i. Oversee the provision of a "statement of contribution" to all current year contributors.**
  - j. If the church owns any stocks, bonds, certificates, or other financial instruments have ownership of such transferred to the Presbytery.**
  - k. Following the dissolution, transfer all remaining balances to the Presbytery and close all remaining accounts.**
- 2. Secure the Session Records**
  - a. Locate all Session minutes, the church register, and other financial and legal records to be deposited with the GA's Department of History.**
  - b. The Clerk of Session will hand these symbolically to a representative of the Presbytery (Stated Clerk) during a Celebration of Mission and Ministry during the next presbytery meeting.**
- 3. Secure the legal rights to the property.**
  - a. Secure a Clear Title to the property**
  - b. A copy of the deed may be obtained from the County Courthouse.**
  - c. A copy of the deed should be sent to the Presbytery Board of Trustees and determine if there are any deed restrictions or stipulations.**
  - d. Transfer title of the property to the Heartland Presbytery.**
  - e. Have the property listed on the Presbytery's property and liability insurance coverage.**
  - f. Assure the integrity of the legal corporate status of the church. If incorporated, secure the local Articles of Incorporation.**

**NOTE: At the time of the sale of property, determine if the Presbytery must notify the County Assessor's Office that the property is no longer used as a church by Heartland Presbytery.**

**6. Secure the building and property.**

- a. Arrange for the disposition of furnishings not needed by the presbytery and in consultation with the congregation determine if any furnishings are to be used to create a memorial to the work of the congregation at another location within the presbytery.
- b. These decisions should be documented in detail in both Session and Commission minutes. The Presbytery stands ready to counsel the Session in the wise and faithful and legal disposition of assets given by Presbyterians over the ages for the mission of Jesus Christ.
- c. Determine which utilities should remain connected and which may be disconnected and make these arrangements with the proper companies. Have the billing for the utilities transferred to the Presbytery following the closing service
- d. It may be necessary to maintain heat during the winter to avoid damage.
- e. Electricity, Water, and Gas (if available) should remain on until the closing celebration.
- f. Arrange with the Presbytery's Financial Manager for any ongoing utility payments
- g. Arrangements should be made to drain the pipes if utilities are turned off.
- h. Secure the building and change the locks.
- i. Make provisions for a caretaker until the final disposition of the property, including mowing of lawn and maintenance of any sidewalks.

**7. Insurance coverage should be continued by the church until the dissolution date then the presbytery should continue the insurance coverage until the time of the disposition of the property.**

\*\*\*\*\* End of Motion \*\*\*\*\*

**The members of the commission would be appointed by the Moderator of Presbytery in consultation with the moderator of Committee on Ministry.**

The motion was approved.

**6. COM recommends to Presbytery a \$500 addition to minimum salary for 2011 to \$36,018 (from \$35,560) an increase of from 68% to 69% of church wide median salary.**

The motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

**7. COM recommends the presbytery approve Item 24 in their report concerning Faith, Raytown, MO requesting a waiver from the six year limit on reelection of elders for 2011-2013.**

The motion was approved.

**For information: COM Report**

**Stewardship Division**

Rev. James Gale presented the 2011 Narrative Budgets for Mission Interpretation with the request they be utilized with sessions as budgets are set for 2011.

When the video's audio failed, Rev. Jeff Mercer spoke about the important role of military chaplaincy in serving the people who are in constant transition and often in crises while serving in multiple faith backgrounds.

## **Mission and Social Justice Ministries Division**

Rev. Al Zimmerman provided an update on the Thwake Village Dispensary and another trip to Kenya is planned for October. Eight congregations are still needed to donate \$250 once annually to support a year round nurse at the dispensary.

Elder Marge Blank spoke about the Peacemaking Offering, the 67 churches that have signed the Commitment for Peacemaking and the upcoming visit of International Peacemaker Bishop Mano Rumlshah from Pakistan during October 14-18.

Moderator Herring requested Council Moderator Jack Schrimsher to moderate the next portion of the docket.

Elder Jack Schrimsher updated the presbytery on the Maya Quiche Presbytery and then led the Commissioning of Guatemala Travelers: Rev. Krista Kiger, Rev. Chad Herring, Rev. David Winters, Elder Mary Jorgenson and Elder Rachel Lausch. These travelers will return with Guatemalan handcrafts that will be available for purchase at the November presbytery meeting.

Moderator Herring resumed the leadership of the meeting.

## **Presbytery Council**

Elder Jack Schrimsher reported that the actions taken at the August 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting were included on the consent agenda or were below for action.

Rev. Heidi Peterson presented the next portion of the report of council.

**Council recommended these items to Presbytery for a first reading:**

### **1. Amend Manual of Operations Sections 11.7.1 and 11.7.2: (changes, in italics)**

#### **“Section 11.7.1 (under MEETINGS of Council)**

**Presbytery Council will ordinarily meet the month preceding each stated meeting of presbytery. Any meeting of Council may be canceled by five (5) days advance notice, if cancellation is approved *by three (3) of the following persons: The Moderator of Council, the Moderator Elect of Presbytery, the Moderator of Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk.***

#### **11.7.2**

**A special meeting of the Council may be called by five (5) days advance notice, if the special meeting is approved *by three (3) of the following persons: The Moderator of Council, the Moderator Elect of Presbytery, the Moderator of Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk.***

### **2. Amend the Manual of Operations, Chapter 3, Structure and Organization**

#### **Section 4: OFFICERS, STAFF AND OTHER POSITIONS**

## 4.2 MODERATOR

### 4.2.1

***4.2.2 The Moderator of Presbytery shall appoint all special committees and task forces ordered by the Presbytery unless the Presbytery, on the adoption of a motion, decides otherwise. The Moderator of Presbytery, in consultation with the moderator of Church Order and Listening Division, shall appoint investigating committees, and committees of counsel. In making all appointments the Moderator of Presbytery shall also consult the Stated Clerk and/or the Executive Presbyter."***

3. **Amend** Conflict of Interest Policy (section 7) by adding to the last sentence of the 'Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.'

***'I have read and understand the Conflict of Interest Policy and agree to abide by it as well as notify the Stated Clerk of Heartland Presbytery if during this time period there are any changes in the status of my current answers.'"***

There were no questions or comments from the presbytery.

The Council recommended the following changes to the Manual of Administrative Operations to the Presbytery for **adoption**:

4. **Amend** Administrative Policy 7, Procedure for electing GA commissioners and YADs as follows: changes (a-c)

a) Minister: A. 5 and B. 5; Elder: A. 6. Change the word "normally" to "ordinarily".

b) Under "Notification" strike the number "twelve (12)" to read:

"The Committee on Nominations shall notify the ~~twelve~~ commissioner nominees and alternates....."

c) The section on Youth Advisory Delegates-- Strike the number "21" and insert "23" to read "must be between the ages of 17 and ~~21~~ 23 on the day the Assembly convenes."

5. **Adopt** Administrative Policy 5—Financial Policies, as revised by Business Affairs Committee

6. **Adopt** the following descriptions of "Related Entities":

#### **34. Presbyterian – Lutheran Association of Christian Educators (PLACE)**

**34.1 PLACE is the regular meeting of persons who work in education ministry. It is composed of Christian educators, pastors, youth workers, children's director, volunteers, and anyone else interested in education. PLACE functions as a support group and networking opportunity, generally meeting in local churches.**

### **35. Heartland Church Communicators Network**

Heartland Church Communicators Network is comprised of a Heartland Church Communicator (HCC) from each church within the bounds of Heartland Presbytery. The HCC is the communication link between the congregation and the presbytery. Duties include: Serving by receiving information from the presbytery and distributing it to the congregation. All HCC's will use email to receive/provide information from/to the presbytery and distribute it to their congregation through bulletins and newsletters. The Heartland Church Communicators Network is an essential component in keeping Heartland Presbytery linked together in mission.

7. **Change** section numbering from current "34. Process to Amend the Manual of Administrative Operations" to "36. Process to Amend the Manual of Administrative Operations".

The motion was approved.

The Council recommended the following changes to the Manual of Administrative Operations to the Presbytery for adoption:

**\*\*That Section 4.5 STATED CLERK be replaced in its entirety in the following manner:**

The Stated Clerk shall be nominated initially by a search committee established by the Presbytery for that purpose, shall be elected by the Presbytery, and shall serve a three-year term beginning on January 1. The Stated Clerk may upon nomination by the Nominating Committee and election by the Presbytery subsequently serve one or more additional three-year terms.

The Stated Clerk shall be elected to a three year term commencing on January 1 of a given year. The election of the Stated Clerk shall be accomplished through the appointment of an ad hoc search committee. The ad hoc search committee shall consist of two members named by the Personnel Committee, two members named by the Committee on Nominations, one member of Presbytery Council named by the Council moderator, and two at-large members from Heartland Presbytery named by the Moderator of Presbytery. The search committee shall solicit applications from interested elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament and make a report and recommendation to the Committee on Nominations no later than their October meeting so that Presbytery can act on a recommendation from the Committee on Nominations and elect a Stated Clerk at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery in November. This process shall also be used in the event that there is a need to fill an unexpired term of the office of Stated Clerk.

The motion was approved.

The Council recommended the following changes to the Manual of Administrative Operations to the Presbytery for adoption:

1. **\*\*That Section 5.1 be amended by the addition of the underlined portions below:**

**Presbytery shall employ such staff as necessary to carry out its ministry. All executive and administrative staff positions shall be filled in accordance with the principles of participation and representation and following procedures set out in the Heartland Presbytery Employee Handbook. All staff positions in Heartland Presbytery are accountable to the direction and supervision of the Executive Presbyter as the head of Staff. Staff positions shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:**

**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER (EP)  
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY (AEP)  
STATED CLERK (with respect to all duties not constitutionally prescribed to the elected office of Stated Clerk)  
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II  
FINANICAL ADMINISTRATOR  
RESOURCE DIRECTOR FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT III  
EXECUTIVE DIRETOR OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR THE HAROLD THOMAS CENTER**

2. **\*\*That Section 7.7 (under CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY) be amended by the addition of the underlined portion below:**

**In the event that it is not entirely clear that a conflict of interest exists, the individual with the potential conflict shall disclose the circumstances to the Stated Clerk and the Moderator of Heartland Presbytery who shall determine whether a conflict of interest exists.**

The motion was approved.

### **Business Affairs**

Elder Bond Faulwell presented the report on the presbytery financial status while referring to the reports ending /31/2010: Statement of Financial Activities; Statement of Financial Positions; Shared Mission Giving Summary; and the Per Capita and Shared Mission Giving ending 7/31/2010.

**On behalf of Council, Elder Faulwell moved the adoption of the 2011 Per Capita Budget and 2011 Mission Budget.** Per Capita will be \$32.13 in 2011 which is up from \$31.00 this year.

Without question or comment, the 2011 budgets were approved.

### **Report of the Executive Presbyter**

Rev. Charles Spencer shared more of what he has learned from reading the historical minutes of the presbytery. The staff is making cuts in many expenditures of administration including changing to VOIP. The recognition award from General Assembly for being in the Top Ten in Mission Giving to General Assembly in 2009 was presented to the presbytery.

## **Committee on Nominations**

Rev. Kimby Young made the following motion on behalf of the committee: **The Committee on Nominations moves the following persons be elected to serve in Heartland Presbytery:**

### **Presbytery Council:**

**Class of 2011 - Clergy**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder (2)**

**Bond Faulwell (WME) (2) Grace Covenant, OPKS**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy (2)**

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### **Presbytery Board of Trustees (Two are appointed from Council):**

**Class of 2011 – Clergy/Lay (2)**

**Teresa Clark (WFE) (1) Parkville**

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**Class of 2013 – Clergy/Lay (3)**

**Paul Gault (WME) (2) Parkville**

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### **Church Order and Listening Division:**

**Class of 2011 – Elder**

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**Class of 2011 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2012 – Elder**

**Josh Dean (WME) (1) Village Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS**

**Class of 2013 – Elder**

**Avis Odenbaugh (WFE) (2), Blue Ridge Presbyterian, Raytown, MO**

**Class of 2013 – Elder**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

**Jason Carle (WMC) (2), Overland Park Presbyterian, Overland Park, KS**

**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

**Heidi Peterson (WFC) (2), Central Presbyterian, KC, MO (Moderator)(2)**

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### **Committee on Ministry:**

**Class of 2010 - Elder**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder**

**Ruth Davidson (WFE) (2), Southminster Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS**

**Class of 2013 – Elder (3)**

**Ann Wedeman (WFE) (1) John Knox Kirk**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

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**Andrew Cullen (WMC) (2), John Knox Presbyterian Kirk, KC, MO**

~~**Elbert Darden (BMC) (1), Member at Large**~~

**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

**Chris Herring (WMC) (2) HR, First Presbyterian, North Kansas City, MO (Moderator)(2)**

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry:**

**Class of 2010 – Elder**

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**Class of 2011 – Elder**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder (3)**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

**Joseph Carle (WMC) (2) HR, Ward Parkway Presbyterian, KC, MO**

**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

**Tamara Miller (WFC) (1) Linwood United, KC, MO**

**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

**Tim Fulop (WMC) (1) Member at Large**

**Committee on Representation:**

**Class of 2012 – Youth**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder**

**Lula Bounds (BFE) (2) Bethel Presbyterian, KC, KS**

**Class of 2013 – Elder**

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**Congregational Development and Redevelopment Division:**

**Class of 2011 – Elder**

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**Class of 2012 –Elder**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder (2)**

**Cheryl Farris (WFE) (1) First, Lee's Summit, MO**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy (2)**

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**Congregational Ministries Division:**

**Class of 2011 – Elder**

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**Class of 2011 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder**

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**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

**Dennis Haines (WMC) (2) HR**

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**Lay Ministries Committee**

**Complete**

**Mission & Social Justice Ministries Division:**

**Class of 2010 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2011 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2012 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder**

**Graham Houston (WML) (2) Parkville**

**Susan Letizia (WFE) (2) Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO**

**Bob Seed (WME) (1) Trinity, Independence, MO**

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**Class of 2013 - Clergy**

**David Nzioka (BMC) (2) Neema NCD, PVKS**

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**Worship & Fellowship:**

**Class of 2011 – Clergy**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder**

**Ann Keeling (WFE) (2) First Presbyterian, Leavenworth, KS**

**Class of 2013 – Elder**

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**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

**Rick Behrens (WMC) (2) Grandview Park, KCKS**

**Tom Thomas (WMC) (2) Higginsville/Corder Presbyterian Churches, MO**

**Stewardship and Mission Division:**

**Class of 2011 – Elder/Lay**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder/Lay**

**Charlas Rhodes (BFE) (2) Linwood United, KCMO**

**John Walls (BME) (2) Belton**

**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

Jeff Mercer (WMC) (2) Chaplain, VA Medical Center

Tim Soule (WMC) (2) Westminster, Ottawa, KS

**Sexual Misconduct Response Panel:**

**Class of 2011 – Elder/Lay**

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**Class of 2013 – Elder/Lay**

Teresa Clark (2), WFE, Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO

Ernestine Claycomb, (2) WFE, Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO

Harold Frye (2), WME, Grace Covenant, Overland Park, KS

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**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

Meg McLaughlin, (2), WFC, Village Presbyterian, Prairie Village, KS

**Heartland Presbyterian Center Board of Management:**

**Class of 2011 – Youth**

Conner Clark (WML) (1), Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO

**Class of 2012 – Elder/Lay**

Teresa Clark (WFE) (2) Parkville Presbyterian, Parkville, MO

**Class of 2013 – Elder/Lay**

~~David Ege (2) WME, Second Presbyterian, KC, MO~~

**Jennifer Kisner (WFE) (1) Grace Covenant, OPKS**

Don Frankland (WME) (2), John Knox Presbyterian Kirk, KC, MO

~~Candis Young Lochmann (1) WFE, Ward Parkway Presbyterian, KC, MO~~

**Class of 2013 – Clergy**

Ryan Kapple (WMC) (2) Leawood Presbyterian, Leawood, KS

Larry Wheeler (WMC)(2), HR

There were no nominations from the floor.

The amended slate was approved.

**Report of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Commissioners**

The individual commissioners present shared their impressions of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Their written reports were in the presbytery packet. There were no questions or comments from the presbytery for the commissioners. All commissioners are open to individual conversations or to make presentations in different congregations over the next two years.

**New Business** - none

**Elder Tom Carlisle moved that the presbytery adjourn.** It was seconded and approved.

Moderator Herring reminded the body of the called meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010, at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of installing Rev. Leigh Gillis as Associate Executive Presbyter for Congregational Vitality.

The moderator also reminded the body of their next stated meeting of Heartland Presbytery will be on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Effingham Union Church located in Effingham, Kansas. During this meeting, the presbytery will consider and vote on the inclusion of the Belhar Confession in the Book of Confessions.

At 3:38 p.m., Moderator Herring **adjourned the presbytery with prayer.**

Submitted by,



Rev. Maryann S. Farnsworth  
Stated Clerk

Approved by Council: 10/8/2010  
Approved by Presbytery: 11/16/2010