

**MINUTES
HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY
CALLED MEETING**

In accordance with the provisions of G-11.0201, at the request of 4 ministers and 5 elders, the Moderator called a Special Meeting of the Presbytery on March 15, 2011, to be held at Heritage Presbyterian Church, Olathe KS at 4:00p.m., for the purpose of examining Clare Lozano, a candidate under the care of Mission Presbytery, for ordination, to approve the terms of call to Candidate Lozano from Heritage Presbyterian Church, and to request Mission Presbytery to ordain Candidate Lozano on our behalf.

CONVENING OF PRESBYTERY

At 4: 00 p.m. the Presbytery was convened by Moderator Elder Beverly Barr with prayer.

The following minister members of Presbytery were present: Jason Carle, Donna Chavez, Andrew Cullen, Brian Ellison, Ronald Galvin, Paul Gaug, Chad Herring, Jason Ku, Mike Lane, Jill Linn, George McCall, Jay D. McKell, Jean Murphy, Ronald L. Patton, Kirk P. Perucca, Matthew Reeves, Donald F. Sears, Merrilyn Slack-Schinkel, Charles Spencer, Douglas E. Sprouse, W. Dwight Tawney, Larry Thornton, William M. Walter, Glenda Watts, Ky Weekley, John Williams, Don Wilson, and Kimberly Young.(28)

The following elder commissioners were present: Carolyn Nickens, Bob Stikelether (Trinity, Independence MO); Cathy Brockerd, Don Frankland, Ann Wedaman (John Knox Kirk, KCMO); Barbara Loots (Second, KCMO); Vera Phillips (St. Paul, KCMO); Dorothy Clarke (Ward Parkway, KCMO); Rita Hoffman, Lyn Kitterman, Di Lupton, (First, Olathe KS); Jeannette Rickie, Nancy Smith (Heritage, Olathe KS); Ruth Crawford (Knox, Overland Park KS); Martha Malsbary (Stanley, Overland Park KS); Jack H. Schrimser, Randall Smith (Parkville, MO); William H. Coughlin, G. Taylor Hess, Bill McEachen, Donna Patton (Village, Prairie Village KS) (21)

The following Council members were present: Beverly Barr (Moderator), Terry Miller (Treasurer), and Ann Rich (Committee on Nominations) (3)

The following members of Presbytery staff were present: David E. Meerse (Stated Clerk)

Abbey Patterson, a candidate under care of Heartland Presbytery, was present.

The Stated Clerk, Elder David Meerse, declared that a QUORUM was PRESENT.

The PROPOSED DOCKET for the special meeting, amended to include Elder Bob Stikelether, vice moderator of the Committee on Ministry, as one of those who

would be asking questions of Candidate Lozano during the candidate's examination, was APPROVED.

**EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE CLARE LOZANO FOR
ORDINATION TO MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT.**

The examination was begun by the Rev. Glenda Watts, moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Candidate Lozano responded to Rev. Watts' questions about her faith journey and call to ministry, about the youth program in San Antonio with which she was associated, and about the reason for the use of the term "Yahweh" in her Statement of Faith. Elder Stikelether, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, continued the examination. Candidate Lozano responded to Elder Stikelether's questions about her ability to translate her gifts and skills from her youth-ministry focus in San Antonio to the hopes, dreams and needs of the Heritage congregation, and about the differences between urban ministry and ministry in a suburban setting. In response to Elder Stikelether's question, Candidate Lozano affirmed her ability to respond positively to all the ordination questions.

The Moderator then called for questions from the floor. Candidate Lozano responded to questions about denomination unity and the challenges thereto, about how she and her ministry skills were affirmed by the Pastor Nominating Committee, and about the importance of the different names applied to the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

No further questions coming from the floor, the Moderator requested and received a MOTION TO ARREST THE EXAMINATION, which carried unanimously. Candidate Lozano was EXCUSED from the floor.

Elder Jeannette Rice, on behalf of the Pastor Nominating Committee, spoke of their excitement about the favorable completion of the call process, noting that of the 67 PIF's received, Candidate Lozano's was the only one upon which all 9 members agreed, and that, following the telephone conference call, the PNC prayed, asking that Candidate Lozano would like them as much as they liked her. She noted that their prayers had been answered!

The motion to SUSTAIN the EXAMINATION was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Candidate Lozano was welcomed back to the meeting with standing applause, and addressed the body, expressing appreciation for the vote and about her hopes for the call.

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF CALL

Elder Stikelether, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry, presented the TERMS OF CALL. The terms as presented meet the Presbytery minimums. The

TERMS OF CALL were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (The COMPLETE TERMS OF CALL will be ATTACHED to the permanent minutes as APPENDIX A.)

**REQUEST TO MISSION PRESBYTERY TO ORDAIN
CANDIDATE CLARE LOZANO**

In accordance with the provisions of G-14.0483, the Presbytery VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to request Mission Presbytery to ordain Candidate Clare Lozano to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on behalf of Heartland Presbytery.

It was reported that Candidate Lozano's ordination was scheduled on March 20, 2011, in San Antonio. The Moderator encouraged Presbyters to avail themselves of the opportunity to be present for that event.

ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements about the availability of Peacemaking awards and an upcoming event on peacemaking, the Presbytery ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER by the Moderator at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David E. Meerse
Stated Clerk

