

General Council Agenda  
Meeting by Zoom Thursday, April 29, 2021 (10 a.m.)

- 10 a.m. **Opening Prayer** – Chris Miller  
**Declaration of Quorum** – Beth Kick  
**Worship** – Malinda Spencer

**Anti-Racism Sub-Committee**—Jennifer Dawson

1. Statement—**Motion to amend or approve?**
2. Additional members

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

1. **Any corrections to minutes?** (2/11/21 and 3/17/21)
2. Hope to move records to First, Mount Vernon, for storage this summer after digitizing as much as possible
3. **Next stated Council meeting: 10 a.m., Thursday, July 8 by Zoom????** (Discuss date and meeting method)
4. **August meeting by Zoom or in person?** Host church is First Presbyterian, Iola.
5. **Preacher for August meeting**—Kathryn Threadgill, Vital Congregations Initiative?
6. General Assembly schedule: the time commitment for commissioners and YAADs to GA in 2022 is currently expected include:
  1. Committee assignments will be shared March 15, 2022. Depending on the committee assignment, the person will need to be in Louisville for three consecutive days between June 17 and July 2.
  2. Commissioners will need to participate online June 18th and possibly June 19th, then July 5-9.

7. **JCP Overture** to 224th General Assembly

**Possible actions for 225th GA:**

- Refer the Overture as it Currently Stands
- Refer the Overture with an Updated Rationale
- Withdraw the Overture from Consideration
- Withdraw the Overture and Submit a New Overture

8. Logistics for May 20 Presbytery meeting by Zoom at First, Parsons, Springfield

- Docket Timing—Who needs docket time? How much?**  
**Are there any minutes and /or reports left to send to Beth?**  
**Any changes to the docket?**  
**Motion to approve the docket as amended?**

DOCKET

Document 8:30 a.m.	<b>Zoom meeting open—Practice/Informal Fellowship</b> <i>PowerPoint scrolls with churches that paid per capita and shared mission for 2020</i>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Call to Order</b>	Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth

9:02 a.m.	<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Greeting from Host Church Mission &amp; Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Parsons, Kansas</b>	The Reverend Jennifer Dawson
9:12 a.m.	<b>Orientation to Videoconference Meeting</b> Take attendance (raise hand function)	Stated Clerk Beth Kick
9:17 a.m.	<b>Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery</b>	Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth
9:23 a.m.	<b>Report of Stated Clerk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of a quorum</li> <li>• Approval of docket</li> <li>• Seating of corresponding members</li> <li>• Adoption of consent agenda</li> </ul>	Elder Beth Kick
9:40 a.m.	<b>Greetings from Co-Moderators of PC(USA)</b>	Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart
9:45 a.m.	<b>Preparation for Worship</b> ( <i>includes prelude and time to get bread and juice</i> )	Moderator, Elder Toni Spieth
9:48 a.m.	<b>Service of Morning Worship</b>	The Reverend Jessi Markus, preaching
10:30 a.m.	<b>Educational Time</b>	
10:55 a.m.	<b>Break --</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Report of Pastoral Presbyter</b>	Elder Malinda Spencer
11:10 a.m.	<b>Report of Committee on Ministry</b>	Elder Reina Daleske
11:20 a.m.	<b>Report on Transitional Project</b>	
11:30 a.m.	<b>Report of Administrative Ministries Committee</b>	
11:40 a.m.	<b>Report of the Treasurer</b>	The Reverend Dennis Winzenried
11:45 a.m.	<b>Presbyterian Foundation</b>	The Reverend Dr. Craig Howard
11:50 a.m.	<b>Report of COVID-19 Administrative Commission written</b>	The Reverend Dennis Winzenried or Elder Martha Bledsoe
12:00 p.m.	<b>Report of General Council</b>	The Reverend Chris Miller
	<b>Report of Synod Commissioner</b>	The Reverend John Nipper or Elder Bob Wilson

	<b>Report of Committee on Representation</b>	Elder Lorraine Whittington
	<b>Report of Mission and Nurture Committee</b>	The Reverend Lou Hartley and Elder William Agnew
	<b>Report of Presbyterian Women</b>	Elder Joan Russell
	<b>Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer</b>	
	<b>We Go Out as a Worshipping Community</b>	

### **Report of the Pastoral Presbyter**

#### **1. COR Vice-Moderator**

#### **2. Web security; FaceBook account**

3. Stewardship and Comfort my People mental health events (to be planned by Synod EPs)

4. Transitional Project

#### **5. Vital Congregations Initiative**

6. Matthew 25

Presbytery approved this motion from General Council Nov. 2, 2019, which required us to make this commitment:

We do hereby commit to become a Matthew 25 mid council. We pledge to encourage 20% or more of our congregations to become Matthew 25 churches and embrace these areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality
- Dismantling structural racism
- Eradicating systemic poverty

We promise to keep track of the impact of our ministry and share our stories with the PC(USA) from time to time.

***What steps shall we take to fulfill this commitment? How we might hold up the work our churches are doing under the Matthew 25 initiative?***

### **Reports of the Committees**

Administrative Ministries – **Year to date Financials**

Treasurer’s Report

Committee on Ministry – Reina Daleske

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Diane Cooke

Transitional Project—Reina Daleske

Committee on Representation – Lorraine Whittington

COVID-19 Administrative Commission– Dennis Winzenried

Mission and Nurture – Lou Ellen Hartley

Presbyterian Women – Joan Russell

**Other Business?**

Adjourn with Prayer

Next stated Council meeting:

Included in your packet for today's Council meeting:

Council Minutes: 2/11/21, 3/17/21

Overture to 224th General Assembly