

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 207th STATED MEETING

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY'S VISION STATEMENT

Joyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.

Committed to serving Christ in the church and in the world.

Prepared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

The 207th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Moderator Jim Holt. Jim welcomed everyone and introduced the Reverend Becky Schwandt, pastor of Ozark Presbyterian Church, Ozark, Missouri. Becky opened the meeting in prayer and introduced Elder Kevin Skibiski who shared the history, mission, and ministry of Ozark Presbyterian Church. Elders new to the stated meeting of presbytery were introduced: The Reverend Diane Cooke introduced Thomas Smith from Willow Springs Presbyterian Church, Willow Springs, Missouri, and JoAnn Bates from First Presbyterian Church, Mountain View, Missouri. Elder Reina Daleske introduced Pat Hovis-French from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Kimberling City, Missouri.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK, Part 1

ELDER BETH KICK

Beth Kick, Stated Clerk, provided an orientation to this hybrid meeting. She then declared, based on the attendance list you signed upon entering the church, **that an in-person quorum is present for this 207th stated meeting.** This is necessary because our Manual of Operations did not allow for electronic or partially electronic meetings for decision-making before the pandemic. An in-person quorum is needed to give us permission to make all the decisions we have made in good faith by electronic means for the last two and a half years. We have an in-person quorum today. ("A quorum necessary to transact business at each stated meeting of the presbytery shall consist of not less than six (6) ministers and as many ruling elders as may be present, providing that at least four (4) particular churches are represented by ruling elders.")

***** Concludes First Part of the Stated Clerk's Report *****

GENERAL COUNCIL REPORT

ELDER TONI SPIETH

Toni moved **presbytery ratify all actions previously approved in videoconference presbytery meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, including the change to the Manual of Operations which allowed electronic communications to be used for stated or called meetings. This action pertains to all motions recorded in the minutes of the following presbytery meetings:**

- In the year of 2020:** May 21, 2020, the 198th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
August 3, 2020, the 199th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
October 24, 2020, the 200th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
- In the year of 2021:** January 19, 2021, the Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
February 27, 2021, the 201st Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
May 20, 2021, the 202nd Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
August 3, 2021, the 203rd Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
November 6, 2021, 204th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
December 7, 2021, the Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
- In the year of 2022:** February 2, 2022, the Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
February 26, 2022, the 205th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery
May 19, 2022, the 206th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery

No second is needed as this motion comes from a committee. A time for discussion and questions was given. The motion was approved.

For Information:

Offering received: May 19, 2022 Presbytery meeting: Total of \$674.81 with \$337.41 going to First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, to benefit Community Outreach and Meals on Wheels, and \$337.40 going to the presbytery's Creative Ministry Grant fund.

Actions Taken:

1.	Allocated a \$3,000 donation given to help Afghan refugees to the Afghan refugee efforts at the following churches in these amounts: \$ 500.00 to First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas \$ 750.00 to Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Springfield, Missouri \$ 750.00 to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Missouri \$1,000.00 to First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri
2.	Began consideration of Creative Ministry Grant and Small Church Resource Grant applications.
3.	Rescheduled the next Council meeting to 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 11.
4.	Thanked Chris Miller for his work as our Overture Advocate.
5.	Began establishing a committee (consisting of 7 members including our Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate and 4 others who are not already serving on multiple committees) to review those overtures from General Assembly which require a vote of presbytery and to lead the discussion on the presbytery floor concerning them.
6.	Amended and approved the docket and made plans for the August 4, 2022, presbytery meeting.

***** Concludes Report of General Council *****

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK, Part 2

ELDER BETH KICK

Stated Clerk, Elder Beth Kick stated that based on the participants' list and the registration roll, a quorum was present for this hybrid meeting of presbytery. ("A quorum necessary to transact business at each stated meeting of the presbytery shall consist of not less than six (6) ministers and as many ruling elders as may be present, providing that at least four (4) particular churches are represented by ruling elders.")

ATTENDANCE:

The attendance for the 207th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was 65 in total: 50 attended in person and 15 attended by zoom. The breakdown follows:

- Two (2) Teaching Elders serving a church, attended by zoom**
- Nine (9) Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person**
- Two (2) Teaching Elder, Honorably Retired, attended in person**
- One (1) Teaching Elders, Member at Large, attending by zoom**
- Three (3) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended by zoom**
- Five (5) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended by zoom**
- Fourteen (14) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person**
- Five (5) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person**
(not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)
- Ten (10) Volunteers attended in person**
- Three (3) Visitors, attended by zoom**
- Six (6) Visitors, attended in person (including 2 children)**
- One (1) Corresponding Member, attended by zoom**
- One (1) Corresponding Member, attended in person**
- Three (3) Staff members, attended in person**
- Eighteen (18) Churches were represented by elder commissioners**
(Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners)

COMMUNITY	CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER or CRE	Present Excused Absent	RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyterian	Crews, Joe	Absent	Absent
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Baxter Springs, KS	First Presbyterian	Gantt, Larry	Absent	Absent
Carlyle, KS	Carlyle Presbyterian	Traw, Steve	Absent	Absent
Carthage, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Dawson, Mary/ by zoom
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Huffstetler, Jane	Excused	Holt, Linda/ in person
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Excused	Absent
Erie, KS	Federated Presbyterian	Choi, Shella	Absent	Absent
Everton, MO	Hampton Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Forsyth, MO	Community Presbyterian	LeBlanc, Frank	Present	Click, Reed/ in person
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Barrows, Mert/ by zoom
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Excused
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Absent	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Wilson, Bob/ by zoom
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Banz, Rich/ person
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Excused	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Excused	Beard, Sallie/ in person
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Present	Whittington, Lorraine/person
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Hovis-French, Patricia/person
Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Excused	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Bates, JoAnn/ in person
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Present	Absent
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Excused	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Bell, Camille/ by zoom
Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Gooden, Frances/ in person
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Excused	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	-----	-----	Absent
Rolla, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Cormack, Scarlet/ in person
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	Groote, Marvin	Absent	Moore, Jim/ in person
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Present	Johnson, Cletus/ in person
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	-----	-----	Absent
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Present	Piston, William/ in person
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Excused	Moore, Jana/ in person
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Present	Behan, Jim/ by zoom
Webb City, MO	First Presbyterian	Spencer, Charles	Present	Absent
West Plains, MO	First Presbyterian	Dahlgren, Robert	Present	Absent

Willard, MO	Mt. Zion Presbyterian	Lee, Daniel	Excused	Absent
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Smith, Tom/in person
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Excused	Excused
-----	Member at Large	Foos, Laurie	Present	By zoom
-----	Honorably Retired	Havens, Bill	Present	In person
-----	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	In Person

PRESBYTERY MODERATORS and STAFF

Presbytery moderator	Holt, Jim	Present / in person
Presbytery moderator-elect	Anderson, Kira	Excused
General Council moderator	Spieth, Toni	Present / in person
Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob	Present / by person
Committee on Ministry	Daleske, Reina	Present / in person
Committee on Representation	Muegge, Sarah	Present / in person
Mission and Nurture Committee	Schwandt, Becky	Present / in person
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Present / in person
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Jackson, Linda	Excused
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Present / in person
Pastoral Presbyter	Spencer, Malinda	Present / in person
Stated Clerk	Kick, Beth	Present / in person
Recording Clerk – staff	Wilson, Gail	Present / in person
Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg	Excused

VISITORS

Bay, John, / by zoom	Dean, Lori Williamson / in person	Dean, Olivia / in person
Carhage First	Mountain View First	Mountain View First
Hershenson, Hayley / in person	Hudgings, Carole, by zoom	Lovinger, Warren / by zoom
West Plains First / YAAD	Springfield Trinity / COM member	Nevada, First
Orchard, Patty / in person	Pogue, Marga / in person	Sparrow, Martha / in person
Mountain View First	Springfield, Westminster / COM member	Springfield, Trinity

VOLUNTEERS all in person

Bland, Diana	Braswell, Cheryl	Carter, Leania	Fitzgibbons, Cynthia
Griffeth, Tami	Lemons, Austin	Skibiski, Jeannie	Skibiski, Kevin
Woolery, Barb	Woolery, Galen		

FOR ACTION - the Stated Clerk moved the following actions:

1. That the amended docket be approved. Two changes made from the originally posted docket are that the business of the 2nd General Council report will be covered in the Mission & Nurture report and the time slot given to the Committee on Representation. The motion was seconded and approved upon hearing no objections.

DOCKET

9:00 a.m.	Fellowship; New Commissioner Welcome; Zoom Room Open	
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order	Moderator, Elder Jim Holt
	Greeting from Host Church & Opening Prayer	The Reverend Becky Schwandt and Elder Kevin Skibiski

	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery	Moderator, Elder Jim Holt
	Report of Stated Clerk, Part I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to Hybrid Meeting • Declaration of an in-person quorum 	Elder Beth Kick
	General Council Report	Elder Toni Spieth
	Report of Stated Clerk, Part II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of a quorum for hybrid meeting • Approval of docket • Seating of corresponding members • Adoption of consent agenda 	Elder Beth Kick
	Service of Morning Worship	The Reverend Cindy Kohlmann, preaching
	Education Time –General Assembly Report (<i>Reverend Daniel Davis, Hayley Hershenson, Reverend Chris Miller, Elder Toni Spieth</i>)	Deacon Celeste Dahlgren
	Break	
	Report of Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
	Report from the Synod	Elder Tony De La Rosa
	Report of Vital Congregations Initiative	The Reverend Chris Miller
	Report of Mission and Nurture Committee	The Reverend Becky Schwandt
	Report from Living Waters for the World	Elder Toni Spieth
	Report from the Committee on Representative	Elder Sarah Muegge
	Report of Administrative Ministries Committee	The Reverend Bob Dahlgren
	Report of the Treasurer	The Reverend Dennis Winzenried
	Report of Committee on Ministry	Elder Reina Daleske
	Report on Transitional Project	Elder Toni Spieth
	Resolution of Thanks	
	Motion to Adjourn Business Meeting after the Closing Prayer	
	Closing Prayer / Grace before Lunch	
12:45 p.m.	Adjourn to Lunch and to Go Out as a Worshipping Community	

The offering received during worship will be split evenly to support the designated mission of the host church and the **Creative Ministry Grant** fund of the Presbytery. **Ozark Presbyterian Church** has designated their portion of the offering to benefit **Care to Learn** which meets needs of Ozark students in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene. Please give online or mail a check to **John Calvin Presbytery, P.O. Box 1394, Ozark, MO 65721-1394**, noting “Presbytery meeting offering.”

2. That the following be seated as corresponding members:

Elder Tony De La Rosa, the Transitional Synod Executive from the Synod of Mid-America.

The Reverend Cindy Kohlman, the Connectional Presbyter and Stated Clerk of New Covenant Presbytery, as well as the Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly elected in 2018. Cindy brings our sermon today by video.

The motion was seconded and approved upon hearing no objections.

3. That the Consent Agenda of the 207th Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved, including motions from the May 19, 2022, 206th Stated Meeting when a technological glitch caused us to briefly lose a quorum because people participating by videoconference were unable to hear the proceedings. A time for questions and discussion was given. The motion was seconded and hearing no objections, approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Indicates an action item moved from another report to the Consent Agenda

From Stated Clerk’s Report (August 4, 2022)

1. * To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 19, 2022, stated meeting of Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
2. * That the following motions from the **206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery on May 19, 2022**, be approved.

The 206th Stated Meeting was our first hybrid meeting held at First Presbyterian Church of Nevada, Missouri, and via Zoom. The following motions were not approved when, unbeknownst to the Moderator and others in the sanctuary, a quorum was temporarily unavailable when Zoom participants were unable to hear the meeting proceedings:

- That the docket of the 206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery be approved with the changes that the first General Council report will be postponed until a meeting when we have an in-person quorum, and the verbal Committee on Ministry report will be omitted.
- That the following as corresponding members be seated for the 206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery:
 - Elder Tony De La Rosa, Transitional Executive from the Synod of Mid America
 - The Reverend Dr. Jon Reinink, our preacher today, from Missouri Union Presbytery
 - The Reverend Liz Kanerva, Associate Presbytery Leader from Giddings-Lovejoy PresbyteryAnd leading our Education Time today, from the DRAWP (Dismantling Racism and White Privilege) Team of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery:
 - Elder Diane McCullough
 - The Reverend Dr. Barbara Willock, HR
 - The Reverend Travis Winckler
- That the **Consent Agenda of the 206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery** be approved, with the correction that Marvin Groote is Stated Supply rather than Supply Pastor for Southminster Presbyterian Church:

From Stated Clerk's Report

1. * To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 26, 2022, stated meeting of Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
2. * That the terms of call for pastors of the presbytery for 2022 be approved. (Terms of call are provided as a separate document).

From Report of General Council

1. * That Ozark Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Nevada switch hosting the May and August 2022 presbytery meetings, so that Nevada hosts the May 19th meeting and Ozark Presbyterian Church hosts the August 4th meeting.

From Report of Administrative Ministries Committee

1. *That the financial reports for January 1 – March 31, 2022, be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.
2. *That the financial reports for January 1- March 31, 2022, be filed for review: CFO John Calvin Presbytery Fund and CFO John Calvin Presbytery Cash Fund.
3. *That the financial reports for January 1- March 31, 2022 be filed for review: PCUSA New Covenant Mutual Funds JCP Mission Endowment Program Church Development and PCUSA New Covenant Mutual Funds JCP Mission Endowment Program Unrestricted Fund.

******Concludes Consent Agenda of 206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery, May 19, 2022******

From Report of General Council (207th Stated Meeting August 4, 2022)

1. * That the financial reports (Per Capita/Shared Mission and Budget vs. Actuals) be filed for review. (*Investment reports were not available for review before Council met but were provided to them later.*)

From Report of Administrative Ministries Committee (207th Stated Meeting August 4, 2022)

1. * That the financial reports for January 1 – June 30, 2022, be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.

From Report of Committee on Ministry (207th Stated Meeting August 4, 2022)

1. *That Presbytery grant a waiver to the constitutional limitation on terms of service for First Presbyterian Church, Webb City, so that one of their ruling elders can serve an additional three-year term.
2. *That the Southminster Administrative Commission be dissolved (at their request).

Request From Southminster Administrative Commission (207th Stated Meeting August 4, 2022)

After two years of meetings with the session and providing resources, the members of the AC feel their task is complete and offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Book of Order *G-3.0303* charges the presbytery with oversight of ministry within our bounds,

WHEREAS the Administrative Commission was charged with facilitating a possible sale of the Southminster property as long as it is, in the view of the Administrative Commission, in the best interest of both Southminster and the Presbytery. In addition, the Administrative Commission was charged with being a resource to Southminster as they develop a plan for their next chapter in ministry.

WHEREAS the members of the Administrative Commission served with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

WHEREAS the Administrative Commission learned and passed on guidance from the Presbyterian Foundation regarding property sales.

WHEREAS the session of Southminster benefited from guidance from the Administrative Commission.

THEREFORE, John Calvin Presbytery prays a long and fruitful ministry for Southminster.

THEREFORE, on behalf of the presbytery, the Administrative Commission gives a special thanks to John Anderson, moderator of the Administrative Commission, and to Julie Mercer, temporary moderator of Southminster.

THEREFORE, our charges being achieved, we respectfully request to be dissolved.

In Christ,

The Reverend John Anderson, Moderator

The Reverend Daniel Davis

Elder Debbie Field

Elder Jim Holt

The Reverend Julie Mercer

*****Concludes Consent Agenda of 206th Stated Meeting of Presbytery*****

FOR INFORMATION:

1. The membership of the presbytery as of December 31, 2021, was 2,410.
2. All pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders serving churches are required to attend Boundaries Training each year. Trainings will be held through mid-October.
3. Clerk of Session trainings and review of minutes and roll books will be scheduled this summer and fall.
4. Changes among your General Assembly Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate:
 - a. Toni Spieth, Alternate Commissioner, has become Commissioner after Susan Murray resigned.
 - b. Hayley Hershenson, Alternate, has become Young Adult Advisory Delegate after Maggie Courtney resigned.
5. You can worship with General Assembly and observe the plenaries online at <https://ga-pcusa.org>
You can read the Overtures before the General Assembly at <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/>
The docket (schedule) for General Assembly is available at <https://ga-pcusa.org/docket/>
6. Current members of the Permanent Judicial Commission received training from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America, the Reverend Brian Ellison, via Zoom on February 15, 2022.
7. The Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America also provided an orientation to our GA commissioners via Zoom on April 23, 2022.

See Also: 2021 Presbytery Statistical Report
2022 Terms of Call

Stated Clerk, Beth Kick reminded all to note that dates for minute reviews for all clerks of session and

boundaries training for all pastors serving congregations are in the Notices.

***** **Concludes the Stated Clerk Report** *****

Moderator Jim Holt asked all to prepare hearts and minds for worship.

SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Worship was led by the Reverend Becky Schwandt, pastor of Ozark Presbyterian Church of Ozark, Missouri. The sermon was provided, via video, by the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann, the Connectional Presbyter and Stated Clerk of New Covenant Presbytery, as well as the Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly elected in 2018.

The Reverend Becky Schwandt and the Reverend Chris Miller presided at the Table, and Holy Communion was observed. Offerings were made online and by mail. The offering will be divided evenly between John Calvin Presbytery's Creative Ministry Grant and Ozark Presbyterian Church whose portion will benefit Care to Learn which meets needs of Ozark students in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene. The offering total will be announced at the 208th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery on November 5, 2022.

***** **Concludes Service of Morning Worship** *****

Following worship, the **educational time** was provided by our commissioners to General Assembly (the Reverend Daniel Davis, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Iola, Kansas, and Elder Toni Spieth, member of First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri), our Young Adult Advocate Delegate (Hayley Hershenson, member of First Presbyterian of West Plains), and our Overture Advocate (the Reverend Chris Miller, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) of Springfield, Missouri).

***** **Concludes Educational Time** *****

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

ELDER MALINDA SPENCER

I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at this week's presbytery meeting. I have been to 39 of our 44 churches, most of these for Sunday worship. Prior to the onset of the pandemic, I tried to visit one congregation per month, and I accepted invitations to do pulpit supply about once a month. During the pandemic, this has been curtailed, but not eliminated. I enjoy seeing the different communities and facilities in our presbytery, and I especially enjoy meeting people in our congregations. More about this in a moment.

ALL our committees do vitally important work. I apologize in advance for the acronyms! If you've been Presbyterian very long, you may have noticed that Presbyterians love acronyms. We throw them around like everyone knows what they mean. I have translated the ones for our committees.

John Calvin Presbytery has four standing committees, and the bulk of my 32 hours per week falls under resourcing those committees. The Committee on Representation (COR) functions as our nominating committee, seeking not only to discover people who are called to work in our committees, but also to ensure that we include as many representation categories as possible—region, gender, age, parity among ruling and teaching elders, and race. COR is meeting regularly in this season, with a goal to bring nominations for all the committees below to the November presbytery meeting. COR members are chosen by Council and approved by the presbytery.

Administrative Ministries (AMC) functions as finance, personnel, and trustees for the presbytery. AMC is the first contact for churches desiring to sell property, before that is ultimately approved by the entire presbytery. AMC has oversight of the financial and personnel aspects of the presbytery. In 2021, AMC conducted an insurance audit to make sure our coverage is adequate and cost-effective. The 2022 project is an investment and spending evaluation. AMC provides supervision of presbytery staff.

Committee on Ministry (COM) is our largest committee, with 15 people. COM is charged with the care and oversight of our congregations and pastors. Sometimes I do that care directly, and sometimes COM does it. Each church has a liaison. Pre-pandemic, the liaisons visited their congregations. We hope this can resume soon! A big part of

COM's energy currently is with our vacant churches. We make suggestions for Ministry Information Forms (MIFs) that our vacant churches write as a part of their search process. We do screening of candidates at several stages along the way, leading ultimately to the call and installation of the new pastor. It's a tough climate for pastor searches now.

Mission & Nurture's work is in education and cooperative mission. M&N plans education time at presbytery meeting, Zoom Bible studies, the International Peacemaker visit, flood bucket collection, Equipping the Saints, and they are open to new ways and projects.

The committee moderators, moderator of presbytery, immediate past moderator, and moderator-elect make up the presbytery Council. Like all our committees, it has been a wonderful experience working with them across my four years here.

ALL our committees have functioned well during the pandemic, pivoting to Zoom meetings. I hope some of our work can return to in-person soon. Because of the complexity of our standing committees' work, we need short-term projects so people who haven't served at the presbytery level can experience this work. If you receive a call to do a small project for a standing committee, I hope you'll say yes. Service binds us together.

Back to worship visits—for many of our congregations, it has been long enough since my last visit that it is time for another one, and a few more before I have made a first visit to all 44. As the pandemic allows, I will go first where I am invited, and then I will choose places and just show up. I look forward to future visits.

I am grateful to work with our churches, pastors, and committees in John Calvin Presbytery. I hope to see you soon!

***** **Concludes the Report of the Pastoral Presbyter** *****

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Written report by Moderator Joan Russell

Presbyterian Women of John Calvin Presbytery have continued with the publication and distribution of "Women's Word". Our newsletter is also available in JCP Notices and was distributed by email the week of July 11, 2022.

As we look forward, we are planning our Fall Gathering/Workshop for October 1, 2022. The program will center around our guest speaker, the Presbyterian Peacemaker.

As always, Presbyterian women are very active in the mission work of our congregations.

***** **Concludes the Report of Presbyterian Women** *****

REPORT OF THE SYNOD COMMISSIONER **Written report by Elder Reina Daleske, Finance Committee**

The Synod of Mid-America Finance Committee continues to meet faithfully. We are expecting the results from the 2021 audit soon. We reviewed the 2nd quarter investment funds performance as well as noted the socially responsible elements of the Synod's portfolio, in connection with the energy sector overall, and recent decisions of the PC(USA) General Assembly to divest from five companies engaged in fossil-fuel development which will not adversely affect future return levels.

This committee has also reviewed and detailed the standard operating procedures for handling the financial aspects of receiving and distributing the monies in the office, retainment of records, disposition of old computer equipment, and drafted a policy on non-traditional assets. As for digital records and sensitive data, the Synod is about to undergo a thorough technology review, including securing and data protection with Tech Impact.

Elder De La Rosa reported on the PC(USA) General Assembly's favorable treatment of the Synod's two concurred overtures. John Calvin Presbytery's call for benefits equity for ruling elders in mid-council leadership was approved with comments placing on the record the Board of Pensions' willingness to undertake to address the fairness issues presented. Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery's call for an apology to African Americans for the sin of slavery and its legacy was approved, with the Synod Mission and Ministry Support (MMS) Committee unanimously agreeing to cover the \$4,500 outstanding cost of generating new racial justice curriculum with a grant from Synod mission funds originally intended to underwrite housing costs for the now-cancelled 2022 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 16th at 1:00 p.m.

***** Concludes the Report of Synod Commissioner *****

REPORT FROM TRANSITIONAL SYNOD EXECUTIVE

ELDER TONY DE LA ROSA

Tony De La Rosa, Transitional Synod Executive brought greetings from the Synod Mid-America and thanked JCP for its faithfulness and leadership. He told of the Higher Education Grants, encouraging investigation of these grants.

***** Concludes the Report of Synod of Mid-America *****

REPORT OF VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE

REVEREND CHRIS MILLER

Over the next couple of months, our presbytery-wide vitality work is focused on assessment; discerning where our unique strengths are, and where God may be calling us into growth. One of the key tasks is a congregation-wide survey followed by an intentional time of reflection on the results by leadership.

The easiest way for your congregation to take part is by using the United States Congregational Vitality Survey (USCVS), administered by Research Services of the PC(USA). There is a flat rate cost of \$200 per congregation, which can be reimbursed up to 100% by John Calvin Presbytery by request. We suggest the congregation cover at least 50% of the total cost.

Using the USCVS is simple and gives your congregation a robust way to gather information about your faith (visit: <https://uscongregations.pcusa.org>)

Also, if you have not already downloaded the VCI Immediate Toolkit (which contains the VCI Bible Study, "Holy Emoji" assessment, along with lots of other resources), please visit:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/ToolkitDAVID4.22pm.pdf>

If you have questions about any of these resources, or how to best implement them in your congregation, please contact your VCI facilitators: Reverend Chris Miller or Reverend Jennifer Dawson.

***** Concludes the Report of Vital Congregations Initiative *****

REPORT OF THE MISSION AND NURTURE COMMITTEE

REVEREND BECKY SCHWANDT

Becky invited representatives from 4 churches who were recipients of a designated gift for Afghan Refugee Ministry. Those representatives were:

- Craig Campbell, First Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott, Kansas (attending by Zoom)
- Marga Pogue, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri
- Martha Sparrow, Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) of Springfield, Missouri
- The Reverend John Anderson, co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri

All four spoke of their church's ongoing ministry to aid Afghan Refugees in their area.

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Our Presbyterian Peacemaker, Fursan Zu'mot, will arrive on September 29th and depart on October 5th. You are invited and encouraged to attend one or more of the events in which he will be speaking. We want to use his time and energy to the best of our ability which includes us being present and inviting others to hear about his story and his work. This is our tentative schedule as of today:
 - **Friday, September 30th** - Fursan will speak at MSU West Plains, followed by a reception and conversation at First Presbyterian Church, West Plains.
 - **Saturday, October 1st** - Fursan will be attending the annual Fall Gathering of the Presbyterian Women.

- **Sunday, October 2nd** - Fursan will be preaching at Ozark Prairie Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon at 9:00 a.m. and at Ozark Presbyterian Church at 11:30 AM. There will be a cake reception at Ozark after worship.
 - **Monday, October 3rd** - Fursan will be in Pittsburg, KS, during the evening.
 - **Tuesday, October 4th** - Mission and Nurture is still exploring options for this day.
2. The Fall Zoom Study will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM - September 27, October 4th, 11th, and 18th. We will be using the four-week study from the Follow Me curriculum entitled Hope.
 3. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22nd. We will be having our JCP fall gathering on that day called Equipping the Saints: Learning to Play. We will have a variety of ideas and activities for every age group and many intergenerational offerings as well

***** Concludes the Report of Mission and Nurture Committee *****

REPORT OF LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

ELDER TONI SPIETH

Toni gave an update on the reorganization of the JCP Living Waters.

***** Concludes the Report of the Living Waters for the World *****

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

ELDER SARAH MUEGGE

TE – Teaching Elder
W – White

RE—Ruling Elder
AA – African American

F – Female
A – Asian American

M – Male

On behalf of the Committee on Representation, Sarah moved that the following people be elected. (All have agreed to serve if elected.) A second is not needed coming from the committee. Motion was approved.

For Committee on Ministry-

The Reverend Dr. Dixie Voss Anders – Honorably Retired WFTE –
To complete an unexpired term that ends December 2022

For Mission and Nurture-

Cletus Johnson AAME- (Trinity Springfield) to complete an unexpired term that ends December 2024
Debbie Fraski WFRE (Crocker) – to complete an unexpired term that ends December 2022.

***** Concludes the Report of the Committee on Representation *****

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

REVEREND BOB DAHLGREN

Bob reported what the committee had accomplished since May.

Actions taken:

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| 1. | Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings and email votes through July 19, 2022 |
| 2. | Reviewed and approved the financial reports from Community Foundation of the Ozarks:
John Calvin Presbytery Fund January – June 30, 2022
John Calvin Presbytery Cash Fund January 1 – June 30, 2022 |
| 3. | Reviewed and approved JCP Budget vs Actuals: 2022 Budget FY22 P&L January – June 2022 |
| 4. | Reviewed and approved Per Capita, Shared Mission, Special Offerings, January 1 – June 30,2022 |
| 5. | Reviewed and approved JCP Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022 |
| 6. | AMC has begun working with Presbyterian Foundation on two programs: |

	<p>Regeneration: (an overview of Presbytery investments, income and expenditures and possible ways to strengthen our management of presbytery finances) Runway: (explores the financial longevity of our mission and ministry based upon current and future financial practices).</p>
7.	AMC has voted to release grant funds, in the amount of \$5,000.00, received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to First Presbyterian Church, Golden City, Missouri for cleanup and repair of the church building and property due to flood damage.
8.	AMC has completed work on the JCP staff annual reviews for the Executive Presbyter; Stated Clerk; Recording Clerk; Bookkeeper; and Transitional Project Consultant.
9.	AMC is currently working on guidelines for the annual review process for John Calvin Presbytery staff.
10.	AMC is currently working with Beth Kick to develop a Job Description for JCP Stated Clerk.
11.	AMC is currently working with Tami Griffeth to develop a Job Description for JCP Bookkeeper.

***** Concludes the report of the Administrative Ministries Committee *****

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REVEREND DENNIS WINZENRIED

In the presbytery reports you will find the financial reports ending June 30, 2022. These include Budget vs. Actuals, Balance Sheet, and the spreadsheet showing the Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings for all of your churches.

A quick word about each, then I encourage you to pull up the reports.

Budget vs. Actual (what I refer to as Income and Expense Report):

Shared Mission:	\$ 30,802.00
Per Capita:	\$ 46,384.00
Special offerings:	\$ 33,527.00
Other income:	\$ 6,012.00
Total Income:	\$116,725.00

Just as a reminder, Per Capita covers administrative expenses of the presbytery (about 25% of our budget) and shared mission covers the expenses related to supporting our churches and doing ministry together (about 75% of the budget – small church grants come out of shared mission monies).

Expenses for the first half of the year are under budget, with a few line items above what was expected.

Total Expenses for the first half of the year: \$144,899

This means that for the first half of the year we have deficit expenses over income of \$28,175.

Just like the local church when you have a deficit, you hope member giving will help close the gap.

The spreadsheet entitled “JCP ‘PC ‘SM ‘SO June 22 sorted” is where you can see what your local church and the other churches have given to JCP for Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings. It’s sorted this time showing at a glance what churches have done per member in Per Capita and Shared Mission. If you feel the numbers given are incorrect, please contact me and I’ll look into it. (dwinzenried@jcpresbytery.com). **The balance sheet** shows where we are at with our savings and investments. It also shows how we have committed to use some of the funds we have in savings and investments.

Yes, we have the money to cover a deficit, yet if we keep drawing from it, we won’t have the money to help churches with creative mission and ministry as we move forward.

Monies in investments with New Covenant Funds (Presbyterian Foundation) and Community Foundation of the Ozarks experienced close to a 9% loss for the quarter. 2022 has not been a good year for the markets. As my dad said, just be glad you don’t have to draw money out when markets are down. We will not have to draw any out of the markets at this time.

My hope is that my report helps inform the presbytery, yet also serves as a call to proportional giving for all our churches. Proportional, deciding to share with the larger church a proportion (percentage 7%, 10% or more) of what members share with each church.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

***** Concludes the Report of the Treasurer *****

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

ELDER REINA DALESKE

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Reina moved that Presbytery approve revised terms of call for the Reverend Jennifer Dawson and First Presbyterian Church, Parsons, Kansas as listed below. No second is needed, coming from the committee. Hearing no objections, the motion was approved.

Salary	\$50,000
Housing allowance	\$12,000
Total Effective Salary	\$62,000
Board of Pensions Dues	\$22,940
Continuing Education Allowance	\$1,500
Automobile/Mileage	\$2,880
Professional Expenses	\$1,100
Social Security Tax supplemental income	\$5,146
Other	\$500
Total Cost to Church Budget	\$96,066 Divided in half with First Christian Church, Parsons=\$48,033 (Savings to First Presbyterian Church=\$35,128)
Continuing Education leave	2 weeks
Vacation leave	4 weeks

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Contract between the Reverend Jennifer Dawson and First Christian Church, Parsons, Kansas.

PASTORAL CONTRACT

This agreement has been developed to call the Reverend Jennifer Dawson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas, as a half-time Stated Supply for the First Christian Church (DOC). The Christian Church agrees to pay 50% of her salary to the First Presbyterian Church, with our portion of both salary and benefits not to exceed \$49,000 on an annualized basis, effective as of July 1, 2022. This contract will be established for one year, with the possibility of unlimited extensions. An exit clause is included to allow the Reverend Dawson or the First Christian Church to cancel the contract with a 60 day advance notice from either party.

It is understood she is a Stated Supply, not an interim pastor, and that she will serve the Christian Church on Sunday mornings, two days per week, and for special activities as necessary. All other aspects of her contract will follow her agreement with the Presbyterian Church in regards to sick leave, vacations, etc.

As agreed to and signed this day, 6/26/2022, by Rev. Dawson, First Christian Church board Moderator, Janie Barcus, and First Christian Church Trustee Chairman Dean Cramer.

***** Concludes the Pastoral Contract *****

Reina moved that Presbytery enroll Elder Lori Williamson as an inquirer. Reina introduced Lori and explained the process for today's examination. Reina asked the first question, after Lori gave her answer the floor was open for questions. **The motion was made, seconded and approved to arrest the examination.** Lori was escorted from the room and discussion ensued. **The motion was made, seconded and approved to sustain the examination and enroll Lori Williamson as an Inquirer. Lori returned to the room amid welcoming applause.** Members from Mountain View First Presbyterian, Willow Springs Presbyterian and the Reverend Frank LeBlanc, assembled for the prayer for Lori and her ministry, provided by the Reverend Diane Cooke.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Elder Lori Williamson

Statement of Personal Faith Journey, Sense of Call, & Brief Biography

I. Brief Bio

Born: July 1968, Houston, MO

Parents: Monty and Georgia (Beltz) Williamson; Mountain View, MO

Sibling: Lisa (Williamson) Durnell; Willow Springs, MO

Spouses:

- Steve Kruse (married 10 years; deceased 2001);
- Jimmy Dean (married 16 years; separated)

Child: Olivia Dean (10 years old)

Lived:

- Mountain View MO (1968 - 1986)
- Columbia MO (1986 - 1990)
- Ann Arbor MI (1990 - 1991)
- Little Rock AR (1992 – 1993)
- Columbia MO (1993 – 1995)
- Mountain View MO (1995 – 1997)
- Willow Springs MO (1997 – 2004)
- Oklahoma City & Meeker OK (2004 – 2012)
- Little Rock, AR (2012 – 2017)
- Willow Springs MO (2017 – present)

Baptized: Summer 1975, South Prong, Jacks Fork River, Mountain View, MO

Relevant Education:

- Master's of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling
- 4 units (1200+ hours) of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
- Education for Ministry, University of the South

For 30+ years, I have worked as a genetic counselor in an academic medicine setting (16 years in clinical practice; 15+ years in graduate education; and 18 years in public health genetics). Currently, I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, teaching and mentoring in the Master's of Science Genetic Counseling Program. At this point in my career, I am able to teach remotely, traveling to campuses about once per month; conduct research; serve at a national level; and direct a federally-funded public health genetics program.

Personal Faith Journey and Sense of Call

Raised on a farm in southern Texas County of Missouri, our family life centered on the farm, family, school events, and church. The church of my upbringing was Oak Lawn Church of God (Church of God of Anderson, IN), and my family was there any time the doors were open (Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, revivals, Camp Meeting, monthly Youth Rally, Vacation Bible School, and any other church event that occurred).

As a child, I heard the words that God loved me, but the messages I internalized were of an angry God, unworthiness, fear, and shame, among others. Internalizing these messages led me to hold an enormous amount of shame and fear as a child. I also could not figure out why everyone else seemed to be doing fine with this message, yet I struggled. With God as unquestionable authority and the shame I felt, I never discussed my confusion or theological dilemma with anyone.

Not feeling safe to question or discuss theology, I stuffed down my questions. During my college years, the questions that were stuffed down for so long began to emerge. By the time I was in graduate school, the eating disorder that I had secretly wrestled with as long as I could remember, was in full bloom.

Questioning my religious beliefs, combined with the eating disorder, led me to “sit out” of church for a bit after graduate school. Thankfully, the 12-step programs provided a guide and a safe place to sort out all of the above. My

relationship with God thrived. Returning home in 1995, I sought a local church community and found the First Presbyterian Church in Mountain View.

Rejoining church life was exhilarating! I joined the choir, helped with the gardens, and became a ruling elder. Life was active and rich. Then, in 2000, my husband was diagnosed with a neurodegenerative disorder. Over the next year, the degeneration rapidly progressed culminating in his death one year later. The events of that year provided fertile ground for learning about suffering; caregiving; love; ministry; friendships; and how others behave around those who are sick, as well as around the widow and were key in developing my call.

Other key events that formed my call into ministry began as early as 12 years old with an overwhelming desire to serve God through some sort of ministry, followed by working with chaplains personally when my husband was ill and, later, professionally. Although I believe that we can serve God through any vocation, the passion that I felt for genetic counseling matched the overwhelming desire to serve God, and I believe that I have ministered through the call to care for patients in crisis as well as to train the future generations of genetic counselors. When I had the opportunity to learn more about chaplaincy and shadow a chaplain, the fire in my belly re-ignited. There was no doubt that everything in my life had led up to this next call.

Space opened in my life and career to pursue Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center. For two years and 1600+ hours, I devoured the incredible educational opportunity. Training included experiences in trauma (chaplains were part of the trauma team), risk management, decedent affairs (chaplains attended every death across the medical center, contacted the coroner and the funeral home and released the bodies), and held chapel service every Sunday. Those were the two best years of my life. Currently, I volunteer one weekend each month as a hospital chaplain at a regional hospital. The volunteer experience has only affirmed the calling.

Professionally, my goal is to become a board-certified chaplain, work in a health care setting, and provide pastoral support to churches, as needed. While I do not perceive a call to lead a church, I enjoy the intellectual and spiritual stimulation of preparing a sermon, and I have the skill set to lead. My pastoral approach promotes self-reflection, pragmatic, and utilizes a teaching and/or counseling style, as appropriate, which is perhaps more suited for workshops, spiritual direction, and the occasional sermon.

******* Concludes the Examination of Lori Williamson as Inquirer *******

Elder John Moore of Southminster Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the session, spoke to those assembled thanking the Administrative Commission for Southminster during the sale of their church property. His words follow:

As commissioned Elder for this meeting from Southminster Presbyterian Church, I would like at this time take the opportunity to thank the members of the Administrative Commission for their assistance and guidance to Southminster in the selling of the property previously owned at 2245 Holland Avenue in Springfield, Missouri to the Church of God in Christ and allowing us to find a new direction in spreading the Word of God in the community of faith. Without their help, we as a congregation, could not have made the transformation to a new direction. We appreciate the many hours of travel on the part of the commission and their patience in completing this process. We are hopeful that the end result will be beneficial to the advancement of God's mission in this world and in the best interest of the dedication and support we received from the members of the Administrative Commission in making this transition.

For Information (Actions Taken):

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| 1. | Received presentation by Melonee Tubb (Presbyterian Mission Agency) about student loan forgiveness program for church workers. |
| 2. | Received liaison reports. |
| 3. | Approved the Reverend Charles Spencer to labor outside the bounds to participate in a memorial service in Indiana. |
| 4. | Held fit interviews. |
| 5. | Examined elder Lori Williamson to become an Inquirer. |
| 6. | Advised Transitional Project Consultant of recommended terms for consultants with a church. |

7.	Approved changing date of stated Committee on Ministry meeting to October 11, at 1 p.m.
8.	Created subcommittee to review presbytery minimum terms of call for 2023.
9.	Created subcommittee to review Ministry Information Forms from Crane Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew @Hideaway Presbyterian Church.
10.	Granted permission for Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri, to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
11.	Approved First Presbyterian Church, Fort Scott, Kansas, Ministry Information Form which is now active.
12.	Formed a subcommittee to meet with a church session.
13.	Approved the revised 2022 terms of call between Jennifer Dawson and First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas.
14.	Approved a subcommittee to suggest names to COM for an email vote to create an Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Parsons, Kansas, as they consider selling their building.
15.	Created a subcommittee to review the First Presbyterian Church, Rolla, Missouri, Ministry Information Form.

***** Concludes the Report of the Committee on Ministry *****

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL PROJECT Written report from Elder and Trustee, Mark Denton of Pittsburg Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, Kansas

In an era, where congregations are consistently reviewing budgets, and questioning the value that the presbytery provides, for the amount of dues paid in annually, the Greg Emery Visioning Process has been a tremendous value for us at Pittsburg Presbyterian Church. Obviously, any program, for any business, with hands-on, intensified, knowledgeable, and personalized consulting, comes with a very expensive price tag in today's market. Unaffordable, for most medium to small presbyterian churches, and certainly for us at PittPres. By offering Greg Emery, to assist us at a subsidized price, to analyze, evaluate, and consolidate specific strategies for moving forward as a church, the presbytery has provided vast value that would not otherwise have been possible.

Greg offers a unique perspective, due to being outside the bureaucracy and environment of the presbytery, and that made him very relatable to all our session and leadership members. He brought business level, organizational focus to the issues impacting the church and he offered real-world practical insight and solutions to the problems we face. Greg worked closely with eight members of our team and has taken such a personal interest in our success that we have maintained an on-going personal relationship beyond the visioning process. Greg has been an insightful mentor, teacher, and friend as we struggle with the ups and downs of navigating the complex process of matching with a new pastor.

The presbytery should utilize the collaborative, connected, process of the Greg Emery Visioning Process to provide new services to churches. Churches our size, and we are one of the larger ones, need hands-on involvement, guidance, and assistance from the presbytery. We need solutions to counter trends opposing Christianity and practical ideas to increase involvement, membership, and financial support that work in communities our size. We are mostly lead and managed by working professionals and most do not have the time to research and surmise the best ideas that might work to foundationally correct the course and support for the local church. Greg, through his involvement with the presbytery churches has the knowledge, relationship, and experience with member churches to be a highly valuable resource for new service ideas and recommendations for how to implement these services.

The presbytery should also mine the knowledge Greg has learned throughout this process. His valuable, firsthand experience with the challenges facing our member churches is a great resource for the true state of our churches. We, together, have worked through these frustrating processes and Greg has been a huge resource of support and understanding along the way. The process, from loss of a pastor to pulpit supply, to interim pastor, to establishing a PNC, to finally looking for a pastor needs fixed. It is tremendously inefficient, and I believe you will continue to lose churches unless you provide services and resources like Greg to help during these times. Greg would be a valuable

resource in helping the presbytery to understand, identify, and provided implemented solutions to these inefficient processes.

We are extremely grateful that the presbytery decided to provide the Greg Emery Visioning Process to our churches in the John Calvin Presbytery. We gained tremendously in knowledge, relationship, and understanding of the challenges we face in Christian ministry, and we look forward to new valuable offerings from the presbytery that help us all, to do God's work and stay relevant in our communities!

******* Concludes the Report of the Transitional Project *******

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

REVEREND JOHN NIPPER

Whereas, the Presbytery of John Calvin met at Ozark Presbyterian Church on August 4, 2022, and
Whereas church members greeted us with coffee, donuts, fruit and fritters, and
Whereas in worship we were fed in spirit and in truth, and
Whereas the welcome rain did not penetrate the roof, and
Whereas Ozark Presbyterian Church is soon to celebrate 150 years of service, and
Be it known that the Presbytery of John Calvin gives thanks for the 150 years of service of Ozark Presbyterian Church and extends heart felt appreciation for the kind hospitality shown us by the congregation of Ozark Presbyterian Church. May God Bless us all!

******* Concludes the Resolution of Thanks *******

The Reverend Becky Schwandt, pastor of Ozark Presbyterian Church of Ozark, Missouri passed the prayer shawl to Elder Cletus Johnson of Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), the site of the next stated meeting of John Calvin Presbytery.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Reverend Dr. Micki Pulleyking led the body in a closing prayer (via zoom).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.