



## Notices

May 6, 2021

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April 29, 2021

Friends,

We have all felt the sigh of relief that came with the verdict acknowledging that George Floyd was murdered.

This is a small but significant step for our country.

There are many more steps which must happen. The violence against black, indigenous and people of color continues. There is an overwhelming sense of antagonism against people of Asian descent. There is discrimination despite our call to see one another as siblings in Christ.

John Calvin Presbytery remains committed to the long, hard work of dismantling structural racism by dismantling the places in our own hearts where we cannot love our neighbors. We are working to uncover those hurt places in our congregations where hate has festered, where our anxiety has created distrust, where the sins of our ancestors has colored our future.

We call on each member of the Presbytery to join us in prayer that the great and terrible day of the Lord would burst open the floodgates of righteousness, letting justice roll down to wash our nation clean.

Pray that our systems of justice would recognize and correct racism within their own systems.

Pray that those who protect and serve would be able to protect and serve all people.

May you be blessed by the beauty of diversity.

General Council of John Calvin Presbytery  
(Prepared by our Anti-Racism Subcommittee)

**Prayers Requested .....**

- The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery...
- For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may know the peace that passes all human understanding in Jesus Christ our Lord....
- **All churches seeking** a new pastor, to understand God's call moving forward.  
First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Chanute, Kansas  
Crane Presbyterian Church, Crane, Missouri  
Community Presbyterian Church, Forsyth, Missouri  
St. Andrew Presbyterian, Kimberling City, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Sarcoxie, Missouri  
First Presbyterian Church, Scammon, Kansas  
The Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg - seeking temporary supply
- JCPDA
- JC Living Waters Mission Team
- All Pastors of John Calvin Presbytery
  - **Sarah Roberts, health concerns, wife of Matthew Roberts.** The Reverend Matthew Roberts is pastor of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Springfield
  - **Britney Shurtz, thought to be headed for remission but now is undergoing a very strong chemo therapy..** Britney is the daughter-in-law of the Reverends Charley and Jaye Shurtz. Charley is serving as pastor of St. Andrew @Hideaway.
  - **George Schwandt, father of Becky Schwandt, complete recovery from heart surgery.** The Reverend Becky Schwandt is serving as pastor of the congregations of Ozark Prairie (Brick), Mt. Vernon and Ozark Presbyterian, Ozark.

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Please lift up in prayer, the family and friends of LaRoyce Arnold, wife of Jerry Arnold. LaRoyce enter the Church Triumphant on May 1, 2021.

[Click here to view LaRoyce's obituary.](#)

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to...  
Jerry Arnold  
26540 Windsor Bay  
Shell Knob, Missouri 65747

### **Register to Attend the Upcoming Presbytery Meeting!**

Pastors & Clerks of Session, please be sure your commissioner plans to attend the Presbytery meeting Thursday, May 20, at 9 a.m. by Zoom (hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Parsons, KS).

Pre-registration is required: [Please click here.](#)

### **Stewardship Planning Help Needed**

If you want to help the Synod of Mid-America plan its Stewardship Conference, please let Malinda Spencer know. (Planning will be conducted by Zoom.)

## Coming Next Week:

Information on the  
Vital Congregations Initiative of the PCUSA

An opportunity for your church!



Greg Emery, our transitional specialist, will be in the bounds of our presbytery the week of May 17. The transitional project committee is working on gatherings that will be open to **any** pastor and interested elders. The gatherings will be in person and will center around ministry in a post modern, post Christian, post pandemic reality.

If you are willing to host an area gathering the week of May 17, please let Malinda Spencer know... [m Spencer@jcpresbytery.com](mailto:m Spencer@jcpresbytery.com)

Some **Board of Pensions** plan members may receive, or already have received, communications regarding a Blue Cross Blue Shield Settlement Notice. This is a legitimate lawsuit with a settlement that received preliminary court approval in October 2020.

Members are urged to read carefully the information on the Board of Pensions website using the following link:

<https://www.pensions.org/news-and-events/articles/bcbs-settlement-notice>

### Can you help us?

Administrative Ministries Committee will be doing a review of the presbytery's insurance coverage, and we need a female insurance professional or attorney to assist in this short-term task.

If you can help please contact.....

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### Celebrate Your Special Person This Mother's Day— A message from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog

In honor of moms and all the special people in our lives, we've made it super easy to celebrate them; check out the new **web page** that provides everything you need in **one place**. You'll find a selection of downloadable Mother's Day giving cards and graphics for sharing on social media.

[Coronavirus Funeral Assistance Information Link](#)

[NEW TRAINING AVAILABLE - PCUSA](#)

### Creative Ministry Grant deadline is June 15

John Calvin Presbytery sets aside funds to help congregations do mission in new and creative ways. These funds come directly from 10% of the Shared Mission

donations and one half of the offerings given at the presbytery meetings.

Example Grant & Application is posted on the website

## The 225th General Assembly (2022)

Other decisions are upcoming, but on April 15 the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) approved some details about the next GA, including the broad outline [docket](#).

You might want to [bookmark the GA website](#) for future reference.

### The basic flow of the Assembly:

- Commissioners and advisory delegates on four committees will arrive in Louisville on Friday, June 17, 2022.
- The GA will convene on Saturday, June 18, with those commissioners and advisory delegates in person, and all others participating online.
- During Plenary 1, those attending in person—enough present to constitute a quorum—will vote on a motion to authorize meeting electronically.
- Once authorized by the action of the quorum, all subsequent actions will include those voting from remote locations as well.
- Sunday, June 19, will focus on observances of Juneteenth.
- From June 20 through July 2, four committees at a time will meet in Louisville, for three days each. All will be live-streamed.
- From July 5–9, plenary meetings will be held with the (co-)moderator(s) in Louisville and all other participants online only.

COGA is also working on a variety of methods for community-building and discernment. This timing results in these deadlines according to the Standing Rules:

- 180-day: December 20, 2021—Presbyteries' final day to report commissioners and advisory delegates—but please submit names as early as possible
- 120-day: February 18, 2022—Agency and committee reports, overtures with constitutional implications; overtures referred from the 224th GA will be automatically referred as-is, unless a mid council notifies Kate Trigger Duffert of withdrawal or edited rationale by the 120-day deadline
- 60-day: April 19, 2022—Overtures with financial implications
- 45-day: May 4, 2022—All other overtures, first concurrences, comments
- 30-day: May 19, 2022—GA Nominating Committee slate

Commissioners and advisory delegates will learn of their committee assignments (and therefore which dates they will be expected in Louisville) on March 15.

### BOUNDARIES TRAINING....

The Committee on Ministry voted that all ministers serving churches in JCP are required to attend training. This includes the pulpit supply list, and anyone preaching regularly in congregations.

If you would like to host a training, please contact Malinda.

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## Boundaries Training at First, Iola, Kansas, August 17, 10 – Noon

We will have lunch, provided by the host church, on the back end of the training.  
We will follow the CDC current safety guidelines.

Please register for the training by clicking the button below

[Register Here - Boundaries - Iola Kansas](#)

### EMERGENCY NEEDS GRANT AVAILABLE.....

A new grant has been created to help congregations respond to emerging needs in their community, in response to the COVID-19 virus.

The updated explanation letter and application for this grant can be found on our webpage.

[EMERGING NEEDS GRANT](#)

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[Click here for full pulpit supply list](#)