

**JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY
REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**

For Action: (Items with an * are included in the consent agenda.)

***1. That Presbytery set the following dates for our 2023 Stated Presbytery Meetings:**

Saturday, February 25, 2023, in-person with live stream available

Thursday, May 18, 2023, by Zoom

Thursday, August 3, 2023, by Zoom

Saturday, November 4, 2023, in-person with live stream available

***2. That the Third Quarter Financial Reports (Per Capital/Shared Mission, Budget vs. Actuals, Balance Sheet through September 2022) be filed for review.**

***3. That notice be given today of the intent to amend the Bylaws at the February 25, 2023 Stated Meeting of Presbytery as follows, removing the words with strike-through and adding the words in red.**

2.40 Representation at Presbytery meetings

(a) When the Presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by an elder commissioned by the session with the following guidelines:

Churches with membership ~~over~~ **up to 200** shall be represented by **1 elder** and churches with **membership over 200 shall be represented by 2 elders.**

as follows:

~~— 201— 500— 2 elders~~

~~— 501— 1000— 3 elders~~

~~— 1001— 2000— 4 elders~~

~~— 2001— 3000— 5 elders~~

3.30 Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk may **request assistance** from volunteer **(s)** **or staff** ~~help~~ to record minutes during presbytery meetings.

***4. That the Manual of Operations be amended as follows, removing the words with strike-through and adding the words in red:**

MEETINGS

2.10 Presbytery meetings ~~should~~ **are ordinarily be** face-to-face. Telephone conference calls and electronic communications may...be used for stated or called meetings...

4.60 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

The Committee on Representation will consist of nine (9) members of equal number of males and females making sure, **if possible,** to include:

One racial ethnic male

One racial ethnic female

One youth male or female

One person with disability

4.61 The duties of the Committee on Representation will be those specified in the *Book of Order* G-

3.0103. **The Committee on Representation will also serve as the Nominating Committee.** At the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year, or when vacancies occur, this committee will nominate to the Presbytery the following:

5.10 Stated Clerk

(a.) Presbytery shall elect a Stated Clerk for a term of three (3) years. The Stated Clerk will perform the duties outlined in the *Book of Order* G-3.0104. The Stated Clerk shall **be the primary provide staff support** for the Committee on Ministry and its Subcommittee on Preparation for Ministry.

5.30 Staff

The staff of John Calvin Presbytery shall consist of a part-time Executive Presbyter and a part-time Stated Clerk. Temporary, **contract, or regular** support staff may be hired to facilitate the work of the Presbytery.

8.00 How Distributed

The current copy of the Manual of Operations will be available for download on the presbytery website, allowing four weeks after presbytery meetings for updates to be reflected online. Each continuing member of Presbytery and each member of a Presbytery committee shall be provided with a copy and revisions of this *Manual of Operations*. Each congregation shall be provided with a copy and revisions of the *Manual of Operations* equal to its number of commissioners to presbytery. The Stated Clerk may provide printed additional copies and revisions to others and may collect a copy and mailing fee in doing this.

5. That the following be elected to serve on the Committee on Representation with terms beginning January 1, 2023:

Sarah Muegge (WFRE), Trinity, Springfield)-Class of 2025; Moderator 2023

Jack Cormack (WMTE), Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel, Springfield)-Class of 2025

6. That Per Capita be set at \$40.00 with the following breakdown: General Assembly-\$9.85; Synod of Mid-America-\$2.90; JCP-\$27.25.

7. That the proposed 2023 Budget be approved.

For Information:

1. August 4, 2022, Presbytery Meeting Offering received: \$751.55 of which \$375.77 was sent to Ozark Presbyterian Church to benefit Care to Learn (which meets needs of Ozark students in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene) and \$375.78 was designated for the Creative Ministry Fund of JCP.
2. Schedule of host churches for 2023 Presbytery meetings are pending session consideration and will be publicized as soon as appropriate.

Actions Taken:

1. Scheduled hybrid General Council meetings at Trinity Springfield in 2023, at noon on these dates:
Thursday, February 2, 2023
Thursday, April 27, 2023
Thursday, July 13, 2023
Thursday, October 12, 2023
2. Approved giving outgoing Presbytery Moderator a Christmas ornament as a token of appreciation for service.

3. Determined format, docket, and details for November Presbytery meeting.
4. Reviewed all applications for Creative Ministry Grants; denied those which did not fulfill the qualifications of thinking outside the box in a new, creative ministry; approved the Creative Ministry Grants requests from First, Joplin (\$5,000) and Hollister (\$1,500).
5. Reviewed all applications for Small Church Resource Grants and approved the applications from First, Golden City (\$1,000) and Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel (\$609).
6. In response to Southminster's request for assistance in their donations to help the Ukrainian people, Council approved conducting a special appeal for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's work to help Ukrainians.
7. Conducted the annual review of presbytery structure and documents, making recommendations to Presbytery for minor updates to the Bylaws and Manual of Operations.
8. Affirmed the Bylaws and Manual of Operations should reflect the changes to the Executive Presbyter's title and job description approved in the November 2021 meeting of Presbytery.
9. Requested the Administrative Ministries Committee, working with the Treasurer, review funds/fund names and make recommendations to Council about document changes.
10. Made plans to add additional policies to the appendices of the Manual of Operations when the committee overseeing each concludes its policy review.