

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

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

- 1. That Presbytery adopt the policy of creating an Administrative Commission to assist a church in selling property according to the following pattern:**

*That Presbytery create an Administrative Commission (AC) consisting of:  
[These names]*

*to walk alongside the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_, in partnership, with these charges:*

- a. To facilitate a possible sale of the \_\_\_\_\_ property as long as it is, in the view of the Administrative Commission, in the best interest of both \_\_\_\_\_ and the Presbytery.*

*Presbytery will approve the sales contract when it is presented. The AC will act on behalf of the presbytery in the interval between presbytery approval and closing, per the Administrative Ministries Committee guidelines.*

- b. To be a resource to \_\_\_\_\_ as they develop a plan for their next chapter in ministry.*
- c. Assume original jurisdiction, if necessary, following the safeguards outlined in G-3.0303e.*

*(The policy will be added to the manuals of the Committee on Ministry and Administrative Ministries Committee.)*

*2019-2021 Book of Order*

*G-3.0303 Relations with Sessions*

*Presbytery, being composed of the ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioners elected by the session of congregations within its district, has a particular responsibility to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of its congregations for the most effective witness to the broader community. In order to accomplish this responsibility, the presbytery has authority to...*

*e. assume original jurisdiction in any situation in which it determines that a session cannot exercise its authority. After a thorough investigation, and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session, the presbytery may conclude that the session of a congregation is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs, and may appoint an administrative commission with the full power of session. This commission shall assume original jurisdiction of the existing session, if any, which shall cease to act until such time as the presbytery shall otherwise direct.*

**2. That Presbytery create an Administrative Commission consisting of Elder Jay Krezmeier (First, Iola), Elder Grant Spieth (First, Joplin), and Dixie Anders, Honorably Retired, to walk alongside the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas, in partnership, with these charges:**

- a. **To facilitate a possible sale of the church property as long as it is, in the view of the Administrative Commission, in the best interest of both First Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery.**

**Presbytery will approve the sales contract when it is presented. The AC will act on behalf of the presbytery in the interval between presbytery approval and closing, per the Administrative Ministry Committee guidelines.**

- b. **To be a resource to First Presbyterian Church of Parsons, Kansas, as they develop a plan for their next chapter in ministry.**
- c. **Assume original jurisdiction, if necessary, following the safeguards outlined in G-3.0303e.**

**Actions Taken:**

1. Reviewed the 2023 proposed budget and the process undertaken by the Administrative Ministries Committee to create it.
2. Postponed nominating one more member of COR to the Class of 2025 until January.
3. Sarah Muegge moved (Bob Dahlgren seconded) that Council recommend the Budget to Presbytery.— Motion passed by consensus.
4. Approved the amended docket for the Nov. 5 presbytery meeting.
5. Received an update on host churches for 2023.
6. Received an update on additional work of the Administrative Ministries Committee.
7. Advised called staff that they do not need to leave the room when Presbytery discusses and votes on their terms of call.