

John Calvin Presbytery
February 25, 2023

The Two Hundred Ninth Stated Meeting
Gibson Chapel and
Hillcrest Presbyterian Churches
Springfield, Missouri
In person meeting with livestreaming

**Committee on Ministry
February 25, 2023**

Action Needed:

1. Vote for an Administrative Commission to assist in the closing of Southminster Presbyterian Church, at their request.

Actions Taken:

1. Received liaison reports.
2. Approved the Rev. Dr. David Smazik to labor within JCP bounds.
3. Approved the Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders to labor outside JCP.
4. Approved returning COM meeting time to 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays in 2023, using hybrid format.
5. Approved the Rev. Ward Rudolph be allowed to work within the bounds of JCP to do pastoral support and moderate the session of First Presbyterian Church in Carthage pending installation as pastor of this church.
6. Assigned Greg Esselman to be moderator for Ozark Prairie Presbyterian Church.
7. Assigned a Fit committee for a pastor candidate for The Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh Kansas.
8. Approved Elder William (Bill) Martin, from Nevada, for pulpit supply.
9. Assigned a Fit committee for a pastor candidate for St. Andrew, Kimberling City.
10. Approved the Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders request for financial support to attend the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program: 2023 the American Southwest: Native Lands Travel Study Seminary.
11. Approved the Rev. Dr. Alexander Wales to labor within our bounds to baptize Elizabeth Anne Miller at Trinity Springfield.
12. Approved the Rev. Deborah Meinke to labor within our bounds to moderate congregational meeting for Chanute.
13. Approved the Rev. Jared Witt to officiate two funerals in Fort Scott within JCP bounds.
14. Welcomed guest speaker, Rev. Wilson Gunn, for COM training.
15. Approved 2023 contract for the Rev. Marvin Groote, stated supply for Southminster.
16. Approved that "COM members with the approval of the COM moderator may serve as moderator for a church session meeting or a congregational meeting".

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17. Approved Phyllis Winzenried and Louise Jones (former CRE's) to officiate communion as needed, beginning Sunday, November 6, through April, 2023 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Kimberling City.
18. COM directed the Executive Presbyter to communicate to a PNC that COM cannot recommend someone to preach for them, or any congregation within the presbytery, if that person is not recommended by their own denominational executive.
19. Approved the Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders (moderator) and CRE William Agnew to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for 2023.
20. Approved the Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders, Elder Grant Spieth and Elder Jay Kretzmeier for Parson's Administrative Commission.
21. Approved Southminster's request to grant a waiver to limits to terms of service for certain elders with the added advice they consider decreasing the number of elders on their session and continue to look for different people to serve in the future.
22. Approved a Fit committee for Fort Scott.
23. Approved a Fit committee for St. Andrew Kimberling City.

For information:

1. Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer worked closely with Carthage and Pittsburg PNC's.
2. Malinda Spencer hosted an Epiphany Gathering with dinner and warm fellowship on January 6, 2023, for pastors and their guests.
3. Called presbytery meeting to finalize the successful sale of the Parson church. The congregation will continue their ministry within the church and the community while sharing a building with another church. This meeting ended the work of the Parson's Administrative Commission which included Rev. Dr. Dixie Voss Anders, Elder Grant Spieth, and Elder Jay Kretzmeier for Parson's Administrative Commission.
4. Welcomed guest speaker, Rev. Wilson Gunn, for COM training.
5. The Administrative Ministries Committee and Committee on Ministries formed a task force.
6. We hope to design a zoom experience for ruling elders interested in developing their preaching skills. People who want to help lead the experience, and elders who want to participate, please reach out to Committee on Ministries or Malinda.