

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 210th 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 211th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator Kira Anderson. Kira welcomed everyone and introduced the Rev. Julie Mercer, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon, Missouri. Julie opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. She spoke about their Community Diaper Pantry, a recent renovation to their kitchen and fellowship hall, and about how their worship has changed as a result of Covid. Julie was also pleased to share about their recent class of confirmands and new members joining in recent months.

The Stated Clerk gave an orientation to the Zoom videoconference platform to facilitate member participation.

Moderator Kira Anderson asked that any new Elder Commissioners or Ministers to the stated meeting of presbytery to be introduced:

The Rev. Dr. Tom Schacher - Kimberling City
Elder Daphne Anderson - Trinity Springfield
Elder Beverly Choate - Mulberry United Presbyterian Church
Elder Pattie Moulin - Ash Grove United Methodist-Presbyterian

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, the Rev. Becky Schwandt, stated that based on the participants' list and the registration roll, a quorum was present for this in-person 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 210th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was fifty-five (55) in total. The breakdown follows:

Twenty two (22) Teaching Elders serving church, attended via Zoom

Three (3) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended via Zoom

Four (4) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended via Zoom

Eighteen (18) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended via Zoom

Four (4) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended via Zoom (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

Four (4) Volunteers, attended via Zoom
 Four (4) Visitors, attended via Zoom
 Zero (0) Corresponding Members
 One (3) Staff members, attended via Zoom
 One (1) Members at Large, attended via Zoom
 Eighteen (18) Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners and one church has two Elder Commissioners for the sake of parity)

COMMUNITY	CHURCH	TEACHING ELDER or CRE	Present Excused Absent	RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyterian	Crews, Joe	Absent	Moulin, Pattie
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Everett, Jan
Baxter Springs, KS	First Presbyterian	Gantt, Larry	Absent	Absent
Carlyle, KS	Carlyle Presbyterian	Traw, Steve	Absent	Crawford, Carol
Carthage, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Chanute, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Excused
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Holt, Linda
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Present	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
Fort Scott, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Barrows, Mert
Galena, MO	St. Andrew @ Hideaway	Vacant	Vacant	Prikle, Dennis
Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Excused	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Wilson, Bob
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Banz, Rich
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Absent	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Absent
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, John	Present	Mayo, Cheryl
Kimberling City	St. Andrew Presbyterian	Schacher, Tom	Present	Funk, Mary Beth
Lockwood, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent

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Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Present	Absent
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Foval, Jane
Mulberry, KS	United Presbyterian	Cuthbertson, Bob	Present	Choate, Beverly
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Excused	Absent
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Absent
Ozark, MO	Ozark Presbyterian	Schwandt, Becky	Present	Excused
Parsons, KS	First Presbyterian	Dawson, Jennifer	Present	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Pittsburg, KS	Presbyterian Church	-----	-----	Absent
Rolla, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Kimball, Jonathan
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Present	Absent
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	_____	_____
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Present	Anderson, Daphne
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	_____	_____	Excused
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Excused	Piston, Bill
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Excused	Moore, Jana
Stockton, MO	Stockton Presbyterian	Hill, Dale	Absent	Absent
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	Present	Absent
Willow Springs, MO	Willow Springs Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Mallory, Candace
-----	Honorably Retired	Anders, Dixie	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Evans, Vicki	Excused	-----

-----	Member at Large	Foos, Laurie	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Williams, Barry	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	-----

Presbytery Moderators and Staff		
Presbytery moderator	Anderson, Kira	Present
Presbytery moderator-elect	Davis, Daniel	Present
General Council moderator	Holt, Jim	Present
Administrative Ministries moderator	Dahlgren, Bob	Present
Committee on Ministry	Deleske, Reina	Present
Committee on Representation	Muegge, Sarah	Present
Mission and Nurture Committee	Lee, Daniel	Present
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Present
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Jackson, Linda	Excused
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Present
Pastoral Presbyter	Spencer, Malinda	Present
Stated Clerk	Schwandt, Becky	Present
Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg	Present

VISITORS

Artemenko, Chris	Spieth, Toni		
Dahlgren, Celeste	Tilus, Kenn		

VOLUNTEERS

Davis, Isabel	Erpelding, Jacob		
Davis, Sabrina	Woody, Sue		

**The Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the Docket be approved. Seconded.
Motion was approved.**

DOCKET

8:30 AM	Zoom Practice Informal Fellowship	
9:00 AM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
	Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: Mission and Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Mt Vernon	The Rev. Julie Mercer
9:10 AM	Orientation to Videoconference Meeting	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
9:15 AM	Introduction of New Elder Commissioners and Ministers	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
9:20 AM	Report of the Stated Clerk • Declaration of a Quorum • Approval of Docket • Seating of Corresponding Members • Adoption of Consent Agenda	The Rev. Becky Schwandt
9:30 AM	Service of Morning Worship	Living Waters for the World
10:15 AM	Education Time	Breakout Rooms
10:45 AM	Break	
10:55 AM	Report of General Council	Elder Jim Holt
11:00 AM	Report of Committee on Ministry	Elder Reina Daleske
11:10 AM	Report on Transitional Ministry	Elder Chris Artemenko - St. Andrew at Kimberling City
11:15 AM	Report from Administrative Ministries	The Rev. Bob Dahlgren
11:20 AM	Report of the Treasurer	The Rev. Dennis Winzenried
11:25 AM	Report from Mission and Nurture	The Rev. Daniel Lee
11:35 AM	Report from Committee on Representation	Elder Sarah Muegge
11:45 AM	Report of the Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer

11:55 AM	Presentation from Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation	The Rev. Tricia Dillon Thomas
12:05 PM	Report from the Synod	Elder Tony De La Rosa
12:10 PM	Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer	The Rev. Dr. Tom Schacher
12:15 PM	Go Out as a Worshipping Community	

The offering from today's worship service will be split evenly between First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, MO and John Calvin Presbytery.

First Presbyterian will use their portion for the church's
Community Diaper Pantry.

John Calvin Presbytery will use their portion for
JCP Living Waters for the World.

The Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the consent agenda be approved. Seconded. Motion was approved.

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

From Stated Clerk's Report:

- * 1. To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 18th, 2023 Stated Meeting of JCP Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
- * 2. To dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Called Meetings held on June 6th, 2023 and June 30th, 2023 and that those minutes be approved.
- * 3. That the second part of the 2022 Necrology Report be read during the worship service.

From the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee:

- * 1. That the financial reports for January 1st - June 30th, 2023 be filed for review: Balance Sheet, Budget vs Actuals Report, and Per Capital/Shared Mission Report.

***** **Concludes the Consent Agenda** *****

For Information:

1. Annual Reviews for Minutes and Registers and Rolls will be scheduled starting in September. Please ask your clerks to be on the look out for an email containing a Doodle Poll so that all may attend one of the gatherings.

2. At those gatherings I will provide handouts and a quick primer on the changes in the new Book of Order as well. Those same handouts will be available on the website in September and as part of the packet for the November 4th, 2023 JCP Meeting.

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

Service of Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Rev. Julie Mercer and Elders Toni and Grant Spieth lead our worship service. Elders Sabrina Davis and Sue Woody along with youth participates Isabel Davis and Jacob Erpelding assisted with liturgy. Toni and Grant proclaimed the Word through a slideshow and presentation about the most recent Living Waters for the World trip of John Calvin Presbytery's. Julie presided over the Lord's Table. The offering taken will benefit the Mt. Vernon's Community Diaper Pantry and the Creative Ministries Grant Fund for John Calvin Presbytery.

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

Education Time

The Rev. Daniel Lee introduced our education time. The body was given instructions to answer the following 3 questions in facilitated breakout rooms:

1. Name three things you love about PC(USA).
2. Name three thing you wish were different in PC(USA).
3. I wish my own church would...

The body then came back together and reported the discussions in their breakout rooms.

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

Report from General Council

Moderator Kira Anderson invited GC Moderator Jim Holt to give the General Council Report. **General Council moves that Diane Cooke be elected as a member of the Committee on Representation completing an unexpired term through 2025. No seconded needed, motioned approved.**

***** **Concludes Report from General Council** *****

Report Form Committee on Ministry

Moderator Kira Anderson invited COM Moderator Reina Daleske to give the Committee on Ministry Report. There are no items that require action by the body. She shared the upcoming events to help provide support and training to ruling elders to help them better serve their

churches. She also reminded the body that the mandatory Boundaries Training Session will be coming soon.

Reina then asked Toni Spieth, chair of the Mulberry United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission to give an update. Toni told the body the sale of the property is complete and a full list of how the proceeds of the sales will be dispersed: \$2,100 realtor's fee, \$550 closing costs, \$6,590 to JCP for repayment of loan, \$500 to Gideons, \$6,000 to Mulberry Museum, \$7,000 Senior Citizen's Fund, \$5,000 to Rose Bank Cemetery, and \$3,000 to John Calvin Presbytery. Any money left over will be given to JCP when it is time to close the account.

Toni asked Mulberry's long time CRE to share about the history and mission of the church. Beverly Choate, Mulberry's clerk of session, also included written remarks about the church and the work of the AC. Reina reminded the body we are not officially dissolving the congregation today, but waiting for all of the paperwork to be finalized such as closing bank accounts and dispersing the funds from the sale of the building. The final Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes are below:

Mulberry Administration Committee Minutes Monday, August 14, 2023, 1000
Pittsburg Presbyterian Church, 520 N. Pine Street, Pittsburg, KS 66762

Members Present: Pastor Bob Cuthbertson, Judith Cuthbertson, Beverly Choate, Billie Choate, Jay Kretzmeier, Margie Rhodes, Admin. Moderator Toni Spieth

The meeting was opened with a time for check in and sharing of joys and concerns. Toni then began with prayer.

Discussion ensued about the dispersal of the \$32,286 from the sale of church property concluding after about 30 minutes. The memo line of each check except for "lawn care" will be "donation from Mulberry Presbyterian Church".

\$100--Tracy Trammell, "lawn care", 110 S. Clemens, Mulberry KS 66756

\$500—Gideons, 515 Pearl St., Pittsburg, KS 66762.

\$5,500-- Mulberry Museum, P.O. Box 187, Mulberry, KS 66756

\$5,500—Rose Bank Cemetery, P.O. Box 187, Mulberry, KS 66756

\$5,500—Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 187, Mulberry, KS 66756

\$5,500—Fire Department Fund, P.O. Box 187, Mulberry, KS 66756

\$9,500—John Calvin Presbytery, P.O. Box 1395, Ozark MO 65721-1394

\$32,100 Total which leaves \$186 to be given to Shared Mission, JCP.

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There is \$678.14 left in the checking account with a final utility bill to pay. There also may be a partial insurance bill return. Bev will close the account after receiving the insurance bill return and paying the utility bill. She will send the final, subsequent amount to JCP, Shared Mission.

It was noted that the first meeting of this committee was held on March 14, 2023. The November Presbytery meeting will receive this information and formally disband the Mulberry Administrative Committee.

Pastor Bob Cuthbertson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Spieth
Administrative Moderator Mulberry

Reina then introduced Chris Artemenko to share how they worked with Greg Emery to call their new pastor the Rev. Thomas Schacher. She told the body to trust the process and spend a lot of time in prayer. She thanked the presbytery for their support and the resources that had available.

******* Concludes Report from Committee on Ministry *******

Report from Administrative Ministries Committee

Moderator Kira Anderson asked AMC Moderator Bob Dahlgren to give his report.

Bob moved that John Calvin Presbytery add the following Book of Order items to the JCP Steps for the Sale of Property to appear at the bottom of the document. [The rationale is that this addition would serve as a reminder to the presbytery, its committees and commissioners, Administrative Commissions, Sessions, church members etc. regarding property and our shared responsibility as good stewards, especially when church grounds, buildings, Manse, etc. are to be sold.]

- G-4.0201 **Property as a Tool for Mission** The property of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), of its councils and entities, and of its congregations, is a tool for the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.
- G-4.0202 **Decisions Concerning Property** The provisions of this Constitution prescribing the manner in which decisions are made, reviewed, and corrected within this church are applicable to all matters pertaining to property.

- G-4.0203 **Church Property Held in Trust** All property held by or for a congregation, a presbytery, a synod, the General Assembly, or the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), whether legal title is lodged in a corporation, a trustee or trustees, or an unincorporated association, and whether the property is used in programs of a congregation or of a higher council or retained for the production of income, is held in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- G-4.0205 **Property of a Dissolved or Extinct Congregation** Whenever a congregation is formally dissolved by the presbytery, or has become extinct by reason of the dispersal of its members, the abandonment of its work, or other cause, such property as it may have shall be held, used, and applied for such uses, purposes, and trusts as the presbytery may direct, limit, and appoint, or such property may be sold or disposed of as the presbytery may direct, in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A second it not required. **Motion carried.**

Bob then provided a list of the actions taken by AMC:

FOR INFORMATION:

1. AMC voted to move \$50,000. from the CFO Cash Fund to the Great Southern Bank account.
2. The Administrative Ministries Committee serves as Trustees on behalf of the presbytery. It is vitally important that the information requested in the Policy for the Sale of Property be completed and forwarded to the AMC. We need the information in advance to move forward as quickly and smoothly as possible.
3. Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt 90-day review has been completed.
4. AMC is working on a model policy for congregations to consider for recycling and ecology to care for God's good creation.
5. AMC is reviewing the JCP Personnel Policy.
6. The AMC is currently looking for a person(s) to serve as a Recording Clerk to take minutes during Presbytery meetings.
7. AMC recommended to General Council that JCP have an Assistant Treasurer to both learn the work and fill in for the Treasurer when needed, with an eye toward future service to JCP as the elected Treasurer when a vacancy occurs.
8. AMC is working on job descriptions for the Bookkeeper, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, as well as the Presbytery Recorder.
9. Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings through June 27, 2023.
10. AMC's work with Presbyterian Foundation on the two programs, Regeneration and Runway, is ongoing.
11. AMC is working on revising the JCP Expense Voucher.

***** **Concludes the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee** *****

Treasurer's Report

Moderator Kira Anderson asked Treasurer Dennis Winzenried to give his report. He shared with us the following:

Financial reports included for the August 3, 2023 meeting of presbytery:

Budget vs. Actuals – Income & Expenses versus budget end of June, 2023

JCP financial balances as of end of June, 2023

Excel spreadsheet sorted by congregational giving to Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings

Please review and let me know if you have any questions.

Here are a few things I'd like to highlight from the Budget vs. Actual Report ending June 30, 2023.

Shared Mission Support \$16,637 or 53.62 percent of what was budgeted for the first six months. Shared Mission makes about 2/3rds of our expenses. Really would like to see churches giving regularly to Shared Mission. Thank you to the 9 churches that give regularly (monthly or quarterly) to Shared Mission. Thanks also to the 12 churches that have given over \$44 (Per Capita plus Shared Mission divided by membership) through June of this year. See Shared Mission/Per Capita/Special Offerings spreadsheet to see what your church has given through the first two quarters of 2023.

We give thanks for the churches have paid their full or at least 50% Per Capita for the year. 28 of our churches have done that. 18 of our churches have paid their full Per Capita for the year. Of our churches 15 have not paid any of their Per Capita for the year.

On a sad note 12 of our churches have not given any gifts to Shared Mission or Per Capita.

Just as a majority of the income to our local churches comes from members of the church, so too does a majority of the presbytery's income come from member churches. Thank you to each congregation that is participating in sharing the gifts of your members with the presbytery.

With all that in mind, at the mid point of the year, here is who I note.

Total Revenue - \$111,000.

Total Expenses to date - \$118,354.

Expenses over income - \$7,354.

On a very positive note, when you look at Total Expenditure for the first half the year, its only 76% of what was budgeted for the first six months. Thank you to all our staff and committees for being good stewards of every dollar given by our churches.

Letters will be going out to moderators of the session and clerks of the sessions of all our churches highlighting the importance of the churches participation in giving to the larger church – presbytery and then we share the gifts with the Synod of Mid-America and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

***** **Concludes the Treasurer's Report** *****

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Report from Mission and Nurture Committee

Moderator Kira Anderson invited The Rev. Daniel Lee to give the report of Mission and Nurture Committee. Daniel reported that the Mission and Nurture retreat was a meaningful gathering and many plans were made for the rest of this year and 2024. One of the upcoming events is the Presbyterian Peacemaker visit. Elder Matilda Parker will be in John Calvin Presbytery September 22-29. Daniel also reminded the body about the Fall Zoom Study as well as the Zoom Advent Study.

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

Report from the Committee on Representation

Moderator Kira Anderson invited Elder Sarah Muegge to give her report.

COR Moderator Sarah Muegge moved the following be elected to the Committee on Ministry - to complete an unexpired term through 2024. He has agreed to serve.

The Rev. William Lee, MTE - First Presbyterian Church, Neosho, Missouri

Coming from a committee this does not require a second. **Motion passed.**

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

Report from the Executive Presbyter

Moderator Kira Anderson invited Executive Presbyter, Elder Malinda Spencer, to share her report. Malinda reports that she is encouraged by all of the life giving activities and ideas she has been hearing in our churches. She also shared that there is an uptick of non-church goers seeking connection with churches. We don't know how long that might last. Things to avoid saying to visitors when describing our churches include, "We are friendly," because they may not believe that right off, and "We are a family," because it is not easy to join a new family. What we can do is tell about the life giving things we are doing in our churches. Talk about your diaper pantries, community gardens, and the other work you are doing.

******* Concludes the Report of the Executive Presbyter *******

Presentation from the Rev. Tricia Dillion-Thomas

Moderator Kira Anderson was pleased to recognize the Rev. Tricia Dillion-Thomas from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation. Tricia talked to us about the program called Pastoral Leadership Revitalization. The questions they started with is "How do we keep congregations thriving during this time," and "How do we keep pastors thriving during this time?" Statistics on clergy burnout and those leaving the ministry are concerning. She shared the different aspects of the PLR program. Tricia gave

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the group the links for more information about the program and the application for the program. There was time for questions and answers and many of both were offered.

***** **Concludes the Presentation from Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation** *****

Synod Report

Moderator Kira Anderson recognized Elder Tony De La Rosa, Transitional Synod Executive for the Synod of Mid-America. Tony reported that the synod received many applications for the Higher Education Grants. They are looking forward to reviewing those applications. Tony asked the body to consider giving \$5000 from each presbytery in our synod to be used in conjunctions with the other presbyteries for the Innovation Grant fund. Deadlines to apply for Innovation Grants this year is October 1st, at 5:00 PM. In a moment of personal privilege, Tony informed us that this will be his last meeting with us as the Transitional Synod Executive. He thanks the presbytery for the quality and commitment of our synod commissioners, for our gifts of per capita and shared mission, and the warm sense of Christian love, witness and acceptance he has experienced.

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

Moderator Kira Anderson asked the Rev. Tom Schacher from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Kimberling City to offer the Resolution of Thanks and closing prayer.

Tom offered the following resolution:

Whereas we have been blessed with a joyously beautiful day and have the benefit been able to maintain the comfort of our spaces and our wonderful air conditioning,
and **Whereas**, in the midst of busy lives and ministries, the Holy Spirit, has brought us together to be in relationship with one another, even though we are far apart,
Whereas we have welcomed old friends and new friends alike and have come together in the spirit to meet and to worship,
and **Whereas** living waters for the world, and the mission team to the Dominican Republic, have brought clean water for thirsty bodies, and good news for thirsty souls we celebrate within the many ways God is really working to bring hope and life into the world through their amazing mission,
and **Whereas** we experienced such a marvelous time of speaking with one another, and sharing about our love for in hopes for the church, and heard about how faithfully PLR is working to help pastors with much-needed connection and support and renewal,
and **Whereas** we now come to the end of our meeting, but know that in the going, we take with us all that we have experienced and shared, and built during this time together.

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I therefore offer a resolution of thanks to the congregation leaders of the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, to the Presbytery, and to the Synod, with special Thanksgiving to Tony and his faithful work, and I called us to go forward with a thanksgiving up on our lips that comes erupting in from our hearts of faith and gets poured out into this thirsty world.

Let us pray...

God of our coming and going, God of our past, are present, and our future, we have met as your Church. We have worshiped, and celebrated, and remembered. We have visioned and hoped and dreamed. And now you send us into the world to do our living and our ministry. As we go out reminder us that we do not go out alone. Reminder us that we go on a mission. Reminder us that we go together, for we are one body in Jesus Christ, and whose name we pray. Amen.

Moderator Kira Anderson told the body that the business of this meeting was now concluded.

The Rev. Barry Williams moved to adjourn the 211th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery. Seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Becky Schwandt
Stated Clerk
John Calvin Presbytery