

John Calvin Presbytery  
December 17th, 2023

Called Meeting  
The Presbyterian Church  
Pittsburg, Kansas

## **JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY CALLED MEETING**

### **JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY'S VISION STATEMENT**

**J**oyful, holy community of Christian believers, diverse yet united.

**C**ommitted to serving Christ in the church and in the world.

**P**repared by God through the Holy Spirit for mission and ministry.

The Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 4:11 PM by Moderator the Rev. Daniel Davis, followed by an opening prayer by Elder Toni Spieth. Elder Carol Raquet read Psalm 126:1-6.

Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt stated the purpose of this Called Meeting was to examine the Rev. Changwon Seo for membership in John Calvin Presbytery and full-time call as the installed pastor of The Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Kansas beginning January 8th, 2024. And, if the way be clear, to elect an Administrative Commission to install him on a date to be determined.

Based on attendance and the participation list Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, declared that a quorum was present for this called meeting of John Calvin 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 June 6th, Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was twenty three ( 23 ) in total. The breakdown follows:

Six ( 6 ) Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person

One ( 1 ) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended in person

One ( 1 ) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended in person

Nine ( 9 ) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person

Zero ( 0 ) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

Four ( 4 ) Volunteers, attended in person

Zero ( 0 ) Visitors, attended in person

One ( 1 ) Corresponding Member

2 ( 2 ) Staff members, attended in person

Seven ( 7 ) Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners)

| COMMUNITY          | CHURCH                      | TEACHING ELDER<br>or CRE | Present<br>Excused<br>Absent | RULING ELDER<br>COMMISSIONER |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ash Grove, MO      | U. Methodist / Presbyterian | Crews, Joe               | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Aurora, MO         | First Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Baxter Springs, KS | First Presbyterian          | Gantt, Larry             | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Carlyle, KS        | Carlyle Presbyterian        | Traw, Steve              | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Carthage, MO       | First Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Chanute, KS        | First Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Crane, MO          | Crane Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Crocker, MO        | Crocker Presbyterian        | Agnew, Bill              | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Erie, KS           | Federated Presbyterian      | Choi, Shella             | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Everton, MO        | Hampton Presbyterian        | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Forsyth, MO        | Community Presbyterian      | LeBlanc, Frank           | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Fort Scott, KS     | First Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Mert Barrows                 |
| Galena, MO         | St. Andrew @ Hideaway       | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Excused                      |
| Golden City, MO    | First Presbyterian          | Iannucilli, Christine    | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Greenfield, MO     | Ebenezer Presbyterian       | Bartels, Robert          | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Hollister, MO      | Hollister Presbyterian      | Cherry, Clancy           | Present                      | Absent                       |
| Iola, KS           | First Presbyterian          | Davis, Daniel            | Present                      | Absent                       |
| Joplin, MO         | Bethany Presbyterian        | Oster, Tim               | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Joplin, MO         | First Presbyterian          | Anderson, Kira           | Present                      | Spieth, Toni                 |
| Joplin, MO         | First Presbyterian          | Anderson, John           | Absent                       | Mayo, Cheryl                 |
| Kimberling City    | St. Andrew Presbyterian     | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Daleske, Reina               |
| Lockwood, MO       | First Presbyterian          | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Mt. Vernon, MO     | First Presbyterian          | Mercer, Julie            | Excused                      | Absent                       |
| Mt. Vernon, MO     | Ozark Prairie Presbyterian  | Vacant                   | Vacant                       | Absent                       |
| Mt. View, MO       | First Presbyterian          | Cooke, Diane             | Absent                       | Absent                       |
| Neosho, MO         | First Presbyterian          | Lee, William             | Present                      | Absent                       |
| Nevada, MO         | First Presbyterian          | Agee, Laura              | Present                      | Martin, Bill                 |

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| Ozark, MO          | Ozark Presbyterian          | Schwandt, Becky   | Present | Excused         |
| Parsons, KS        | First Presbyterian          | Dawson, Jennifer  | Present | Absent          |
| Pittsburg, KS      | Presbyterian Church         | Vacant            | Vacant  | Denton, Mark    |
| Pittsburg, KS      | Presbyterian Church         | -----             | -----   | Walker, Deborah |
| Rolla, MO          | First Presbyterian          | Vacant            | Vacant  | Absent          |
| Sarcoxie, MO       | First Presbyterian          | Vacant            | Vacant  | Absent          |
| Scammon, KS        | First Presbyterian          | Vacant            | Vacant  | Absent          |
| Shell Knob, MO     | Trinity Presbyterian        | Wobbema, Peggy    | Excused | Absent          |
| Springfield, MO    | Gibson Chapel Presbyterian  | Cormack, Jack     | Absent  | Absent          |
| Springfield, MO    | Hillcrest Presbyterian      | Cormack, Jack     | Absent  | Absent          |
| Springfield, MO    | Southminster Presbyterian   | CLOSING           | -----   | -----           |
| Springfield, MO    | Trinity PCUSA               | Miller, Chris     | Absent  | Absent          |
| Springfield, MO    | Trinity PCUSA               | -----             | -----   |                 |
| Springfield, MO    | UMHE                        | Vacant            | Vacant  | -----           |
| Springfield, MO    | Westminster Presbyterian    | Pulleyking, Micki | Absent  | Absent          |
| Springfield, MO    | Woodland Presbyterian       | Roberts, Matthew  | Absent  | Absent          |
| Stockton, MO       | Stockton Presbyterian       | Hill, Dale        | Absent  | Absent          |
| Webb City, MO      | First Presbyterian          | Spencer, Charles  | Present | Absent          |
| West Plains, MO    | First Presbyterian          | Dahlgren, Robert  | Excused | Absent          |
| Willard, MO        | Mt. Zion Presbyterian       | Lee, Daniel       | Absent  | Absent          |
| Willow Springs, MO | Willow Springs Presbyterian | Cooke, Diane      | Absent  | Absent          |
| -----              | Honorably Retired           | Evans, Vicki      | Excused | -----           |

| Presbytery Moderators and Staff     |                |         |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Presbytery moderator                | Anderson, Kira | Present |
| Presbytery moderator-elect          | Davis, Daniel  | Present |
| General Council moderator           | Holt, Jim      | Excused |
| Administrative Ministries moderator | Dahlgren, Bob  | Excused |

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| Committee on Ministry           | Deleske, Reina     | Present |
| Committee on Representation     | Muegge, Sarah      | Excused |
| Mission and Nurture Committee   | Lee, Daniel        | Excused |
| Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator | Russell, Joan      | Excused |
| Treasurer                       | Winzenried, Dennis | Present |
| Pastoral Presbyter - Staff      | Spencer, Malinda   | Present |
| Stated Clerk - Staff            | Schwandt, Becky    | Present |
| Transitional Project – staff    | Emery, Greg        | Excused |

**VISITORS**

**VOLUNTEERS**

|                |  |  |  |
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| Campbell, Jane |  |  |  |
| Racuet, Carol  |  |  |  |
| Baega, Debbie  |  |  |  |
| Neil, Margaret |  |  |  |

**Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt moved to seat the Rev. Changwon Seo, candidate for First Presbyterian in Fort Scott, KS. Seconded and approved.**

**DOCKET**

4:00 PM

Call to Order - Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Davis  
Opening Prayer - Elder Toni Spieth  
Psalm of the Day - Psalm 126:1-6 - Elder Carol Requet  
Report of the Stated Clerk - The Rev. Becky Schwandt  
Report of the Committee on Ministry - Elder Reina Daleske  
Adjourn in Prayer - Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Davis

### Report of the Committee on Ministry

Moderator of the Committee on Ministry Elder Reina Daleske spoke briefly on COM's role concerning the calling of new pastors. She then invited the moderator of The Presbyterian Church's PNC, Elder Mark Denton, to speak to the search process of calling the Rev. Changwon Seo.

Elder Mark Denton spoke about the long search process and how at times it was discouraging. He thanked the presbytery for its support of the PNC. They are very pleased to have the Rev. Changwon Seo and look forward to working with him in ministry for many years.

COM Moderator Reina Daleske introduced Changwon Seo for examination and asked Changwon the first question. After Changwon answer the first question, the floor was open to questions from the presbyters. Following this examination, **the motion was made, seconded and approved to arrest the examination.** Changwon temporarily left the meeting. **The motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the examination and that presbytery approve the Rev. Changwon Seo for membership in John Calvin Presbytery and install her as the full-time pastor at The Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, KS. Motion passed.**

**The motion was made on behalf of the Committee on Ministry to approve the terms of call as listed below for the Rev. Changwon Seo with a start date of January 8th, 2024. Motion passed.**

|                                    |                  |
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| Salary                             | \$57,000         |
| Housing Allowance                  | \$15,000         |
| <b>Total Effective Salary</b>      | <b>\$70,000</b>  |
| Board of Pensions Dues             | \$28,080         |
| Continuing Education               | \$2,000          |
| Allowance Automobile / Mileage     | \$3,200          |
| Professional Expenses              | \$1,200          |
| Social Security Tax Supplement     | \$5,508          |
| Health Reimbursement and Books     | \$5,500          |
| Other: 403b Matching               | \$6,000          |
| Moving Expenses (negotiable)       | \$10,000         |
| <b>Total Cost to Church Budget</b> | <b>\$123,488</b> |
| Continuing Education Leave         | 2 Weeks          |
| Vacation Leave                     | 4 Weeks          |
| Paid Family Medical Leave          | 12 Weeks         |

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The Rev. Changwon Seo rejoined the meeting. The Rev. Jennifer Parsons prayed Changwon and the congregation of The Presbyterian Church for their ministry together.

**Reina Daleske moved that John Calvin Presbytery approve the following commissioners for an Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Changwon Seo to The Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, KS, on a date to be determined:**

The Rev. John Anderson  
Elder Toni Spieth  
Elder Malinda Spencer

Elder Mark Denton  
The Rev. Jennifer Dawson  
The Rev. Charles Spencer

**The motion was seconded and approved.**

**The Rev. Dennis Winzenried moved that we adjourn the meeting following the closing prayer. Seconded and approved.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM with prayer offered by Dennis Winzenried.**

### **Supplemental Documents**

#### **The Rev. Changwon Seo Short Biography**

Changwon Seo was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. He completed his undergraduate studies for theology at Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary in South Korea. He moved to the States in 2012 and earned M.Div. and M.A. for Christian Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, and D.Min. for Missional Church at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been married to Joyce for more than 9 years and has two beautiful young children: Jin and Lynn. Changwon enjoys watching movies and playing sports. He also enjoys being challenged by the Bible and theological books. He, as a Christian Coach, likes listening actively to people and encouraging them to find the ways the Holy Spirit leads.

#### **The Rev. Changwon Seo Statement of Faith**

I believe in the Trinity, God who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father created all things in heaven and on earth, and God sent us his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ as the light of the world to save us through him. Anyone who believes in Jesus will receive salvation in God's grace and love.

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I believe that the Son, Jesus Christ was conceived by the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit, and that Jesus is the true God, incarnated as a true human being, and came into the world. Jesus Christ died on the cross to redeem the sins of human beings, and in three days he resurrected, and he ascended into heaven. Jesus Christ as our mediator is still alive, and he will return on the Day of Judgment.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is equal to God the Father and God the Son. The Holy Spirit is involved in the ministry of creation and salvation. The Holy Spirit helps us to confess our sins through giving us the grace of repentance. Also, the Holy Spirit allows us to have faith in Jesus Christ so that we as believers become witnesses of the gospel, and work for the church community.

I believe that the Bible is the unique word of God for inspiring, correcting, and teaching in righteousness. Humans as the creatures of God can receive salvation, faith, and life through God's holy word. The Bible is God's authoritative word that we should believe, follow, and rely on. I believe that the Church is the body of Christ and the community of faith in which Jesus Christ is the head. We all should learn to be true disciples of Christin faith through the church. The church baptizes in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the gospel and serving the poor by working for the justice of God. The true church is worshipping God faithfully, and loving and forgiving one another through participation in the Word and Sacrament of God. Also, the church's mission and service to the world should be like the ministry of Jesus which was a ministry of healing the sick, supporting the poor, and proclaiming justice for the oppressed. The ministry of Jesus can be extended faithfully by consistent prayer and spiritual discipline. Therefore, God calls us as Christians to be advocates, caretakers, and disciples who reflect the love and grace of God, seeking unity in Christ and ensuring the righteous discipline based on the word of God.

I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return on the last day when God determines. Jesus Christ will come into the world again, and his people who are elected on that day will receive eternal life for salvation, and they will reach the kingdom of God. I believe in the resurrection and eternal life, and these are the hope of all the believers who are waiting for the Lord's return.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Becky Schwandt  
JCP Stated Clerk