

**JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 212th 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 212th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Moderator Kira Anderson. Kira welcomed everyone and introduced the Reverend John Anderson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri. Kira opened the meeting in prayer and shared some of the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Joplin, Missouri. Elders new to the stated meeting of presbytery were introduced:

Elder Joan Newberry - Trinity Presbyterian Church, Shell Knob, Missouri

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

Stated Clerk, The Reverend 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.") The Consent Agenda was approved as amended, the removal of the dates

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the 212th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was \_\_\_\_\_ in total. The breakdown follows:

\_\_\_ **16** \_\_\_ Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person

\_\_\_ **3** \_\_\_ Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended in person

\_\_\_ **2** \_\_\_ Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended in person

\_\_\_ **22** \_\_\_ Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person

\_\_\_ **5** \_\_\_ Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person  
(not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)

\_\_\_ **8** \_\_\_ Volunteers, attended in person

\_\_\_ **6** \_\_\_ Visitors, attended in person

\_\_\_ **1** \_\_\_ Corresponding Members

\_\_\_ **3** \_\_\_ Staff members, attended in person

\_\_\_ **20** \_\_\_ Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to have two Elder Commissioners)

<b>COMMUNITY</b>	<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDER or CRE</b>	<b>Present Excused Absent</b>	<b>RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER</b>
Ash Grove, MO	U. Methodist / Presbyterian	Crews, Joe	Absent	Absent
Aurora, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Everett, Jan
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	Excused
Crane, MO	Crane Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Holt, Linda
Crocker, MO	Crocker Presbyterian	Agnew, Bill	Absent	Layman, Ronnie
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	Absent

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Golden City, MO	First Presbyterian	Iannucilli, Christine	Excused	Absent
Greenfield, MO	Ebenezer Presbyterian	Bartels, Robert	Absent	Absent
Hollister, MO	Hollister Presbyterian	Cherry, Clancy	Present	Grimes, Mary Lynn
Iola, KS	First Presbyterian	Davis, Daniel	Present	Banz, Rich
Joplin, MO	Bethany Presbyterian	Oster, Tim	Present	Oster, Cindy
Joplin, MO	First Presbyterian	Anderson, Kira	Present	Knutzen, Lisa
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
Mt. Vernon, MO	First Presbyterian	Mercer, Julie	Present	Jensen, Tracy
Mt. Vernon, MO	Ozark Prairie Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Mt. View, MO	First Presbyterian	Cooke, Diane	Present	Absent
Neosho, MO	First Presbyterian	Lee, William	Excused	Hanschre, Dan
Nevada, MO	First Presbyterian	Agee, Laura	Present	Connors, Janet
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	Murry, Susan
Sarcoxie, MO	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Scammon, KS	First Presbyterian	Vacant	Vacant	Absent
Shell Knob, MO	Trinity Presbyterian	Wobbema, Peggy	Present	Newberry, Joan
Springfield, MO	Gibson Chapel Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Absent
Springfield, MO	Hillcrest Presbyterian	Cormack, Jack	Excused	Cormack, Scarlet
Springfield, MO	Southminster Presbyterian	CLOSING	-----	-----
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	Miller, Chris	Present	Simpson, Mike
Springfield, MO	Trinity PCUSA	-----	-----	Uffmann, Susan
Springfield, MO	UMHE	Vacant	Vacant	-----
Springfield, MO	Westminster Presbyterian	Pulleyking, Micki	Excused	Piston, Bill
Springfield, MO	Woodland Presbyterian	Roberts, Matthew	Present	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	Excused	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Evans, Vicki	Excused	-----
----- -	Honorably Retired	Winzenried, Dennis	Present	-----
----- -	Honorably Retired	Hollingsworth, Kent	Present	-----
-----	Honorably Retired	Rosenbaum, Susan	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	Excused
Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator	Russell, Joan	Present
Treasurer	Winzenried, Dennis	Present

Pastoral Presbyter	Spencer, Malinda	Present
Stated Clerk	Schwandt, Becky	Present
Recording Clerk	Cormack, Scarlet	Present
Transitional Project – staff	Emery, Greg	Present

**VISITORS**

Bay, John	Banz, Gayla	Martin, Bill	
Dahlgren, Celeste	Mallory, Steve		
Emery, Ann - Corresponding Member	Tilus, Kenn		

**VOLUNTEERS**

Kungle, Martha	Mayo, Cheryl	Spieth, Grant	Tamburrino, Pat
Whittington, Lorraine	Morehouse, Ann	Spieth, Toni	Thomas, June

**Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt then moved that the docket be approved. Motion was seconded and approved.**

Time for questions and discussion was given. Hearing no objections to the approval of the amended docket, it was approved.

Docket		
8:30 AM	Informal Fellowship	
8:45 AM	New Commissioner Orientation (8:45am)	Becky Schwandt
9:30 AM	Call To Order	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
	Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, MO	

9:40 AM	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery. Announcements; appointment of pages and Resolution of Thanks Committee	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
9:45 AM	Report of Stated Clerk (Pt. 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orientation to meeting</li> <li>● Declaration of a quorum</li> <li>● Approval of docket</li> <li>● Approval of the Consent Agenda</li> <li>● Seating of corresponding members</li> </ul>	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
9:55 AM	Report from Committee on Representation	Elder Sarah Muegge
10:05 AM	Report of Committee on Ministry	Elder Reina Daleske
10:15 AM	Service of Morning Worship	The Rev. Kira Anderson, preaching
11:10 AM	Break	
11:20 AM	Report of Presbyterian Women	Elder Joan Russell
11:25 AM	Report from Mission and Nurture	The Reverend Daniel Lee
11:30 AM	Education Time	
12:00 PM	LUNCH	Clerk's Training and Minutes Review
1:00 PM	Call to Order	Moderator, The Rev. Kira Anderson
1:00 PM	Report of the Executive Presbyter	Elder Malinda Spencer
1:10 PM	Report of Transitional Ministry	Elder Greg Emery
1:40 PM	Report of Stated Clerk (pt. 2)	Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt
1:45 PM	Report from Administrative Ministries	Reverend Bob Dahlgren
1:55 PM	Report from the Treasurer	Dennis Winzenried
2:00 PM	Report from the General Council	Elder Jim Holt
2:20 PM	Report from the Synod	Reverend Laura Agee
2:25 PM	Installation Service	
2:35 PM	Resolution of Thanks & Closing Prayer	Reverend Chris Miller

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- The Rev. Anne Emery, Honorable Retired minister member of the Mid-South Presbytery Seconded. A call for additional people needing to be seated was made. **Hearing no objections to the motion, it was approved.**

**Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, moved that the Consent Agenda be approved.** The motion was seconded and the floor open for discussion. The Rev. Laura Agee from First Presbyterian Church of Nevada asked that the dates and formats of the 2024 John Calvin Presbytery Meetings be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion during the General Council Report. Item was removed from the Consent Agenda. No other items were removed and **the Consent Agenda was approved.**

## CONSENT AGENDA

### From the Stated Clerk's Report:

- **Moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 4, 2023 stated meeting and that those minutes be approved. Motion approved.**

### From the Administrative Ministries Committee Report:

**\* 1. That the financial reports for January 1 – September 30, 2023 be filed for review: Budget vs Actuals Report, Balance Sheet, and Per Capital/Shared Mission/Special Offerings Report.**

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

### **For Information:**

- The Session minute and roll book reviews, along with clerk of session training, occurred during September and October across the presbytery. Meetings were held at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Scott, KS, Bethany Presbyterian Church in Joplin, MO, Community Presbyterian Church in Forsyth, MO, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield, MO, and First Presbyterian Church in West Plains, MO. Next year's review and training will be held in August and September.
  - Items that were discussed in the clerks' training included discussions about the new Paid Family Medical Leave requirement for all terms of call in 2024 and moving forward due to an amendment to the Book of Order (G-2.0804), the



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updated Steps for the Sale of Property in John Calvin Presbytery, and a continue effort to make sure that all our churches have a sexual misconduct policy in place. A sample policy was handed out for churches as a framework.

- The results of the 2022-2023 reviews follow:

**SESSION BOOKS APPROVED or APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:**

Carlyle, Kansas – Carlyle Presbyterian; Crane, Missouri – Crane Presbyterian; Fort Scott, Kansas - First Presbyterian; Joplin, Missouri - Bethany Presbyterian; Mulberry, Kansas – United Presbyterian; Rolla, Missouri – First Presbyterian; Springfield, Missouri – Gibson Chapel; Springfield, Missouri – Trinity PC(USA); Springfield, Missouri – Woodland Heights; Chanute, Kansas - First Presbyterian; Forsyth, Missouri – Community Presbyterian; Golden City, Missouri – First Presbyterian; Mt. Vernon, Missouri – Ozark Prairie Pres.; Ozark, Missouri – Ozark Presbyterian; Shell Knob, Missouri – Trinity Presbyterian; Springfield, Missouri – Southminster Pres.; Springfield, Missouri – Westminster Pres.; Stockton, Missouri – Stockton Presbyterian

**ROLLS AND REGISTERS APPROVED OR APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:**

Carlyle, Kansas – Carlyle Presbyterian; Crane, Missouri – Crane Presbyterian; Golden City, Missouri – First Presbyterian; Mt. Vernon, Missouri – Ozark Prairie Pres.; Chanute, Kansas - First Presbyterian; Fort Scott, Kansas - First Presbyterian; Joplin, Missouri - Bethany Presbyterian; Mulberry, Kansas – United Presbyterian; Ozark, Missouri – Ozark Presbyterian; Rolla, Missouri – First Presbyterian; Shell Knob, Missouri – Trinity Presbyterian; Springfield, Missouri – Southminster Pres.; Springfield, Missouri – Westminster Pres.; Stockton, Missouri – Stockton Presbyterian; Springfield, Missouri – Gibson Chapel; Springfield, Missouri – Trinity PC(USA); Springfield, Missouri – Woodland Heights

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

**Report of Committee on Representation**

- **Moderator Elder Sarah Muegge moved that the following people be elected to begin terms January 1, 2024:**
  - Presbytery Moderator Elect – Brenda Williams FRE - Trinity Springfield
  - Presbytery Moderator - Rev Dan Davis MTE Iola
  - General Council Moderator- Rev Kira Anderson FTE- Joplin
  - 1st Moderator AMC- Rev Bob Dahlgren MTE- West Plains

Moderator COM- Rev Kent Hollingsworth HR  
Moderator CPM- Rev Dixie Anders HR  
Moderator Mission and Nurture- Rev Daniel Lee MTE – Willard

- General Assembly Delegates
  - MRE- Joe Tranbarger -Hillcrest
  - MRE (Alternate) Bill Martin – Nevada
  - FTE Rev Laura Agee- Nevada
  - FTE (Alternate) Rev Julie Mercer - Mt. Vernon,
  - YAD Zoe Dawson – Parsons
  - YAD (Alternate) Mallory Morton- Ash Grove
- Synod Delegates – (2- year term) class of 2025
  - Rev Charles Spencer – MTE- Webb City (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
  - Robin Morgan- FRE- West Plains 1<sup>st</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Committees

Permanent Judicial Commission (6- year term) class of 2029  
Rev Bill Havens - HR  
Rev Peggy Wobbema FTE - Trinity Shell Knob  
Donna McCullough FRE - Nevada

Committee on Ministry (3- year term) class of 2026  
Rev Barry Williams - HR  
Susan Uffmann FRE - Trinity Springfield  
Bill Martin MRE- Nevada  
Jim Gilpin MRE- Iola  
Rev Kira Anderson – First Joplin  
Committee on Ministry – completing an unexpired term through 2024  
Susan Murray- FRE- Rolla

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (subset of COM) Term  
Rev Dixie Anders - HR  
Bill Agnew CRE - Crocker

Administrative Ministries Committee- (3- year term) class of 2026  
Rev Tom Schacher – St. Andrew Kimberling City  
Cyndi Fisher FRE - Aurora  
Reina Daleske FRE - St. Andrew Kimberling City

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Committee on Mission and Nurture- (3- year term) class of 2026

Patti Orchard FRE – Mt. View

Rev Frank LeBlanc – Community, Forsyth

De De Vest - Westminster

Sexual Allegation Investigation Team (3-year term) class of 2026

Lois Zerrer FRE – Trinity Springfield

Rev Bill Havens - HR

Sexual Misconduct Allegations Response Team (3-year term) class of 2026

Ruth Hones FRE -First West Plains

Rev Jane Huffstetler - HR

**Motion approved.**

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

### **Report of Committee on Ministry**

Elder Reina Daleske, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, moved the following:

**1. That Presbytery approve minimum terms of call for 2024 based on increased cost of living and inflation: Minimum full-time salary is \$47,380.00 and with the Board of Pensions rate of 39% the total effective salary is \$65,858.20. All terms of call in 2024 must include paid Family Medical Leave in compliance with the Book of Order G-2.0804. Motion approved.**

**2. That Presbytery reaffirm the current stipulations that: • All salary minimums apply equally to Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders. • Part-time salary minimums should be calculated as a percentage of the full-time salary minimum. For example (based on the full-time minimum of \$47,380.00 for 2024): 1/4 time = \$11,845.00 1/3 time = \$15,635.40 1/2 time = \$23,690.00 3/4 time = \$35,535.00 • The minimum Continuing Education allowance is \$1,500.00 for both**

**full-time and part-time calls of each church and each person • Pulpit supply minimums are: \$125.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for one service and \$160.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for two services (on same day) • \$60.00 plus mileage at the current IRS rate for moderating a Session or Congregational meeting. Motion approved.**

**3. That John Calvin Presbytery authorize Certified Ruling Elders Bill Agnew at Crocker Presbyterian Church, Clancy Cherry at Hollister Presbyterian Church, Dale Hill at Stockton Presbyterian Church, and Tim Oster at Bethany Presbyterian Church to preside over the sacraments of The Lord's**

**Supper and Baptism through December 31st, 2023. I further move that Bill Agnew, Dale Hill, and Tim Oster continue to moderate the session meetings at their respective churches through December 31st, 2023. Motion approved.**

**4. That John Calvin Presbytery renew the commission of Bill Agnew to continue serving as a Certified Ruling Elder at Crocker Presbyterian Church for a period of 3 years. This commission authorizes him to officiate the sacraments and moderate the Crocker Session. The commission will begin on January 1st, 2024 and expire on December 31st, 2026. Motion approved.**

**5. That John Calvin Presbytery renew the commission of Tim Oster to continue serving as a Certified Ruling Elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church for a period of 3 years. This commission authorizes him to officiate the sacraments and moderate the Bethany Session. The commission will begin on January 1st, 2024 and expire on December 31st, 2026. Motion approved.**

Reina Daleske asked Toni Spieth to give a report from the Administrative Commission for Mulberry United Presbyterian Church.

**Toni Spieth moved that the corporation of Mulberry United Presbyterian Church be dissolved. Motion approved.**

**Toni Spieth moved that John Calvin Presbytery approve the dissolution of Mulberry United Presbyterian Church, effective November 4th, 2023. Toni further move that the memberships of the Mulberry congregation be held by the presbytery for up to one year and authorize the Stated Clerk to grant letters of transfer or dismissal for the members as requested. Motion approved.**

Moderator Kira Anderson offered thanks to God for the mission and ministry of Mulberry United Presbyterian Church.

**Actions Taken:**

1. Liaison reports were received.
2. Approved Terms of Call for JCP minimums which include pulpit supply, continuing education, and moderating session meetings.
3. Approved to establish an Administrative Commission for Hollister, Stockton and First Joplin.

4. Approved to sponsor training for Ruling Elders who would like to officiate at the Lord's Table.
5. Approved the Communion Task Force to include The Rev. Diane Cooke, Elder Reed Click and Elder Bill Martin with an additional Teaching Elder.
6. The Rev. Charles Spencer was approved to work outside the bounds to officiate the wedding of his niece.
7. The Rev. William Lee accepted the unexpired term of The Rev. Greg Esselman.
8. The Rev. Matthew Roberts terms of call accepted.
9. Approved the JCP Rural Pastoral Leadership Scholarship Guidelines be approved, including the application.

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

**Service of Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

- The Rev. Kira Anderson along with Elder Greg Emery led our worship service. Elders from churches in a time of transition who had worked with Greg joyfully participated by leading prayers and liturgy. Kira preached a wonderful sermon on accepting the reality of change. Kira and her co-pastor at First Presbyterian in Joplin officiated the Lord's Supper. The new committee members for 2024 were installed. The offering that was collected will be split evenly between First Presbyterian in Joplin for their Tuesday Lunch Program and John Calvin Presbytery's Creative Ministry Grant Fund.

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

**Report of the Presbyterian Women**

CHURCHWIDE NEWS: We are looking forward to the Churchwide Gathering in St. Louis on August 8-11, 2024. Since this event won't require much travel for us, we hope we have lots of women going. Scholarships are available to help with financial planning. Detailed information is readily available on the website: [presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).

SYNOD: The author of our Bible study: Olive Mahabir, conducted a workshop at Village Presbyterian in Prairie Village, KS on August 12. The next planning meeting for our synod will be by Zoom on November 12th.

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY: Women of First Presbyterian in Ft. Scott were hostesses for our Fall Gathering on September 23rd. It was a very enjoyable day with Kirk Sharp of the Gordon Parks Museum and Matilda Parker, the Peacemaker, our speakers. Our thanks to Ft. Scott for their hospitality.

The women of our congregations have many, many mission projects in their local areas. I would like to tell you about three of the seven national and international projects we are grateful we

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could contribute to through our Thank Offering. Three of the seven recipients for 2023 were: • Synod of Mid-America, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy received \$10,000 for a grounded gardening project for a worshipful support group for people with mental health variances. • New Castle Presbytery of Synod of Mid-Atlantic used \$15,000 for a summer arts camp for children from households struggling financially. • Peace River Presbytery of Synod of South Atlantic received \$50,000 for a first neighborhood building to provide safe and affordable housing for agricultural workers and other families who pay up to seventy percent of their income to reside in dilapidated and crowded trailers following the destruction of

Hurricane Irma in 2018. So, we are thankful for the opportunity to help others locally and world-wide. This is what belonging to PW means to me: being able to do more by combining our time, talent and treasure.

\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Report from Presbyterian Women \*\*\*\*\*

### **From the Synod Report**

JCP Synod Commissioner, the Rev. Laura Agee, gave a report of the latest news coming from the Synod of Mid-America. She reported that the new Synod Executive has been elected, Reverend Doctor Deborah O'Shay Payne. The Synod has adopted new themes and educational training and is focusing on relationships with its presbyteries, improving communication, and pastoral care. There will be an increase to the Synod's portion of Per Capita for the first time in many years. It is moving from \$2.90 to \$3.15.

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

### **From the Mission and Nurture Report**

Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Lee, provided a report of the activities coming from this committee. He reported that many of our congregations enjoyed visits and presentations by the Presbyterian Peacemaker Matilda Parker from Liberia on September 22–29. The Rev. Laura Agee was the point person in organizing Elder Parker's trip. He also reported that the Fall Zoom Study in October was well attended. The next study will be during Advent and will be based on God is in the Manger. Please contact Celeste Dahlgren for more information.

Daniel told us about a new opportunity the committee is planning. The Mission and Nurture Committee would like to host a Presbytery-wide golf tournament, tentatively, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, Deer Lake Golf Course. Sarah Muegge and Michael Simpson will lead this event.

At the end of his report he explained that for our education time today, the body would be filling disaster buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. This will happen during the lunch hour. It was reported after lunch that 73 buckets were completed and Toni and Grant Spieth will deliver them to Fern Cliff on behalf of the Presbytery.

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

**From Report of the Executive Presbyter**

Executive Presbyter Elder Malinda Spencer reported on an event that the Mission and Nurture Committee and the Committee on Ministry is working on jointly during spring of 2024. There will be a Pastor Appreciation event on March 15th, 2024 and a Leadership Development Day on March 16th, 2024. Both events will be held in Springfield, MO and more information will be available in the coming months.

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

**Transitional Ministry Report**

Elder Greg Emery has worked with several churches within John Calvin Presbytery during times of transition. Each church is appreciative of the opportunity to work with Greg to discern how they can move forward into the future. This program itself was designed to be transitional and not a permanent position. Due to his wonderful work over the last 3 years and the needs of our congregations, Greg himself will now transition from an employee of the presbytery to the role of consultant. He will still be available on an as needed basis which will be worked out through the presbytery and the church who request his assistance. Moderator Kira Anderson thanked Greg for his work for John Calvin Presbytery.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes the Transitional Ministry Report \*\*\*\*\***

**Continuation of Stated Clerks Report**

Stated Clerk Becky Schwandt held a Minutes Book and Rolls and Register review over the lunch hour. The following churches had their books reviewed and were approved or approved with exceptions.

**SESSION BOOKS APPROVED or APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:**

Crocker, Missouri - Crocker Presbyterian Church; Springfield, Missouri - Hillcrest Presbyterian; Mt. Vernon, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Mt. View, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Nevada, Missouri - Nevada Presbyterian; West Plains, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Willow Springs, Missouri - Willow Springs Presbyterian; Golden City, Missouri - First Presbyterian

**ROLLS AND REGISTERS APPROVED OR APPROVED WITH EXCEPTIONS:**

Aurora, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Carthage, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Forsyth, Missouri - Community Presbyterian; Mt. Vernon, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Springfield, Missouri - Hillcrest Presbyterian; Willow Springs, Missouri - Willow Springs Presbyterian; Crocker, Missouri - Crocker Presbyterian Church; Joplin, Missouri - First Presbyterian; Nevada, Missouri - Nevada Presbyterian; Nevada, Missouri - Nevada Presbyterian; Golden City, Missouri - First Presbyterian

### **Report of Administrative Ministries Committee**

Moderator, the Rev. Bob Dahlgren brought the report of Administrative Ministries. In addition to the filing of the financial records on the Consent Agenda, Bob brought the following motions.

**That John Calvin Presbytery continues the agreement begun in 2020 whereby the Presbytery provides a grant of \$11,500 to First Presbyterian Church, Webb City, Missouri to pay for pastor's participation in medical dues in the Board of Pensions for the Reverend Charles Spencer, which will cover the Spencer family with a savings to John Calvin Presbytery of about \$16,000 for the year 2024. Motion approved.**

**That the Terms of Call for 2024 and 4% salary increase for the Executive Presbyter, Ruling Elder Malinda Spencer, be approved. Motion carried.**

**That the Terms of Call for 2024 and 4% salary increase for the Stated Clerk, Rev. Becky Schwandt, be approved. Motion carried.**

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

#### **Actions taken:**

1. AMC recommended to General Council that Per Capita be set at \$40.25 with the following breakdown: General Assembly-\$9.80; Synod of Mid-America-\$3.15; JCP-\$27.30.
2. AMC recommended to General Council that Greg Emery's status be changed from an employee of John Calvin Presbytery (Transitional Pastor) to a consultant. \$12,000 will remain in the budget. This would allow JCP churches in need of Greg's services to continue working with him with these churches paying one half of Greg's fees and John Calvin Presbytery matching, in keeping with the budget. The Committee on Ministry would be consulted to make these arrangements.
3. AMC recommended to General Council that the proposed 2024 John Calvin Presbytery Budget be approved.
4. AMC approved a 4% increase in salary for John Calvin Presbytery staff.
5. Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings and email votes through September 22, 2023.
6. AMC is in the process of completing JCP staff annual evaluations.
7. AMC is revising the Presbytery Expense Voucher Form.
8. AMC is working on a Recycling and Ecology policy to make available to JCP as a model for congregations to consider as they take steps toward care for God's good creation.
9. The AMC is currently looking for a person(s) to serve as a Recording Clerk to take minutes during Presbytery meetings.
10. John Calvin Presbytery has received a \$50,000 donation to be used toward Rural Pastoral Leadership Scholarships. Details will be available at a later date



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11. The KPM annual independent Accountant Review of last year has been received. The committee and staff (Treasurer and Executive Presbyter) will be reviewing the report.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Dennis Winzenried spoke about the importance of Shared Mission and Per Capita. Dennis found that if each church gave \$120 per member (Per Capita and Shared Mission money combined) we'd not have to draw from our reserves. He thanked the churches who had given their Per Capita and Shared Mission pledges to the presbytery and hope those who haven't yet sent theirs in will do so before the end of the year.

Dennis then shared the following report:

On the Balance Sheet you'll see that we have \$187,983.61 in our Great Southern Account. Great amount to have in the bank. Of this \$85,000 is committed. \$35,000 is pass-through the presbytery because of the closing of the Mulberry church. These checks have been written and money sent.

Then on a very positive note we received a \$50,000 gift for the establishment of funds for Rural Pastoral Leadership. This will be added to money we have set aside for the Lay Academy and help rural churches in the days to come. Others could do something similar to help our churches. We give thanks for this gift given. I say all that to say that in reality we have just over \$100,000 in our checking account.

On the Budget vs Actual report, you'll see that we have received \$45,617.60 vs. the annual budget of \$90,000. That is a little over 50% of the budget in 75% of the year. I'm hoping churches will give shared mission year end gifts.

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

### **Report of General Council**

General Council Moderator Elder Jim Holt was invited to give his report. **Jim moved that the following dates be approved for the 2024 Stated Meetings of John Calvin Presbytery.**

- **Saturday, February 24th, 2024**
- **Thursday, May 16th, 2024**
- **Thursday, August 1st, 2024**
- **Saturday, November 2nd, 2024**

**All meetings in 2024 are all scheduled to be In-Person Meetings.** Coming from a committee this did not require a second. Moderator Kira Anderson opened the floor for discussion. A discussion ensued between having all the meetings in person or having some meetings via Zoom or a Hybrid meeting.

**Dennis Winzenried - HR, moved to amend the motion approving the dates for stated meetings and that the February 24th, 2024 meeting be in person. In addition, General Council will explore hybrid options for the other meetings. Amendment was seconded and approved.** The amendment became the main motion.

**Dennis moved that following dates for 2024 for stated meetings be approved and that the February 24th, 2024 meeting be in person. In addition, General Council will explore hybrid options for the other meetings.**

- Saturday, February 24th, 2024
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**Motion seconded and approved.**

The Rev. Daniel Davis asked if the council needed any other instruction and made a **motion to have 3 presbytery members gather and research ideas between now and February 24, 2024 for hybrid presbytery meetings.** Seconded by Toni Spieth. Moderator Kira Anderson opened the floor for discussion. A discussion ensued about the necessity of the sub-committee. Kira then called for a vote. **Motion failed.**

**Jim Holt moved that the following amount be approved as the Per Capita apportionment for 2024: (Please note the only change for 2024 is in the Synod of Mid-America which increased by \$0.25. This is the first change from the Synod in many years.)**

General Assembly	\$9.85
Synod of Mid-America	\$3.15
John Calvin Presbytery	\$27.25
<b>2023 Per Capita</b>	<b>\$40.25</b>

**Motion approved.**

The Rev. Daniel Davis, moderator-elect, stepped in as Moderator for the next motion. The conversation being held is regarding the sale of Shoal Kirk which is owned by First Presbyterian Joplin where the Rev. Kira Anderson is the co-pastor.

Jim Holt then invited COM Moderator Reina Daleske to present the three motions for Administrative Commissions.

**Reina presented the following:**

**That pursuant to our presbytery policy Steps for the Sale of Property, General Council makes a motion that John Calvin Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First Presbyterian Church in Joplin, MO. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to determine whether or not to give written permission to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property pursuant to G-4.0206a to the session of the congregation after careful consideration of the congregation's decision to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property and the intended mission of the proceeds. Furthermore, we move that the following people be named to this Commission: The Rev. Chris Miller, Elder Dick Pogue, and Elder Mert Barrows.** Dan opened the floor for discussion. Kira spoke about the process the congregation has gone through to come to the decision to sell Shoal Kirk Campground.  
**Motion approved.**

Kira then told the body that they would like to auction the property. There is a reserve price that will be kept secret. The Administrative Commission will know and there are a handful of people at First Joplin that know. It was also noted that JCP has not sold any property by auction in the past.

**Bob Dahlgran, Moderator of Administrative Ministries Committee made a motion to allow First Presbyterian of Joplin, Missouri to be able to sell Shoal Kirk, by auction, if the reserved is met.** Motion was seconded and the floor opened for discussion. Questions were asked about the process if the property did not meet the reserve.

The Rev. Chris Miller offered the following substitute motion: ***To grant permission for First Joplin to sell Shoal Kirk, via auction, and pending the approval of the AC on the day of the auction. In the event the property does not sell at auction, Joplin, be given***

***permission to list the property.*** Motion seconded. No discussion. Dan Davis called for a vote on the substitute motion. **Motion carried and became the main motion.**

Dan Davis then called for a vote on the main motion: **To grant permission for First Joplin to sell Shoal Kirk, via auction, and pending the approval of the AC on the day of the auction. In the event the property does not sell at auction, Joplin, be given permission to list the property. Motion was seconded and approved.**

Reina Daleske introduced the following:

**That pursuant to our presbytery policy Steps for the Sale of Property, General Council makes a motion that John Calvin Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to work with Stockton Presbyterian Church in Stockton, MO. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to determine whether or not to give written permission to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property pursuant to G-4.0206a to the session of the congregation after careful consideration of the congregation's decision to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property and the intended mission of the proceeds.**

**This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to review the ongoing mission and ministry of Stockton Presbyterian Church, consult with its members and elders, assume original jurisdiction if deemed that the session cannot exercise its authority over governance, finances, or the selling of property, and make a recommendation to John Calvin Presbytery as to whether the congregation is continuing in the mission and mission of the presbytery or whether the congregation may need to be dissolved. Furthermore, we move that the following people be named to this Commission: the Rev. Jack Cormack, the Rev. Jane Huffstetler, the Rev. Christine Iannucilli, and Elder Bill Martin. Motion carried.**

Reina then offered the following motion:

**In response to a request from the session of Hollister Presbyterian Church, we make a motion that John Calvin Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission with the Rev. Barry Williams, Elder Deb Field, and Elder Sue Wright to walk alongside Hollister Presbyterian Church in Hollister, MO in selling their property and discerning whether the congregation may need to be dissolved. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the following powers of John Calvin Presbytery:**

**A. To determine whether or not to give written permission to sell, mortgage or careful consideration of the congregation's decision to sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber its property and the intended mission of the proceeds**

**B. To hire appropriate professional help as needed such as legal counsel, appraisers, real estate broker, etc.**

**C. To make recommendation to the Presbytery on use or disposition of property, real or personal.**

**D. To assume original jurisdiction over the existing session after thorough investigation and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session, when it should become evident to the Administrative Commission that the session of Hollister Presbyterian Church is unable or unwilling to exercise its authority or is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs.**

**E. In consultation with the members and elders of Hollister Presbyterian Church, to determine the date of last worship service, the date of dissolution, and the best way to give thanks to God for the ministry of the congregation;**

**F. To receive Access to all church records, including but not limited to:**

- membership rolls,
- minutes of Session and all boards and committees,
- financial records
- membership directories
- newsletters
- and materials distributed for congregational information. To call a congregational meeting (G-1.0503) and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose.

**G. To provide for worship and for the continuing pastoral care of all members of the congregation, in the manner of Christ;**

**H. To receive and act on request from members to be transferred to another congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or deleted from the rolls;**

**I. To dissolve any pastoral relationship, fully observing the due process requirements of the Constitution, G-2.0901 and G-2.0904, and/or dissolve any temporary pastoral relationship fully observing the due process requirements in presbytery policies;**

**J. Under Form of Government, Chapter Four, The Church and Civil Authority of the Book of Order, G-4.0203 and G-4.0205 all property of Hollister Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission of John Calvin Presbytery, appointed on this date, is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arrange for transfer of title to the**

**Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Hollister Presbyterian Church. Including but not limited to:**

- bank accounts,
- stocks,
- trusts,
- real property - to consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of Hollister Presbyterian Church.

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**K. To consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of Hollister Presbyterian Church.**

**L. To assert claim of the presbytery to any property of Hollister Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to Hollister Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.**

**M. To dissolve the corporation when appropriate.**

**N. To assure continuation of insurance on all properties of the congregation.**

**O. To share with the presbytery the history of the congregation, giving thanks for the ministry**

**P. To report back to the presbytery the process and actions taken.**

**Motion approved.**

**Reina moved that the proposed budget for 2024 for John Calvin Presbytery be approved.  
Motion carried.**

**Reina moved that the Rev. Diane Cooke be elected as moderator of the Committee on Representation, in the class of 2025, and that the following be elected as members of the Committee on Representation in the Class of 2026, with terms beginning January 1, 2024:  
Jane Huffstetler, WFTE, Honorably Retired, Springfield, MO  
Debbie Stanley-Gautney, WFRE, First Presbyterian Church, Aurora, MO  
Dennis Pirkle, WMRE, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Hideaway, Galena, MO**

**Motion approved.**

Jim Holt presented checks for the grants awarded through the Creative Ministry Grant Fund. A list of those grants can be found below.

**For Information:**

1. Several Grants were approved and will be presented at the November 4th, 2023 John Calvin Presbytery Meeting:

- Ash Grove United Methodists/Presbyterian Church– to receive \$600 to purchase Feminine Hygiene Products to be distributed at the Diaper Pantry that operates from the church.
- First Presbyterian Mt. Vernon – to receive \$600 to purchase Feminine Hygiene Products to be distributed at the Community Diaper Pantry that operates from the church.
- Ozark Presbyterian Church- to receive \$175 to cover pulpit supply while pastor was attending 2 meetings related to her work as JCP clerk on October 9-14. (Expense for pulpit supply couldn't come from the pastor's expense account to attend these meeting).

- First Presbyterian Church Nevada- to receive \$800 to provide nursery care for after school volunteer's younger children and purchase of additional games and playground equipment.
- Hillcrest Presbyterian – to receive \$800 towards purchase of iPads to enhance the engagement of children and youth in Faith Formation during Christian Education time and during worship.
- Although not requesting any additional money at this time, St. Andrew Presbyterian in Kimberling City has asked that some of the money that was shared with them last year for audio visual updates (not spent yet), be shifted towards an immediate need for replacing siding on the building where squirrels are entering the building. The church will match this dollar for dollar.

2. General Council approved a motion to modify all church grant applications to include a section for all churches requesting funds to indicate if they have given (or are in process of giving quarterly) their Per Capita for the current year. There will also be a place for churches to indicate if they participate in the giving of a voluntary gift to Shared Mission.

3. Treasurer Dennis Winzenried will remind those churches who receive grants that John Calvin Presbytery requests a report of how the grant money was used and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant the following year.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes General Council Report** \*\*\*\*\*

**Synod Report:**

Moderator Kira Anderson asked the Rev. Laura Agee, Synod Delegate, to come forward to give a report on the Synod of Mid-America latest Assembly. Laura reported that they Synod has called The Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne to be the next Synod Executive for the Synod of Mid-America. Laura also reported about the newly adopted Synod structure and told the body that committee assignments for delegates for the coming year would be finalized during the beginning of 2024.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes Synod Report** \*\*\*\*\*

**Installation:**

The following people were commissioned and installed to their positions for the coming year:

**The Rev. Daniel Davis** as the Moderator of John Calvin Presbytery

**Elder Brenda Williams** as the Moderator-Elect of Presbytery

**The Rev. Diane Cooke** as the Moderator of the Committee on Representation

**The Rev. Daniel Lee** as the Moderator of the Mission & Nurture Committee,

The **Rev. Bob Dahlgren** as the Moderator of the Administrative Ministries Committee,

**The Rev. Kent Hollingsworth** as the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry

and **all these who have agreed to serve on committees** to do the work of ministry in our Presbytery.

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Outgoing Moderator Kira Anderson passed the Moderator's stole, cross, and gavel as well as John Calvin Presbytery's banner to New Moderator Daniel Davis. Daniel then presented a gift to Kira for her service and ministry to the presbytery as the Moderator.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Installation \*\*\*\*\***

**Motion was made to close the John Calvin Presbytery 212th Stated Meeting following the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer. Seconded. Motion Approved.**

Kira Anderson invited the Rev. Chris Miller to offer the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer.

Moderator Kira Anderson adjourned the meeting at 2:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Becky Schwandt  
Stated Clerk  
John Calvin Presbytery