

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 214th STATED MEETING MINUTES

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 214th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Moderator Reverend Daniel Davis. Dan welcomed everyone and introduced Elder Bill Martin to offer the opening prayer. Elder Lyle Lomas offered greetings from Brick Church and shared some of the history of the church and its current mission. Elders new to the stated meeting of presbytery were introduced:

Elder John Gutierrez of First Presbyterian, Joplin

Elder Joan Newberry of Trinity, Shell Knob

Elder Ann Warhouse of First Presbyterian, Joplin

Dan announced that the new Presbytery directories are available at this meeting. He also announced that there will be a called meeting of John Calvin Presbytery at the Community Presbyterian Church in Forsyth on June 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to examine a candidate.

Dan also announced that on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, KS church will install pastor the Rev. Changwon Seo. All in invited to attend this celebration.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, Becky Swandt, 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 presented

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the 213th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was sixty one (61) in total. The breakdown follows:

Eighteen (18) Teaching Elders serving church, attended in person

Six (6) Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, attended in person

One (1) Commissioned Ruling Elders serving a church, attended in person
 Fifteen (15) Ruling Elder Commissioners attended in person
 Two (2) Moderators of Presbytery, General Council, and Committees, attended in person
 (not counted as pastors, elders or CREs)
 Seven (7) Volunteers, attended in person
 Seven (7) Visitors, attended in person
 Three (3) Corresponding Members
 Two (2) Staff members, attended in person
 Fifteen (15) Churches were represented by elder commissioners (Two churches qualify to
 have two Elder Commissioners)

| COMMUNITY | CHURCH | TEACHING ELDER or CRE | Present Excused Absent | RULING ELDER COMMISSIONER |
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| 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 | Huffstetler, Jane | Present | Bay, John |
| Chanute, KS | First Presbyterian | Vacant | Vacant | Absent |
| Crane, MO | Crane Presbyterian | Vacant | Vacant | Munson, Ethelene |
| Crocker, MO | Crocker Presbyterian | Agnew, Bill | Present | Absent |

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| 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 | Gengler, Sarah | Present | Absent |
| Galena, MO | St. Andrew @ Hideaway | Vacant | Vacant | Absent |
| Golden City, MO | First Presbyterian | Iannucilli, Christine | Excused | Absent |
| Iola, KS | First Presbyterian | Davis, Daniel | Present | Absent |
| Joplin, MO | Bethany Presbyterian | Oster, Tim | Absent | Absent |
| Joplin, MO | First Presbyterian | Anderson, Kira | Absent | Gutierrez, John |
| Joplin, MO | First Presbyterian | Anderson, John | Present | Absent |
| Kimberling City | St. Andrew Presbyterian | Schacher, Tom | Present | Funk, Mary Beth |
| Mt. Vernon, MO | First Presbyterian | Mercer, Julie | Excused | Jenson, Tracy |
| Mt. Vernon, MO | Ozark Prairie Presbyterian | Vacant | Vacant | Robertson, Gale |
| Mt. View, MO | First Presbyterian | Cooke, Diane | Present | Orchard, Patty |
| Neosho, MO | First Presbyterian | Lee, William | Pesent | Absent |

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| Nevada, MO | First Presbyterian | Agee, Laura | Present | Martin, Bill |
| Ozark, MO | Ozark Presbyterian | Schwandt, Becky | Present | Excused |
| Parsons, KS | First Presbyterian | Dawson, Jennifer | Present | Absent |
| Pittsburg, KS | Presbyterian Church | Seo, Changwon | Present | 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 | Newberry, Joan |
| Springfield, MO | Gibson Chapel Presbyterian | Cormack, Jack | Present | Ferba Lofton |
| Springfield, MO | Hillcrest Presbyterian | Cormack, Jack | Present | Absent |
| Springfield, MO | Southminster Presbyterian | CLOSING | _____ | _____ |
| Springfield, MO | Trinity PCUSA | Miller, Chris | Present | Uffmann, Susan |
| Springfield, MO | Trinity PCUSA | _____ | _____ | Absent |
| Springfield, MO | UMHE | Vacant | Vacant | ----- |
| Springfield, MO | Westminster Presbyterian | Pulleyking, Micki | Excused | Schneider, Carol Ann |

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| Springfield, MO | Woodland Heights Presbyterian | Roberts, Matthew | Excused | Russell, Joan |
| Stockton, MO | Stockton Presbyterian | Hill, Dale | Absent | Absent |
| Webb City, MO | First Presbyterian | Spencer, Charles | Absent | Absent |
| West Plains, MO | First Presbyterian | Dahlgren, Robert | Present | Absent |
| Willard, MO | Mt. Zion Presbyterian | Lee, Daniel | Present | Foreman, Stephen |
| Willow Springs, MO | Willow Springs Presbyterian | Cooke, Diane | Present | Absent |
| ----- | Honorably Retired | Anders, Dixie | Present | ----- |
| ----- | Honorably Retired | Williams, Barry | Present | ----- |
| ----- - | Honorably Retired | Havens, Bill | Present | ----- |
| ----- - | Honorably Retired | Nipper, John | Present | ----- |
| ----- - | Honorably Retired | Winzenried, Dennis | Present | ----- |
| ----- | Honorably Retired | Hollingsworth, Kent | Present | ----- |

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| Presbytery Moderators and Staff | | |
| Presbytery Moderator | Davis, Daniel | Present |
| Presbytery Moderator-elect | Williams, Brenda | Present |

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| General Council Moderator | Kira Anderson | Excused |
| Administrative Ministries Moderator | Dahlgren, Bob | Present |
| Committee on Ministry Moderator | Kent Hollingsworth | Present |
| Committee on Representation Moderator | Diane Cooke | Present |
| Mission and Nurture Committee Moderator | Lee, Daniel | Present |
| Presbyterian Women Co-Moderator | Grimes, Mary Lynne | Present |
| Treasurer | Winzenried, Dennis | Present |
| Pastoral Presbyter | Spencer, Malinda | Present |
| Stated Clerk | Schwandt, Becky | Excused |
| Recording Clerk | Fisher, Cindy | Present |

VISITORS

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| Blackburn, Phil | Daleski, Reina | Spieth, Toni | |
| Bucklin, Alison | Field, Deb | Martin, William | |
| Boucher-Payne, Deborah | Finke, Sherri | | |
| Dahlgren, Celeste | Spieth, Grant | | |

VOLUNTEERS

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| Lomas, Connie | Miles, Marie | Fairchild, Kathy | |
| Lomas, Lyle | Sallee, Carl | | |
| Carl, Hardy | Kane, Margaret | | |

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Stated Clerk, Becky Schwandt, 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.

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| 8:30 AM | Informal Fellowship New Commissioner Orientation (8:45) | Stated Clerk, The Rev. Becky Schwandt |
| 9:30 AM | Call to Order | Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis |
| | Opening Prayer and Greeting from Host Church: Ozark Prairie Presbyterian Church | Elder Lyle Lomas |
| 9:40 AM | Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery Announcements; appointment of pages and Resolution of Thanks | Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis |
| 9:45 AM | Report of Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of a quorum • Approval of docket • Approval of the Consent Agenda • Seating of corresponding members | Stated Clerk, The Rev. Becky Schwandt |
| 9:50 AM | Service of Morning Worship | The Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne, preaching |
| 10:55 AM | BREAK | |
| 11:10 AM | Education Time-Music for Worship | Steven Foreman |
| 12:00 PM | LUNCH | |
| 1:00 PM | Call to Order | Moderator, The Rev. Daniel Davis |
| 1:00 PM | Report of the Executive Presbyter | Elder Malinda Spencer |
| 1:15 PM | Report of Presbyterian Women | Elder Mary Lynne Grimes PW JCP Co-Moderator |
| 1:20 PM | Report of Mission and Nurture | The Rev. Daniel Lee |
| 1:25 PM | Report from Administrative Ministries | The Rev. Bob Dahlgren |
| 1:30 PM | Report of the Treasurer | The Rev. Dennis Winzenried |
| 1:35 PM | Report of Committee on Ministry (including AC Reports) | The Rev. Kent Hollingsworth |

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| 2:05 PM | Report from the Synod | The Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne |
| 2:10 PM | Report from General Council | The Rev. Kira Anderson |
| 2:15 PM | Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer | |
| 2:20 PM | Go Out as a Worshiping Community | |

Becky Schwandt moved that the following be seated as corresponding members:

- The Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne, Synod Executive of the Synod of Mid-America and the Rev. Alison Bucklin, an Honorably Retired minister member of Twin Cities Area Presbytery. **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 Consent Agenda was approved.**

CONSENT AGENDA

From the Stated Clerk's Report:

- **Moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February 24, 2024 stated meeting and that those minutes be approved. Motion approved.**

From the Administrative Ministries Committee Report:

Actions Needed: (* items are included in the consent agenda.)

1. *That the financial reports for January 1 – March 31, 2024 be filed for review: Budget vs Actuals Report, Balance Sheet, and Per Capita/Shared Mission/Special Offerings Report.

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

Service of Morning Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

- The Rev. Dr. Deborah Boucher-Payne led our worship service. The Rev. Becky Schwandt and the Rev. Peggy Wobbema served Holy Communion. The offering that was collected will be split evenly between St. Suzanne's Food Pantry and the Creative Ministries Grant Fund for John Calvin Presbytery

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

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After a 15 minute break following worship, Moderator Rev. Daniel Davis introduced the Rev. Daniel Lee, who introduced Stephen Foreman to lead the education time on Music in the Church.

Following the education time, we broke for lunch.

From Report of the Executive Presbyter

Executive Presbyter Elder Malinda Spencer reported on the results of the survey responses from the Toolbox for Practical Ministry event, held in Springfield in March. She thanked the many volunteers, the Woodland Heights church for hosting the pastors' evening gathering, Trinity-Springfield for hosting the daytime event, the four fabulous presenters from Dubuque Seminary and the Board of Pensions, musicians, Carla Wooten and Janice Everett, and the planning team, as well as all who came.

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

Report of the Presbyterian Women

Elder and new Co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Mary Lynne Grimes brought a report from Presbyterian Women (no written report). She announced that the Presbyterian Women's Gathering for PC(USA) will be August 8 - 11, 2024.

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

From the Mission and Nurture Report

Moderator, the Rev. Daniel Lee, provided a report of the activities coming from this committee.

1. Presbytery-wide golf tournament on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Deer Lake in Springfield, MO. The event has been rescheduled to September 7, because of rain.
2. We are looking into hosting a Presbyterian Peacemaker to coincide with the Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering on Saturday, September 21.
3. We are exploring the possibility of filling buckets for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance again during our November in-person Presbytery meeting. This effort is led by Toni and Grant Spieth and Craig Campbell.
4. The Committee will hold a day-long retreat in June.
5. Rev. John Anderson talked about plans to take youth from his church and other churches in our Presbytery to the Synod Youth Workshop on July 8-13.

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

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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 for information:

On behalf of the Administrative Ministries Committee, I move that the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program loan to First Presbyterian Church of Joplin, Missouri for capital improvements in the amount of \$178,000.00 for a period of 10 years be approved. (Interest rate is 4.9%. John Calvin Presbytery will serve as the loan guarantor. No second is required, and the motion passed.

John Anderson gave a report on the capital improvements Joplin is planning with the loan.

FOR INFORMATION:

Actions taken:

1. Reviewed and approved minutes of meetings and email votes from January 29, 2024 through March 21, 2024.
2. Update on the Sale of Church Property
Joplin's Shoal Kirk property: An AC is working with them, and the reserve at the auction was not met.
Stockton Presbyterian Church: An AC is working with them.
Golden City Manse: An AC will be assigned to assist them in this effort.
3. JCP Treasurer, Dennis Winzenried will be sending emails to JCP churches regarding the status of their giving to Per Capita and Shared Mission.
4. The AMC is currently looking for someone to fill the position of Assistant Treasurer. A knowledge of Quickbooks would be advantageous for this position. Previous experience as a church treasurer or bookkeeper would be helpful. This is a volunteer position. Those who are interested may contact Malinda Spencer, Bob Dahlgren or Dennis Winzenried for further information.
5. The AMC is currently looking for a person(s) to serve as a Recording Clerk to take minutes during the weekday Presbytery meetings.
6. Work is in progress to create a document establishing procedures for a Rural Pastoral Leadership Scholarship funded by a family from the Willow Springs Presbyterian Church.
7. AMC voted to release Presbyterian Disaster Assistance grant funds (\$5,000.00) to Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, given the flooding they experienced which damaged their boiler and kept them from their regular worship and community ministries. The grant will help offset the cost of the repairs to the boiler system.

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dennis Winzenried reported the following for JCP Income/Expense First Quarter 2024:

JCP Church Gifts Firsts Quarter 2024 - This report shows the giving to Per Capita, Shared Mission and Special Offerings from each of our member churches.

JCP Balance Sheet First Quarter 2024 - This report shows the monies held in different funds/ accounts and how these funds are allocated in our equity accounts. Some monies are restricted for very special purposes, i.e. the Rural Pastoral Leadership equity fund, for assisting our rural churches as they seek CRE or installed pastoral leadership.

Digest of info from JCP Income/Expense Report First Quarter 2024:

\$15,888.44 - Shared Mission Income

\$28,429.93 - Per Capita Income

\$11,991.86 - Other income

Total income - \$56,310.23

Total First Quarter Expenses - \$54,780.15

Income over Expenses for First Quarter of 2024 - \$1,530.08

Dennis Winzenried reported that like all our churches, it is always nice to see more income than expenses. We hope this continues. We give thanks for the financial health of our presbytery. We also give thanks for what good stewards of all resources are the presbytery staff, the committee leadership and members of all our committees.

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

Report of Committee on Ministry

Rev. Kent Hollingsworth, Committee on Ministry, moved the following:

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, I move that John Calvin Presbytery examine the Rev. Alison Bucklin for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an honorably retired member.

The Moderator stated that this does not need a second. Rev. Hollingsworth introduced Rev. Bucklin and opened the floor to questions. **After many questions from the floor, Rev.**

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Dahlgren made a motion for the questions to be arrested. It was seconded and passed.

After the exam was arrested, there were several comments from the body. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to take a written ballot.** The clerk handed out paper ballots. Moderator Daniel Davis lead the body in prayer prior to the vote. **A motion to sustain the examination and approve Rev. Alison Bucklin for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an honorably retired member was made.** It was seconded and the vote was taken. **The result of the vote is recorded as “no”.** Rev. John Anderson prayed with the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Davis, before he left the room to speak to Rev. Bucklin.

When the Moderator left the room, Brenda Williams Moderator-Elect presided over the meeting. Rev. Jane Huffstetter prayed for Rev. Bucklin and the body.

Rev. Hollingsworth introduced Rev. Barry Williams to report on the AC for Hollister Presbyterian Church.

The COM makes the following motion: **Having finished its work, we move that the Administrative Commission for Hollister Presbyterian Church, members including Elder Deb Field, the Rev. Barry Williams, and Elder Sue Wright, be dissolved with our thanks for it’s service to the congregation of Hollister and John Calvin Presbytery. Motion seconded and approved.**

The Rev. Jack Cormack reported the progress of the Administrative Commission for Stockton Presbyterian Church. The committee will continue to work with Stockton regarding the next steps.

At this time the Executive Presbyter, Elder Malinda Spencer, reported on the Rural Pastoral Leadership Grant and Scholarship policy a subcommittee of COM had prepared.

Actions Taken:

1. Approved Rev. Dr. Alison Bucklin’s name be placed on the pulpit supply list.
2. Approved Susan Murray to officiate communion at her home church in Rolla.
3. Approved Reed Click to officiate communion in his home church in Forsyth.
4. Approved Bill Martin to officiate communion in his home church in Nevada.
5. Approved Bill Martin to officiate communion in churches with a vacant pulpit.
6. Approved the Ministry Discernment Profile of Ash Grove United Methodist Presbyterian Church.
7. Reviewed the Rolla Covenant/Contract for Commissioned Ruling Elder Jonathan Kimball.
8. Approved the Rural Pastoral Leadership Grants/Scholarships Policy for John Calvin Presbytery (Supplemental Document 2)

For Information:

1. Stockton Presbyterian Church is in the process of disaffiliating from the PCUSA. They've agreed to work with the Administrative Commission for the remainder of the process.

2. COM will approve ruling elders who request to officiate communion in their home church on a case-by-case basis. It is noted that communion training does not constitute authority to officiate.

3. On July 25, a representative of the Board of Pensions will meet with COM to discuss the new pension/medical plan.

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

Report of General Council

General Council Moderator Rev. Kira Anderson was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness. COM moderator Kent Hollingsworth presented the General Council report.

On behalf of General Council, Kent made the following motion: **During the process of selling of any property owned by a congregation of John Calvin Presbytery, the Presbytery will create an Administrative Commission (AC) to walk alongside the congregation of Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, in partnership, with these charges:**

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

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

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

2023-2025 Book of Order G-3.0303 Relations with Sessions:

Presbytery, being composed of the ministers of the Word and Sacrament and commissioners elected by the session of congregations within its district, has a particular responsibility to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of its

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congregations for the most effective witness to the broader community. In order to accomplish this responsibility, the presbytery has authority to...

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

We further move that the members of the Administrative Commission consist of the Rev. Daniel Lee from Willard Mt. Zion, Ruling Elder Susan Uffmann from Trinity Presbyterian, Springfield, Ruling Elder Bob Wilson from Hollister (membership holding in JCP), and Ruling Elder Jay Kretzmeier from First Presbyterian, Iola, KS.

This does not require a second, and **the motion was passed.**

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

Motion was made to close the John Calvin Presbytery 214th Stated Meeting following the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer. Seconded. Motion Approved.

Rev. Dan Davis invited the Rev. Sarah Gengler to offer the Resolution of Thanks.

The Moderator gave the closing prayer.

Moderator Rev. Dan Davis adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Fisher
Recording Clerk
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