

## JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY 220th 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 220th Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Moderator Ruling Elder Brenda Wiegand Williams. Brenda welcomed everyone to Trinity Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri. Brenda Williams opened the meeting in prayer. Rev. Dr. Tom Willadsen shared some of the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Missouri.

**There were no new Elders to introduce.**

### REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk, the Rev Bob Frasier, 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.")

Online registration preceded the meeting. The following roll was ascertained:

#### Teaching Elder Members Present: (10)

Diane Cooke	Daniel Mark Davis	Matthew Roberts
Jack Cormack	Sarah Gengler	Randy Schreurs
Robert Dahlgren	Julie Mercer	Tom Willadsen
	Micki Pulleyking	

#### Teaching Elder Members not present: (11)

Laura Agee	Jennifer Dawson	Thomas Schacher
John White Anderson	*Karla Ponder Endicott	Seo, Chang Won
Kira Nicole Anderson	*Tae Joong Kim	Charles W Spencer
Jill Bryant	*Daniel S Lee	Peggy Wobbema
*Kimberly Cunningham	William Daniel Lee	

(#Requested Excuse \*non-resident member)

Teaching Elder Members Honorably Retired Present: (6)

Bill Havens	Christine Iannucilli	Barry Williams
Jane A. Huffstetler	John Nipper	Dennis Winzenreid

Honorably Retired Teaching Elder Members not present are excused by bylaws 2.30:

Sessions Represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners: (16 churches / 17 Ruling Elders)

Aurora, MO	Janice Everett	Ozark, MO	Cynthia Fitzgibbons
Carthage, MO	John Bay	Rolla	Susan Murray
Crane, MO	Jim Holt	Shell Knob, MO	Joan Newberry
Forsyth, MO	Reed Click	Springfield	
Galena, Mo	Dennis Pirkle	Hillcrest	Scarlet Cormack
Iola, KS	Jay Kretzmeier	Trinity (1)	Kristin Butler
Mt Vernon, MO-First	David Buehler	Trinity (2)	Susan Uffmann
Mountain View, MO	Patty Orchard	Willard, MO	Shirley, Buer
Nevada, MO	Bill Martin	Willow Spgs, MO	Susan Smith

Sessions Not Represented: (23 Churches)

Ash Grove, MO	Everton, MO	Kimberling City, MO	Sarcoxie, MO
Baxter Springs, KS	Fort Scott, KS	Mt Vernon, MO	Scammon, KS
Carlyle, KS	Golden City, MO	Ozark Prairie	Springfield, MO
Chanute, KS	Greenfield, MO	Neosho, MO	Gibson Chapel
Crocker, MO	Joplin, MO	Parsons, KS	Westminster
Erie, KS	Bethany	Pittsburg, KS	Webb City, MO
	First		West Plains, MO

Ruling Elder Members by Virtue of Office Present: (4)

✓ Marsha Landrith	Moderator Mission and Nurture Committee,
+ Bill Martin	Moderator Committee on Ministry
+ Dennis Pirkle	Moderator - Elect
✓ Malinda Spencer	Executive Presbyter
✓ Toni Spieth	JCP Presbyterian Women Co-moderator
✓ Brenda Williams	Presbytery Moderator

(+ Counted as RE commissioner from a session)

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present: (1)

Tim Oster

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent: (2)

William Agnew Jonathan Kimball

Seated as a Corresponding Member (3) (as noted in minutes)

Wendy Downing     Robert Frasier     John Goodwin

Visitors in an Official Capacity Present: (4)

Other Visitors (9)

Attendance Summary

Teaching Elder Members	10
Teaching Elder Members Retired	6
Ruling Elder Commissioners from Sessions	17
Ruling Elder Members by Virtue of Office	4
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Corresponding Member	3
Visitors in an Official Capacity	4
Other visitors present	<u>9</u>
Total Registered Attendance	54

Member Responsibilities (Bylaws 2.30) It is the duty and responsibility of all ministers of the Presbytery who are not honorably retired to attend all stated meetings. Excuses will be granted for good and justifiable reasons. All written or verbal requests for excused absences received by the Stated Clerk prior to or within one week following a stated meeting of Presbytery shall be granted.

Stated Clerk, Bob Fraiser, then recommended that the docket be approved. Motion was made, seconded. Hearing no objections to the approval of the docket, it was approved by consensus.

<b>8:30 AM</b>	Informal Fellowship New Commissioner Orientation (8:45)	Temporary Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Linda Holt
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Call to Order	Moderator, Ruling Elder Brenda Williams
	Opening Prayer Greetings from Host Church: Trinity Presbyterian Church	

<b>9:40 AM</b>	Introduction of Elders and Ministers New to the Presbytery	Moderator, Ruling Elder Brenda Williams
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Report of Stated Clerk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Declaration of Quorum</li> <li>● Approval of Docket</li> <li>● Approval of Consent Agenda</li> <li>● Seating of Corresponding Members</li> <li>● Additional Items from the Stated Clerk's Report</li> </ul>	
<b>9:55 AM</b>	Report on Committee on Representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nominations Presbytery Leaders and Membership of Presbytery Committees and other Entities</li> </ul>	The Rev. Diane Cooke
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Service of Morning Worship	The Rev. Tom Willadsen, preaching  The Rev. Sara Geingler
<b>11:05 AM</b>	BREAK	
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Moderator's Report	Moderator, RE Brenda Williams
<b>11:20 PM</b>	Report of Presbyterian Women	RE Toni Spieth
<b>11:25 PM</b>	Presentation by the Insurance Board	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Call to Order and Report of the Executive Presbyter</b>	<b>Moderator, Ruling Elder Brenda Williams/ Elder Malinda Spencer</b>
<b>1:10 PM</b>	Report of Presbyterian Women	Mary Lynne Grimmes
<b>1:15 PM</b>	Report of Mission and Nurture	Elder Marsha Landrith/Mike Simpson
<b>1:25 PM</b>	Report from Administrative Ministries	Ruling Elder Reina Daleske / Doug Dischenger
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Report of the Treasurer	The Rev. Dennis Winzenried
<b>1:35 PM</b>	Report from Committee on Ministry	Ruling Elder Bill Martin

<b>1:40 PM</b>	Report from Synod of Mid America	Laura Agee
<b>1:42 PM</b>	Report from General Council	The Rev. Dan Davis
<b>1:45 PM</b>	Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer / Go out as a Worshiping Community	Rev. Dennis Winzenried

### CONSENT AGENDA

\* 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 February 22, 2025 Stated Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery and that those minutes be approved.
  
- \* 5. Nominees to service on the Misconduct Response Committee: Brenda Williams, 2025 Moderator of JCP, Bill Martin, Moderator of COM and Diane Cooke Moderator of COR have reviewed the slate and nominate the following to the Misconduct Response Team:

**Class of 2026**

Ruth Hones, WFRE, (1<sup>st</sup> term) West Plains  
Jane Huffstettler, WFTE (1<sup>st</sup> term) HR  
Lois Zerrer, WFRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Trinity

**Class of 2027**

Randy Schreurs WMTE, (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Forsyth  
Mary Dawson WFRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Chanute  
Stephanie O'Neal WFRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Willard

**Class of 2028**

Susan Rosenbaum WFTE (1<sup>st</sup> term) HR  
Jacob Sappington WMRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Westminster, Springfield Jack Cormack  
WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel

From the Report of Administrative Ministries Committee:

- \* 1. Add 10 minutes to the AMC report to accommodate a report from the Insurance Board.

Stated Clerk, Bob Fraiser, recommended that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was made to approve the consent agenda. This motion was seconded and the

floor was opened for discussion. The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**Seating of Corresponding Members**

Stated Clerk, Bob Fraiser, asked if there were any corresponding members.

- John Goodwin - member of Giddings Love-Joy Presbytery
- Wendy Downing - member of Giddings Love-Joy Presbytery
- Bob Fraiser -

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

**Report I of General Council**

**For Action**

1. In accordance with assigned responsibilities (3.10 Manual of Operations) the General Council nominates the following to serve on the Committee on Representation beginning January 1, 2026:

Teaching Elder Jane Huffstelter HR WFTE Willard-Mt. Zion  
(Class of 2026) as Moderator of COR and to the Class of 2027:  
Matthew Roberts WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> term), Ozark Presbyterian Church  
Carole Hudgings WFRE, (1<sup>st</sup> term), Trinity Presbyterian, Springfield, MO  
Diane Cooke WFTE (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Willow Springs & Mountain View

2. That General Council on recommendation of the Administrative Ministries Committee recommends the election of the Rev. Bob Frasier for a three-year term as Stated Clerk of John Calvin Presbytery, beginning January 1, 2026.

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

**Report of Committee on Representation**

The Committee on Representation has sought to be equal in representation in its nomination process for John Calvin Presbytery's elected leaders.

JCP Moderator 2026	Dennis Pirkle, WMRE (St. Andrew Hideaway)
JCP Moderator-elect 2026	Diane Cooke, WFTE (Willow Springs & Mountain View)
General Council Moderator 2026	Brenda Williams, WFRE (Trinity Springfield)
Moderator of AMC 2026	Reina Daleske, WFRE (St. Andrew Kimberling City)
Moderator of COM 2026	Bill Martin WMRE (First Nevada)
Moderator of M&N 2026	Marsha Landrith , WFRE (Trinity Springfield)

Administrative Ministry Committee (AMC)

Class of 2028

Dan Davis WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Iola  
Janice Zanders AAFRE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Rolla  
Jonathan Kimball, WMRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Rolla

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Class of 2028

Bill Agnew, WMRE (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) Crocker  
Christine Iannucilli, WFTE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Golden City  
Jack Cormack, WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel  
Frank LeBlanc WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) HR

Class of 2027

Charles Spencer, WMTE (unexpired term) Webb City

COM Subcommittee: Preparation for Ministry

Bill Agnew WMRE (2<sup>nd</sup> term) Crocker  
Moderator Susan Uffmann, WFRE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Trinity

Mission and Nurture Committee (M&N)

Class of 2028

Gail Cochran WFRE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Carthage  
Laura Agee WFTE (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) Nevada  
Debbie Franski WFRE (2<sup>nd</sup> Term) Crocker  
Steve Forman WMRE (1<sup>st</sup> Term) Willard

Class of 2027

Randy Schreus WMTE (unexpired term) Forsyth

Synod Representatives

Class of 2027

Charles Spencer, WMTE (3<sup>rd</sup> term) Webb City  
Robin Morgan, WFRE (2<sup>nd</sup> term) West Plains

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TE Commissioner John Anderson WMTE, FPC Joplin  
Alternate Jack Cormack WMTE, Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel  
RE Commissioner Patty Orchard WFRE, Mountain View  
Alternate Scarlet Cormack, WFRE, Hillcrest  
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Mallory Morton, Ash Grove  
Alternate Anna Head, FPC Joplin

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2031

April Hudson, WFRE (2<sup>nd</sup> term) FPC Joplin  
Jack Cormack WMTE (1<sup>st</sup> term) Hillcrest & Gibson Chapel

Ordination Exam Readers

Dennis Pirkle, WMRE (2<sup>nd</sup> term), St. Andrew @ Hideaway  
Susan Rosenbaum, WFTE (2<sup>nd</sup> term) HR  
Alternate: Linda Holt, WFRE (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Crane

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

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

- The Rev. Tom Willadsen led our worship service. He and the Rev. Sarah Gengler offered the sermon as a dialogue and co-officiated the Lord's Supper. The offering will be split evenly between Trinity Presbyterian Church, Springfield, MO for their support of refugees and John Calvin Presbytery's Creative Ministry Grant Fund.

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

**Moderator's Report**

Ruling Elder Brenda Wiegand Williams gave a brief oral report.

**\*\*\*\*\* Concludes Moderator's Report \*\*\*\*\***

**Presbyterian Women's Report**

Lot's of inspirational and fun things going on with John Calvin Presbyterian Women. Our last two gatherings were hosted by the women of churches who don't have a traditional PW group – St. Andrew in Kimberling City last spring and Hillcrest and Gibson Chapel in Springfield in September. Both were excellent and Toni and I believe both groups of women became more aware of the great work of Presbyterian Women at all levels-- local congregation, presbytery, synod and worldwide. Current and upcoming activities of PW of JCP are:

1. Our current Horizons Bible study: Finding Resilience, Joy and Identity in Jesus Christ.
2. Synod of Mid America gathering in 2026. Plans are in the beginning stages for John Calvin to host this gathering in Branson, probably next August.
3. Churchwide Gathering August 5-8, 2027 to be held in Louisville, KY. This is always a marvelous gathering of Presbyterian Women from around the world who come together in one location for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Any one can attend so mark your calendars.
4. Of course, mission work is always ongoing. We remind you to submit your mission report next January to Mission Consultant Carol Minton highlighting your church's mission work for 2025. Her contact information is on Page 5 of our PW Resource Guide or give either Toni or Mary Lynne a call.

A reminder that November 1 is the deadline for your church to apply for Presbyterian Women's thank offering grant. If you missed it this year, you have 365 days to get your project put together for 2026. Remember, the thank offering supports programmatic projects such as training, advocacy or hunger alleviation or small capital improvements for a special project. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Check out [presbyterianwomen.org](http://presbyterianwomen.org) for additional information and the application form.

We are working with St. Andrew at Hideaway to host for our spring 2026 gathering. The advantage for the local church in hosting is that 80% of the offering goes to a mission project of the church's choice. Your basic responsibilities in hosting are providing the use of your church and serving lunch and a light reception at the beginning of the day, the cost of which is covered by the registration fee. The last few years, local mission projects have each received several hundred dollars just for hosting our gatherings.

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

**From the Mission and Nurture Report**

**1001 New Worshiping Communities:** Thanks to Jack Cormack for the presentation of his experiences at the 1001 New Worshiping Communities retreat he and Scarlet recently attended in Colorado.

**Presbyterian Children's Home and Services:** Two of our committee members recently attended a luncheon to learn more about the Covenant Partnership between The Synod of the Sun, The Synod of Mid America, the Presbyteries in each Synod, and the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS). John Calvin Presbytery had recently been asked to sign an agreement to participate in helping support this ministry. The Mission and Nurture Committee recommends agreeing to do so.

**Child and Vulnerable Adult Safety Policies:** Child and Vulnerable Adult safety policies need to be reviewed yearly. To assist local churches with writing this policy, the Presbytery is bringing in an expert in the field who is an ordained Presbyterian minister. He will lead a Zoom meeting January 8, 2026 with a backup date of January 5, 2026. More information will follow.

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

**Executive Presbyter Report**

2025 has seen a lot of faithful work in John Calvin Presbytery. I have made worship visits to 17 churches and met with several more pastors and sessions. I watched the mother of the moderator-elect skydive on the occasion of her 100th birthday. We are

training and resourcing PNCs. This will continue in 2026. I enjoy being with the people of John Calvin Presbytery.

We held five boundaries trainings for pastors and pulpit supply, in different parts of the presbytery and different times, including a special section for HR members. Compliance was high from all who are required to attend.

Our committees are functioning well. The Committee on Ministry and the Mission & Nurture Committee meet almost monthly. COM is usually in person, and M&N usually via zoom. Council meets 5-6 times a year. Administrative Ministries, which is responsible for finance, personnel, and trustee functions, is working in task groups for policy updates and also as committee of the whole. The Committee on Representation met the second half of the year to be ready with nominees for the November presbytery meeting. COR is responsible for getting all our committees off to a good start.

JCP has a skeleton staff—every person, including me, is part-time. Staff members are competent and responsive and we are lucky to have them.

2025 brought our second successful Toolbox event and pastor's gathering. There were also several smaller events such as the Crockpot gathering and other small toolboxes. At these gatherings, conversations are energetic as people reconnect across the wide distances of our presbytery.

We all need outside eyes.

At a recent worship visit, there was a sign with an arrow pointing to the correct door on the other side of the building. Following the arrow, I tried a total of five doors, some of them up a flight of steps, before I found an unlocked door. (The sign was wrong.) A less determined visitor would likely have given up after two tries.

All churches have metaphorical doors that are locked, even if we ignore them sometimes. Managing difficult people takes a toll on function. Many of us are trying plenty hard, but we can benefit from fresh eyes. Being in relationship with the presbytery is one way to get an outside perspective.

It is my prayer that 2026 will continue the decades of ministry that is our history, providing a Presbyterian presence in the communities within our bounds. I am grateful to serve with you.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

In the reports to this meeting is the income/expense report through the 3rd quarter, gifts from church reports – alphabetical and per membership giving, financial balance report, and also the financial review report for 2024 from KPM accounting firm.

In looking over the income/expense report here are the highlights from that report.

Per Capita income is covering Per Capita expenses; Stated Clerk, Committee on Ministry, Preparation for Ministry Sub Committee of COM, Committee on Representation, presbytery meetings, General Council, Administrative Ministry Committee and Permanent Judicial Commission, as well as Synod and General Assembly Per Capita. Along with all that some of salary for Executive Pastor, Communications/Information Assistant, Bookkeeper.

Shared Mission income on the other hand is falling short of Shared Mission expenses; majority of the Executive Presbyter's salary and expenses (travel, meetings, support of churches), Small Church Grants, Mission Committee, Peacemaking Ministry, Youth Rallies, Committee on Ministry Annual event for ministers.

As of the end of the 3rd quarter, we show a \$46,173 deficit. When we set the budget, we planned for some shortage. We budgeted \$20,000 to come from savings/investments.

My projection is that without additional gifts to shared mission and all churches paying their per capita we'll end the year with a deficit of over \$60,000. Can we cover that? Yes. Yet what that means is not having funds for some grants and gifts to mission and ministry we may want to support in the future.

The answer? In scripture we hear Paul's call for all churches to support the ministry of the larger church. So, it is today. When all give, not an equal gift but an equal sacrifice, we'll cover our expenses and have some to share with mission and ministry near and far.

Two reports on gifts from churches are included in the reports for this meeting. One shows the giving of churches in alphabetical order, the other shows giving of churches sorted by gifts per membership. We thank the following who have given over \$80 per ministry so far this year; St. Andrew @ Hideaway, First Presbyterian Chanute KS, Willow Springs MO, Federated Church Erie KS, Trinity Springfield, MO, First Presbyterian Mountain View MO, and Crane Presbyterian.

Please review the reports. If our records do not match the church's financial records please let us know. We'll be glad to correct ours as needed.

I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have about the finances of the presbytery. I'd also be glad to visit with anyone who senses they might enjoy learning about the work of presbytery treasurer. It takes about 6-8 hours a month. The treasure's work includes reconciling bank accounts, posting church gifts, working with the bookkeeper, serving as ex-officio member of Administrative Ministry Committee and General Council.

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

**From the Administrative Ministries Committee Report:**

***For Action*** (\*items are included in the consent agenda)

\*1. The finance reports for Budget vs Actuals: 2025 Budget FY25 P&L January – December 2025 to be filed for review including Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025, Per Capita/Shared Mission/Special Offerings Report

***Items Recommended for General Council Action***

2. Approve to continue our practice to give First Presbyterian Church of Webb City a Board of Pensions Grant of \$18,500.00 to cover insurance for Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer, Rev. Charles Spencer and one child.

3. Approve a 4% increase for the Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer, Stated Clerk Bob Frasier, Communications and Information Assistant Rachel Holcomb and Bookkeeper Tami Griffeth.

4. Approve adding New Covenant Trust (a subsidiary of The Presbyterian Foundation) to the John Calvin Presbytery investment portfolio.

***Items Recommended to General Council for Presbytery Action***

1. Approve the following per Capita for 2026:

John Calvin Presbytery	\$28.09
Synod of Mid-America	\$3.15
General Assembly	<u>\$11.26</u>
	\$42.50

2. Approve the Proposed Budget for 2026.
3. Approve Rev. Bob Frasier for a three-year term as Stated Clerk of John Calvin Presbytery, beginning January 1, 2026.
4. Approve the updated John Calvin Presbytery Personnel Policy.

***For Information:***

We give thanks for the following who are retiring from AMC: Rev. Christine Iannucilli, Elder Jim Holt, and Elder Dave Coonrod.

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

**Committee on Ministry Report**

Information on Actions Taken

- COM sponsored a Tool Box event at Ft. Scott. The event was focused on assessing the health of your Congregation.
- Due to an incident at one of our churches, it is strongly recommended that all of our churches review their policies on Boundaries and Child Safety. These policies are required for some of the insurance providers. Resources are available.
- Members of COM attended a conference on Small Church Ministries presented by the Synod.
- The Pulpit Supply list is being reviewed with additions to the list and deleting those who are no longer available.
- There are several churches with vacant pulpits. PNCs have formed and trained to serve at Ozark, Willard, and Trinity-Springfield.

Many of the meetings of COM are discussions on the issues, concerns, situations that are occurring in the churches of JCP. These discussions are considered confidential until actions are appropriate to be taken and made public. Please remember all our churches in your prayers.

Items for Action.

1. The Committee on Ministry recommends that John Calvin Presbytery examine the Rev. Wendy Downing, a member of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an honorably retired member.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the membership of Rev. Wendy Downing as a member of the John Calvin Presbytery.

**The Motion was approved.**

2. The Committee on Ministry recommends that John Calvin Presbytery examine the Rev. John Goodwin, a member of the Presbytery of Giddings- Lovejoy, for membership in John Calvin Presbytery as an honorably retired member.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the membership of Rev. John Goodwin as a member of the John Calvin Presbytery.

**The Motion was approved.**

3. The Sub-Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports that Ruling Elder Susan Murray has completed the course work and other requirements for commissioning to particular pastoral service as a Commissioned Ruling Elder in a congregation in John Calvin Presbytery.

The Committee on Ministry Recommends that the presbytery examine Susan Murray to fulfil a requirement of the Commissioned Ruling Elder process.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Susan Murray to fulfill the requirements of the Commissioned Ruling Elder process.

**The Motion was approved.**

#### Minimum Recommended Compensation for 2026

Motion was made that the minimum full-time salary (cash and housing allowance) be increased from \$49,275 to \$50,000, for 2026.

**The Motion was approved.**

Motion was made that for 2026, the Continuing Education Recommendation for both full-time and part-time calls of each church and each person: Increase from \$1500 to \$2000. If not used can accumulate funds for a period of 3 years.

**The Motion was approved.**

It was moved that for 2026, Moderator honorarium for Session and congregational meetings: Increase from \$60 to \$100 plus mileage at the current IRS rate.

**The Motion was approved.**

Motion was made that for 2026, Pulpit Supply honorarium Increase from \$130 to \$200- and \$250 if preaching two services the same day.

**The Motion was approved.**

Motion was made that the congregation must continue to provide the same level of pension and medical coverage as the original terms of call. If a congregation provided 100% coverage for the pastor and family, that level of coverage must continue to be provided for subsequent years.

Motion was made to amend the motion to add the verbiage “unless otherwise agreed upon by the pastor and approved by the presbytery.”

**The Amendment was approved.**

Motion as amended: a congregation must continue to provide the same level of pension and medical coverage as the original terms of call, unless otherwise agreed upon by the pastor and approved by the presbytery.

Ex. If a congregation provided 100% coverage for the pastor and family, that level of coverage must continue to be provided for subsequent years unless otherwise agreed upon by the pastor and approved by the presbytery.

**The Motion as amended was approved.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Report of Committee on Ministry Committee** \*\*\*\*\*

**Administrative Commission Reports**

**Carthage Administrative Commission Report**

- Carthage Presbyterian Church has been stalled in the process of selling their building. Repairs requested by the buyer have not been completed due to the

lack of workers in the area. Another issue stalling the sale involves the Pastor of the buyer's church no longer serving that church.

\*\*\*\*\* **Concludes the Administrative Commission Reports** \*\*\*\*\*

### **Report II of General Council**

1. The General Council approved \$1,000.00 Small Church Resource Grants for First Presbyterian Church of Mountain View and for Ozark Presbyterian Church for projects dealing with building needs.
2. The General Council received a recommendation from the Mission and Nurture Committee to grant a scholarship for Jack and Scarlet Cormack to attend the 1001 New Worshipping Communities Conference in Denver Colorado. A \$500 scholarship was approved to reimburse expenses. Jack will be asked to make a presentation at a Toolbox event or another JCP event.
3. The General Council approved \$100 scholarships to Dan Davis and Reina Daleske for expenses attending the Synod's Small Church Conference: The Gift of Small.
4. The General Council approved a \$400 honorarium to Leslie King for her leadership of the Toolbox event at Pittsburg.
5. The General Council received a final report on how Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church distributed their closing funds in accordance to JCP's policy of 70/20/10.  
20% Woodland Heights designated mission (20% of \$324,608.84 = \$64,921.77) as follows:
  - o 1/3 Crosslines Community Outreach = \$21,640.59
  - o 1/3 Presbyterian Children's Home = \$21,640.59
  - o 1/3 Hillcrest Presbyterian (Springfield, MO) as follows:
    - § \$5,000 to Air Conditioning Fund
    - § \$5,000 to Food Bank
    - § \$10,000 to be applied toward mortgage
    - § rest of 20% to be used as church desires = \$1,640.59.Presbytery's portion of total proceeds
  - 70% to new church and redevelopment = \$227,226.19
  - 10% to Operating budget - \$32,460.88.
6. That General Council approved to continue our practice of granting Webb City a Board of Pensions Grant to cover insurance for Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer, Charles Spencer and one child. The amount of this grant will be \$18,500.00.

7. That General Council approved a 4% increase for Executive Presbyter Malinda Spencer, Stated Clerk Bob Frasier, Communications and Information Assistant Rachel Holcomb, and Bookkeeper Tami Griffeth.
8. That General Council on recommendation from the Administrative Ministries Committee approved adding New Covenant Trust to our investment portfolio. New Covenant Trust is a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation. Jim Hitson and Sherri Finke gave a presentation to AMC on New Covenant Trust at the request of the Budget Subcommittee.
9. The General Council agreed to reschedule building of Emergency Cleanup Buckets to the next presbytery meeting. General Presbyter Malinda Spencer, Treasurer, Dennis Winzenreid and Reina Daleske were asked to bring recommendations for funding the project to the next General Council Meeting.

#### Action Items

Items 1 and 2 were considered earlier as part of the General Council's first report. On behalf of General Council Dan moved the following items.

3. The approval of the dates for the 2026 Stated Meetings of John Calvin Presbytery
  - Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 AM In-Person
  - Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>; 9:30 AM In-Person
  - Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 PM In-Person
  - Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 AM In-Person

#### **The Motion was approved.**

4. That the following amount be approved as the Per Capita apportionment for 2026:
  - John Calvin Presbytery      \$28.09
  - Synod of Mid-America      \$ 3.15
  - General Assembly      \$11.26
  - \$42.50

#### **The Motion was approved.**

5. That the proposed budget for 2026 for John Calvin Presbytery be approved. (Please see the document labeled JCP Proposed 2026 Budget.)

#### **The Motion was approved.**

6. Recommends adoption of the updated John Calvin Presbytery Personnel Policy. (The Updated Personnel Policy is listed with the Supplemental Documents in the online Presbytery Packet for this meeting.)  
The Personnel Policy was presented for first reading. The Policy will be present at the next stated meeting for second reading and approval by the presbytery.

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

Motion was made to close the John Calvin Presbytery 220th Stated Meeting following the Resolution of Thanks and the closing prayer and seconded. **Motion Approved.**

Ruling Elder Brenda Williams invited the Rev. John Anderson to offer the Resolution of Thanks and Barry Williams to give the closing prayer.

Moderator Ruling Elder Brenda Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:54PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scarlet Cormack  
Recording Clerk  
John Calvin Presbytery

Bob Frasier  
Stated Clerk  
John Calvin Presbytery