

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY CALLED 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 Called Meeting of John Calvin Presbytery was convened on the Zoom videoconferencing platform on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 and was called to order at 11:04 AM by Moderator Brenda Williams, followed by an opening prayer. Elder Steve Forman read Psalm 146.

Stated Clerk Bob Frasier stated the purpose of this Called Meeting was to consider recommendations from the Committee on Ministry to approve the appointment of three Administrative Commissions.

1. To First Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott, KS to work with the session in the sale of vacant lots and other concerns;
2. To First Presbyterian Church of Neosho as the congregation considers a request to be dismissed from John Calvin Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
3. To First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg to explore issues related to finances and the church building.

Based on the online registrations list Stated Clerk, Bob Frasier advised the moderator that that a quorum was present for this called meeting of John Calvin Presbytery. The Moderator declared that a quorum was present. (A quorum necessary to transact business at each stated meeting of the presbytery shall consist of not less than six (6) ministers and as many ruling elders as may be present providing that at least four (4) particular churches are represented by ruling elders.

Attendance Summary	Teaching Elder Members	10
	Teaching Elder Members Retired	5
	Ruling Elder Commissioners from Sessions	13
	Ruling Elder Members by Virtue of Office	6
	Commissioned Ruling Elders	0
	Corresponding Member	1
	Visitors in an Official Capacity	0
	Other Visitors	<u>2</u>
	Total Registered Attendance	37

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Online registration preceded the meeting. Attendance was taken based on the online registration and the Zoom roll of participants. The following roll was ascertained:

Teaching Elder Members Present: (10)

John White Anderson	Sarah Gengler	Tom Schacher
Jack Cormack	William Lee	Randy Schreurs
Daniel Mark Davis	Julie Mercer	Tom Willadsen
	Micki Pulleyking	

Teaching Elder Members Honorably Retired Present: (5)

John Goodwin, HR	Christine Iannucilli, HR	Dennis Winzenried, HR
Jane Huffstetler, HR	Barry Williams HR	

Churches Represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners: (12 churches / 13 Ruling Elders)

Chanute, KS	Mary Dawson	Kimberling City, MO	Mary Beth Funk
Crane, MO	Jim Holt	Neosho, MO	Ann Shultz
Forsyth, MO	Reed Click	Pittsburg, KS	Gayle Ganger
Fort Scott, KS	Craig Campbell	Rolla, MO	Mary Kwantes
Galena, MO	Dennis Pirkle	Springfield, MO	
Joplin, MO		Trinity	Susan Uffmann
First (1)	Grant Spieth	Willard, MO	Stephen Foreman
First (2)	Toni Spieth		

Ruling Elder Members by Virtue of Office Present: (6)

(+ Counted as RE commissioner from a session)

Reina Daleske,	Administrative Ministries Committee,
Mary Lynn Grimms	JCP Presbyterian Women
Marsha Landrieth	Mission and Nurture Committee, Moderator
Bill Martin,	Committee on Ministry
+ Dennis Pirkle	Presbytery Moderator - Elect
Malinda Spencer	Executive Presbyter
Brenda Williams	Moderator

No Commissioned Ruling Elders were present for this meeting.

Seated as a Corresponding Member (1) (as noted in minutes)

Other visitors present: (2)

Report to John Calvin Presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Moderator Brenda Williams invited Ruling Elder Bill Martin, moderator of the Committee on Ministry to bring the Committee on Ministry report. Bill noted the Committee on Ministry report requests the appointment of three Administrative Commissions to work with the of three churches in John Calvin Presbytery.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Bill moved the first item for action.

1. The Committee on Ministry recommends that John Calvin Presbytery pursuant to presbytery practice appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First Presbyterian Church of Fort Scott. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to determine whether or not to give written permission to sell six vacant lots 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, ~~to explore and resolve other concerns~~; to assume original jurisdiction over the existing session should it become evident to the administrative commission that the session is unable or unwilling to exercise its authority provided that full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session;
and that the Rev. Barry Williams, HR;
ruling elder Cheryl Bowen of Parsons and
ruling elder Carole Hudgings, Trinity-Springfield
be appointed to this Administrative Commission.

It was moved and seconded to remove the phrase "to explore and resolve other concerns." After discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote to amend the motion by striking the phrase.

The Motion was Approved.

The moderator put the question to a to approve the motion as amended.

The Motion was Approved.

On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Ruling Elder Martin moved the second item for action.

2. The Committee on Ministry recommends that John Calvin Presbytery pursuant to its Policy for Congregations seeking Dismissal, appoint an Administrative Commission to continue the work of the Mediation Team with First Presbyterian Church of Neosho in the discernment process. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to review the ongoing mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of

Neosho, consult with its members and elders and make recommendation to John Calvin Presbytery as to whether the congregation is continuing in the mission and ministry of the presbytery or whether the congregation may be dismissed to another reformed body. If First Presbyterian Church of Neosho is to be dismissed, this Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to determine whether to grant permission for the congregation to take ownership of their property with due consideration given to the mission and ministry of the PC(USA) in the area. In consultation with the General Council of the presbytery and the Committee on Ministry to bring a recommendation to the Presbytery for its vote. to assume original jurisdiction over the existing session should it become evident to the administrative commission that the session is unable or unwilling to exercise its authority provided that full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session; And that

the Rev. Tom Schacher, Kimberling City;

ruling elder Dean Gautney, Aurora;

and another ruling elder to be appointed to this Administrative Commission, **jointly by the moderator and stated clerk.**

It was moved and seconded to clarify the appointment of the third member of the AC by adding the words “jointly by the moderator and the stated clerk.” After discussion, the moderator put the question to a vote to amend the motion by adding the phrase.

The Motion was Approved.

The moderator put the question to a to approve the motion as amended.

The Motion was Approved.

On behalf of the committee the moderator of the Committee on Ministry moved the third item for action.

3. The Committee on Ministry recommends that John Calvin Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg to explore issues related to finances and the church building this Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to review the ongoing mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg; consult with its members and elders and make recommendation to John Calvin Presbytery as to whether the congregation is continuing in the mission and ministry of the presbytery; and to assume original jurisdiction over the existing session should it become evident to the administrative commission that the session is unable or unwilling to exercise its authority provided that full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session. This Administrative Commission shall be delegated the power of John Calvin Presbytery to determine whether or not to give written permission to sell,

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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. And that the Rev. Laura Agee, Nevada; ruling elder Greg Carter, First-Joplin; and ruling elder Cindy Oster, Bethany-Joplin be appointed to this Administrative Commission.

After discussion, Moderator Williams asked if there were objections to the motion.

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Rev. Barry Williams moved to adjourn the meeting following the closing prayer.

The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM with prayer by Ruling Elder Reina Daleske.

Respectfully submitted,

Teaching Elder Bob Frasier,
JCP Stated Clerk