

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at Westminster Woods Camp, Fall River. Brian Wheeler, camp director, welcomed everyone. The meeting opened with worship. Commissioned Lay Pastor candidate Warren L. Wilbur preached.

### Quorum Present

Each person must submit a completed attendance card for official attendance. Stated Clerk Rebecca New declared a quorum present according to Article V.5.4 of the Ecclesiastical Bylaws, which requires that “one-fourth of the minister members and the elder commissioners present, provided that one-fourth of the churches was represented.” Minister members: 82; Elder commissioners, 82.

Vouchers are available (the presbytery pays \$20 toward motel costs and 20 cents/mile for travel.)

### Opening Business

Moderator Sue Nispel called the presbytery to order. Additional handouts for the meeting are available at the registration tables. Anyone wishing to speak on the floor should state his or her name and church. All comments should be directed to the moderator. Any motions should be submitted in writing and Robert’s Rules of Order will be followed.

### Roll of Ministers Present

James Ayers	James Anderson	John Barkett	John Barnum
Shirley Barnum	Jane Bridgen-Graham	Marcy Campbell	Don Calderwood
Larry Cracraft	Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Christopher Davis
Rob Erickson	Richard Gorham	Anne Horton	Doug House
Skip Johnson	Ken Kimberlin	Roberta Karchner	Keith Koch
Jeremiah Lange	Bill McConnelee	Gordon MacKay	Steve Marsh
John Mikow	Diane Monger	Helen Moore Spath	Rebecca New
Cathy Northrup	Patrick Notley	Tom Oak	Bill O’Connell
Kermit Opprecht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick
Ben Ray	Tom Robson	Steve Saville	Irving Simon
Geoffrey Snook	Hal Staats	Seth Svaty	Don Waite
Paul Wissink	John Wilson	Robert Wyman	

### Roll of Ministers Excused

Nik Adams	Keith Allison	Allen Beech	Gene Blake
George Boone	William Borst	William Brewer	Jan Brooks
Tom Church	Robert Duncan	Wiert Eekoff	John Enwright
Larre Eschliman	Monty Fey	Gail Fisher	James Grant
Ralph Hand	Gerald Hallberg	John Haspels	William Hastings
Robert Hazen	Jerry Hilton	Fred Lenk	Angela Madden
Bert McCormick	Paul Mueller	William Mulford	William Nelsen
David Owens	Tom Rawlings	Charles Ross	Melissa Ramos
Dennis Schiebmeier	Loran Scot	Jack Singer	Roland Slater
Dale Snyder	Tim Soule	William Soule	Alfred Spots
Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz	David Sweley	Steve Washburn
John Williams			

### Roll of Ministers Absent

Charles Ayers	Richard Daeschner	Tom Edwards	Strother Gross
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Chris Kettler                      Timothy Kim                      Hank Lederle                      Margaret Lacy  
Dick Reynolds                      Jennifer Snook                      Betsy Vogt-Woodin

**Elder Commissioners Present**

**Arkansas City**, Dorothy Faidley; **Belle Plaine**, Esther Heater; **Cherryvale**, Stella Blanchard; **Conway Springs**, Charles Ellis; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **El Dorado**, Shirley Hutchinson; **Forest Park**, Chuck Connor; **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Great Bend**, Stuart Hutchison; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Independence**; Virginia Kelly; **Kingman**, Cleland McBurney; **Lakin**, Connie Ginst; **Liberal**, Kenneth Thompson; **Marion**, Jim Darrow; **Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries; **McPherson**, Craig Gannon; **Neodesha**, Mina Olson; **Pratt**, Susan Schrepel; **Sterling**, Fran Calderwood; **Wellington**, Mary Boatright; **Wichita: Brotherhood**, Bill Taylor; **Calvary**, Colene Boring; **Covenant**, Ann Egelhof; **Eastminster**, Kurt Baumgartner, Karen Crow, Sara Dunne, Kenneth Juell; **First**, David Grisham, James Graves; **Mt. Vernon**, Barbara Stone; **St. Luke**, Dean Elkins; **Southwest**, Howard Tice; **Trinity**, Jack Shanahan; **Westwood**, Carla Davison.

**Elder Commissioners Absent**

Arlington, Ashland, Bucklin, Caldwell, Chase, Coffeyville, Dodge City, Garden City, Harper, Holcomb, Hopewell, Hutchinson First, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Larned, Leoti First, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Newton First, Northminster, Parks, Spearville, St. Luke, St. Mark's, Syracuse, Tribune, Viola, Winfield, Yates Center, Wichita: Bethel, Grace, Korean; Zenith.

**Elder Commissioners Excused**

Cambridge, Coldwater.

**Council Members Present but not mentioned above**

Ken Coryell    Nora Coryell    Pete Kitch    Sue Nispel    Bill Ward

**Staff Members Present**

Nancy Borst, journal clerk  
Evelyn Calderwood, bookkeeper  
Brian Wheeler, camp director

**Corresponding Members**

Warren Wilbur, First Presbyterian Church, Miami, Oklahoma

**Commissioned Lay Pastors Present**

Kay Hull                      Gretchen Hammeke

**Commissioned Lay Pastor Absent**

Barney Korbelik                      Craig Meade                      Don Tapp

**First Time Elders**

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

### **Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting**

Tellers – Stan Nispel, June Almes, Phyllis MacKay  
Vouchers – Ken Coryell, Fran Calderwood

### **Visitors**

There were 4 visitors registered for the meeting.

### **Docket**

**A motion prevailed** to adopt the docket as presented.

### **Tuesday, April 17, 2007**

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Convening Worship	
9:45 a.m.	Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding members; First-time Elders introduced; Appointment of Temporary committees; Approval of Docket.	
9:55 a.m.	General Presbyter Report	Don Owens
10:00 a.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
10:05 a.m.	Presbytery Council (C)	Bill Ward
	Treasurer	
	Budget & Finance	
10:15 a.m.	Nominations (J)	Fran Calderwood
10:20 a.m.	BREAK	
10:40 a.m.	Committee on Preparation (K)	Helen Moore Spath
10:55 a.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Hal Staats
Noon	Lunch (deadline for new business)	
1:30 p.m.	Polity Committee (L)	Steve Marsh
1:50 p.m.	Visioning & Planning	Tom Oak
4:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Mission (E)	Doug House
4:05 p.m.	Congregational Ministries (G)	Carol Murphy
4:20 p.m.	Report of Temporary Committee	
	Unfinished Business/New Business	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

### **General Presbyter**

Don Owens congratulated and honored all churches that had reported gains in membership on their 2006 statistical reports by presenting them certificates.

### **Stated Clerk**

Rebecca New reported the following changes in membership from Feb. 13, 2007

Received from other PC(USA) presbyteries:

Irving Simon, The Peaks

Don Waite, Seattle

2006 Statistics Summary

Total Gains: 269

Total Losses: 477

Total Active Membership: 10,937

Active Church Attendance: 3,390

Potential Giving Units: 3,669  
Budgeted Income: \$5,520,306  
Budgeted Expenses: \$6,274,271

**A motion prevailed** to approve the minutes of the Feb. 13, 2007 meeting with a correction at the top of page 5 as follows: change the wording “Director of Camping Ministries” to “Resource Center Director.”

### **Council**

Bill Ward gave the council report.

**A motion prevailed** to accept an invitation from the McPherson Presbyterian Church session to host the June 19 stated meeting of the presbytery.

Synod Commissioner Arn Froese reported on the Synod of Mid-America meeting. He said the meeting program enforced the following for him:

- ◆ Campus ecumenical ministries are a vital part of the work of our synod. The presbytery should strengthen its commitment to supporting them.
- ◆ Our churches may be able to learn important lessons from these ministries about how to engage students in the life of the church.
- ◆ Programs at our church meetings that are designed to bring our agency missions to life can inspire participants to deep commitment.

**A motion prevailed** to temporarily suspend Article II.3 of the Administrative Manual so the committee’s report can be heard and action taken.

**A motion prevailed** to concur with a recommendation from the Trustee Review subcommittee that the Calvary church be allowed to sell its manse.

**A motion prevailed** to concur with a recommendation from the Trustee Review subcommittee that the Halstead church be allowed to give a building to the city of Halstead.

### **Budget & Finance**

Ken Coryell gave the committee’s report. The following was shared for informational purposes.

A “Per Capital Decision Paper” from the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2003 stated meeting of the presbytery was presented as information.

Setting the 2008 per capita rates has been postponed until the next committee meeting.

The committee urges each congregation to continue its Shared Mission giving, including the Theological Education Fund (that supports seminaries) and per capita.

### **Nominations**

Fran Calderwood gave the committee’s report. It continues to seek names for persons who might be interested in serving on committees. Please contact any member of the committee. Any resignations should be reported to the Committee.

The Committee asked the Moderator to declare the following positions vacant:

Presbytery

Community Outreach Committee

08-2

09-2

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

08-2  
08-2  
Stewardship & Mission Interpretation  
08-2  
Synod  
Synod Personnel Committee  
07-1

**A motion prevailed** to elect the following. There were no nominations from the floor.

Presbytery

08-1 ME Committee on Ministry: John (Jack) Kirkham  
FC 08-1 Preparation for Ministry: Angela Madden  
2007 Moderator Preparation for Ministry: Jay Ayers

The presbytery took a BREAK.

**Committee on Preparation**

Helen Moore Spath gave the committee's report.

Actions taken by the committee

1. Voted to approve extending Amy Baumgartner's internship at Eastminster through Spring 2007.
2. Voted to continue Susanne Bendoraitis (Eastminster) in the process based on the annual consultation Skip Johnson conducted with her.
3. Voted to continue Eric Linares (Eastminster) in the process based on the annual consultation Tom Edwards conducted with him.
4. Voted to certify Joe Wiseman (Covenant) as ready to be commissioned as a Commissioned Lay Pastor and recommend him to the Committee on Ministry.
5. Interviewed Penninah Ziegler (Wichita-First) and voted to certify that she is ready to receive a call and granted her permission to circulate a Personal Information Form.
6. Interviewed Dawn Flippin (Covenant) and voted to recommend that the presbytery enroll her as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Inquirer Dawn Flippin (Covenant) spoke to the presbytery and answered questions.

**A motion prevailed** to enroll Dawn Flippin (Covenant) as a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

**Committee on Ministry**

Hal Staats gave the committee's report. **A motion prevailed** to temporarily suspend Article II.3 of the Administrative Manual so the committee's report can be heard and action taken.

**Information items**

1. Dr. Gary Flory from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution conducted a Skill-Building Workshop for the Committee on Ministry on assessing congregational conflict and appraising levels of conflict in congregations.
2. A retreat was conducted on Jan. 27, 2007 for continuing education and fellowship for CLPs, CLP candidates and former CLPs.
3. A.R.I.M training was conducted at First Presbyterian Church, Newton on March 22, 2007.
4. Members attended the Synod COM consultation in Kansas City.

### **Actions Taken On Behalf of Presbytery**

1. Granted permission to Danny Daniel to take Interim Pastor training.
2. Conducted an entrance interview with Gregory Chandler Smith.
3. Granted approval to the First Presbyterian Church of Freeport to appoint a PNC.
4. Concurred with the pastor and session of the United Presbyterian Church of Sterling's invitation to Glen Holman to assist at his daughter's wedding at the church.
5. Granted \$800.00 to a minister member for a personal emergency.
6. Completed a Triennial Visit with the Presbyterian Church of Belle Plaine.

Elder Warren L. Wilbur, who has been called as a Commissioned Lay Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Cherryvale, was introduced, presented his statement of faith and answered questions.

**A motion prevailed** to arrest the examination.

**A motion prevailed** to sustain the examination.

**A motion prevailed** to commission Elder Warren L. Wilbur as a Lay Pastor to serve First Presbyterian Church, Cherryvale.

A service of commissioning was held for Warren L. Wilbur. The service was led by Moderator Sue Nispel and CLP Gretchen Hammeke.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the following commission to install Irving Simon as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Halstead at 3 p.m. May 6, 2007 – Ministers: Jim Anderson, Rob Erickson, Don Owens; Elders: Pat Black, St Luke-Newton; Steve Pates, Halstead; Elder Joan Bailey, Halstead; Moderator Sue Nispel, Brotherhood.

A brief Service of Recognition was conducted for departing ministers and CLPs Gretchen Hammeke, Jan Brooks, Helen Moore-Spath and Doug House.

All churches were asked to report pastoral compensation.

The presbytery recessed for LUNCH at noon.

The presbytery reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **Polity**

Steve Marsh gave the committee's report.

**A motion prevailed** to accept as first reading a proposal to change the name of the Polity Committee to the Committee on Church Order.

Rationale: The change would correspond to General Assembly entities.

Proposed amendments to the Book of Order were presented as provided by action of the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006). Each amendment was discussed, ballots were distributed and presbyters voted on each amendment. Ballots were collected and counted by the tellers.

Following are the amendments and the voting results (results were reported later in the meeting).

Amendment 06-A (1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e) – Yes, 8; No, 75  
Reordering and a Simplifying of the Current Chapter 14

Amendment 06-B.1 – Yes, 30; No, 52

Moving Ordination, Installation and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory of Worship

Amendment 06-B.2 – Yes, 9; No, 74  
Adding Licensure of Candidates

Amendment 06-B.3 – Yes, 79; No, 4  
Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process

Amendment 06-C – Yes, 78; No, 6  
Enabling a New General Assembly Council Structure

Amendment 06-D – Yes, 81; No, 4  
Opening COM to Access by Commissioned and Lay Pastors

Amendment 06-E – Yes, 80; No, 4  
Members of the Synod

Amendment 06-F – Yes, 71; No, 11  
Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporting

### **Vision & Planning**

Don Owens explained the process by which this planning time would proceed. Its purposes include seeing where we are as a presbytery and setting directions for the future. It incorporates nine core values previously developed by the presbytery.

Tom Oak led this visioning time. Presbyters worked in small groups.

The presbytery reconvened as a whole at 4 p.m.  
A time of corporate prayer was held.

Vice Moderator Rob Erickson took over leadership of the meeting.

### **Stewardship & Mission Interpretation**

Doug House gave the committee's report. The committee is working on a 5-7 minute presentation and/or brochure about why we have a presbytery and that would highlight how presbytery funds are used. It is hoped the presentation can incorporate such people as former moderator Marj Carpenter (on Presbyterian heritage), various committees, Westminster Woods. Video footage has been solicited from churches of mission trips, etc. for the project.

#### **Information items**

- The Council voted to have a representative from the Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Committee participate in triennial visits.
- The committee is working with former Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase about doing a seminar about Hispanic ministry and multicultural ministry opportunities and efforts.
- Tom Oak and Sherry Phillips from Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church went to a Transformational Stewardship conference.
- The committee is working on possibilities for a Partner-in-Ministry relationship, likely with Mexico.

### **Congregational Ministries**

Paul Wissink gave a report on Presbyterian Men.

Bob Barrett reported on behalf of Youth Council that Sleepless in Sterling was a success.

A Power Point presentation about youth in the presbytery was shared.

## Camping

Pete Kitch gave the committee's report. A wonderful summer camp staff is lined up! A brief description of each staff member is on the Web site: [www.westminsterwoodscamp.com](http://www.westminsterwoodscamp.com).

The committee is undertaking a new project this year called “**Adopt a Summer Staff Member.**”

### Goals:

- To further strengthen the relationship between local churches and the camp.
- To create a “prayer covering” over the PSK summer camp weeks.
- To offer an opportunity for specific churches to support one or more staff members during the PSK summer camp.
- To offer an opportunity for churches to get to know a staff member.

**Who:** Churches of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas

### More details:

- 1) WMW will provide a packet of information about a staff member selected by a church via the WMW web site (see above) including a bio, a photograph, and prayer requests.
- 2) The staff member will send a postcard each week to the church.
- 3) A participating church would:
  - Pray for the staff member.
  - Pray for the camp as a whole each week.
  - Send individual notes from a church member to the selected staff person.
  - Send “care packages” to the staff member (box of cookies, stickers, anything – everyone just wants to receive a package in the mail).
  - Whatever else your church thinks of to offer in the way of support for the staff person.
- 4) If your church is interested please contact the camp. Mail: 18487 Barber Road, Fall River, Kan. 67047; E-mail: [westminsterwoods@terraworld.net](mailto:westminsterwoods@terraworld.net); Phone: 620-692-3695.

Resources are needed to complete new cabins at the camp. Brian Wheeler, camp director, reported that without additional space, there may not be enough beds for campers this summer. Plans are to construct additional cabins as soon as weather allows.

## Temporary Committee Report

### Vouchers

**A motion prevailed** to pay vouchers in the amount of \$1,166.80.

### Unfinished/New Business

The next meeting of Presbytery Council will be May 22, 2007 at the Presbytery Center, Wichita.

The next meeting of presbytery will be June 19, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church, McPherson.

## Adjourn

**A motion prevailed** to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca New  
Stated Clerk

Nancy D. Borst  
Journal Clerk