

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, Wichita. The meeting began with worship led by the Rev. Tom Oak and the Rev. Diane Monger.

### 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: 27; Elder commissioners, 22.

Vouchers are available (the presbytery pays \$20 toward motel costs and 14 cents/mile for travel.)

### Opening Business

Moderator Joyce Daniel 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 Anderson	John Barkett	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Jane Bridgen-Graham	Jan Brooks	Don Calderwood	Larry Cracraft
Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	David Clipson	Chris Davis
Robert Duncan	Tom Edwards	Rob Erickson	Richard Gorham
Gerald Halberg	Brad Hansen	Jerry Hilton	Doug House
Strother Gross	Skip Johnson	Roberta Karchner	Chris Kettler
Ken Kimberlin	Keith Koch	Jeremiah Lange	Gordon MacKay
John Mikow	Diane Monger	Helen Moore Spath	William Mulford
William Nelsen	Rebecca New	Patrick Notley	Tom Oak
Bill O’Connelee	Bill O’Connell	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick
Jesse Patrick	Doug Phoenix	Ben Ray	Melissa Ramos
Dick Reynolds	Tom Robson	Steve Saville	Jack Singer
Roland Slater	Hal Staats	David Sweley	Paul Wissink
Betsy Vogt-Woodin	Robert Wyman		

### Roll Of Ministers Excused

Nik Adams	Keith Allison	Gene Blake	George Boone
William Borst	William Brewer	Marcy Campbell	Tom Church
Richard Diller	Wiert Eekoff	John Enwright	Larre Eschliman
Monty Fey	James Grant	Ralph Hand	John Haspels
William Hastings	Robert Hazen	Fred Lenk	Bert McCormick
Paul Mueller	Cathy Northrup	Kermit Opprecht	David Owens
Tom Rawlings	Charles Ross	Dennis Schiebmeier	Loran Scott
Jim Smith	Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Dale Snyder
William Soule	Tim Soule	Alfred Spots	Judith Steele
John Williams	John Wilson		

**Roll of Ministers Absent**

Charles Ayers	James Ayers	Richard Daeschner	Robert Hoover
Johann Kim	Timothy Kim	Margaret Lacy	Steve Washburn

**Elder Commissioners Present**

**Arkansas City**, Sally Burr; **Belle Plaine**, Esther Heater; **Caldwell**, Anna Petrik; **Cambridge**, Carolyn Colburn; **Coldwater**, Mary Alice McKinney; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **ELDorado**, Reed Copeland; **Freeport**, Jerry Dusenbury; **Garden City**, Ron Major; **Great Bend**, Ken Melton; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Independence**, Dick King; **Kingman**, Wayne Devries; **Lakin**, Connie Ginst; **Liberal**, Don King; **Mayfield**, Sue Narron; **Newton-First**, Patricia Randall; **Pratt**, John Cochran; **Sterling**, Fran Calderwood; **Viola**, Howard Means; **Wellington**, Mary Boatright; **Winfield**, Jackie Russell; **Wichita: Bethel**, Mary Anne Scott; **Brotherhood**, Joan Erickson; **Covenant**, Roberta Johnson; **Eastminster**, Lou Patton, Scott Macleod, Sandi Simon, Barbara Lawrence; **First**, Jerry Devons, Chris Kubik; **Mt. Vernon**, Julia Welch; **Southwest**, Howard Tice; **Trinity**, Bonnie Thompson; **Westwood**, Karen Raines.

**Elder Commissioners Excused**

Kingsdown, Neodesha, Parks.

**Elder Commissioners Absent**

Arlington, Ashland, Bucklin, Chase, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Dodge City, Harper, Holcomb, Hopewell, Hutchinson-First, Jetmore, Larned, Lyons, Leoti-First, Marion, McPherson, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, Spearville, St. Luke, St. Marks, Syracuse, Tribune, Yates Center, Zenith; Wichita: Calvary, Grace, Korean, St. Luke.

**Council Members Present but not mentioned above**

Nora Coryell	Ken Coryell	Pete Kitch	Sue Nispel
William Ward			

**Staff Members Present**

John Goss, treasurer  
Georgia Kaba, secretary  
Evelyn Calderwood, bookkeeper  
Nancy D. Borst, journal clerk

**Corresponding Member**

Barbara Everitt Bryant, First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Commissioned Lay Pastors Present**

Gretchen Hammeke  
Kay Hull

**Commissioned Lay Pastors Absent**

Craig Mead                      Barney Korbelik  
Don Tapp

**Other Pastoral Leadership Present**

Sergio Tristan

### First Time Elders

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

### Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting

Vouchers – Connie Ginest, Danny Daniel

### Visitors

There were 10 visitors registered for the meeting.

### Docket

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket as presented.

### Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006

- 1:00 p.m. Opening prayer and worship  
Opening Business: Corresponding members seated; first-time elders introduced; appointment of temporary committees; approval of docket.  
General Presbyter Report (A) Don Owens  
Stated Clerk Report (A) Rebecca New  
Treasurer Report (B) John Goss  
Council Report (C) David Sweley
- 3:00 p.m. BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. Committee Reports  
Polity (L) Steve Saville  
Committee on Ministry (H) Hal Staats  
Community Outreach (F) Nora Coryell  
Congregational Ministries (G) Joan Erickson  
Nominations Committee (J) Dolores Johnson  
Stewardship & Mission Interpretation (E) Sue Nispel  
Committee on Preparation (K) Helen Moore Spath
- Presentation of the Theological Task Force on Peace,  
Unity and Purity of the Church Report Barbara Bryant
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Worship: Includes the Installation of Bill Ward as Moderator of Presbytery and Sue Nispel as Moderator Elect. This service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. (Reception follows the service.)

### General Presbyter

Don Owens spoke briefly about his visits to churches in the presbytery. A one-day seminar about how to assimilate new members into the life of a congregation will be held April 20 at Wichita-Grace. He recently attended a meeting in Dallas about mission funding. There is a great deal of unrest among general presbyters about a lack of vision and motivation to move the church forward in its ministry. He urged all to persevere and continue asking questions.

### Stated Clerk

Rebecca New reported the following changes in membership since Nov. 29, 2005

Received from other PC(USA) presbyteries

Roberta Karchner, Los Ranchos

Jeremiah Lange, de Cristo

Cathy Northrup, Charleston-Atlantic

Ordained by the presbytery

Angela Madden

Temporary membership: Reformed Church in America

Dennis Scheibmeir

Dismissed by reason of death

Ronald Swedberg

Dismissed to other PC(USA) presbyteries

Philip Keevil, Lehigh

Pete Little, Peace River

Deleted from roll by action of presbytery

Dallas Curts (G-11.0404a)

In accordance with the Book of Order, G-11.0101b, the membership of the presbytery as of Dec. 31, 2005 is: Minister members, 108; Elder commissioners, 84.

(Twenty-four minister members are not active in the life of the presbytery and their membership is not used in reaching equalization for 2006. As nearly as possible, the number of minister members and elder commissioners has been equalized: minister members, 84; elder commissioners, 84.)

Organized churches: 67

Commissioned lay pastors: 5 (G-14.0801c5)

Churches with more than 500 members (G-11.0101a) eligible for additional commissioners:

Grace 1

Hutchinson-First 1

Wichita-First 1

Eastminster 3

Elder commissioners by virtue of office: Ken Coryell, Nora Coryell, Joan Erickson, Pete Kitch, Sue Nispel, Bill Ward.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the minutes of the Nov. 29, 2005 meeting of presbytery with editorial corrections.

**A motion prevailed** to temporarily suspend Article II.3 of the Administrative Manual.

**A motion prevailed** that, on behalf of the presbytery, the Synod of Mid-America assume jurisdiction of allegations against the Committee on Ministry.

### Treasurer

John Goss presented the 2005 end of year financial statements, noting that there was surplus cash left after all expenses for the year were paid. Long-term investments totaled \$52,013.

**A motion prevailed** to accept the report.

### Council

Dave Sweley reported that the council, at a special meeting, accepted a bid of \$7,517 from Martin Roofing to repair the roof at the presbytery center. The repair will include a two-year contractor warranty and a 10-year manufacturer warranty. Funds for this expenditure will be taken from the Trustee Capital Account.

**A motion prevailed** that the Community Outreach Committee administer its allocated funds from the Harper County Parish and that the funds remain deposited in the Church Development Corporation Stewardship account.

The council asks everyone to fill out and submit a survey about the presbytery meeting.

### General Assembly Council

Fran Calderwood reported on the GAC meeting in Louisville. The most important action taken was to change the make up of the council, reducing it to 47 members. Of that number, 36 will be elected, voting members. One GAC meeting each year will be held in conjunction with the meeting of presbytery and synod executives. Presbyteries will not have as much representation on the smaller council but the change should make the council more manageable and efficient. Calderwood's GAC term ends after the 2006 General Assembly.

The presbytery took a BREAK.

### Polity

Steve Saville presented the committee's report.

**A motion prevailed** to approve as second reading the following amendment to the Manual of Operations, Article 10.31b1 Nominations from the floor.

#### Second Reading for Article 10.3b1

*(Italics indicate portions to be struck; BOLD indicates additional language.)*

That the Manual of Operations, Article 10.3b1 be amended to read:

**10.3b1 Nominations from the floor:** Additional nominations made from the floor of the Presbytery are appropriate. The person being nominated shall *have been made aware of the responsibilities of the position of the position, shall agreed to serve, if elected, and is encouraged to have the qualifications for nominations cited above,* **have met the commissioner qualifications cited above, shall have been made aware of the responsibilities and shall have agreed to serve.**

### Committee on Ministry

**A motion prevailed** to temporarily suspend Article II.3 of the Administrative Manual.

#### Actions taken on behalf of presbytery

1. Granted Skip Johnson permission to labor outside the bounds of presbytery for specific events.
2. Granted a \$250 scholarship to Carol Murphy, Certified Christian Educator at Great Bend.
3. Approved two minister members for Interim Executive training.
4. Conducted an exit interview with minister member Roland Emond.
5. Appointed the following moderators of sessions: Tom Robson, Arlington; Charles Ayers, Tribune and Leoti; and Monty Fey, Larned.
6. Granted permission to Westwood Presbyterian to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

7. Reviewed the contract for Sergio Tristan.
8. Reviewed the covenants for Gretchen Hammeke and Jerrold Scribner.
9. Approved the Church Information Forms for the First Presbyterian Church of Halstead and the United Presbyterian Church of Sterling.
10. Granted permission to Laura Frazey to labor within the bounds of PSK as Chaplain at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

**A motion prevailed** to validate the ministry of Betsy Vogt-Woodin to Kings Treatment Center as a counselor.

**A motion prevailed** to give permission to the following elders from Brotherhood Presbyterian Church to serve communion due to pastoral vacancy: Roland Banks, William Taylor, Connie Nance, June Hicks, Joan Erickson, Joel Norwood and Billie Lively.

**A motion prevailed** to give permission to the following elders from Freeport Presbyterian Church to serve communion due to pastoral vacancy: Jerry Dusenbury, Ernie Schmidt, Freda Schmidt, Shay Pulliam, Gerald Schmidt and Clyde Ghere.

**A motion prevailed** to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Tom Edwards and Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Wichita effective January 29, 2006.

**A motion prevailed** to establish the Installation Commission to install Jeremiah Lange as Pastor to the Marion Presbyterian Church with the following members: Ministers: Ben Ray, Melissa Ramos, Chris Davis; Elders: Pat Black, St. Luke, Newton; Sally Hannaford, Marion; and PSK Moderator Elder Bill Ward. The installation will take place at 5 p.m. February 26, 2006.

### **Community Outreach**

Nora Coryell reported that the presbytery is doing a monthly newsletter. The committee will contribute to that rather than creating its own bulletin insert/flyer.

Several ways that congregations can contribute to campus ministry at Wichita State University are listed in a flyer included in the presbytery packet. The committee is responsible for appointing two presbytery representatives to the Wichita State Campus Ministry Board of Directors. Jerry Dusenbury of Attica and the Rev. Diane Monger of Wichita have been appointed to the board.

The committee received a \$23,500 grant from the Harper County Parish “for ministry projects within the Presbytery of Southern Kansas created/directed by churches with membership of 100 or less.” Criteria for projects will be taken from Matt. 25:35-36. Letters and grant applications have been sent to 36 churches with fewer than 100 members. There is no application deadline. Each will be considered as it is received.

### **Congregational Ministries**

Presbyterian Women in the presbytery will hold their spring gathering April 27 in Wichita.

### **Presentation about the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church Report**

Task force member Barbara Everitt Bryant gave a PowerPoint presentation about the task force’s final report, which will come before this year’s General Assembly. Small group discussion and questions followed.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

**A motion prevailed** to enroll Paula Steinbacher, Arkansas City First, as an Inquirer for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

### **Council**

The Dodge City church wants to purchase a piece of property. All appropriate environmental studies have been completed. **A motion prevailed** to allow the Dodge City church to spend \$35,000 to buy the property, which is adjacent to the current church property.

The congregation also wants to renovate the church. It is not clear yet whether money will be borrowed from the Church Development Corporation or from another financial institution. A CDC loan will encumber the building. Financial assets will be used as collateral if the loan comes from a bank. The congregation needs an enabling motion to move forward in this process.

**A motion prevailed** to give the Dodge City church permission to pursue whichever funding option they deem best.

**A motion prevailed** that the Dodge City church has permission to borrow up to \$250,000 from the Church Development Corporation.

### **Temporary Committee Reports**

#### **Vouchers**

**A motion prevailed** to pay vouchers totaling \$687.25.

### **Announcements and Adjourn**

**A motion prevailed** to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer for dinner.

A service of worship after dinner included installation of Bill Ward as moderator and Sue Nispel as moderator-elect.

The next meeting of Presbytery Council will be March 28, 2006 at Pratt Presbyterian Church.  
The next meeting of presbytery will be May 6, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church, Wellington.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca New  
Stated Clerk

Nancy D. Borst  
Journal Clerk

