

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita. The meeting opened with prayer.

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: 26; Elder commissioners, 16.

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

Opening Business

Moderator Bill Ward 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	Shirley Barnum
John Barnum	Jan Brooks	Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood
Tom Church	Larry Cracraft	Chris Davis	Danny Daniel
Joyce Daniel	Robert Duncan	Tom Edwards	Rob Erickson
Richard Gorham	Strother Gross	Jerry Hallberg	Anne Horton
Doug House	Skip Johnson	Chris Kettler	Ken Kimberlin
Keith Koch	Angela Madden	Jeremiah Lange	Steve Marsh
Helen Moore Spath	Diane Monger	William Mulford	Rebecca New
Cathy Northrup	Patrick Notley	Tom Oak	Bill O’Connell
Kermit Opprecht	Don Owens	Ben Ray	Dick Reynolds
Steve Saville	Loran Scott	Geoffrey Snook	Tim Soule
Steve Washburn	John Wilson	Robert Wyman	

Roll of Ministers Excused

Nik Adams	Keith Allison	Alan Beech	Gene Blake
George Boone	William Borst	William Brewer	Marcy Campbell
Don Calderwood	Tom Church	Wiert Eekoff	John Enwright
Larre Eschliman	Monty Fey	Gail Fisher	James Grant
Ralph Hand	John Haspels	William Hastings	Robert Hazen
Roberta Karchner	Fred Lenk	Gordon MacKay	Bill McConnelee
Bert McCormick	John Mikow	Paul Mueller	David Owens
Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick	Tom Rawlings	Tom Robson
Charles Ross	Melissa Ramos	Dennis Schiebmeier	Jack Singer
Roland Slater	William Soule	Dale Snyder	Alfred Spots
Hal Staats	Judith Steele	Seth Svaty	Dawn Swartz
David Sweley	John Williams	Paul Wissink	Betsy Vogt-Woodin

Roll of Ministers Absent

Charles Ayers	Richard Daeschner	Jerry Hilton	Timothy Kim
Margaret Lacy	Hank Lederle	Jennifer Snook	

Elder Commissioners Present

Arkansas City, Mickey Thompson; **Belle Plaine**, Esther Heater; **Conway Springs**, Michelle Shinn; **Forest Park**, Chuck Connor; **Freeport**, Freida Schmidt; **Halstead**, Martha Adair; **Hopewell**, Grace Gates; **Hutchinson First**, Joe Gorsky; **Kingman**, Betty Boese; **McPherson**, Craig Gannon; **Newton First**, Patricia Randale; **Pratt**, Jack Scott; **Sterling**, Sara MacDonald; **Viola**, Dana Vancuren; **Wellington**, Mary Boatright; **Winfield**, Jackie Russell; **Wichita: Bethel**, Mary Ann Scott; **Brotherhood**, Bill Taylor; **Calvary**, Colene Boring; **Covenant**, Roberta Johnson; **Eastminster**, Karen Crow, Louis Jacobs, Jack Kirkham; **First**, Ken Gabrielson, Joe Dunlop; **Mt. Vernon**, Barbara Stone; **St. Luke**, Chris Fox; **Southwest**, Howard Tice; **Trinity**, Jack Shanahan; **Westwood**, Karen Raines.

Elder Commissioners Absent

Arlington, Ashland, Bucklin, Caldwell, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Coldwater, Derby, Dodge City, El Dorado, Great Bend, Harper, Holcomb, Independence, Leoti, Liberal, Lyons, Marion, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, St. Luke, St. Mark's, Syracuse, Tribune, Yates Center; Wichita: Grace, Korean.

Elder Commissioners Excused

Cambridge, Chase, Garden City, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Mayfield, Neodesha, Parks, Spearville, Zenith.

Council Members Present but not mentioned above

Fran Calderwood Ken Coryell Pete Kitch Sue Nispel Bill Ward

Staff Members Present

Evelyn Calderwood, bookkeeper
Joan Erickson, resource center coordinator
John Goss, treasurer
Georgia Kaba, secretary

Corresponding Members

Irving Simon, Halstead Presbytery
Don Waite, Seattle Presbytery
Cynthia Wissinger, Church Development Corporation, Parkville, Mo.

Other Pastoral Leadership Present

Jerry Scribner Eric Williams

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present

Gretchen Hammeke Kay Hull Craig Meade

Commissioned Lay Pastor Excused

Barney Korbelik Don Tapp

First Time Elders

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting

Vouchers – Ken Coryell, Tom Church

Visitors

There were 14 visitors registered for the meeting.

Docket

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket as presented.

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

1:00 p.m.	Welcome and Convening Prayer; Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding members; First-time Elders introduced; Appointment of Temporary committees; Approval of Docket.	
1:10 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Hal Staats
1:40 p.m.	General Presbyter Report	Don Owens
1:50 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
1:55 p.m.	Presbytery Council (C)	Joyce Daniel
	Treasurer	John Goss
	Budget & Finance	Ken Coryell
2:30 p.m.	Stewardship & Mission (I)	Doug House
2:45 p.m.	Camping Committee (P)	Pete Kitch
2:55 p.m.	Nominations (J)	Fran Calderwood
3:00 p.m.	BREAK (deadline for new business)	
3:45 p.m.	Congregational Ministries (G)	Carol Murphy
4:15 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Hal Staats
5:00 p.m.	Worship/Installation of Moderator and Moderator Elect	
	This service includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper	
6:20 p.m.	Report of Temporary Committee	
6:22 p.m.	Unfinished Business/New Business	
6:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

Committee on Ministry

Mary Ellen Garver 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.

The following was shared for informational purposes.

1. The committee will conduct A.R.I.M. training for New Ministers, CLPs, Certified Christian Educators and Directors of Christian Education, elder members of COM, and youth workers at the First Presbyterian Church, Newton, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 22. Letters will be sent to all clergy who need to take this training. For more information, contact Rob Erickson at Covenant Presbyterian Church.
2. The committee encourages each congregation in the presbytery to complete its statistical report, which is due Feb. 21.

Actions taken on behalf of presbytery

1. Granted Rob Erickson permission to labor outside the bounds of presbytery for specific events.

2. Granted three individuals a \$250 scholarship each.
3. Conducted entrance interviews with Don Waite and Irving Simon.
4. Conducted exit interviews with Doug House and the Wellington session.
5. Appointed Jane Brigden-Graham to moderate the session at Cambridge.
6. Approved the Interim Contract between the Rev. Bill McConnelee and the First Presbyterian Church of Dodge City.
7. Assisted Roland Slater with his qualification for disability.
8. Approved the Church Information Form for Winfield for an Interim Pastor.
9. Approved the Church Information Form for Covenant Presbyterian Church for an Associate Pastor.
10. Conducted an Exit Interview with the Winfield session.
11. Completed a Triennial Visit with First Presbyterian Church of Arkansas City.
12. Conducted Church Officer Training at First Presbyterian Church of Winfield.

A motion prevailed to grant the status of Honorably Retired to Steven Washburn, effective Feb. 1, 2007. A service of recognition and celebration was held to honor his years of service.

General Presbyter

Don Owens thanked the churches that had submitted their 2007 Estimate of Giving. He also spoke about insurance needs of churches and indicated a letter was forthcoming about costs of insurance. He asked that the presbytery be in prayer about upcoming conversations about middle governing bodies, to take place in Albuquerque.

Stated Clerk –

Rebecca New gave the report. The following have been received from other presbyteries:
Alan Beech, Denver
Gail Fisher, Yukon
Anne Horton, Lake Erie

In accordance with the Book of Order, G-11.0101b, the membership of this presbytery as of Dec. 31, 2006 is: Minister members, 105; Elder commissioners, 82. (Twenty-three minister members are not active in the life of the presbytery and their membership is not used in reaching equalization for 2007). As nearly as possible, the number of minister members and elder commissioners has been equalized: minister members, 82; elder commissioners, 82.

Organized churches: 66

Commissioned lay pastors: 5 (G-14.0801c5)

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

Grace	1
Wichita-First	1
Eastminster	3

Elder commissioners by virtue of office: Fran Calderwood, Ken Coryell, Pete Kitch, Carol Murphy, Sue Nispel, Bill Ward.

The Permanent Judicial Commission reviewed the petition for an Internal Review and rendered a decision. The petition is not sustained. No charges will be filed.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the Nov. 28, 2006 meeting of presbytery with corrections.

Approval for the job description for the presbytery's Resource Center Director Position Description was accomplished in November 2005. The job description is included in the Manual of Operations.

Council

Joyce Daniel gave the council report. The council met in November prior to and following the presbytery meeting. The first meeting was for prayer and second was to review the meeting, strategize on how to improve presbytery meetings and respond to survey responses about the meeting. Council members agreed to continue these meetings prior to and following the Feb. 13 presbytery meeting.

A survey is included in the meeting packets. Participants are asked to complete it. The results of the survey from the November 2006 meeting also are included.

A motion prevailed to hold the next stated meeting of the presbytery on April 17, 2007 at Westminster Woods camp.

A motion prevailed that offerings received at presbytery meetings be designated for weather-related relief across Kansas, with priority given to western Kansas.

A motion prevailed to permit Brotherhood Presbyterian Church to apply for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places, with the stipulation that any grant proposals for federal funds be referred to the Council for approval.

A motion prevailed to approve construction of two additional cabins at Westminster Woods for the purpose of accommodating the increased number of camping participants, with total cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Budget & Finance

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

1. The 2006 income/expenses were reviewed and compared to the budget for all line items prior to this presbytery meeting.
2. The presbytery's fiscal support to Westminster Woods was \$87,263; the budgeted amount was \$97,000.
3. An investment summary (included in the packets) reflects significant growth.
4. The 2006 Shared Mission (list as of Dec. 2006 included) indicated the presbytery did not meet its overall Shared Mission Giving (shortage of \$16,651). The shared mission giving also includes 1 percent and per capita giving by church and per member.
5. Twenty-seven Shared Mission pledges have been received. Fourteen pledges have been made in support of the Theological Education Fund.

The committee urges each congregation to continue its Shared Mission giving, including the Theological Education Fund (that supports seminaries) and per capita. Each church was asked to return its "2007 Estimate of Giving" form to the presbytery as soon as it has been approved by the session.

Stewardship and Mission

Doug House gave the committee's report. Now is the time to prepare for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Brochures about the 2007 Estimate of Giving are available if your church has not yet responded. Work is ongoing about a possible Hispanic ministry and multicultural ministry opportunities and events with former General Assembly Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase.

A Transformational Stewardship event will be held March 12-14 in Denver. Brochures are available.

The committee is discussing possible Partner-in-Ministry ideas to promote mission giving outside a local church's budget.

Information about a “Mission Challenge” is included in the meeting packets. The challenge is a denomination-wide attempt to encourage increased support of mission personnel. The challenge officially kicks off in October. Mission speakers will be sent to host presbyteries. If you would like to have a mission speaker at your church, please let the committee know.

The committee plans to have a training event during the August 2007 presbytery meeting.

Nominations

Fran Calderwood gave the committee’s report. The committee welcomes names for people to serve on various communities. Current vacancies include Community Outreach and Synod Youth Ministry.

The committee asked the moderator to declare the following positions vacant:

Committee on Ministry

08-1 Elder

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

Synod Committee on Nominations: Bill Taylor, elder 09-2.

The presbytery took a BREAK.

Congregational Ministries

Joan Erickson gave the committee’s report. Melvin Blaylock, a student at Sterling College, spoke about outreach efforts at the college, highlighting the rich tradition and connection the college has enjoyed with the presbytery. Future development includes:

1) Local youth groups to visit the campus; 2) Sterling students will travel as groups to conduct games, share drama presentations (for example); 3) Sterling will host different events on campus, i.e. overnights, to experience the college. Blaylock said the college’s goal remains Christian-centered.

Joan Erickson spoke about the completion of and explained the online resources catalog.

Community Outreach

Diane Monger said scholarship money is available to various denomination events and urged interested people to contact the committee.

Rob Erickson highlighted the building of a Habitat for Humanity house set for fall 2007, in which the presbytery will participate. As a result of conversations with the Wichita Jewish community, a trip to Jordan and Israel is planned for later in 2007.

Committee on Ministry

The committee resumed its report.

Irving Simon, who has been called as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Halstead, was introduced, presented his statement of faith and answered questions.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination.

A motion prevailed to receive Irving Simon from Halstead Presbytery into membership of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

A motion prevailed to approve the call to Irving Simon to serve as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Halstead effective April 1, 2007 with the following terms: Salary \$26,000; manse and utilities \$8,800; continuing education allowance \$500; travel allowance (IRS rate) \$1,500; medical/pension \$10,962; 2 weeks study leave; one month vacation (4 Sundays); moving expenses.

Don R. Waite, who has been called as Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church, was introduced, presented his statement of faith and answered questions.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination.

A motion prevailed to receive Don R. Waite from Seattle Presbytery into membership of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

A motion prevailed to approve the call to Don R. Waite to serve as Pastor at Westwood Presbyterian Church effective March 12, 2007 with the following terms: Salary, \$27,200; housing allowance \$23,000; deferred compensation, \$2,400; continuing education allowance, \$1,500; travel allowance, (IRS rate) \$2,000; medical/dental allowance, \$1,000; pension/medical, \$16,569; 2 weeks study leave; 5 weeks vacation (5 Sundays); paid sabbatical leave of 3 months after 7 years of service with session approved study plan and 6 months minimum service to follow; moving expenses, \$14,000.00.

A motion prevailed to appoint the following Installation Commission to install Don R Waite as Pastor of Westwood Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. April 1, 2007. Elders: Moderator Sue Nispel, Brotherhood; Karen Raines, Westwood; Larry Garrison, Eastminster. Ministers: Cathy Northrup, Keith Koch, Steven Marsh.

A motion prevailed to grant permission to Calvary Presbyterian Church to re-elect present session members after serving two terms for up to three years (G14.0202b).

Worship and Installation of Moderator and Moderator Elect

A service of worship was held that included the celebration of the Lord's Supper and an offering to assist western Kansas storm recovery. Sue Nispel, Brotherhood, was installed as Moderator. Rob Erickson, Covenant, was installed as Moderator Elect.

Temporary Committee Report

Vouchers

A motion prevailed to pay vouchers as presented.

Unfinished/New Business

The next meeting of Presbytery Council will be March 20, 2007 at the Presbytery Center, Wichita. The next meeting of presbytery will be April 17, 2007 at Westminster Woods.

Adjourn

A motion prevailed to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer and presbyters were invited to a reception for the newly-installed Moderator Sue Nispel.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca New
Stated Clerk