

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingman. The meeting began with worship and included a time of remembering and honoring those Elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who died in 2004: J. Lester Haspels, Warren Branson, Louise Thompson, Doug Tate, Wendell Warren, Jack Perkins, Bill Kimmel, Gerald G. Banz, Milorea Gudeas, Malcolm E. Green, Katherine Starnes, Ronald F. Miner, Mary Ester Sullins, Thomas Behrendt, James Naylor, Wilbur Scott, Mildred Moreland, Thelma Bulla, Keith E. Cripe, Fern Ritter, Charles E. Straub, Margaret Barnhart, Charles “Sam” Brandt, William A. Swigert, Dean Sawin, Ruby L. Swink, Marjory Haynes, R.J. “Joe” Cronnin, Nancy H. West, Mary Catherine Wells, Charles W. “Bill” Bashman, Eugene Heasty, Denzil Ramey, Alvin Medlam, Verlon E. Eurton, Maxine Mead, Connie Raney, Nona Gregory, Irma Churchward.

### 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 Daniels 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

Keith Allison	James Ayers	James Anderson	John Barkett
John Barnum	Shirley Barnum	Don Calderwood	Jane Brigden-Graham
Larry Cracraft	Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Chris Davis
Tom Edwards	Rob Erickson	Dick Gorham	Strother Gross
Gerald Hallberg	Brad Hansen	Jerry Hilton	Doug House
Thomas Johnson	Ken Kimberlin	Keith Koch	Gordon MacKay
Bill McConnelee	John Mikow	Diane Monger	Helen Moore Spath
William Mulford	William Nelsen	Rebecca New	Pat Notley
Tom Oak	Bill O’Connell	Kermit Opprecht	Don Owens
Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick	Ben Ray	Melissa Ramos
Dick Reynolds	Tom Robson	Steve Saville	Jack Singer
Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Hal Staats	David Sweley
John Wilson	Paul Wissink	Robert Wyman	

### Roll of Ministers Excused

Nik Adams	George Boone	William Borst	Bill Brewer
David Clipson	Tom Church	Richard Diller	Robert Duncan
Wiert Eekoff	John Enwright	Monty Fey	James Grant
Ralph Hand	John Haspels	William Hastings	Robert Hazen
Bob Hoover	Hank Lederle	Fred Lenk	Bert McCormick
Paul Mueller	David Owens	Doug Phoenix	Tom Rawlings
Charles Ross	Loran Scott	Jim Smith	Dale Snyder

William Soule	Alfred Spotts	Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz
Ron Swedberg	John Williams		

**Roll of Ministers Absent**

Charles Ayers	Eugene Blake	Jan Brooks	Marcy Campbell
Richard Daeschner	Roland Emond	Chris Kettler	Timothy Kim
Johann Kim	Roland Slater	Steve Washburn	

**Elder Commissioners Present**

**Arkansas City**, Paula Stienbacher; **Arlington**, Barbara German; **Belle Plaine**, Esther Heater; **Caldwell**, Alvin Petrik; **Cambridge**, Carolyn Colburn; **Chase**, Jon Linville; **Cherryvale**, Stella Blanchard; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **Eldorado**, Jim Copeland; **Forest Park**, Larry Reed; **Freeport**, Betty Medlam; **Great Bend**, Carol Murphy; **Halstead**, Martha Adair; **Hutchinson First**, Joseph Gorsky, Denny Vick; **Independence**, Dick King; **Jetmore**, Ray Wilson; **Kingman**, Wayne Devries; **Kingsdown**, John Scott; **Lakin**, Connie Ginst; **Larned**, Janice Kirby; **Marion**, Roger Hannaford; **Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries; **McPherson**, Craig Gannon; **Newton-First**, Mary Ediger; **Parks**, Harold Myers; **Pratt**, Richard Scott; **Sterling**, Sara MacDonald; **Viola**, Diane Vancuren; **Wellington**, Mary Boatright; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr; **Wichita: Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Covenant**, Roberta Johnson; **Eastminster**, Phyllis Ellis, David Hitchcock; Bill Hendrix; **First**, Judy Davis, Rick Wedel; **Mt. Vernon**, Barbara Stone; **Southwest**, Howard Tice; **Trinity**, Norval Madden.

**Elder Commissioners Excused**

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**Elder Commissioners Absent** Ashland, Bucklin, Coffeyville, Coldwater, Conway Springs, Dodge City, Garden City, Harper, Holcomb, Hopewell, Liberal, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Newton St. Luke, Northminster, Spearville, St. Mark's, Syracuse, Tribune, Yates Center, Zenith. Wichita: Bethel, Calvary, Grace, Korean, Westwood.

**Council Members Present but not mentioned above**

Nora Coryell	Ken Coryell	Joan Erickson	Dolores Johnson
Pete Kitch	Sue Nispel	William Ward	

**Staff Members Present** Georgia Kaba, secretary

Evelyn Calderwood, bookkeeper

Nancy D. Borst, journal clerk

**Corresponding Members**

Cathy Northrup, Charleston Atlantic

Dennis Scheibmeir, Reformed Church in America

Martha Sanchez, United Methodist Church

Roberta Karchner, Los Ranchos

Laura Frarey, Louisville Theological Seminary

**Commissioned Lay Pastors Present**

Gretchen Hammeke  
Don Tapp  
Kay Hull

**Commissioned Lay Pastor Absent**

Barney Korbelik

**Stated and Temporary Supply Pastors Present**

Paul McNall  
Orlando Jantz

**Stated and Temporary Supply Pastors Absent**

Jerry Scribner  
Sergio Tristan

**First Time Elders**

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

**Temporary Committee appointed for this meeting**

Vouchers – Wayne DeVries, John Barnum  
Tellers – William Mulford, Bill Taylor, Barbara Stone

**Visitors**

There were 17 visitors registered for the meeting.

**Docket**

**A motion prevailed** to adopt the docket as amended – the Committee on Preparation for Ministry will report at 10:05 a.m. and the reports of the Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Council will move to 2:20 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2005**

9:00 a.m.	Convening prayer and worship	
9:50 a.m.	Opening Business: Corresponding members seated; first-time elders introduced; appointment of temporary committees; approval of docket.	
10:05 a.m.	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (K)	Helen Moore Spath
10:30 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00 a.m.	Community Outreach (F)	Nora Coryell
11:25 a.m.	Stewardship & Mission Interpretation (E)	Sue Nispel
12:05 p.m.	LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Hal Staats
2:00 p.m.	Congregational Ministries (G)	Joan Erickson
2:10 p.m.	Committee on Representation (M)	Jerry Hallberg
2:15 p.m.	Polity Committee (L)	Steve Saville
2:20 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
	Treasurer Report (B)	John Goss
	Council Report (C)	David Sweley

	Nominations Subcommittee	
	Budget and Finance Subcommittee	Rob Erickson
		Ken Coryell
2:40 p.m.	BREAK	
3:00 p.m.	Camping Committee (P)	Pete Kitch
3:10 p.m.	Nominations Committee (J)	Dolores Johnson
3:30 p.m.	General Assembly Council Report	Fran Calderwood
3:45 p.m.	Arrested Reports/New Business	
	Temporary Committee Report	
	Vouchers	
3:50 p.m.	Adjourn	

### **General presbyter**

Don Owens introduced Dr. Bruce Douglas, president of Sterling College.

**A motion prevailed** to give Mr. Douglas voice on the floor of presbytery so he can address presbyters. Douglas reaffirmed the relationship between the college and the presbytery.

Don Owens recognized Esther Heater, presbytery bookkeeper, who is retiring. He thanked her on behalf of the presbytery for her service and gave her a gift of a signed Emmett Thomas clown.

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

Helen Moore Spath presented Peninnah Ziegler, Wichita-First, to be examined as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. She presented her statement of faith.

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

**A motion prevailed** to enroll Peninnah Ziegler as a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. She answered the constitutional questions for the candidacy process.

Skip Johnson gave the charge to the candidate.

### **Actions taken by the committee**

- Voted to assess Susanne Bendoraitis, Wichita-Eastminster, ready to receive a call.
- Voted to enroll Judy Conners, Wichita-First, as an applicant for commissioned lay pastor.
- Voted to enroll Eric Linares, Wichita-Eastminster, as an Inquirer for ministry.
- Voted to confirm a request from Greater Atlanta Presbytery to examine and ordain candidate Adel Thalos on behalf of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas to the position of associate pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Redeemer, Snellville, Ga.

The committee suspended its report.

The presbytery took a break until 11 a.m.

### **Community Outreach**

Nora Coryell reported that a mission newsletter was sent to churches Nov. 2. A copy of the presbytery's 2006 Mission Yearbook is available at this meeting. Extra copies also are available.

Nora introduced Rev. Martha Sanchez, who is a United Methodist pastor working in campus ministry at Wichita State University. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is one of the denominations that supports the ministry. Sanchez spoke briefly about campus activities that include a weekly chapel services and Bible studies. It takes about \$5,000 a month to run the ministry. Financial support from the church is important.

Strother Gross said the committee is investigating the possibility of the presbytery building a Habitat for Humanity house in the next 1 ½ years. Small churches are encouraged to band together. Habitat representatives are ready to make presentations at churches or put up a display. The project might begin next September.

The committee will try to connect churches planning mission trips with people wanting to participate. Information will be shared via the mission newsletter, presbytery reports and the website. Grace Presbyterian is planning a trip to Nairobi, Kenya in May 2006. Westwood Presbyterian is planning a medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March 2006.

### **Stewardship & Mission Interpretation**

Sue Nispel reminded the presbytery that it is time to get Christmas Joy Offering materials, some of which are available at this meeting. She encouraged congregations to use the denomination's Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study. Next year's theme is "age to age." The presbytery's entry features the Northminster and Kingsdown congregations.

The committee recognized churches with the highest per member giving. Hopewell led the list with giving of \$40.71 per member. Each church received a certificate.

Doug House led a Bible study including a game called "significant pursuit."

The presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

The presbytery reconvened with prayer at 1 p.m.

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

Candidate Angela Madden, Wichita-Trinity, was presented. **A motion prevailed** to examine her for ordination.

She preached a sermon based on 1 Cor. 1:1-9. She then answered questions.

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

She has been called by the Worldwide Ministries Division as an Associate for Ecumenical and Mission Partnership (relating to the Middle East and Europe).

**A motion prevailed** to certify Angela Madden for ordination. She will be ordained at 3 p.m. Jan. 15, 2006 at Wichita-Trinity.

**A motion prevailed** to affirm her ordination commission: Joyce Daniel, moderator; Ministers: Helen Moore Spath, Geoff Snook, Don Owens; Elders: Joan Bailey, Halstead; Norval Madden, Trinity.

### **Committee on Ministry**

Hal Staats led the presbytery in a service of recognition for Carol A. Murphy of Great Bend, who has been certified as a Christian educator.

**A motion prevailed** to create a new position of Associate Pastor at Eastminster.

**A motion prevailed** to give permission to Kent Johnson, Nancy Howie, Fred Howie, Marge Johnson, Charlotte Webb and Darla Matthews to serve communion at Harper.

**A motion prevailed** that at the request of Dallas E. Curts, he be released from the exercise of ordained office (G11.0414a) and that his name be deleted from the roll of presbytery.

Roberta Louise Karchner presented her statement of faith and answered questions. She was elected pastor of the Lakin Presbyterian Church in September. **A motion prevailed** to sustain the examination.

**A motion prevailed** to receive her as a member of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas. Her terms of call were approved at the September 2005 presbytery meeting.

**A motion prevailed** to approve her installation at 6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006 with the following commission: David Sweley, moderator; Ministers: Don Owens, Charles Ayers; Elders: Marin Neff, Randy McVey, and Connie Ginest.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the terms of call of the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita to Mary Catherine Northrup as follows: Cash salary, \$48,500; Supplement for social security, \$5,622.75; Housing, \$25,000; Full medical and pension, \$22,785; Medical/dental reimbursement, \$600; one month paid vacation; two weeks of continuing education annually, accumulative to six weeks; travel expense at 48 ½ cents/mile, not to exceed \$4,500; continuing ed. allowance, \$3,600. Service to begin Dec. 1, 2005. All EOE guidelines were followed and a report is on file.

She presented her statement of faith and answered questions. **A motion prevailed** to sustain the examination.

**A motion prevailed** to receive her as a member of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

**A motion prevailed** to approve her installation at 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006 with the following commission: William Mulford, moderator; Ministers: Don Owens, Jane Brigden-Graham; Elders: Rick Wedel, Wichita-First, Nora Coryell, Derby.

At the request of De Cristo Presbytery, the Presbytery of Southern Kansas has been asked to perform the ordination examination for Jeremiah Lange, who has accepted a call to the Marion church.

He preached a sermon based on Mark 2:13-17. He presented his statement of faith and answered questions. **A motion prevailed** to arrest the examination.

**A motion prevailed** to report to De Cristo Presbytery that Jeremiah Lange is ready to receive a call and that he should be ordained.

The following items are for information. The committee:

- Approved a \$250 scholarship for Carol Murphy.
- Completed triennial visits to Kingman, Harper and Winfield.
- Will schedule a session to train elders at Brotherhood to serve communion.

Actions taken on behalf of the presbytery:

- Granted permission to the Sterling church to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Approved Church Information Forms for Halstead PNC, Eastminster PNC and Eastminster Associate PNC.

The presbytery took a break until 2:50 p.m.

## Council report

### Nominations Subcommittee

Rob Erickson reported the committee's choices to moderate the subcommittees of council. There were no nominations from the floor. **A motion prevailed** to elect the following:

Elder Ken Coryell, Derby – Moderator, Budget and Finance Subcommittee

Elder Gretchen Hammeke, Grace – Moderator, Personnel Subcommittee

Rev. Tom Oak, Mt. Vernon – Moderator, Vision and Planning Subcommittee

After hearing no nominations from the floor, **a motion prevailed** to elect the following to the Nominations Committee:

Moderator	Rev. Jack Singer
08-ME	Bill Taylor, Brotherhood
08-MC	Rev. Danny Daniel, Arkansas City
08-FE	Diane Massey, Winfield
07-FE	Fran Calderwood, Sterling
07-ME	Joe Gorsky, Hutchinson-First

### **Budget and Finance Subcommittee**

Ken Coryell reported that shared mission giving is below goal and asked members to please consider giving as the year concludes. He asked presbyters to complete a survey form about the meeting and return it. He also asked churches to support the Theological Education Fund Offering. Laura Frarey, an intern at Wesley Medical Center and a student at Louisville Theological Seminary, spoke briefly about the importance of this offering to students.

### **Treasurer**

John Goss was not present and no report was given.

### **Stated Clerk**

Rebecca New reported the following change in membership since the Sept. 10, 2005 meeting.

Deleted            Alfred Kelsey, by reason of death, Sept. 17, 2005

Received from other PC(USA) presbyteries

Jerry Hilton, Tres Rios

Ken Kimberlin, Grand Canyon

Doug Phoenix, Northern Kansas

**A motion prevailed** to approve the Sept. 10, 2005 minutes with editorial corrections.

Tim Soule, moderator of the Special Administrative Review Committee, gave a report. Members of the committee are: Rev. Melissa Ramos; Elders: Tom Rhoads, Kathleen Thomas and Otis Morrow. The committee considered the statement of concern about the work of a session in the presbytery.

**A motion prevailed** to give the committee's findings to the Committee on Ministry for any follow-up that may be needed and to dismiss this special committee with thanks.

New reminded churches that statistical reports will be due in February. If a congregation needs assistance completing its reports, please let the clerk know.

Jim Anderson spoke briefly about the Kansas Pastors and Church Educators Seminar Jan. 16-20, 2006 at Cross Wind Conference Center. The early bird registration rate has been extended to Dec. 15.

### **Congregational Ministries**

Joan Erickson lifted up evangelism ideas available on the PC(USA) website ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)). There is a booklet about the fastest growing churches available as well.

The youth ministry work weekend at Westminster Woods in November included Bible study. The winter youth retreat at WW will be Jan. 18-20, 2006. Other upcoming youth events are:

Mo-Kan                    Feb. 17-19, 2006

Sleepless in Sterling    March 24-26, 2006

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Presbyterian Men will hold their national gathering in Chicago on April 22, 2006.  
The next presbytery gathering of presbytery women will be at Grace.  
The Association for Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) event will be at St. Louis.

**Committee on Representation**

Gerald Hallberg reviewed the role of this committee, which includes an annual report to the presbytery. The committee determined that Book of Order requirements as to representation have been fulfilled. The committee did raise some concerns to the Nominations Committee for their consideration.

**Polity**

Steve Saville gave the committee's report. The committee has reviewed session records and insurance coverages and has started a discussion about structure and process in the presbytery. The committee said a special thank you to Sherry Phillips, who has completed her second term on the committee. Session records reviews have been completed for the year. Following is the most recent review report.

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Church	Exceptions
Arkansas City	II-2; III-M,N; IV-D; V-E; VII-E; VIII-A,B,C,D,E,F
Belle Plaine	NONE
Bucklin	NONE
Caldwell	III-M
Cambridge	NONE
Chase	VII-B,C
Cherryvale	NONE
Coffeyville	II-D; III-G,J,L,M,P; IV-B,C; V-B; VII-A,B,D
Coldwater	NONE
Derby	NONE
Dodge City	II-B,D; III-G,J,K,M,N; V-B,E; VI-B,D,E,F,G,H,I
ElDorado	II-A,D; III-M,O,P
Garden City	VII-B,E
Great Bend	NONE
Halstead	III-L,M; V-B; VII-B,C,D,E,F
Harper	III-M,Q; VI-E
Holcomb	I-B,C; II-D; III-G,K,M,Q; IV-D; V-A,B,E; VI-C,E,G
Hutchinson-First	NONE
Hutchinson-Forest Park	II-B,C; IV-C
Hutchinson-Northminster	III-L,M,O; VII-B,C,D,E,F
Independence	III-N,O
Jetmore	VII-C,D,E
Kingman	NONE
Kingsdown	V-B
Lakin	III-M,N,O,Q; V-E; VII-B,C,D,F
Larned	I-B; II-D; III-M; VI-F
Leoti	III-O,P,Q; IV-C
Parks	NONE
Liberal	III-J; V-B; VI-F,I; VII-B
Lyons	II-B,C,D; III-M; VII-C
Marion	III-G,L,Q; V-B; VI-F
Mayfield Federated	NONE
McPherson	NONE
Medicine Lodge	NONE
Neodesha	VII-C
Newton-First	III-M
Newton-St. Luke	III-M; VII-C,E,F
Pratt	VII-D,F
Spearville	V-A,B; VII-D,E
Syracuse	VII-B
Tribune	III-G; V-A,B
Wellington	I-A; III-J,L,N; VII-D,E,F
Wichita-Brotherhood	VI-B; VII-B,C
Wichita-Calvary	V-A; VI-A; VII-B,C,D,E
Wichita-Covenant	VII-E
Wichita-Eastminster	II-D; III-O,P; V-E
Wichita-First	I-A; VII-D,E,F
Wichita-Grace	II-B; III-M; V-B,D; VII-B,C,D,E,F
Wichita-Mt. Vernon	NONE
Wichita-St. Luke	NONE
Wichita-Southwest	III-L,O; V-B
Wichita-Trinity	III-J,O; VII-B,C,D,E,F
Wichita-Westwood	NONE
Zenith	I-B,C; II-A; III-G; V-A,B,E; VI-C,E,G; VII-B,C

**SESSION MINUTE REVIEW KEY:****I. THE PHYSICAL RECORDS**

- A The church's name is embossed/printed on the outside of all minutes, rolls and registers book(s).
- B Each sheet of the minutes book is consecutively numbered, filled from top to bottom on both sides, and unused space is ruled out.
- C No unnumbered pages or separate sheets of paper constitute official record.

**II. ROLLS AND REGISTERS**

- A All actions affecting membership rolls are recorded in the minutes by vote, including *Book of Order* reference for reason for removal (G-10.0302).
- B The minutes, rolls, and registers record for persons received into membership the person's full name, the baptismal records of unconfirmed children (G-5.0100) and in the cases of reception by Letter of Transfer the full name of the church from which transferred. For historical reasons, it is useful to have as much information as possible; *e.g.*, birth name, spouse's name and parents' names.
- C The marriage of all members of the church, all marriages conducted by the ministerial staff of the church, and all marriages performed on church property are recorded in the register of the church (G-10.0302c(1)).
- D All ordinations and installations are recorded in both the minutes and register. Page # \_\_\_\_

**III. SESSION MEETINGS**

- A Session meetings are held at least quarterly (G-10.0201).
- B Name of the church, the place and date and time of each meeting of the Session are recorded in the minutes of each meeting.
- C The call of special meetings shows the purpose of the meeting and business was confined to the purposes stated.
- D The name of the moderator of each meeting is recorded.
- E Each meeting is opened and closed with prayer (G-9.0301).
- F The first and last name of each elder present and absent at each meeting is recorded.
- G Composition of Session for the current year is recorded in minutes annually.(C-10.0301).  
Page # \_\_\_\_; # of Men \_\_\_\_; # of Women \_\_\_\_; # Racial/Ethnic \_\_\_\_.
- H The minutes of each meeting are approved.
- I Reports are received from all special committees appointed (G-9.0501).
- J The Session prepares and adopts by vote the budget for the year, and it is recorded in the minutes (G-10.0102h). Page # \_\_\_\_
- K If the budget lacks a line item for per capita, the minutes shall reflect that the session has considered payment of per capita.
- L The Session's annual review of the adequacy of compensation of all staff. (G-10.0102n) Page # \_\_\_\_.
- M The Session's examination of elected officers is recorded (G-14.0205). Page # \_\_\_\_
- N The Membership roll is reviewed annually and documented in the minutes (G-5.0502). Page # \_\_\_\_  
*C.f.* II. A above
- O The Session review of the Board of Deacons Page #\_\_\_\_ and the Board of Trustees Page #\_\_\_\_ is recorded at least annually. *C.f.* G-10.0102.
- P The annual joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons is recorded Page. \_\_\_\_ *C.f.* G-6.0405.
- Q If the church does not have a Board of Deacons, the session acknowledges annually that the session exercises the responsibility for deacons functions (G-6.0407)

#### IV. THE SACRAMENTS

- A Celebrations of The Lord's Supper are authorized in advance by vote of the Session (W-2.4012).
- B The Lord's Supper is celebrated at least quarterly, and a record of each celebration is made in the minutes of the Session after the observance (W-2.4012).
- C Celebrations of The Lord's Supper with persons who are hospitalized or isolated from public worship are reported in the minutes, along with the name(s) of those authorized by the Session to represent the church (W-2.4010).
- D All baptisms are ordinarily authorized by the session in advance and are recorded in the session minutes and the Register of Baptisms (G-10.0302c(2)), (W-2.3011).

#### V. RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIGHER GOVERNING BODIES

- A The Session elects commissioners to meetings of Presbytery and receives their reports (G-10.0102p(1)).
- B The Session's annual statistical report to General Assembly is approved by vote of the Session (which may occur after submission to Presbytery), and at least the following information is recorded in the minutes: total membership, the number of men, the number of women, gains and losses, total spent on local mission, total spent on approved mission, total spent on other mission, and the year-end balance in all funds. Page # \_\_\_\_
- C Any lawful injunction imposed upon the congregation or Session is recorded in the minutes.
- D Compliance with lawful injunctions, if any, of higher governing bodies is documented (D-3.0300a(5)).
- E The results of the Presbytery's review of the Session's records are reported to the Session by the clerk and recorded in the minutes. Page # \_\_\_\_

#### VI. MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION

- A All meetings of the congregation are called by vote of the Session even if the meeting is mandated in the congregational By-Laws. (G-7.0303). Pages # \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.
- B All meetings of the congregation are held in accordance with the call, including limitation of the business conducted to that specified in the call. *C.f.* G-7.0300
- C Determination that a quorum is present at all meetings is recorded in the minutes. Pages # \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.
- D Minutes of all meetings of the congregation are approved and recorded in full in the session minutes book. This may be done by the congregation at the end of the meeting, or by the Session at its next regular meeting following the meeting of the congregation (G-7.0307). Pages # \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.
- E Minutes of all meetings of the congregation are signed by the Moderator and the Clerk of Session.
- F Matters related to the pastoral relationship, such as compensation and the terms of call for each minister, are adopted by vote of the congregation and recorded in the minutes (G-7.0304a(3)).
- G Church officer nominating committee members selected by the congregation in conformity to G-14.0202b or c. Page # \_\_\_\_.
- H Officers are nominated and elected in accordance with provisions of the *Book of Order* at G-14.0201, *i.e.* terms of service and "representation.". Page # \_\_\_\_
- I The annual statistical information recorded in V B above should be in the session's report at the annual congregational meeting.

#### VII. FINANCIAL RECORDS

- A The treasurer is elected annually by the session (G-10.0400) Page # \_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_B A full review of the church's financial records (audit) is completed and results of the review are recorded in the minutes annually (G-10.0401d). Page # \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_C The church is incorporated under the laws of the State of Kansas, and Articles of Incorporation are on file with the State of Kansas, and the annual filing is noted on page # \_\_\_\_ (G-7.0401).
- \_\_\_D The church's real property is insured for \$ \_\_\_\_ and the church's liability coverage is \$ \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_E The last insurance review is recorded on page # \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ (G-10.0102).

**A motion prevailed** to approve to adopt for second reading and approval an amendment to the Manual of Operations, Article 15.8 – Chart of Reserve and Other Funds (the chart was published on page 29 of the Sept. 10, 2005 minutes).

**A motion prevailed** to approve for first reading the following amendment to Manual of Operations: Article 10.31b1 Nominations from the floor.

### First 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.**

### Camping

Pete Kitch said the committee has discussed PSK Summer Camp Leadership formats to be initiated in 2006. Roland Slater and Kermit Oppriecht have volunteered to help shape the program and provide leadership at the 2006 camp.

A test gas well has been drilled on the Westminster Woods property and significant methane flowed from three coal formations identified in the core samples. Actual production may not begin for up to three years.

### Nominations

Dolores Johnson asked the moderator to declare the following positions vacant. It was **so ordered**.

#### PSK

Committee on Ministry 06

Community Outreach 06

Congregational Ministries 07

Polity 06

#### Synod

Synod Nominating Committee 06

### Nominees for Leadership in the presbytery

**A motion prevailed** to elect the following, after no nominations were heard from the floor.

Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery 2006: Elder Sue Nispel, Wichita-Brotherhood

**A motion prevailed** to elect the following nominees to fill vacancies on PSK committees. Moderators are listed and elected to serve a one-year term. There were no nominations from the floor.

**Brotherhood CM, Inc.**

- 08-1 Rev. Keith Allison  
08-1 Elder Cara Leahy, Conway Springs

**Camping**

- 08-2 Elder Pete Kitch, Wichita-Eastminster  
08-3 Rev. Dick Reynolds, McPherson  
08-2 Rev. Roland Slater, Winfield  
2006 Moderator: Pete Kitch

**Committee on Ministry**

- 06-1 Rev. Douglas Phoenix, Pratt  
08-2 Rev. Don Calderwood  
08-3 Elder Martha Adair, Halstead  
08-1 Rev. John Barnum  
08-1 Rev. Jesse Patrick, Chase  
08-1 Elder Paul White, Syracuse  
08-1 Elder Linda Wyman, Larned  
08-1 Elder Karen Raines, Wichita-Westwood  
2006 Moderator: Rev. Hal Staats, Great Bend

**Community Outreach**

- 06-1 Rev. Ken Kimberlin, Wichita-Westwood  
07-1 Rev. David Clipson, Dodge City  
08-2 Elder Marjorie Williams, Arkansas City  
08-1 Rev. Diane Monger, Wichita  
08-1 Elder Anna Petrik, Caldwell  
08-1 Elder Nadine Delhotal, Wichita-First  
2006 Moderator: Elder Nora Coryell, Derby

**Congregational Ministries**

- 06-1 Rev. Jay Ayers, at large, ElDorado  
07-1 Rev. Betsy Vogt-Woodin, Wichita  
08-1 Rev. Paul Wissink, Newton St. Luke  
08-1 Rev. Bill O'Connell, ElDorado  
08-1 Rev. Loran Scott, Wichita  
08-1 Elder Carol King, Independence  
08-1 Elder Rojean DuBois, Newton-First  
08-1 Elder Roe Clark, Zenith  
2006 Moderator: Elder Joan Erickson, Wichita-Brotherhood

**Polity**

- 06-1 Rev. Jerry Hilton, Wichita-Eastminster  
08-2 Rev. James Anderson, Newton-First  
08-1 Elder Kathleen Thomas, Wichita-First  
2006 Moderator: Rev. Steve Saville, Liberal

**Preparation for Ministry**

- 08-2 Rev. Helen Moore Spath, Hutchinson-First  
08-2 Elder Gretchen Hammeke, Grace  
08-1 Elder Barb Lewis, Dodge City  
2006 Moderator: Rev. Helen Moore Spath

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

- 2011 Melissa Ramos, Wichita-Covenant
- 2011 Elder Judy Gannon, McPherson

**Representation**

- 06-3 Stuart Parman, youth, Arkansas City
- 06-1 Lydia Cooper, youth, Wichita-Grace
- 2006 Moderator: Rev. Gerald Hallberg, Wichita

**Stewardship and Mission Interpretation**

- 08-2 Rev. Doug House, Wellington
- 08-1 Rev. Tim Soule, Hutchinson-First
- 08-1 Elder Mary Knecht, Wichita-First
- 2006 Moderator: Elder Craig Mead, Belle Plaine

**A motion prevailed** to elect the following nominees to fill Synod of Mid-America vacancies. There were no nominees from the floor.

**Commissioner**

- 08-2 Rev. Jack Singer, Larned
- 08-1 Marilyn Rundell, Garden City

**Youth Advisory Delegate**

- 06-1 Stuart Parman, Arkansas City
- 06-1 Cindy Eschliman, Forest Park

**Committees**

**Church Order**

- 08-3 Elder Sherry Phillips, Mt. Vernon

**Communications**

- 08-3 Rev. Shirley Barnum, Viola

**Financial Affairs**

- 08-2 Elder Dan Bonine, Great Bend

**Higher Education**

- 08-2 Elder Peggy Church, Wichita-First

**Nominations** (PSK recommendations)

- 08-2 Dolores Johnson, Wichita-First
- 06-1 Jean Mulford, Wichita-Grace

**Personnel**

- 06-1 Elder Gretchen Hammeke, Grace

**Youth Ministry**

- 08-1 Elder Kelly Whitesell (adult), Wichita-Westwood
- 06-1 Steven Spicer (youth), Wichita-Covenant

**General Assembly commissioners**

The committee presented nominees for commissioners to the 2006 General Assembly.

Those nominees were:

**Clergy Commissioner:** Patrick Notley, Wichita-First

**Alternate:** Benjamin Ray, Derby

**Elder Commissioner:** Bonnie Thompson, Wichita-Trinity

**Alternate:** Karen Raines, Wichita-Westwood

**Youth Advisory Delegate:** Brad Irvin, Garden City  
**Alternate:** Stuart Parman, Arkansas City

There was a nomination from the floor for the position of GA Elder Commissioner. Pete Kitch, Wichita-Eastminster, was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations from the floor. The moderator ordered that the vote on Elder Commissioner be held separately.

**A motion prevailed** to elect the other nominees as presented:  
**Clergy Commissioner:** Patrick Notley, Wichita-First  
**Clergy Commissioner Alternate:** Benjamin Ray, Derby  
**Youth Advisory Delegate:** Brad Irvin, Garden City  
**Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate:** Stuart Parman, Arkansas City

A motion prevailed to elect Karen Raines, Wichita-Westwood, as **Elder Commissioner Alternate**. Ballots were distributed to vote on Elder Commissioner. Presbyters were instructed to vote for one: Pete Kitch or Bonnie Thompson. Tellers collected the ballots for tabulation.

The moderator ordered this report arrested until the result of the ballot vote was determined.

### **General Assembly Council**

Fran Calderwood shared that three weeks ago, she had embarked on an “around the world” trip in eight days. The trip took her to Pakistan and she shared some of the things she saw and experienced while there. She was a last minute replacement on the trip but was thrilled for the opportunity. She said that the Christian church there “exudes such joy” as a small minority in a predominantly Muslim country. She asked presbyters to continue to pray for the work of the council.

### **Arrested Reports/New Business**

#### **Nominations**

The results of the ballot vote for GA Elder Commissioner were announced. The vote total was: Bonnie Thompson, 50 votes; Pete Kitch, 34 votes. Bonnie Thompson was elected as GA Elder Commissioner to the 2006 assembly.

#### **Committee on Ministry**

**A motion prevailed** to accept the terms of call for Jeremiah Lange from the Marion Presbyterian Church as follows: Cash salary, \$22,671; Housing, \$10,300; Full medical and pension, \$9,562; Reimbursable car allowance up to \$1,400; One month paid vacation annually; continuing education of two weeks annually; continuing ed. reimbursement of \$500; book allowance of \$500; Pastoral Enrichment for Transition in Ministry, \$150 for two years. Service to begin Nov. 15, 2005. All EOE guidelines were followed and a report is on file.

**A motion prevailed** to use funds remaining in the 2005 Brotherhood Pastor fund to pay for health insurance for a minister member serving a small church on a part-time basis. The funds should cover the cost of insurance for one year.

Dennis Scheibmeir presented his statement of faith and answered questions. He has accepted a call to the Larned church. **A motion prevailed** to arrest the examination.

The Stated Clerk reported that she has been working on behalf of the presbytery through the Committee on Ministry with the Reformed Church of America to manage the process according to A Formula of Agreement: The Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament; Principles, Policies and Procedures. However, this recommendation from the Committee on Ministry, which refers to the Book of Order G-11.0405b, stops that process before it can be completed. Process for the Orderly Exchange of Ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament has not occurred.

The Stated Clerk expressed concern about the need for Scheibmeir to receive training in Presbyterian polity. Hal Staats, moderator of the Committee on Ministry acknowledged that need. The presbytery understands that Dennis Schiebmeir will not moderate the session in Larned until he has successfully completed a class in Presbyterian polity and been examined by the COM. A moderator will be appointed by the COM for the Larned Presbyterian Church.

**A motion prevailed** that Dennis Scheibmeir be received as a member of Southern Kansas Presbytery for the length of his service as Pastor of the Larned Presbyterian Church.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the call of the Larned Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Dennis Scheibmeir with the following terms: Cash salary, \$24,039; Housing, \$7,211 (30% of salary); Utility allowance, \$3,000; Pension and medical benefit, \$10,617.72; Medical/dental reimbursement, \$2,600; Continuing education, two weeks annually, cumulative to four weeks, \$2,000; Travel expense at 40 ½ cents/mile not to exceed \$2,000.

**A motion prevailed** to approve his installation at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 with the following commission: Joyce Daniel, moderator; Ministers: Don Owens, Jack Singer, Hal Staats; Elders: Linda Wyman, Larned; Gary Tranbarger, Great Bend.

General Presbyter Don Owens **moved** that the Manual of Operations be suspended so the body could consider changing the dates of the next presbytery meeting from Feb. 14-15, 2006 to Feb. 13-14, 2006. The meeting is scheduled to be held at Wichita-Mt. Vernon. The moderator ruled this **motion was out of order**.

**Another motion was made** and seconded that the General Presbyter be instructed to confer with the host church (Mt. Vernon) and the Presbytery Council and that, if the way be clear, the February 2006 meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas be Feb. 13-14 (rather than Feb. 14-15).

The **motion prevailed** on a hand vote: 39-21.

## Temporary Committee Reports

### Vouchers

A motion prevailed to pay 25 vouchers totaling \$552.04.

## Announcements and Adjourn

The next meeting of Presbytery Council has been moved to 10 a.m. Jan. 10, 2006 at Pratt Presbyterian Church. (The meeting previously had been scheduled for Jan. 17.)

The next meeting of presbytery is scheduled for Feb. 14-15, 2006 at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, Wichita. **A motion prevailed** to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca New  
Stated Clerk

Nancy D. Borst  
Journal Clerk