The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, KS, by Moderator, Rev. Angela Madden. The meeting opened with a Call to Gather, Hymn, Prayer and Words of Welcome from Rev. Bill O'Connell.

Moderator Angela Madden 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.

## **Quorum Present**

Each person must sign the attendance register 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 \$30 toward motel costs and 20 cents/mile for travel.)

#### **Roll of Ministers Present**

James Anderson	John Barkett	Amy Baumgartner	Allen Beach
Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood	Thomas Church	Amy Dame
H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Laura Frazey	Richard Gorham
Anne Horton	Gary Johnson	Roberta Karchner	Keith Koch
Jeremiah Lange	Regina Maas	Angela Madden	Steve Marsh
Diane Monger	William Mulford	Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup
William O'Connell	Kermit Oppriecht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick
Jesse Patrick	Mary Carol Perrott	James Pitts	Ben Ray
H. Dick Reynolds	Steve Saville	Loran Scott	Dennis Scheibmeir
Scott Solether	Tim Soule	Don Waite	John Wilson
Robert Wyman			

# **Roll of Ministers Excused**

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Eugene Blake	George Boone	David Clipson	Chris Davis
Robert Duncan	Wiert Eekhoff	John Enwright	Larre Eschliman
Monty Fey	James Grant	Gerald Hallberg	Ralph Hand
John Haspels	William Hastings	Thomas "Skip" Johnson	n Doug Kelly
Margaret Lacy	Fred Lenk	William Long	William McConnelee
Bert McCormick	Gordon Mackay	John Mikow	Paul Mueller
William Nelson	David Owens	Melissa Ramos	Thomas Rawlings
Tom Robson	Charles Ross	Roland Slater	Jack Singer
Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts	Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz
Steven Washburn	C. Ernest Williams	John Williams	

#### **Roll of Ministers Absent**

Charles Ayers	Jay Ayers	Larry Cracraft	Richard Daeschner
Timothy Kim	Rob Erickson	Gail Fisher	Strother Gross
Christian Kettler	Elizabeth Morgan	Tom Oak	Irving Simon
Anne Smith	Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Hal Staats
Seth Svaty	Elizabeth Vogt-Wood	din	

#### **Elder Commissioners Present**

Arkansas City, Paula Daniel-Steinbacher; Cambridge, Carolyn Colburn; Chase, Jon Linville; Cherryvale, Stella Blanchard, Coffeyville, Phyllis M. Shivers; Conway Springs, Truman Shinn; Derby, Marilyn Armstrong; El Dorado, Johanna L. Wilkinson; Freeport, Mary Dusenbury; Garden City, Cathaleen Cooper; Great Bend, Phyllis Bosley; Halstead, Joan Bailey; Kingman, Lorene DaVries; Lyons, Daylene Linville; Marion, Roger W. Hannaford III; Mayfield, Wanda Jeffries; McPherson, Craig A. Gannon; Neodesha, Mina R. Olson; Newton, Floyd F. Darrow; Northminster, Joe Gorsky; Sterling: Fran Calderwood; Viola, Howard Means; Wellington, Mary Ellen Garver; Wichita, Bethel, Robert Heston; Brotherhood, William Taylor; Covenant, Jennifer Keim; Eastminster, John Moody, Pete Kitch, Jack Kirkham, William Hendrix, Sandi Simon; First, Cynthia Berner Harris, David Grisham; Grace, Hunt Parker, Marilyn Deckinger; Mt. Vernon, Sherry Phillips, Trinity, Glenn Shanahan; Westwood, Carol Herter; Winfield, Mary Kerr

#### **Elder Commissioners Absent**

Anthony, Arlington, Ashland, Belle Plaine, Bucklin, Caldwell, Coldwater, Dodge City, Forest Park, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Hutchinson (First), Independence, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Leoti, Liberal, Medicine Lodge, Parks, St. Luke (Newton), Pratt, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune, Wichita: Calvary, Korean, Southwest, St. Luke, Yates Center, Zenith

#### **Council Members Present but not mentioned above**

Ken Coryell, Ray Jones, Mary Knecht, Jeanette Marks, Bill Ward

## **Staff Members Present**

Rachel Furry – Bookkeeper Brian Wheeler – Director of Camping Ministries Jan Lane – Administrative Assistant

## **Commissioned Lay Pastors Present**

Kay Hull, Diane Massey, Warren Wilbur

## **First Time Elders**

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

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

Vouchers – Ken Coryell, Ernie Hull

### **Visitors**

There were 18 visitors registered for the meeting.

## **Docket**

A motion prevailed to approve the following docket.

Tuesday, August 25th, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado Presbytery of Southern Kansas Work as Worship

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO GATHER FOR GOD'S BUSINESS Moderator, Rev. Angela Madden Rev. Bill O'Connell

Call to Worship A responsive reading based on Isaiah 58 (NIV):

Pastor Angela: This is the acceptable day of the Lord.

People: To bring bread to the hungry.

Pastor Bill: This is the acceptable day of the Lord. **People: To bring the poor into our own houses.**Pastor Angela: This is the acceptable day of the Lord.

People: To clothe the naked and comfort the afflicted.

Pastor Bill: "... your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then

your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard."

People: Lead us in Your ways, O God.

Pastor Angela: "... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,

then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord

will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your

frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail."

People: Teach us to delight in Your Sabbath and honor You.

Pastor Bill: "... you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the

land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

# **OPENING Contemporary Songs of Praise Sung in Unison**

Words of Welcome

A Word from First Presbyterian Church Rev. Bill O'Connell Establishing the Roll Rev. Angela Madden

The roll will be established by the registration desk.

CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM: The Stated Clerk confirms that a quorum is present and with a quorum we will proceed with our work as worship

A Word about Our meeting: The Council selected the theme of Evangelism for

today's meeting.

Approving the Docket Rev. Angela Madden

The Introductions...

New Minister Members/Elder Commissioners Rev. Angela Madden

The Seating of Corresponding Members Stated Clerk, Rev. Rebecca New

A Word about the Offering for the Day –

Offering plates available all day by entrances to Sanctuary

Appoint a Voucher's Committee

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder, First Church El Dorado

PRAYER OF CONFESSION in Unison

Elder, First Church El Dorado

LORD JESUS, WE CONFESS THAT WE SAW THE HUNGRY BOY AND WE DID NOT FEED HIM. WE SAW THE THIRSTY GIRL AND WE GAVE HER NOTHING TO DRINK. WE SAW THE NAKED CHILD AND WE DID NOT CLOTHE HIM. THE SICK CHILDREN WERE NEARBY AND WE DID NOT GO AND COMFORT THEM. SOME WERE RIGHT AMONG US AND WE DID NOT TEACH THEM ABOUT YOU. LORD JESUS, HELP US TO SEE YOU WHENEVER WE SEE THE POOR AND AFFLICTED, TO RESPOND TO THEM, ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN, AND TO MINISTER IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE Rev. Bill O'Connell

SONG OF ASSURANCE (please stand as able)

Stated Clerk Report Rev. Rebecca New A Word from the General Presbyter Rev. Don Owens

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION Rev. Bill O'Connell

WORSHIP SONG (please stand as able)

God's Word proclaimed at Westminster Woods Camp...

Camping Ministries (O) Rev. Jeremiah Lange

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Break for Fifteen Minutes of Fellowship

Sharing Community Life Part 1 10:45-11:15 a.m.

Congregational Ministries (G) Elder Jeannette Marks
Presbytery Council & Trustees Report (C) Rev. Angela Madden

Elder Sue Nispel

10:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

A Word from the Presbytery Council...11:20 to Noon

Finance Report (C-B & F-)
 Treasurer's Report (B)
 Elder Ken Coryell
 Elder John Goss

Vision & Planning Sub-CommitteeRev. Tim Soule

Blessing the Meal that we will receive

# Order of the Day, Break for Lunch @ 11:59 a.m. for 60 Minutes Lunch-time Conversation & Dialogue led by Council Members

# GATHERING MUSIC (please stand as able)

Sharing Community Life – Part II

Nominating Committee (J) Elder Fran Calderwood

Church Order (L) Rev. Steve Marsh

Congregational and Pastoral Support

■ COM (H) Elder Ray Jones

■ CPM (I) Rev. Jay Ayers

Motion and Examination to move Paul Bammel <u>from Inquirer status to Candidate</u> Motion to approve Dawn Flippin for ordination as she receives a call. A Word from the Presbytery Disaster Response Task Force Rev. Skip Johnson **10 MINUTES FOR CONVERSATION AND STROLLING ABOUT** 

Break for 15 minutes

2:15 to 2:25 p.m.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Angela Madden

Please share your joys & concerns. If able, please go to a microphone!

Sixty Seconds of Silence

# LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sharing Community Life Part III

A Word from Mission Partnership and Support (E) Elder Mary Knecht
A Word from Presbyterian Women Elder Nora Coryell

New Business 3:00 p.m.

Vision and Planning for God's Future

Rev. Tim Soule

#### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Closing Motions and Announcements

- Next Presbytery Gathering November 10, 2009 Pratt Presbyterian
   Pratt, KS
- Please submit your Vouchers for today's meeting by noon. The total vouchers received will be reported at this time.
- Evaluation Forms: Your views are important for developing Presbytery gatherings so please take the time to complete them!

## SONG OF SENDING

(please stand as able)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Moderator, Rev Angela

Madden

Responsive Charge from the Great Commandment and Matthew 25:31-40 (NIV/NRSV):

Leader: Which is the greatest commandment?

People: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

Leader: What is the second greatest commandment?

People: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

People: "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you, a stranger, and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" Leader: "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did for me."

# ADJOURNMENT

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4:15 p.m.

## **Announcements:**

<u>Thank you:</u> First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, KS and Pastor O'Connell, Planning Team, and Musicians

Offering - Please make sure to share God's gifts today by making your offering. Please be sure to place your offering in the offering plates provided by each exit and entrance to the sanctuary before you leave today.

## **Gathering Around the Word**

# Offering for the Day

Offering plates will be available throughout the day within the sanctuary. Today's offering will to go the PSK/Northern Mexico Partnership.

# Stated Clerk's Report.

Changes in Membership from June 9, 2009

Received from other PCUSA Presbyteries: Regina Maas (Missouri River Valley)

Dismissed to another PCUSA Presbytery: Tom Edwards ( New Covenant)

**A Motion prevailed** to approve the Presbytery minutes of June 9, 2009.

# **General Presbyter Report**

Don Owens gave a brief overview of the status of Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program insurance claims pending. Questions concerning CPIP should be directed to Jon Prange, insurance broker for CICP, or Don Owens.

## **Proclaiming the Word**

Presentation by Norval Madden on the PSK mission trip in July 2009 to Chihuahua, Mexico.

**Scripture and meditation** was presented by Bill O'Connell, First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado.

## **Camping Committee**

Jeremiah Lange reported that \$415,000 had been raised/pledged toward the building of a new chapel at Westminster Woods. The Presbytery Council approved the appointment of a Building Subcommittee by the Camping committee to oversee the building process.

Kenton Cox, architect, discussed features of the chapel, ie., seating for 200, extensive audio visual capabilities, and kitchen. The chapel will be located in the northwest part of the camp. Construction will begin soon and will be completed in time for 2010 summer camp.

# Responding to the Word Sharing Community Life – Part I

## **Congregational Ministries Committee**

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Jeanette Marks reported the upcoming "Oasis" Event for Christian Educators. A drawing took place to receive a registration scholarships for this event:

Kathern Ochampaugh – Garden City – ½ scholarship from Congregational Ministries Committee Becky McVey – Garden City – ½ scholarship from Congregational Ministries committee Diane Monger – Mt. Vernon, Wichita 1 full scholarship from the Synod of Mid-America Emily Lynch – First Church, Wichita 1 full scholarship from Congregational Ministries Committee

Amy Baumgartner announced that the Pastors & Educators Seminar will be held in January 2010 at Cross Winds Conference Center, Hesston, KS.

## The Presbytery took a break.

## **Vision and Planning Committee**

Tim Soule presented the report from the Vision and Planning Committee. The report will be discussed in further detail after lunch. Please use the cards on the lunch tables to register your questions and give them to the committee members after lunch.

# Treasurer's Report

John Goss, Treasurer, presented the Statement of Financial Condition.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Ken Coryell reviewed the status of the Presbytery's finances and the budget/actual year-to-date synopsis.

**A motion prevailed** that further 2010 budget discussions be postponed until immediately following the afternoon discussion and proposal by the Vision and Planning Committee.

## **Sharing Community Life – Part II**

## **Nominating Committee**

Jim Anderson reported for this committee.

Moderator declared the following positions vacant:

Moderator-Elect (09)

Committee on Nominations (09)

Brotherhood Community Service (10)

The committee nominated the following for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

**A motion prevailed** to elect Rev. Steven Marsh, Moderator-Elect (09)

The committee nominated the following for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

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**A motion prevailed** to elect Scott Solether, Committee on Ministry, MC (11) Allan Sents, Committee on Ministry, ME (10)

The committee nominated the following for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

**A motion prevailed** to elect Sherry Phillips, Synod of Mid-America Commissioner, FE (11)

The Nomination Committee is sending a letter to all eligible Elders and Minister Members concerning General Assembly Commissioners. Those eligible and interested, should reply to Jim Anderson by September 19, 2009.

## **Committee on Church Order**

Steven Marsh reminded those present that there remains one more date for Session Record Readings and that is Saturday, September 12, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson at 10:00 a.m.

# **Committee on Ministry**

Ray Jones introduced Rev. Regina Maas, new pastor for the First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City, KS.

He announced that a model for Certified Lay Pastor and Lay Education Training has been approved by the committee and on Saturday, September 26, 2009, those wishing more information about this may attend a meeting at the Presbytery Office from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery:

Dismissed Tom Edwards to the Presbytery of New Covenant.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the following Commission to Install Regina Maas as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City, KS on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.:

Reverends, Angela Madden, Moderator; Tom Church; Don Owens.

Elders Tommy Phelps, Dodge City; Ray Jones, Eastminster; Mary Alice McKinney, Coldwater.

A motion prevailed to renew as Commission Lay Pastors: G-14. 0562

Kay Hull to the Presbyterian Church, Cambridge; effective for three years. G-14.0561 Craig Mead to St. Marks Presbyterian Church, Haysville; effective for three years. G-14.0561

Each CLP will work under the supervision of the Committee on Ministry and Rebecca New is assigned as mentor for Kay and Craig. G14.0564

**A motion prevailed** to dissolve the relationship between the Korean Presbyterian Church, Wichita and Pastor Timothy Kim effective August 31, 2009.

# **PSK Disaster Response Team Report**

Ernie Hull reported that the PSK Disaster Task Force has created a disaster recovery plan that will be placed on a flash drive and given to each pastor and Clerk of Session. The Team will be visiting each church and is available to help the church establish a disaster plan.

## **Mission Partnership and Support**

Mary Knecht reported on World Mission Challenge 2009, and the visit of Rev. Mary Nebelisick to PSK September 25 – October 5, 2009. Information about Rev. Nebelisick will be posted on the PSK website <a href="www.pbysk.org">www.pbysk.org</a>. She also highlighted the missionaries commissioned at the National Presbyterian Woman's Gathering in July 2009.

Mary reported that the PSK van has been donated to the Presbytery of Chihuahua, Mexico. A donation of Bibles written in Spanish was delivered by Pastor Bill O'Connell to Chihuahua during the PSK Mexico mission trip.

An invitation was extended to all to attend the inauguration of Dr. Paul J. Maurer, as eleventh President of Sterling College on October 23, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. on the Sterling College campus.

Knecht also announced that the Peacemaking Offering will be taken October 4, 2009. Reminding everyone that twenty-five percent of the offering stays with the local congregation to do peacemaking projects, twenty-five percent of the offering collected remains with the Presbytery and fifty percent goes to General Assembly for their peacemaking projects.

# The Presbytery took a break for lunch.

## **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Cathy Northrup presented Inquirer, Paul Bammel. Paul answered questions from Commissioners. **A motion prevailed** that Paul Bammel be moved from Inquirer to Candidate.

Candidate Dawn Flippin was introduced. Dawn preached/led the Commissioners in worship.

Cathy Northrup moderated the Ordination Examination. Dawn answered questions from the Commissioners.

**A motion prevailed** to close the theological portion of the ordination examination.

A motion prevailed to close the Biblical portion of the ordination examination.

A motion prevailed to close the sacrament and polity portion of the ordination examination

A motion prevailed to close the worship portion of the ordination examination.

**A motion prevailed** to suspend the examination and approve Dawn Flippin for ordination.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the Ordination Commission to Ordain Dawn Flippin Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita:

Reverends Angela Madden, Moderator; Ben Ray; Chris Kettler. Elders Marilyn Armstrong, Derby; Ann Egelhof, Covenant; Sue Nispel, Brotherhood. Joys and Concerns were shared.

## **Sharing Community Life – Part III**

## **Presbyterian Women**

Nora Coryell reported the dates for the Presbyterian Women Fall Gatherings: September 29, 2009 – Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson October 8, 2009 – First Presbyterian Church, Wellington Further information is available on www.pbysk.org

Nora reviewed the National Presbyterian Woman's Gathering in July in Louisville, KY.

# **Vision and Planning Committee**

**A motion prevailed** to temporary suspend Article 11.3 of the Manual of Operations.

Questions regarding the Vision and Planning Committee's proposal were discussed. The Visioning and Planning Subcommittee presented the following information.

### The Problem Defined (What)

- The Presbytery lacks a unifying vision
- There is a lack of trust when dealing with significant issues arise
- The Presbytery finds it difficult to demonstrate its connectional nature
- There is a lack of understanding about our mission as a Presbytery
- Diminishing Finances
- Role of Presbytery Helpful/Hurtful/Innocuous

## The Purpose Detailed (Why)

- 1. Kingdom Purposes
  - Missional Great Commandment/Commission/Requirement
  - Institutional
- 2. Timing Why now
  - Proactive vs. Reactive
  - The cost of action vs. the cost of inaction
- 3. Financial Crisis
  - Reserves depleted
  - Budget under funded
  - Per-Capita does not cover administrative and constitutionally required service
  - Some churches troubled by Insurance company's inability to pay claims
  - Lack of priorities to make budget decisions
- 4. The Presbytery has one half the members it had when it was formed.
- 5. Some churches now in conversation about closing.
- 6. The cost of action vs. the cost of inaction

#### 1. Create

- Time and space for churches, groups, committees, council, and presbytery for intentional study, prayer, and reflection. (What do the people of the Presbytery believe God is calling our Presbytery to be and do?)
- A relationship with an outside consulting firm or person to direct the Presbytery in a visioning process.
- At least one two day pastor's retreat and one (or more) elder's retreat(s).
- Listening groups to meet with churches individually or in clusters.
- All issues are on the table. Nothing is to "sacred" for our discussion.
- 2. The Presbytery Manual and Standing Rules be suspended to allow for the following:
  - Only constitutional committees as mandated by the Book of Order, and Council, meet for necessary business, with Council providing leadership to the Presbytery during the Sabbatical.
  - All other committees would observe the sabbatical except urgent items referred to them by Council. They could be called to meet for the purposes of the visioning process.
  - Committee membership would be frozen for this sabbatical period. No new members would be added except for those constitutional committees.
  - Suspend all committee programs/scholarship/budget items except those directed by Council.

## The Personnel Delegated (Who)

- 1. The Council
  - Vision & Planning Committee
  - o Other committees as directed by Council
- 2. Constitutionally mandated committees
- 3. General Presbyter
- 4. Consultant

## The Price Disclosed (How Much)

- \$6,000 to \$12,000 depending of firm chosen and amount of usage.
- Sabbatical savings dependent upon Council decisions.

**A motion prevailed** that 2010 be designated as a year of sabbatical for shared discernment, prayer and Bible study.

**A motion prevailed** that the presentation and discussion of the proposed 2010 budget be suspended until the Presbytery meeting on November 10, 2009.

# **Temporary Committee Report**

**A motion prevailed** to pay \$596.63 in vouchers as presented. Worship Service offering for Northern Mexico partnership was \$215.00.

# Bearing and Following the Word into the World

## **Announcements**

Presbytery will be held November 10, 2009, at Pratt Presbyterian Church, Pratt, KS. Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer.

Rebecca New Jan Lane Stated Clerk Journal Clerk