

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened with prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church, Derby, by Moderator, Steven Marsh.

The meeting opened with worship. The worship service included a celebration of the Lord's Supper and the Installation of Ben Ray as Moderator of Presbytery and Mary Ellen Garver as Moderator Elect. Candidate, Paul Bammel preached.

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: 80; Elder commissioners, 80.

Vouchers are available (the Presbytery pays \$30 toward motel costs and 20 cents/mile for travel over 70 miles.)

Opening Business

Moderator Ben Ray called the Presbytery to order. Additional handouts for the meeting are available at the registration tables. Anyone wishing to speak on the floor should identify themselves and the congregation represented. All comments should be directed to the moderator. Any motions must be submitted in writing and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

Roll of Ministers Present

James Anderson	Charles Ayers	James Ayers	John Barkett
Amy Baumgartner	Allen Beach	Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood
Larry Cracraft	Amy Dame	H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel
Gail Fisher	Laura Frazey	Dick Gorham	Gerald Hallberg
Jerry Hilton	Thomas "Skip" Johnson	Keith Koch	Jeremiah Lange
Steven Marsh	William McConnelee	Diane Monger	William Mulford
Catherine Neely	Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup	Tom Oak
William O'Connell	Kermit Oppriecht	Denise Pass	Arlene Patrick
Jesse Patrick	Ben Ray	H. Dick Reynolds	Tom Robson
Charles Ross	Steve Saville	Jennifer Snook	Loran Scott
Dennis Scheibmeir			
Jack Singer	Roland Slater	Scott Solether	Seth Svaty
Don Waite	Stephen Wing	Robert Wyman	

Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Eugene Blake	George Boone	Tom Church	David Clipson
Richard Daeschner	Robert Duncan	Rob Erickson	Larre Eschliman
John Enwright	Monty Fey	James Grant	Strother Gross
John Haspels	William Hastings	Gary Johnson	Roberta Karchner
Doug Kelly	Christian Kettler	Margaret Lacy	William Long
Regina Maas	Gordon Mackay	Bert McCormick	
Elizabeth Morgan	Paul Mueller	William Nelson	David Owens
Don Owens	Mary Carol Perrott	Melissa Ramos	Anne Smith
Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts	Hal Staats	Judith Steele
Dawn Swartz	Steve Washburn	C Ernest Williams	John Wilson
John Williams			

Roll of Ministers Absent

Geoffery Snook	Irving Simon	Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin
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Elder Commissioners Present

Arkansas City, Robert Barrett; **Belle Plaine**, Esther Heater; **Cambridge**, Ernie Hull; **Chase**, Jon Linville; **Coffeyville**, James E Liddell; **Conway Springs**, Karen Mack; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **El Dorado**, **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Garden City**, Brenda Watson; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Hutch**: Don Graves; **Kingman**, Lorene DeVries; **Lakin**, Frankie Summers; **Larned**, Marylee Phinney; **Marion**: Mary Ford; **Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries; **McPherson**: Craig A. Gannon; **Neodesha**: Mina Olson; **New Covenant**, Gene Nolte; **Newton**, Susan Wyman; **Pratt**, Susan Schrepel; **Viola**, Howard Means; **Wellington**, Gloria Klima; **Wichita: Bethel**, Robert Heston; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Calvary**, Colene Boring; **Covenant**: Jennifer Keim; **Eastminster**, Susan Lear, John Moody, Jack Kirkham, Jack Argetsinger, Ken Juell; **First**, Barbara Addison; **Grace**, Mardelle Moyers, Jim Grannis; **Mt. Vernon**: Sherry Phillips; **Trinity**, Marie Logan; **Westwood**, Karen Raines; **Winfield**, Jackie Russell.

Elder Commissioners Absent

Anthony, Arlington, Ashland, Bucklin, Caldwell, Cherryvale, Coldwater, Dodge City, El Dorado, Great Bend, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Independence, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Leoti, Liberal, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, Parks, St. Luke, Spearville, Sterling, Syracuse, Tribune, Wichita: Korean, Southwest, St. Luke, Yates Center, Zenith.

Council Members Present but not mentioned above

Dan Bonine, Dwight Corrin, Mary Ellen Garver, June Hicks, Mary Knecht, Sue Nispel

Staff Members Present

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

Corresponding Members

Janet Brooks – Plains and Peaks
Nancy Kahaian – Northern Kansas
Helen Rose Moore – Northern Kansas

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present

Kay Hull, Craig Mead

Inquirers and Candidates

Paul Bammel
Robert Barrett

First Time Elders

Elders were introduced by their pastors.

Temporary Committee

Vouchers and Ballots – Ken Coryell, Loran Scott, Mardelle Moyers

Visitors

40 visitors registered

Necrology Report

Minister Members

Fred Lenk Tom Rawlings

Elders

Janet Anderson	Marie Anderson	Anita Archibald	David Arrington
James Botz	Mary Jane Brown	Joan Bumgarner	Martha Buster
Dawn Maxine White	Campbell	Dae-Hong Chang	Earle V. Core, Jr.
Oll Mae Engstrom	Dorothy Essmiller	Doris Goff	James Gilford Goff
Glen Gregory	Lucile Hamm	D.G. Hanna	Jeanne Hartwig
Bonnie Hatch	D. Kay Hatfield	Margaret Rich Herd	Mary Hewson
Mamie Knutson	John Krell	Evelyn Linn	Lois Lowrey
Wilma Martin	Dale Meadors	Georgia Parker	Gerald W. Pike
Judson Ramsey	Hiram Rank	Don Ratcliff	Barbara Scofield
Richard Shilts	Leta Smith	Roberta Sooter	Wayne Stoddard
Florence Taggart	Suzan Tarwater	Ralph M. Tincknell	Lois Torrance
Jack Trent	William VanSlike	Guy Waldo	Bill Willard
Elizabeth Wilson	Lucille Wilson		

Docket

A motion prevailed to approve the docket.

PPROPOSED AGENDA

February 15, 2011

9:00 am	Opening Worship, Lord's Supper and Installation of Ben Ray as Moderator and Mary Ellen Garver as Moderator Elect.	
10:30 am	Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding Members; First-time Elders introduced; Appointment of Temporary Committees; Approval of Docket.	
10:35 am	BREAK	
11:00	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (K)	Amy Dame
11:30 am	Council (C) Budget and Finance Council Nominations	Sue Nispel
12:00 Noon	LUNCH (deadline for New Business)	
1:00pm	Committee on Ministry	Dick Reynolds
1:35 pm	Church Order (L) Vote concerning nFOG	Dwight Corrin
2:25 pm	Nominating Committee (J)	Jim Anderson
2:35 pm	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New

2:45 pm Stewardship and Mission Mary Knecht

3:15 pm Unfinished Business/ Arrested Reports
Report of Temporary Committee

Adjourn

The Presbytery took a break.

Offering for the Day

Today's offering of \$1,805.50 is donated to the Brotherhood Community Ministries Pre-School. Food and cash donations received, in lieu of lunch payments, are donated to the Brotherhood Community Ministries – Food Pantry.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Candidate Paul Bammel was presented for examination.
Ben Ray moderated the ordination questions. Paul answered questions from the commissioners.
A motion prevailed that the examination be arrested.
A motion prevailed to approve Paul Bammel for ordination.
Paul has accepted a call to the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS.

Council Reports

Sue Nispel reported that the date of the next Presbytery meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at the Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, KS.

She highlighted the financial report for the month ending January 2011. (see Appendix A)
Copies of the report, PSK Financial Year Ending 2010, are available upon request from the Treasurer.

A special Council meeting was held January 31, 2011. The Vision and Planning Committee and the Transitional Task Force joined the Council at this meeting. Consultant Rex Miller spoke to the combined group.
A motion prevailed that the expenses related to consultant Rex Miller is paid from the 2011 salary budgeted for the General Presbyter.

The Transitional Task Force gathered resumes of potential candidates, brought two candidates on site for interviews. One candidate was extended an offer, but declined the offer. The Transitional Task Force and the Vision and Planning Committee will work together in the process of selecting a new General Presbyter.

Greetings

Pastor Janet Brooks extended greetings to the Presbytery on behalf of the Association of Church Educators. She encouraged those present to visit the website www.apcenet.org for information/events of the Association of Church Educators.

Committee on Ministry

Permission was granted to the Rev. Dr. David McKechnie to labor within the bounds of PSK beginning March 15 until he can be received by Presbytery in April.

A motion prevailed to approve the terms of call for Paul Bammel as Associate Pastor, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

Cash Salary & Housing Allowance	\$47,500
Full medical, pension, and death benefits of the Board of Pensions	
Auto Allowance at IRS current rate not to exceed	2,000
Professional expenses	1,200
Continuing Education	1,000
Communication Allowance	1,200
4 weeks vacation including 4 Sundays	
2 weeks study leave annual, (cumulative up to 6 weeks)	
1 day/month sick leave	
One time robe allowance up to	600
(The AA/EEO document is on file in the Presbytery Office)	

A motion prevailed to approve the Ordination and Installation Commission for Paul Bammel on Sunday, April 3, 2011, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita:

Reverends Ben Ray, Moderator; Kermit Opprecht; Catherine Northrup
Elders Susan Lear, Eastminster; Jan Luttrell, Pratt; Bob McDowel, Halstead

A motion prevailed that the half-time call of Bethel Presbyterian Church to the Reverend James Ayers is found in order with the following terms:

Salary	\$12,000
Housing	15,000
Deferred compensation	3,000
Pension plan 403b defined contribution 12% of effective salary	3,600
Auto Allowance at current IRS rate not to exceed	1,500
Continuing Education	500
2 weeks vacation including 2 Sundays	
1 week study leave annual, (cumulative to 6 weeks)	
(The AA/EEO document is on file in the Presbytery Office)	

A motion prevailed Jay Ayers is named Moderator of the Bethel Presbyterian Church until he is installed as pastor.

A motion prevailed to approve the Installation Commission for Jay Ayers on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., Bethel Presbyterian Church, Wichita:

Reverends Ben Ray, Moderator, Bill O'Connell, Dick Gorham
Elders Carla Chrispens, El Dorado; Mary Alice McKinney, Coldwater; Dick Hobkirk, Bethel; Scott Randle, Grace.

A motion prevailed that the Presbytery elect the following Commission to close the First Presbyterian Church, Belle Plaine:

Reverends Bob Wyman, Moderator, Jane Brigden-Graham, Rebecca New.
Elders Suzanne Moody, Eastminster; Craig Mead, Haysville; Sue Nispel, Brotherhood;
Mary Ellen Garver, Wellington.

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Coldwater voted December 1, 2010 to close the church as of May 1, 2011. Members of the Committee on Ministry will visit with the Session concerning this vote and make a recommendation to presbytery in April.

Helen Moore was granted permission to labor within the bounds until she is received into the Presbytery.

Helen Moore is appointed Moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson

Helen Rose Moore was introduced for examination for membership and entertained questions from commissioners.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination.

A motion prevailed to receive Helen Rose Moore as a minister member of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

A motion prevailed to approve the terms of call for Helen Rose Moore as Interim Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita, for the term beginning January 16, 2011 and ending January 15, 2012.

Salary	\$40,000
Housing	20,000
Travel expenses not to exceed	1,200
Professional expenses	515
Continuing Education	515
Vacation accrues – 1 week per quarter	
Study Leave accrues – 1 week every year up to 3 weeks	

A motion prevailed to allow the Session of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wichita, to re-elect the Session members to serve another full term.

Nominating Committee

A motion prevailed to accept the resignation of Ray Jones as Moderator of Committee on Ministry and to elect H. Dick Reynolds as Moderator.

Nominations were presented:

Camping Committee

John Hoefer, Derby	2012
John Linville, Lyons	2013
Ernie Hull, Cambridge	2013
Paul Bammel	2013

Congregational Ministries

Linda Adams, Garden City	2013
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Brotherhood Community Services Board

Cara Leahy, Conway Springs	2014
Sue Nispel, Brotherhood	
Russ Pickering, Eastminster	

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed to elect all nominations as presented.

Stated Clerk Report

1. Membership changes from November 15, 2010.

Received from other PCUSA Presbyteries
Steven Wing (San Joaquin)

Dismissed to other PCUSA Presbyteries
Anne Horton (Miami Valley)

2. In accordance with the Book of Order, G-11.0101b, the membership of this presbytery as of December 31, 2010 is: Minister Members 99; Elder Commissioners 80. (Nineteen minister members are not active in the life of the presbytery and their membership is not used in reaching equalization for 2011). As nearly as possible, the number of minister members and elder commissioners has been equalized: minister members 80, elder commissioners 80.

Organized churches 65

Commissioned Lay Pastors 4 (G-14.0801c5)

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

Eastminster 4

Grace 1

First, Wichita 1

Elder commissioners by virtue of office: Dan Bonine, Dwight Corrin, June Hicks, Mary Knecht, Jeanette Marks.

3. Minutes of November 15, 2010

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2010, Presbytery meeting.

A remedial case has been filed with the Synod of Mid America. In accordance with Article 9.2 of the Manual of Operations, the Moderator of Presbytery, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, shall appoint a Committee of Counsel.

Mission Partnership and Support

Mary Knecht asked each church to please provide the name(s) of those acting as mission coordinator for the local church's Mission/Outreach Committee to the Presbytery Office. Mission information will be directed to the moderator listed.

Information was provided on various mission opportunities:

- A video was shown regarding the work of the Presbyterian Education Board working in Pakistan to provide educational support at an affordable cost.
- A list of the upcoming Sterling college student mission trips was reviewed.
- Bill O'Connell spoke about the upcoming, May 27-June 4, 2011 PSK Mexico Mission Trip to Caborca, Mexico. Additional information is available on the web at www.pbysk.org
- Skip Johnson spoke about Solar Under the Sun and Living Waters of the World. Pastor Skip and David Grisham will be traveling to Haiti to install solar powered water purification systems. Information from Pastor Skip about joining Solar Under the Son may be found at www.pbysk.org
- Nora Coryell spoke about the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering on April 12, 2011, at United Presbyterian Church Sterling, KS.

A motion prevailed that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper may be served at the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering.

- Nora Coryell invited everyone to come to Westminster Woods Camp May 6-8, 2011, for the Mission-N-A-Weekend event sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of PSK and Synod of Mid-America. Additional information and a registration sheet may be found at www.pbysk.org

Church Order Committee

Bob Wyman, General Assembly Commissioner, reported on the New Form of Government Committee's work and discussion at the General Assembly in June 2010.

This motion was placed before the body for positive or negative vote:

"Shall the Book of Order be amended by striking out the text of Chapters I-XVIII of the current Form of Government (G1.00-G.18.0401) and inserting two documents, Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and a new Form of Government."

Discussion ensued.

The results of the ballot vote are: 40 affirmative; 42 negative.

Unfinished Business/Arrested Reports

Cathy Northrup, Moderator of the Administrative Commission to the First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs presented the decision:

1. The pastoral relationship between the First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs, and The Reverend Rebecca New is dissolved as of 12/31/2010.
2. The First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs will pay severance January through June 2011. All payments are to be made through the PSK office.
3. Property to be vacated on 2/28/2011.

This decision was received by the Moderator

A motion prevailed that Jay Ayers is appointed Stated clerk pro-tem during the discussion and vote concerning this issue.

A motion prevailed to allow the persons present from the First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs a voice at this meeting of Presbytery.

A substitution motion was made by Dick Reynolds, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry.

- That the relationship between Pastor Rebecca New and Conway Springs is dissolved effective date: October 31, 2010 and that the terms of separation be the terms that Rebecca originally proposed to the session this past September/October. Those terms are to include:
 - Three months severance with full salary, housing and benefits at current rate of payment (November, December 2010, January of 2011)
 - Vacate the manse February 28, 2011.
 - That full Pension and benefits (\$681.66) be paid monthly for a period beginning February 1, 2011 ending February 31, 2012.
 - All payments be paid monthly through the office of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.
 - Payments due at the office by the 15th of the month etc.
 - All terms and agreements of Rebecca's proposed original Dissolution/Severance Agreement and Terms of Dissolution be honored as written and agreed to.

Discussion on the substitution motion ensued.

Point of clarification from Kathy Northrup, Moderator, Administrative Committee:

This substitute motion is the original proposal offered by Rebecca to the First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs in October, 2010. The session did not agree to any of the items presented, but rather, voted to place Rebecca on immediate Administrative Leave, with pay. Only after the Committee on Ministry Moderator, Dick Reynolds visited with the session on January 13, 2011, did the session wish to reconsider these dissolution terms.

An amendment to the substitution motion was made by Kermit Opprecht.

“Move that, in order to reach an agreement between these two motions, where Rebecca New receives the most, and the congregation pays the least, with the Presbytery covering the difference. The fiscal impact to the Presbytery will be approximately \$3,143.”

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

Point of clarification from Sue Nispel, Moderator of Council: The Presbytery’s payment responsibility for this action will be paid from a Presbytery account to be determined by the Council.

A motion prevailed to call the question.

A motion prevailed to approve the amended substitute motion as now perfected.

A motion prevailed to approve the amended substitute motion as the main motion

A motion prevailed to approve the main motion as amended.

(Vote count for the above motions was not recorded.)

Ben Ray, Moderator of Presbytery; Mary Ellen Garver, Moderator Elect, and Dick Reynolds, Moderator of Committee on Ministry will oversee the severance payments.

The Administrative Commission was dismissed with thanks.

The moderator dismissed the Stated Clerk Pro-tem and the Stated Clerk resumed responsibilities.

Jay Ayers, Stated Clerk Pro-tem

A motion prevailed to pay vouchers as presented.

Announcements

- The Presbyterian Church of Garden City will celebrate its 125th Anniversary the weekend of April 2-3, 2011.
- Seth Svaty is leading a group of Sterling College students on a mission trip to the Ukraine. Students need financial help with this trip. Contact Pastor Svaty for more details.
- Nancy Kahaian, Interim Executive, Synod of Mid-America asks for prayers for the Synod Executive-State Clerk Nominating Committee. She reminded the body that there will be Lenten prayer services for this committee throughout various locations in the Synod. Monday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m. will be prayer gathering for the Presbytery of Southern Kansas. The Session of the Brotherhood Church, Wichita has been asked to host this prayer time.
- Those attending were asked to please take a copy of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution which will be discussed and voted at the April 5, 2011, Presbytery meeting.

New Business

Moderator Ben Ray read a letter received from Rebecca New. The letter stated, “In accordance with the Book of Order D-6.0300b, this is a request that the Presbytery of Southern Kansas direct the Presbytery Treasurer to pay Rebecca New the severance ordered by the Administration Commission dated 12/19/2010.”

By consensus, this request is answered by the action taken on the Administrative Commission’s report.

Nancy Kahaian, Interim Executive, Synod of Mid-America addressed the letter. She suggested an immediate course of action whereby the PSK Moderator, Moderator Elect and Moderator of COM have a conversation/meeting with the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Conway Springs. They need to discuss very clearly (using a written outline) the process to be followed so that the motion voted today by the Presbytery is being fulfilled. The same three Presbytery officers will also need to meet with Rev. Rebecca New. It is imperative that all payments to Rev. New be made through presbytery.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

The meeting closed in prayer.

Rebecca New
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane
Journal Clerk

Appendix A

Budget and Finance - Statement of Activities - Jan 2011

Income:

Total Per Capita	28,992
Total Shared Mission Giving	17,758
Interest on Invested Funds	-
Other Income	-
Camp Income	<u>6,805</u>

Total Income 53,555

Expenses:

Presbytery Office Expense	3,244
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	-
Committee on Ministry	437
Committee on Mission Partnership & Support	2,225
Congregational Ministries Committee	297
Other Expenses	-
Camp Committee	-
Camp Support Staff	1,202
Camp Programming	1,571
Camp Operations	2,901
Council	2,242
Budget & Finance Sub-Committee	-
Personnel Sub-Committee	-
Council Nominating	-
Planning and Visioning	-
Trustees Sub-Committee	-
Discernment and Visioning	-
Committee on Church Order	-
Committee for Nominations	-
Committee on Representation	-
Administrative Commissions	148
PSK Disaster Committee	25
Meetings of Presbytery	178
Legal and Audit	-
Office of the Presbyter	-
Office Secretary	4,198
Office of Stated Clerk	2,067
Bookkeeping Services	1,171
Camp Manager	6,064
Camp Admin. Assistant	3,482
GA Per Capita	6,042
Synod Per Capita	2,697
GA Shared Missions	6,119
Synod Shared Missions	1,745
Video Conference Technology	-

Total Expenses 48,055

Net Income 5,500

