

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS by Moderator, Rob Erickson.

The meeting opened with worship led by Rev. Catherine Northrup, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS. Candidate Amy Baumgartner delivered the sermon.

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: 83; Elder commissioners, 83.

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

Opening Business

Moderator Rob Erickson 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	John Barkett	John Barnum	
Jane Bridgen-Graham	Don Calderwood	Tom Church	H. Danny Daniel
Thomas Edwards	Rob Erickson	Gail Fisher	Laura Frazey
Richard Gorham	Anne Horton	Thomas (Skip) Johnson	Roberta Karchner
Doug Kelly	Christian Kettler	Keith Koch	Jeremiah Lange
Gordon Mackay	Angela Madden	Steve Marsh	William McConnelee
John Mikow	Diane Monger	Elizabeth Morgan	William Mulford
Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup	Patrick Notley	William O’Connell
Kermit Oppriecht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick
James Pitts	Ben Ray	Dick Reynolds	Tom Robson
Charles Ross	Loran Scott	Dennis Scheibmeir	Irving Simon
Jack Singer	Tim Soule	Don Waite	Steven Washburn
John Wilson	Robert Wyman		

Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	James Anderson	Shirley Barnum
Allen Beach	Eugene Blake	George Boone	Marcy Campbell
David Clipson	Richard Daeschner	Chris Davis	Robert Duncan
Wiert Eekhoff	John Enwright	Larre Eschlman	Monty Fey
James Grant	Strother Gross	Gerald Hallberg	Ralph Hand
John Haspels	William Hastings	Robert Hazen	Margaret Lacy
Fred Lenk	William Long	Bert McCormick	Paul Mueller
William Nelson	David Owens	Melissa Ramos	Thomas Rawlings
Anne Smith	Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts	Hal Staats
Judith Steele	Dawn Swartz	David Sweley	John Williams

Roll of Ministers Absent

Charles Ayers	Larry Cracraft	Joyce Daniel	Tom Edwards
Timothy Kim	Tom Oak	Steve Saville	Roland Slater
Geoffrey Snook	Jennifer Snook	Seth Svaty	
Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin			

Elder Commissioners Present

Belle Plaine, Esther Heater; **Cambridge**, Ernie Hull; **Conway Springs**, Charles W. Ellis; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **El Dorado**, Johanna L. Wilkinson; **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Garden City**, Michael E. Collins; **Great Bend**, Stuart Hutchison; **Halstead**, Joan Bailey; **Hutch**: Bonnie Baker; **Jetmore**, Ray Wilson; **Marion**, Jean Case; **McPherson**; Craig A. Gannon; **Newton**, Patricia Randall; **Sterling**: Fran Calderwood; **Viola**, Howard Means; **Wellington**: Gloria A. Klima; **Wichita**: **Bethel**, Mary Anne Scott; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Covenant**: Danny Bardezbain; **Eastminster**, Kenneth Juell, Kurk Baumgartner, Sara Dunne, Karen Crow, **First**, Clifford T. Johnson, Dennis Black, **Mt. Vernon**: Barbara Stone, **St. Luke**: Dean Elkins, **Trinity**, Glenn Shanahan, **Westwood**, Carla Davison; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr.

Elder Commissioners Excused

Neodesha, Tribune, Mayfield

Elder Commissioners Absent

Arkansas City, Arlington, Ashland, Bucklin, Caldwell, Chase, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Coldwater, Dodge City, Forest Park, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Independence, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Leoti, Liberal, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, Parks, Pratt, Spearville, St. Luke, Syracuse, Wellington, Wichita: Calvary, Grace, Korean, Southwest; Yates Center, Zenith.

Council Members Present but not mentioned above

Fran Calderwood, Ken Coryell, Pete Kitch, Jeanette Marks, Sue Nispel, Karen Raines, Bill Ward

Staff Members Present

Rachel Furry - Bookkeeper
Jan Lane – Administrative Assistant

Corresponding Members

Gary Johnson – Presbytery of Plains and Peaks
Cindy Wissinger - Church Development Corporation
Ramon Garcia, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Chihuahua, Mexico
Jaime Duenas, Coordinator of Mexican Churches, National Presbyterian Church of Mexico
Raciél Gomez, Pastor, Good Samaritan Church, Stated Clerk of Sonora Presbytery, Mexico

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, Ray Jones

Visitors

There were 25 visitors registered for the meeting.

Docket

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket as presented.

Presbytery Docket for Tuesday, June 17, 2008

9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Worship Offering to Mexico Mission Partnership Candidate Amy Baumgartner, preaching	
9:45 a.m.	Opening Business: Orientation; Seating of Corresponding Members; First-time Elders Introduced; Appointment of Temporary Committees; Approval of Docket.	Rob Erickson, Moderator
9:55 a.m.	Committee on Preparation for Ministry (K)	Jay Ayers
10:25 a.m.	BREAK	
10:45 a.m.	Stewardship & Mission Interpretation	Mary Knecht
12:00	LUNCH	
1:00 p.m.	Stewardship & Mission Interpretation	Mary Knecht
2:00 p.m.	General Presbyter Report	Don Owens
2:15 p.m.	Council Report (C) Budget and Finance	Sue Nispel
2:30 p.m.	Committee on Ministry (H)	Karen Raines
3:15 p.m.	BREAK	
3:30 p.m.	Congregational Ministries (G)	Jeanette Marks
3:40 p.m.	Nominations Committee (O)	Fran Calderwood
3:45 p.m.	Community Outreach (F)	Diane Monger
3:55 p.m.	Camping Committee (P)	Pete Kitch
4:05 p.m.	Church Order	Steve Marsh
4:10 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report (A)	Rebecca New
4:15 p.m.	Unfinished business/Arrested reports Report of Temporary Committee	
4:20 p.m.	Adjourn	

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Candidate Amy Baumgartner was introduced. She presented her statement of faith and answered questions from the Book of Order.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination of Amy Baumgartner.

A motion prevailed to approve ordination of Amy Baumgartner.

The Presbytery took a break

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation

Don Owens and Bill O'Connell introduced Ramon Garcia, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Chihuahua, Mexico, Jaime Duenas, Coordinator of Mexican Churches, National Presbyterian Church of Mexico and Raciél Gomez, Pastor, Good Samaritan Church, Stated Clerk of Sonora Presbytery, Mexico.

Information concerning the Presbyteries in Northern Mexico was presented by Ramon Garcia. When he speaks of Northern Mexico, he is referring to the geographical area which is 1/5 of the northern part of Mexico. Pastor Garcia spoke of the strengths, challenges and the long term plans of the Presbyteries in Northern Mexico:

- Pastors are skilled in planting new churches
- Churches are self sufficient and majority are self-supporting
- The plans for the next 5 years is to “plant” the seeds for 200 new churches
- It will take 5-6 years for a church to go from it's beginnings to being self sufficient
 - Organization: Mission status – ten people in Bible student that do not have an elder or a structured organization
 - Congregation status – 35 people in attendance with some officers in place
 - Church status – 60 members and three elders is the standard for a church charter
- There is a need for more pastors
 - Currently most pastors are seminary graduates
 - 4-5 seminaries in Mexico
 - The seminary process takes 3 years
 - Once graduated from seminary, pastors are sent out into the country and put to work.
 - Church assignments for a pastor are for 5 years

What do the churches in Northern Mexico need?

1. Prayer for the people
2. Financial support for establishing new churches
3. Resources for planning

How do we work together?

1. Mission groups come from Northern Mexico to Presbytery of Southern Kansas where we share, as we stay in each other's homes
2. Exchange work groups for short term projects
3. Exchange within the pulpit
4. Share in worship together. Language is not a barrier

Stated Clerk Raciél Gomez extended a written invitation to the Presbytery of Southern Kansas to attend the Presbyter of Chihuahua meeting to be held October 16=18, 2008.

Announcement

Linda Stewart, Habitat for Humanity, spoke about another habitat house being built this fall in cooperation with the Presbytery of Southern Kansas. Building will begin September 16, 2008. Workers are welcome. She reported that starting July 24, 2008, Habitat for Humanity would be building a home in Greensburg, KS. One day mission teams are encouraged to come to work in Greensburg.

The Presbytery broke for lunch

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation (continued)

Those attending Presbytery were divided into two groups. One group met with the delegation from Northern Mexico. The other group was offered three choices: A review of Steve Marsh's mission trip to India, Rob Erickson's mission trip to Israel or Sue Nispel's trip to an orphanage in Thailand. After 30 minutes, the groups rotated.

General Presbyter's Report

Don Owens encouraged those churches who are insured by CPIP to talk with CPIP Representative, John Prange, who was in attendance at Presbytery. Issues have recently arisen as to the increase in cost of CPIP insurance. The Presbytery office will make the June 30, 2008 quarterly payment to CPIP, but will be performing a cost analysis with other insurance companies. Presbyterian churches being insured by a Presbyterian insurance company, is the best plan, but we have a commitment to fiscal responsibility so comparison pricing is needed. This is not a suggestion that churches pull their insurance from CPIP as that could put CPIP in jeopardy. It is best to contact John Prange and discuss the individual church's coverage, needs and price structure.

Council

A motion prevailed that the August 26, 2008, Presbytery meeting will be held at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita. The November 11, 2008 meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, KS.

By the time of the August 2008 Presbytery meeting, the Council will have information as to the meeting dates for Presbytery meetings in 2009.

John Goss presented the financial statement for the Presbytery as of April 30, 2008. He presented a review of the Financial Condition/General Fund; Statement of Activities; Statement of Reserve Funds.

Ken Coryell presented the review of the Budget and Finance Committee.

A motion prevailed to approve the Second Reading Change to the Manual of Operations: Program costs and Reimbursements.

Committee on Ministry

Karen Raines introduced Doug Kelly, Regional Representative for the Board of Pensions. He spoke about the services provided by the Board of Pensions. Online services to participants have been improved and will continue to be updated.

A motion prevailed to accept the Terms of Call for Amy Baumgartner beginning June 18, 2008 and extending two years. Terms of Call as follows:

Salary	\$ 30,000
Supplement for Social Security Tax	3,720
Housing Allowance	16,000
Board of Pensions	15,662
Continuing Education leave of two weeks annually, cumulative to six weeks	
Vehicle allowance/reimbursement at IRS rate not to exceed	2,500
Continuing Education reimbursement	2,500
Cell phone	600
Vacation leave of one month annually, including four Sundays	

A motion prevailed to approve the Ordination and Installation Commission for Amy Baumgartner as Designated Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Wichita to be held on Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Ordination and Installation Commission:

Elder Sue Nispel, Moderator, Brotherhood Presbyterian Church
Elder Michelle Schiltz, First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell
Elder Kurt Baumgartner, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita
Elder Bill Taylor, Brotherhood Presbyterian Church, Wichita
The Reverend Catherine Northrup
The Reverend Richard Gorham
The Reverend Tom Edwards

Gary Johnson from Presbytery of Plains and Peaks was introduced. He presented his statement of faith and answered questions from the Book of Order.

A motion prevailed to arrest the examination of Gary Johnson.

A motion prevailed to accept the Terms of Call for Gary Johnson to serve as Associate Pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita, KS beginning September 8, 2008. Terms of Call:

Salary	77,000.00
Board of Pensions	24,255.00
Supplement, 403B	5,890.50
Dental, reimbursement	485.88
Paid vacation of four weeks annually, to include four Sundays	
Continuing Education leave of two weeks annually, cumulative to six weeks	
Travel expense at IRS rate, not to exceed	2,000.00
Continuing Education, reimbursement	1,000.00
Professional expense allowance	1,200.00
Moving expenses, full reimbursement of reasonable expenses	

A motion prevailed to receive Gary Johnson from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks into the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

Congregational Ministries

Jeanette Marks introduced Keith Koch who spoke about Leadership Summit, to be held via satellite location, at Westlink Community Church, Wichita, KS on August 7-8, 2008.

Paul Wissink discussed the upcoming Presbyterian Men's event, "Rekindle the Fire", to be held Saturday October 25, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Newton. There is no charge for this event.

Bill O'Connell announced the dates, January 12-16, 2009, for the Kansas Pastors and Educators Conference to be held at Crosswinds Conference Center, Hesston. The featured speaker will be Dr. Earl Palmer.

Nominations Committee

The committee presents the following name for election.

There were no nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed to elect the following:

Moderator-Elect	FC 2008	Angela Madden
Committee on Ministry	MC 2009	James Pitts
Community Outreach Committee	MC 2009	Charles Ross
	MC 2009	Jack Singer
Synod Commissioner	FC 2010	Gail Fisher
Congregational Ministries	FE 2010	Paula Steinbacher

Commissioning Service

Rob Erickson introduced the Commissioners attending the 2008, 218th General Assembly to be held in June 21-28, 2008 in San Jose, California. The Commissioners are Ben Ray, Arlene Patrick, Jan Luttrell, and Mary Knecht. Cindy Eschliman will attend General Assembly as a Youth Advisory Delegate.

Community Outreach

Diane Monger reviewed the distributions to date from the Harper Parish funds. She reminded the Wichita area pastors of the September 15, 2008 meeting to discuss a Wichita Urban Strategy.

Two churches, Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, Wichita and First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson presented their Peacemaking banners that will be displayed during the General Assembly's Peacemaking Celebration.

Camping Committee

Pete Kitch reported on the progress of summer camp at Westminster Woods. Attendance is down slightly but not significantly. Buses have been full this summer.

The new Cabin 6 is being utilized. New Cabin 3.5 will not be utilized for the summer camps, but hopefully will be ready for use this fall.

Church Order

Steve Marsh reviewed the matrix for "Districting for Session Records Review for 2008".

Documents for this review have been mailed directly to the Clerk of Session and pastor of each church. Church insurance paperwork also needs to be submitted to the Church Order Committee.

State Clerk Report

Rebecca New reviewed the 2007 Presbytery statistics.

A motion prevailed to accept the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of April 8, 2008.

Announcements

Cathy Northrup invited the Presbytery to attend the International Conference being held October 17-19, 2008 in Wichita, KS.

Danny Bardezban announced that a concert featuring the Senseney Band will be held Saturday June 21, 2008. Funds raised during the concert will help support the home being built by Habitat for Humanity.

Temporary Committee Report

A motion prevailed to pay \$652.60 in vouchers as presented.

Worship Service offering for Northern Mexico partnership was \$627.00.

Presbytery will be held August 26, 2008, at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Wichita.
Council will meet July 29, 2008.

Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer.

Rebecca New
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane
Journal Clerk