

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas convened at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City, Kansas, by Moderator, Rev. Angela Madden. The meeting opened with a Call to Gather, Hymn, Prayer and Words of Welcome from Joyce and Danny Daniel.

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	James Ayers	John Barkett	Amy Baumgartner
Allen Beach	Jane Brigden-Graham	Don Calderwood	Amy Dame
H. Danny Daniel	Joyce Daniel	Rob Erickson	Gail Fisher
Laura Frazey	Anne Horton	Gary Johnson	Thomas "Skip" Johnson
Angela Madden	Steve Marsh	William McConnelee	John Mikow
Diane Monger	Elizabeth Morgan	Rebecca New	Catherine Northrup
William O'Connell	Kermit Oppriecht	Don Owens	Arlene Patrick
Jesse Patrick	Mary Carol Perrott	Ben Ray	H. Dick Reynolds
Tom Robson	Charles Ross	Steve Saville	Loran Scott
Dennis Scheibmeir	Jack Singer	Scott Solether	Tim Soule
Seth Svaty	Don Waite	Steve Washburn	C. Ernest Williams

### Roll of Ministers Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	Charles Ayers	John Barnum
Shirley Barnum	Eugene Blake	George Boone	Tom Church
David Clipson	Richard Daeschner	Chris Davis	Robert Duncan
Tom Edwards	Wiert Eekhoff	John Enwright	Larre Eschliman
Monty Fey	Richard Gorham	James Grant	Strother Gross
Gerald Hallberg	Ralph Hand	John Haspels	William Hastings
Roberta Karchner	Doug Kelly	Christian Kettler	Keith Koch
Margaret Lacy	Jeremiah Lange	Fred Lenk	William Long
Bert McCormick	Gordon Mackay	Paul Mueller	William Mulford
William Nelson	David Owens	James Pitts	Melissa Ramos
Thomas Rawlings	Irving Simon	Roland Slater	Anne Smith
Dale Snyder	Alfred Spotts	Hal Staats	Judith Steele
Dawn Swartz	David Sweley	Steven Washburn	John Williams
John Wilson	Robert Wyman		

### Roll of Ministers Absent

Larry Cracraft	Timothy Kim	Tom Oak	Geoffrey Snook
Jennifer Snook	Elizabeth Vogt-Woodin		

### **Elder Commissioners Present**

**Arkansas City**, Missy Patterson; **Caldwell**, Pat Terwilliger; **Cambridge**, Ernie Hull; **Chase**, Jon Linville; **Coffeyville**, Phyllis M. Shivers; **Derby**, Marilyn Armstrong; **Freeport**, Mary Dusenbury; **Great Bend**, Phyllis Bosley; **Hutch**, Judy Dntjes; **Kingman**, Lorene DaVries; **Mayfield**, Wanda Jeffries; **McPherson**, Craig A. Gannon; **Neodesha**, Mina R. Olson; **Newton**, Patricia Randall; **Pratt**, Richard Scott; **Sterling**, Tim Simpson; **Wellington**, Mary Ellen Garver; **Wichita, Bethel**, Robert Beston; **Brotherhood**, William Taylor; **Covenant**, Danny Bardezbain, **Eastminster**, John Moody, Pete Kitch, Jack Kirkham, William Hendrix, Sandi Simon; **First**, Joe Allen Lang, Teresa Lang; **Mt. Vernon**, Sherry Phillips, **St. Luke**, Dean Elkins; **Trinity**, Glenn Shanahan; **Westwood**, Karen Raines; **Winfield**, Mary Kerr

### **Elder Commissioners Excused**

Conway Springs, Viola

### **Elder Commissioners Absent**

Anthony, Arlington, Ashland, Belle Plaine, Bucklin, Cherryvale, Coldwater, Dodge City, El Dorado, Garden City, Halstead, Harper, Haysville, Holcomb, Independence, Jetmore, Kingsdown, Lakin, Larned, Leoti, Liberal, Lyons, Marion, Medicine Lodge, Northminster, Parks, St. Luke, Spearville, Syracuse, Tribune, Wichita: Calvary, Grace, Korean, Southwest, Yates Center, Zenith

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

Ken Coryell, Ray Jones, Mary Knecht

### **Staff Members Present**

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

### **Corresponding Members**

Nancy Kahaian – Interim Executive, Synod of Mid America, Presbytery of Northern Kansas  
Walter Okler – Presbyterian Foundation  
Doska Ross – Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbytery of Mid Kentucky

### **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, Richard Scott

### **Visitors**

There were 14 visitors registered for the meeting.

## Docket

A motion prevailed to approve the following docket.

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City  
Presbytery of Southern Kansas

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### CALL TO GATHER FOR GOD'S BUSINESS

Moderator, Rev. Angela Madden

Leader: Everything in the heavens and earth is yours,  
O Lord, and this is your kingdom.  
**People: We adore you as being in control of everything.**  
Leader: Riches and honor come from you alone and you are the Ruler of all.  
**People: Your hand controls power and might and it is at your discretion that people are made great and given strength.**  
**All: O our God, we thank you and praise your wonderful name.**

#### OPENING HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*(please stand as able)*

##### Words of Welcome

A Word from First Presbyterian Church	Rev. Joyce Daniel
Establishing the Roll	Rev. Angela Madden
A Word about Our meeting	
Approving the Docket	Rev. Angela Madden
The Introduction-New Minister Members/Elder Commissioners	Rev. Angela Madden
The Seating of Corresponding Members	Stated Clerk, Rev. Rebecca New
Giving Praise for the Saints of Ministry	Necrology Report
A Word about the Offering for the Day – ▪ Offering plates available all day	
A Word about our Theme – Form of Government	Elder Sue Nispel

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Joyce Daniel

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectation.**

**Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. Amen.**

#### SILENCE

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND LOVE

Rev. Danny Daniel

#### SONG OF ASSURANCE

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

*(please stand as able)*

#### Stated Clerk Report

Rev. Rebecca New

*Order of the Day 10:00*

Report of Associate Stated Clerk Doska Ross  
Break for Fellowship 10:30 a.m.  
Break-out Sessions on the Form of Government 10:45-11:45 a.m.

**Break for Lunch @ 11:45 A.M. for 60 Minutes**

**GATHERING MUSIC**                      **“What Does the Lord Require of You”**                      *(please stand as able)*

*Sharing Community Life – Part I* 12:50 p.m.  
Youth Mission to the Stew Pot Paula Steinbacher  
Mission Partnership and Support Elder Mary Knecht  
Camping Ministries Rev. Jeremiah Lange  
*Others...*

Break for 15 minutes 1:50-2:00 p.m.  
Congregational and Pastoral Support  
▪ COM Elder Ray Jones  
▪ Church Order Rev. Steve Marsh

*Sharing Community Life – Part II*  
General Presbyter’s Report Rev. Don Owens  
Presbyterian Disaster Responder Training Update  
*Others...*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE  
MEDITATION

Rev. Joyce or Danny Daniel

**HYMN**                      **“Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining”**                      *(please stand as able)*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Presbytery Council Report Rev. Rob Erickson  
Finance Report Elder Ken Coryell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Angela Madden

**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.**

Nominating Committee Report Elder Fran Calderwood  
New Business

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

Closing Motions  
▪ Next Presbytery Gathering – **June 9, 2009**  
▪ Vouchers from today’s meeting  
▪ Evaluation Forms: Your views are important for developing Presbytery gatherings so please take the time to complete them!

**SONG OF SENDING**                      **“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (v. 1&2)**                      *(please stand as able)*

BENEDICTION Moderator, Rev Angela Madden

ADJOURNMENT 4:00 P.M.

## Giving Praise for the Saints of Ministry – Necrology Report

Pastors:

Robert Hazen

Elders:

Elizabeth Adams	Virginia Addington	Dorothy Atchison	Roberta Bentley
Wendell Brown	Esta Lee Brunton	Dean Burnett	Linda Jo Casner
Jim Cline	Charles W. Cooke	John Crandall	Carol J. Doepke
Janet English	Warnie Farley	Neville Fowler	Harold Gough
Denis Harling	Grace Hill	Donald Humphreys	Howard Hunter
Jay Keeling	Freda Kelinbeck	Dale Kline	Sarah Lewis
Don Louis	Fleeta Love	Virginia Lupfer	Barbara MacDonald
Jodie McVey	LeRoy D. Means	Helen Melichar	Robert Mills
Harriett Morgan	Barbara Palmateer	Betty Prohodsky	Calvin Ross
Gain Ross	Raymond Ruff	Ruth Schmidt	Anne Schubert
Nina Steuri	Jack Stewart	Gale Stewart	Freda Still
R.B. Sullivan	Betty Sybrant	Calvin Trexler	Glen Thomas
Dudley Van Nordstrand		Eldon R. Vincent	Esther Werner
Margaret Wheeler	Mary Wilber	R. Patrick Winters	

### Offering for the Day

Offering plates will be available throughout the day within the sanctuary.

One-half of today's offering will go to the PSK/Northern Mexico Partnership. The other one-half of the offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

### Theme for Today's Meeting, Form of Government

Sue Nispel, Moderator of the PSK Form of Government Task Force introduced the other members, Commissioners to the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; Elder Mary Knecht, Elder Jan Luttrell, Reverend Arlene Patrick and Reverend Ben Ray. She shared the work accomplished thus far and the timeline for responses from each session/group in PSK studying the Form of Government. She introduced Doska Ross, Assistant Stated Clerk of the General Assembly who gave an overview/history of the Form of Government and the established timeline for input/amendments to the proposals for changes in the Form of Government. Every Session or group reviewing the Form of Government should send any comments or questions to Sue Nispel by May 31, 2009. Those communications will be assimilated by the PSK Task Force, presented at the PSK meeting in June and forwarded to the General Assembly FOG Task Force. Sue can be reached by e mail at [snispel@aol.com](mailto:snispel@aol.com) or by mail addressed to the Presbytery Center.

**Call to Confession and Assurance of God's Grace and Love** were led by Joyce and Danny Daniel.

### Stated Clerk's Report

Clerk Rebecca New reported:

Changes in membership from January 6, 2009

Dismissed to other PCUSA Presbyteries  
David Sweley (Northern Kansas)

Statistics of the Church Summary for 2008:

Total Gains:	383
Total Losses:	787
Total Membership	10,326

Average Attendance:	5,147
Potential Giving Units:	4,780

Budgeted Income	\$13,084,807
Budgeted Expenses	\$14,012,058

Minutes of January 6, 2009

Corrections: page 1 and page 4

“Eastminster Presbyterian Church has 5 Elder Commissioners”

“ In accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-11.0101b, the membership of this presbytery as of December 31, 2007 is: Minister Members 99; Elder Commissioners 82. (Seventeen minister members are not active in the life of the presbytery and their membership is not used in reaching equalization for 2009). As nearly as possible, the number of minister members and elder commissioners has been equalized: minister members 82; elder commissioners, 82.”

**Motion prevailed** to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2009 meeting as amended.

**Form of Government Report** presented by Doska Ross, General Assembly Associate Stated Clerk.

**The Presbytery took a brief break.**

**Concurrent Workshops** - The Presbytery divided into three groups (Government, Foundation, and Missional) to continue the discussion on the Form of Government. Input from these groups was recorded and will be added to any other responses gathered, compiled by the PSK FOG Task Force and presented to PSK in June.

**The Presbytery broke for lunch.**

**Sharing Community Life - I**

Laura Hodson, Paula Steinbacher and Abby Steinbacher reported for **Congregational Ministries**. Youth and adult sponsors from PSK small churches are invited to join a mission trip July 5-11<sup>th</sup> to The Stewpot in Dallas, TX. The Stewpot serves the homeless in the Dallas area. Contact Paula Steinbacher if there are questions or interest in participating.

Abby Steinbacher reported on the success of PSK Youth Council event Sleep “less” in Sterling held March 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. The event was a great success. Participants in the Sleep “less” collected a \$200 love offering for the Westminster Woods Chapel Fund.

Mary Knecht reported for the **Mission Partnership and Support Committee**. This new committee was formed by the merger of the Stewardship and Mission Committee and Community Outreach Committee. Mary offered the following information:

- Sixty Sterling College students compose various mission teams that will be traveling to Egypt, India, China, Peru, etc this spring and summer.
- Reminder – The Big Tent is held in Atlanta, GA starting June 11, 2009. Scholarships are available.
  
- The Life of John Calvin DVD, designed for group discussion, is now available in the PSK Resource Center.
- Sixty-six percent of the PSK churches have returned their 2009 Shared Mission Giving Pledge Cards.
- Sherry Phillips and Diane Monger attended the Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference held in Kansas City in March.

Charles Ross spoke to the Presbytery about his missionary work in the Congo. He reminded those present that an economy in the Congo does not exist. Wars continue, seminary teachers are not paid, unemployment is a huge problem, and corruption and bribery continue. The Presbyterians (which now number over one million) in the Congo have faith and they believe that even through these times, God is with them.

Mary Knecht conducted the Partnership Signing Ceremony. She read the Partnership Agreement between the Presbytery of Chihuahua and the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the partnership agreement.

The agreement was signed by Moderator, Angela Madden and General Presbyter, Don Owens.

**A motion prevailed** that Reverend Jay Ayers and Elder Michela Ayers attend the Presbytery of Chihuahua meeting on April 16, 2009, as Commissioners. They will take with them the partnership agreement and a gift of five cases of Bibles written in Spanish.

Prayer was offered by Charles Ross speaking both in Spanish and English.

Bill O'Connell offered all PSK churches the opportunity to participate in the first Partnership Mission Trip July 31-Aug 7, 2009. Team members will travel four hours south of Juarez, Mexico to Berith Presbyterian Church, Chihuahua, Mexico to do construction work, help with VBS and build friendships. If interested in joining, contact Bill O'Connell.

Brian Wheeler, Missy Patterson and Bill Hendrix reported for the **Camping Committee**.

Brian and Bill reviewed the mission, camping opportunities, participation numbers, facility updates and the finances associated with Westminster Woods Camp.

Missy Patterson gave her personal testimony about being a camper and now counselor at Westminster Woods. She will be sponsoring a child to camp this summer and she encouraged all PSK churches to do the same.

**A motion prevailed** that the Lord's Supper be celebrated at Westminster Woods Camp during the summer camp sessions.

**The Presbytery broke for fellowship.**

**Sharing Community Life – II**

Ray Jones, Moderator of the **Committee on Ministry** reported for the committee:

**I. Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery:**

- Approved Thom Sutter to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas.
- Approved six-month renewal of contract for Jim Pitts at Garden City.
- Approved six-month renewal of contract for Robert Barrett at Caldwell.

**A Motion prevailed** to commission Don Tapp as Commissioned Lay Pastor to the Federated Church of Mayfield beginning April 1, 2009.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the following Installation Commission to install Mary Carol Perrott as Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Lyons on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Reverends Angela Madden, Moderator; Scott Solether and Seth Svaty. Elders: Daylene Linville, Lyons, Fran Calderwood, Sterling and Mary Knecht, First Wichita.

Recognition of Honorable Retirement from the Ministry of Word and Sacrament was held for The Reverend John Mikow. Participates in the service were: Ray Jones, Jane Brigden-Graham, Don Calderwood, Don Owens, Angela Madden and Tom Robson.

Steve Marsh, Moderator of the **Committee on Church Order** presented the dates and Districting Chart for the 2009 Records Review:

Saturday, August 15	10:00 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City
Saturday, August 22	10:00 a.m.	Westwood Presbyterian Church, Wichita
Saturday, August 29	10:00 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church, Dodge City
Saturday, September 12	10:00 a.m.	First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson

**Sharing Community Life – III**

Don Owens recognized, with certificates, those PSK churches with a net gain in membership in 2008:

First Presbyterian Church, Arkansas City  
Presbyterian Church of Cambridge  
First Presbyterian Church, Cherryvale  
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson  
Presbyterian Church of Kingsdown  
First Presbyterian Church, Leoti  
Parks Presbyterian Church, Leoti  
Presbyterian Church of Pratt  
First Presbyterian Church of Syracuse  
Presbyterian Church of Tribune  
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wichita  
Korean Presbyterian Church, Wichita





## **Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

Announcements:

Presbyterian Church of Pratt will host a dinner for the General Assembly Moderator on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Brotherhood Presbyterian Church, Wichita, will host a breakfast for the Moderator on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

“Faith Connection” worship and dinner will take place Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at Brotherhood Presbyterian Church, Wichita, with worship at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**A motion prevailed** to approve the payment of vouchers in the amount of \$1361.70.

Offering collected during the Presbytery meeting was \$391.00.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at First Presbyterian Church, Newton.

Presbytery **adjourned** with prayer and Benediction from Moderator, Angela Madden.

Rebecca New  
Stated Clerk

Jan Lane  
Journal Clerk