

**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
July 20, 2019**

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) met on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Junction City, Kansas. Following are the highlights of the meeting.

Worshipped together. Rev. Dr. **Joan Gray** preached the sermon. Elder **Rod Seel** served as liturgist. Rev. **Tim Maguffee** and Rev. **Shannon Borgman** presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Commissioned Elder **Debra Hadachek** to moderate the **Riley County Larger Parish** and the **Fairview** and **Riley First** congregations and Elder **Rod Seel** as pastor for the **First Presbyterian Church of Auburn**.

Received an offering of **\$926.61** for **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for Refugee Emergencies in the U.S. and Internationally.

Heard from the Rev. Dr. **Joan Gray**, Moderator of the 217th (2006) General Assembly, who presented a program entitled: **"God-Powered Leaders in a God-Powered Church."**

Shared joys and concerns and **Prayed** for the churches and pastors of PNK.

Recognized the **Ordination Anniversaries** of the following clergy in the Presbytery of Northern Kansas: **Sally White** (15 years); **Roland Slater**, **Tim Maguffee** and **Jim Aubey** (20 years); **Beverly Leonard, HR** and **Bill Woodard, HR** (30 years); **Mark Kayser, HR** (35 years); **Cam McConnell** (40 years); **Jim Owens** (45 years); **Neil Weatherhogg, HR** (50 years).

Announced that Rev. **Sandra Brown** will be installed as pastor of the **First Presbyterian Church of Topeka** on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Heard a report from the Administrative Commission for the **First Presbyterian Church of Abilene** noting that their pastor, Rev. **Roland Slater**, will be completing his ministry at the end of July and the congregation has requested permission to sell their building and they plan to remain together as a congregation and are discerning what God is calling them to do in their next chapter of mission and ministry.

Announced that Elder **Rod Seel** has completed the PNK Commissioned Ruling Elder Program and Elder **Debbie Liddel** has been transferred to the Candidate stage of the PNK Commissioned Ruling Elder Program and Mr. **Kevin Ireland** will begin his theological education this Fall at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Approved the **2020 Minimum Effective Salary Guidelines** for pastor staff.

Announced Rev. **Teresa Ingle** as the winner of the **Pastor's Appreciation Weekend**.

Directed the Presbytery Moderator to appoint **Administrative Commissions** for the following congregations: **Cottonwood Falls First, Topeka Central** and **Topeka Potwin**.

These congregations are working to explore and develop a strategy for mission and ministry for the future of their church.

Approved the **2020 Per Capita** for the Presbytery of Northern Kansas at \$23.00. Presbytery of Northern Kansas per capita has remained at the current \$20.00 for the past 10 years.

Approved a change in the **distribution of Shared Mission Giving** to 15% to General Assembly, 5% to Synod of Mid-America and 80% to Presbytery of Northern Kansas effective January 1, 2020.

Watched a video clip about the new **Stewardship Navigator**, an online tool with many stewardship resources available from the Presbyterian Foundation.

Heard an update and **watched** a video clip about the Presbytery of Northern Kansas' partnership with **Living Waters for the World**.

Reported the sale of the manse of the **Hoxie First Presbyterian Church**.

Elected Elder **Adam Borgman** to the Presbytery Meeting and Events Committee.

Highlighted written reports from the **Property Committee, Presbyterian Women in PNK** and the **Stewardship and Mission Committee**.

Announced a **PNK Mission Trip** to the **Houston/Galveston Area** October 26-November 3 to help with rebuilding in that area for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Announced a possible **PNK Mission Trip** to help with flood recovery work in **Nebraska** this fall and **requested** that interested persons contact Pat Ireland, Stewardship and Mission Coordinator, to indicate their interest.

Asked for prayers for our **PNK Presbyterian Youth Triennium delegation** as they travel back home after a week at this conference at Purdue University.

Remember: More information on all these items can be found in the Presbytery Reports for this Presbytery Meeting which can be found at www.pnks.org. Check with your clerk of session, pastor or moderator of session for Username and Password or contact the presbytery office.

Next Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday, October 15 – First Presbyterian Church, Wamego

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019JulyPMtg>