

**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 8, 2020 -- MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) met on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church in Salina, Kansas. Following are the highlights of the meeting.

**Worshiped together.** Our guest speaker, **Bryce Wiebe** (Director of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) preached the sermon. Ruling Elder **Sharon Ringler** served as liturgist. Rev. **Amy Jo Hawley** and Rev. **Charlie Smith** presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Ruling Elder **Sue Dindinger** was installed as 2020 Presbytery of Northern Kansas Moderator and Ruling Elder **Rod Seel** was installed as 2020 Presbytery of Northern Kansas Vice-Moderator.

**Received** an offering of **\$675.00** for **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

**Welcomed** new member of the presbytery, Rev. **Barry Williams**, who will serve as the Transitional Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence.

**Received** greetings from the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** from our Mission Engagement Advisor William McConnell and from **Heartland Presbyterian Center** from Associate Executive Director Michael Megraw.

**Heard** from **Bryce Wiebe**, Director of Special Offerings for the Presbyterian Church U.S.A, who presented a program entitled: "**Prayer and Gratitude.**"

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

**Designated** Rev. **Kent Winters-Hazelton** as **Honorably Retired** and shared in a service of celebration of his ministry including this last thirteen years at the First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence.

**Received** the Presbytery of Northern Kansas Corporate Bylaws and the Ecclesiastical Bylaws for a first reading. The Presbytery will be asked to approve these two documents at the May 5, 2020 Presbytery Meeting. **Declared** the Ecclesiastical Bylaws to be the Transition Rules for the Presbytery of Northern Kansas replacing the current standing rules until final action can be taken in May.

**Elected Tom Reid** as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas through January 30, 2023 and **Robert Frasier** as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas through October 31, 2022.

**Approved** the 2020 Presbytery of Northern Kansas budget.

**Approved** the appointment of an Administrative Commission for **Americus** and an Administrative Commission for **Belleville and Concordia**.

**Approved** authorization for trained ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper in their congregations (Colby, Hoxie, Oskaloosa, Sylvan Grove, Topeka Central).

**Announced** Commissioned Ruling Elder **Kay Hull** as the winner of the **Pastor's Appreciation Weekend**.

**Learned about** the FROGS (Fun and Reflection on Growth and Service) week of mission at the **First Presbyterian Church of Salina**.

**Heard** from the Administrative Commission (A/C) for the **First Presbyterian Church of Abilene** noting that the building has been sold and the congregation will now begin to vision for their future together in ministry.

**Heard** from the A/C for the **First Presbyterian Church of Cottonwood Falls** that the congregation will participate in a conversation about the future of their ministry on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and noted that a pulpit supply agreement has been arranged with Rev. Kent Winters-Hazelton to provide worship leadership during Lent and through Easter.

**Heard** from the A/C for the **Central Presbyterian Church of Topeka** that the building has been offered for sale and **Approved** the request of the congregation to dissolve the ministry of the Central Presbyterian Church effective April 30, 2020. Their final worship service will be Sunday, April 19, 2020.

**Heard** from the A/C for the **Potwin Presbyterian Church of Topeka** that they plan to meet with the Potwin Session at their March meeting.

**Elected** persons to fill vacancies for 2020 on **Presbytery** committees and commissions.

**Approved** 2020 Presbytery Meeting Dates and Locations as **revised**:

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 – First Presbyterian Church of Junction City

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – Rock Springs Conference Center (south of Junction City) \*

\* (The November Presbytery Meeting will follow a Presbytery Retreat to be held Sunday evening through Tuesday morning and leading into the Presbytery Meeting)

**Highlighted** written reports from the **Presbytery Meetings and Events Committee, Property Committee, Presbyterian Women in PNK, Stewardship and Mission Committee** and the **Youth Ministries Committee**.

**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](http://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, May 5 – First Presbyterian Church, Junction City**

*If you haven't yet filled out the survey for this presbytery meeting you can do it online at:*  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020JanPMtg>