

**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS
OCTOBER 15, 2019 -- MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Wamego, Kansas. Following are the highlights of the meeting.

Worshiped together. Commissioned Ruling Elder **Deb Hadachek** preached the sermon. Rev. **Cam McConnell** served as liturgist. Rev. McConnell and Rev. **Meredith Kemp-Pappan** presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Designated Rev. **Cam McConnell** as **Honorably Retired** and shared in a service of celebration of his ministry including twenty-two years at the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan.

Received an offering of **\$719.02** for **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** as they continue to respond to flooding and hurricane victims on our behalf.

Heard from Dr. **Scott Hutcheson**, Associate Director, Purdue University's Agile Strategy Lab, who presented a program entitled: "**Strategic Doing for Faith Communities.**"

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

Heard from the Administrative Commission (A/C) for the First Presbyterian Church of Abilene noting that the building has been listed for sale and that Authorized Pulpit Supply Adrian Hunley has been approved to serve as weekly pulpit supply.

Heard from the A/C for the **First Presbyterian Church of Cottonwood Falls** that they have begun meeting with the Session for conversation and discernment. The Rev. **Janet Brooks** will complete her service at the end of her current agreement on December 31, 2019.

Heard from the A/C for the **Central Presbyterian Church of Topeka** which began meeting with the Session on September 10th. A congregational meeting will take place October 27th for the purpose of taking action on a recommendation from the Session regarding selling the building and conversation about options for the future of the church.

Heard from the A/C for the **Potwin Presbyterian Church of Topeka** that they met with the Session on October 9th at which time the Session reported on the success of their capital campaign - receiving over \$50,000 so far towards their \$80,000 goal for funds needed for urgent building maintenance needs. The A/C will continue conversation with the session after the first of next year.

Approved changing the number of Stated **Presbytery Meetings** per year (currently 4) to 3 for 2020 and approved the following dates and locations: **Saturday, Feb. 8 – Salina FPC, Tuesday, May 5 – location to be named, and Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Rock Springs Conference Center.**

Announced that there will be a **Presbytery Retreat** preceding the October Presbytery Meeting featuring **Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby** from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Announced that there will be a **PNK Education Day** on Saturday, **September 19th** at Salina Sunrise with worship and a variety of workshops for all PNK church members.

Heard a report about 2020 opportunities for PNK children and youth including: Traveling Day Camp, Summer Church Camp and Youth Encounter conference at Heartland Presbyterian Center, and a Youth Mission Trip to Denver, CO.

Announced Rev. **Keith Phillips** as the winner of the **Pastor's Appreciation Weekend**.

Approved the PNK **Electronic Meeting and Email Voting Policy** and recommended that sessions use the guidelines included to set their own policy.

Announced the **2020 Per Capita** Total (General Assembly, Synod, Presbytery) as **\$34.85**.

As required by the PNK Standing Rules, **received** a report of the congregations that have not paid their **2019 Per Capita** in full as of September 30, 2019.

Viewed a video clip and a Stewardship Booklet and Thank You cards that are all part of the Stewardship program this year for the **First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence**.

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

Elected Rev. **Phyllis Stutzman** and Rev. **Chris Davis** both to second terms as **commissioners** to the **Synod** of Mid-America.

Elected the following to serve as **commissioners/delegate** to the **224th General Assembly** (2020):
Teaching Elder Commissioner: **Kent Winters-Hazelton**, Lawrence First, WMTE
Alternate – **Phyllis Stutzman**, Emporia, WFTE
Ruling Elder Commissioner: **Roxie Baer**, Riley First/Clifton and Oak Hill, WFRE
Young Adult Advisory Delegate: **Avery Cooper**, Salina First, WFY

Heard a challenge from Commissioned Ruling Elder **Deb Hadachek** encouraging presbyters to prayerfully consider if God might be calling them to ministry as a Commissioned Lay Pastor and/or if they should encourage someone in their congregation to consider such a call to ministry.

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

Asked for prayers for our **PNK Mission Team** as they travel to the Houston/Galveston Area to work on our behalf with victims of Hurricane Harvey (2017).

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: Saturday, February 8 – First Presbyterian Church, Salina

If you haven't yet filled out the survey for this presbytery meeting you can do it online at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019OctPMtg>