

**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 -- MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) met on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 for a Virtual Stated Meeting. Following are the highlights of the meeting. The meeting including worship can be viewed [here](#).

Worshipped together. The Rev. **Phyllis Stutzman** (pastor, Emporia Presbyterian Church) preached the sermon and presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Ruling Elder **Sue Dindinger** (Lawrence West Side and outgoing PNK Moderator) served as liturgist. Rev. **Jim Hawley** (Manhattan Trinity) led the congregational responses. Rev. **Meredith Kemp-Pappan** (Topeka Trinity) served as song leader. Ruling Elder **Rod Seel** (Auburn) was installed as 2021 Presbytery of Northern Kansas **Moderator** and Rev. **Celeste Lasich** (Hays) was installed as 2021 Presbytery of Northern Kansas **Vice-Moderator**.

Designated Rev. **Marlene Yanik** as **Honorably Retired** effective February 1, 2021 and highlighted her ministry as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Concordia (1993-2003). Marlene was unable to be with us for this meeting.

Designated Rev. **Robert Frasier** as **Honorably Retired** effective March 1, 2021 and shared in a service of celebration of his ministry which has included serving as pastor of the United Church of Bennington (1980-85) and the First Presbyterian Church of Abilene (1985-2014). Currently, Bob serves as the pastor of the United Church of Belleville and the First Presbyterian Church of Concordia in the Belleville/Concordia Parish where he was called in August of 2014.

Received an offering for the **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program**.

Welcomed new members of the presbytery: Rev. **Ewen Holmes**, who will serve as the Transitional Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Salina and Rev. **K.O. Noonoo**, who will serve as Pastor for the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Topeka.

Spent time together in small groups sharing how the Spirit has moved in our lives or in our congregation's life and ministry this past six months.

Elected Debra Shetlar as **Treasurer of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas** effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.

Directed the Presbytery Moderator to appoint an **Administrative Commission** (A/C) for the **First Presbyterian Church of Smith Center** to partner with the congregation to explore and develop a strategy for mission and ministry for the future of their church.

Approved authorization for trained ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper in their congregation (Sylvan Grove) and approved a waiver to allow elders to be elected to Session for terms totaling more than six consecutive years (Smith Center and Cottonwood Falls).

Announced Rev. **Phil Goombi** (Little Blue River Parish: Cuba, Mahaska, Narka congregations) as the winner of the **Pastor's Appreciation Weekend**.

Heard from the Administrative Commission (A/C) for the **First Presbyterian Church of Abilene** noting that the congregation has relocated to 505 NW 3rd St in Abilene.

Received the final report of the A/C for the **Central Presbyterian Church of Topeka** and **approved** the dissolution of the Administrative Commission effective February 9, 2021. The Presbytery still hopes to do a final celebration service for this ministry once it is confirmed after it is safe for all of us to gather face to face.

Elected persons to fill vacancies for 2021 on **Presbytery** committees and commissions.

Highlighted the remaining **2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates** and Locations:

Saturday, May 1, 2021 – First Presbyterian Church of Junction City

(NOTE: a decision will be made and announced by April 1st re: the possible need to hold the May Presbytery Meeting Virtually)

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 – Rock Springs Conference Center (south of Junction City)

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

Heard about the upcoming **2021 PNK Education Day** to be held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Sunrise Presbyterian Church of Salina for all PNK members and church members.

Announced the revised **Pulpit Supply Honorarium** minimum from \$75 per worship service to \$100 per worship service.

Highlighted written reports from the **Administrative Commissions for Americus, Belleville/Concordia, Cottonwood Falls, Frankfort/Washington and Topeka Potwin** along with written reports from **Presbyterian Women in PNK, Presbytery Council, the Committee on Representation, Resource Wise, the Property Committee and the Stewardship and Mission 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. Check with your clerk of session, pastor or moderator of session for Password or contact the presbytery office.

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If you haven't yet filled out the survey for this presbytery meeting you can do it online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021FebPbyMtg>