

**PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN KANSAS
FEBRUARY 7, 2023 -- MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) met on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, for a Virtual Stated Meeting. The recording of this meeting including worship can be viewed [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Pr25X-Pmqn9n35plSCx04jmpflpRu0qvEH7j14BDF01kEXQG0JDk_wjkVkoQ63kK.30Zed-z2Nq4M3ajz) (or by typing https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Pr25X-Pmqn9n35plSCx04jmpflpRu0qvEH7j14BDF01kEXQG0JDk_wjkVkoQ63kK.30Zed-z2Nq4M3ajz into your browser).

Following are the highlights of the meeting.

Worshiped together. Rev. **Meredith Kemp-Pappan** (Topeka Trinity) preached the sermon and presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Candidate for Ministry of the Word and Sacrament **Kevin Ireland** (Emporia) served as liturgist. **Nancy Hoffman** (Ellsworth) led the congregational responses. Elder **Steve Crouch** (Topeka First) served as song leader. Rev. **Tim Maguffee** (Junction City) was installed as 2023 Presbytery of Northern Kansas **Moderator** and Elder **Deb Hadachek** (Cuba, serving as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Beloit) was installed as 2023 Presbytery of Northern Kansas **Vice-Moderator**.

Received an offering for **The Kansas Food Bank** to serve hundreds of member agencies across the state of Kansas.

Introduced the Rev. **Deb Schmidt** as a new member of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and announced that Deb began her service as Transitional Pastor for the **Sunrise Presbyterian Church of Salina** on January 1st.

Heard a report from 2022 Moderator **Meredith Kemp-Pappan** regarding the installation of Rev. **Phil Price** (Salina First) since the last Presbytery meeting.

Considered a Consent Agenda from the Bills and Overtures Task Force with 28 of the 33 **Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order** recommended by the 225th General Assembly. 16 of the amendments (22-A, 22-B, 22-C, 22-D, 22-G, 22-K, 22-L, 22-N, 22-P, 22-V, 22-W, 22-X, 22-Y, 22-Z, 22-AA, and 22-BB) were approved with the consent agenda. Of the 12 amendments pulled from the consent agenda; one failed (22-E), three passed (22-F, 22-H, and 22-I) and the other eight will be considered as time allows at the April 29 presbytery meeting along with the five amendments not included in B&O's consent agenda for this meeting. Should consideration of the amendments not be completed in April, an adjourned meeting will be called for Tuesday, June 6 by Zoom.

Approved authorization for trained ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper for the **Phillipsburg, Sylvan Grove** and **Wamego** congregations.

Announced Rev. **Jim Hawley** (Manhattan Trinity) as the winner of the **Pastor's Appreciation Weekend** award.

Heard from the Administrative Commission (A/C) for **Cottonwood Falls** that all responsibilities assigned have been completed. **Approved** the A/C and Session's request to dissolve the A/C.

Received the final report of the Administrative Commission (A/C) for the **First Presbyterian Church of Hoxie**, **approved** the division of assets, and **approved** the dissolution of the A/C. A Celebration of Ministry and Final Worship Service was held on Sunday, June 12, 2022 in honor of this congregation's 136 years of ministry.

Received the final report of the Administrative Commission (A/C) for the **Summerfield Presbyterian Church**, **approved** the division of assets, and **approved** the dissolution of the A/C. The church closed effective August 31, 2022 after 140 years of ministry.

Elected persons to fill presbytery vacancies and heard that 87 of the 88 presbytery positions are currently filled for 2023. **Elected** chairpersons/moderators of each entity.

Highlighted written reports from **Administrative Commissions (Carlton, Lawrence Clinton, Solomon)** including the final report from the **Topeka Potwin A/C** and from the **Finance Committee, Presbyterian Women in PNK, Presbytery Council, the Presbytery Meeting and Events Committee, the Property Committee, the Resource Center Committee, the 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 by going to the Presbytery's website at www.pnks.org and clicking on *Our Presbytery* and then on *Presbytery Meeting Information* - look in the *Current Meeting* folder. (don't have a password? Contact the Presbytery Office)

Next Presbytery Meeting: Saturday, April 29, 2023 – Salina Sunrise

Remaining 2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 – Salina Sunrise
Tuesday, August 22, 2023 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, November 4, 2023 – Ellsworth First

If you attended this presbytery meeting, please provide us your input by filling out a survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023FebPbyMtg>

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