

How Can You Help Widen the Circle?



Rev. Melissa Krabbe, PSK Vice Moderator, reminds you that at our last presbytery meeting (in May 2021) she and others, expressed a desire to include more people in the conversations about the workings of our presbytery. We need your help! Who would you recommend? Tell us about the pastors, CRE's, or ruling elders we should be asking to be a part of our teams.

We need people who have any of the following characteristics:

- Has administrative/organizational abilities
- Is a good listener and brings a non-anxious presence to complex situations
- Is a wise and creative problem-solver
- Has a passion for helping churches thrive
- Enjoys working with balance sheets, income statements, investment, tax, and insurance matters
- Wants to be a part of the conversation

Would you please prayerfully consider recommending someone(s) by filling out a Nominations Form found at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9RQkAU5FnH2FdKCs41L74KdZf6WPX95bgVXL Afd NAdKCQ/viewform>

Remember to mark your calendar. Presbytery of Southern Kansas will hold their in-person meeting on Sat. August 14, 2021 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita.

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Friends of PSK,

A while back I mentioned a book by Susan Beaumont, entitled "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going." In the book, Susan comments at length on the concept of Liminality. I do hope that some of you have possibly gotten this book. I would like to invite you all (leaders of all of our churches) to participate with me in a discussion of this book over the next several months. I will have Jan send out a poll to discern the level of interest and when is a good or best time for such a gathering.

Zoom seems like still the best medium due to our widespread geography. To continue and to deepen your study, I thought this article provided a good baseline for defining liminality within an organization. I like alliteration and would add that we have a 7th c – Christ!

<https://thediversitasgroup.com/liminal-leadership-6cs/>

I did reach out to Susan to see if we could get her to come to speak live or videoconference and so far, she is booked through Spring 2022 and not yet scheduling beyond that timeframe. If you have other ideas for those who might enhance our PSK stated meeting gatherings, or a separate educational enrichment time, please reach out to me or one of our members of PCT (Rev. Laura Frazey, Rev. Catherine Neelly Burton, Rev. Jeremiah Lange, PSK Moderator, Scott Randle, Rev. Melissa Krabbe, Rev. Joe Wiseman, R.E. Sue Nispel or Rev. Lara MacGregor).

Recalling the African proverb, "if you want to go fast, go alone. if you wish to go far, go together."

Partner on the journey,

Gail



Healing the Heart:

GRIEF AND THE BODY

A Virtual Pastor's Retreat

June 24, 2021, 1:30-4:30

This event, sponsored by the Presbyteries of Missouri Union, Giddings-Lovejoy, Northern Kansas and Southern Kansas will focus on strengthening our skills in grief work which is essential in these days of constant uncertainty and pervasive loss.

Our faith story gives us perspective and meaning. There are also stories of our bodies that are woven into our experiences.

Within our Christian tradition, there are ways of praying and moving that are being rediscovered, especially in light of neuroscience. Knowledge of how we are created brings wisdom and compassion.

Simple practices involving our whole selves better equip us to welcome grief as an opportunity to deepen and transform us and those we serve.

During this event, together we will:

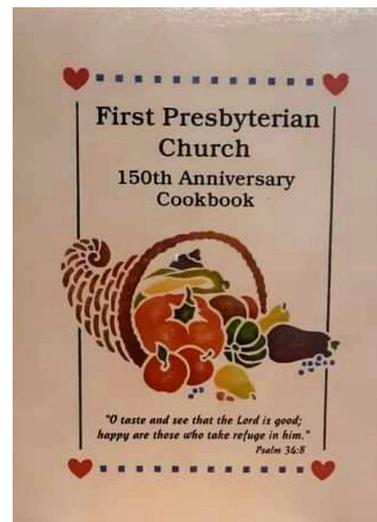
- Learn about the impacts of grief on the body & nervous system
- Reflect upon our own present relationship with grief
- Experience spiritual practices that are soothing and healing & open us to God's constant presence
- Discern their application for ourselves and those we serve

The Leader for this event is Rev. Sharon H. Edwards who has served churches in Texas, & Okla. She is currently serving at FPC, Corvallis, OR

To register go to mupresbytery.org. click on News/Events and find "Healing The Heart". Once you register a confirmation with ZOOM information will be sent to you.



The new Synod of Mid-America Transitional Synod Executive, Ruling Ruling Elder Luis Antonio (Tony) De La Rosa will join us in person for our Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, Aug 14th at Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita. Please join us at Grace for the meeting and welcome the new Synod of Mid-America Executive!



The cookbook pictured at left, to mark the 150th Anniversary of First Presbytery Church, has been assembled. These cookbooks are for sale at the church on Sunday mornings (9-11 a.m.) or during church office hours, Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to have one delivered to your home, contact Geri Doll at 316-737-8855. The cost of the cookbook is \$15.

Attached to this newsletter is an important flyer! **The Garden City Presbyterian Church** will host a Mental Health First Aid event on Sat. June 26th 9 am to 2 pm and again on June 30th 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. In association with Finney County *Live Well* and St. Catherine Hospital, these sessions will teach you how to **Assess** for risk of suicide or harm; **Listen** non judgmentally; **Give** reassurance and information; **Encourage** appropriate professional help and **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies. For more information call 620-272-2530 or contact Beth Koksai at bethkoksai@centura.org to register.