

64| Presbytery of Southern Kansas – Special Called Meeting October 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Southern Kansas gathered at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2021 via ZOOM for a Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery.

OPENING BUSINESS

PSK Moderator, Scott Randle, R.E., called the meeting to order with prayer.

A quorum (*The quorum of a Stated or Called (Special) Meeting of the Presbytery shall be ten percent of the eligible teaching elders and ruling elder commissioners provided that at least three teaching elders are present and three different churches are represented by duly elected ruling elder commissioners. (G-3.0304) (pp 11-12, Feb. 2013)*) was declared present by the Stated Clerk, Rev. Gail Doering with a minimum of six ruling elder commissioners from six different churches within the Presbytery of Southern Kansas in attendance and eight teaching elders (Appendix A- Attendance)

Handouts for the meeting were sent via e mail and are available on the PSK website www.pbysk.org .

Anyone wishing to speak on the floor during the meeting should raise their hand, be recognized by the Moderator and identify themselves.

All comments are to be directed to the Moderator.

All motions must be submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting. Robert's Rules of Order, the Book of Order, and the PSK Manual of Operations will be followed.

From Rev. Lara MacGregor: This being the first time the Presbytery of Southern Kansas has held a Special Called Meeting of Presbytery in the Zoom format, the Presbytery Manual of Operations, Article 11.5 Payment of Program Costs and Reimbursements, paragraph c "Persons or churches at whose request a special meeting is called, shall pay in advance to the Presbytery, the sum of \$250 and also pay 50% of the cost of the meeting" needs to be addressed.

MOTION: As this meeting does not carry the same costs as an in-person meeting, move that for this meeting, the provisions of Article 11.5c of the Manual of Operations be waived.

Moderator called for discussion.

The motion was approved.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Christine Potter-Kass; Lehigh Presbytery

Church Orders Ministry Team – Laura Frazey

Rev. Frazey reviewed the two year Pastor Nominating Committee work of First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson. The Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass was introduced and she provided her faith journey and her Statement of Faith. (Appendix B)

The moderator called for questions for Rev. Kass from the floor. Rev. Gail Doering, PSK Stated Clerk, reminded those on Zoom that the questions for Rev. Kass should be regarding theology, sense of call, ministry call to Hutchinson, etc. Rev. Kaas answered questions from the floor.

MOTION: to arrest the examination.

The motion was approved.

MOTION: to receive Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass into membership of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas as she begins her service the First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson.

The moderator called for discussion.

The motion was approved.

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The Terms of Call between the First Presbyterian Church Hutchinson and Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass were presented.
(See Appendix C)

MOTION: to approve the Terms of Call between the First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson and Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass.

The moderator called for discussion.

The motion was approved.

MOTION: to approve the Installation Service for Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass, to be November 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 E. Sherman Street, Hutchinson, KS. The Installation Commission to be comprised of the follow persons:

Scott Randle, R.E., Installation Commission Moderator

Rev. John Wilson, FPC Independence; Rev. Dr. Brent Johnston, FPC, Wichita; Rev. Laura Frazey, Covenant, Wichita.

Sam Buttram, R.E., FPC Hutchinson; Judy Ontjes, R.E., FPC Hutchinson.

The moderator called for discussion

The motion was approved.

Rev. Laura Frazey thanked the First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, Pastor Nominating Committee, and offered a prayer for the work accomplished during this meeting tonight.

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting.

Moderator called for discussion

The motion was approved.

The moderator closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Gail Doering
PSK Stated Clerk

Jan Lane
Journal Clerk

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Appendix A – Attendance

Roll of Teaching Elders Present

John Barkett	Gail Doering	Laura Frazey
Brent Johnston	Melissa Krabbe	Kathie Luke
Lara MacGregor	Stan Martin	Deb Schmidt
Loran Scott	John Welton	John Wilson

Roll of Teaching Elders Excused

Nick Adams	Keith Allison	James Anderson
Charles Ayers	John Barnum	Shirley Barnum
Amy Baumgartner	Eugene Blake	George Boone
Catherine Neelly Burton	Tom Church	David Clipson
Larry Cracraft	Richard Daeschner	Robert Duncan
John Enwright	James Grant	Jane Brigden Graham
John Haspels	Skip Johnson	Doug Kelly
Christian Kettler	Margaret Lacy	William Long
Kitty Lum	Mark Miller	David Owens
Don Owens	Arlene Patrick	Jesse Patrick
Ben Ray	H. Dick Reynolds	Tom Robson
Charles Ross	Jack Singer	Anne Smith
Judith Steele	Hal Staats	Tom Sutter
Don Waite	Steve Washburn	Bob Wyman

Roll of Teaching Elders Absent

Judy Arnold	Anthony D’Olio	Doris Evans
Caitlin Hendrix	Dawn Flippin	Sang Ouk Kang
Jeremiah Lange	Scott McGinnis	Maureen Olson
Melissa Ramos	Dennis Scheibmeir	Ann Smith
Geoffery Snook	Jennifer Snook	Seth Svaty
Dawn Swartz	Craig Waetke	Tom Wylie

Corresponding Members

Christine Potter-Kass – Lehigh Presbytery

PCT Members

Scott Randle
Roger Sackreiter
Ken Coryell, Trustee Representative

PSK Staff

Jan Lane

Visitor

There were eight visitors

Ruling Elder Commissioners Present

Derby; Nora Coryell, Ken Coryell

El Dorado; Carla Chispens

Great Bend; Sarah Emerson

FPC Hutchinson; Don Graves, David Mencl
Keith Neill

Wichita-Grace; Hunt Parker

Lakin; Martin Neff

Pratt; Janet Luttrell

Wellington; Gloria Klima

Wichita-Covenant; Jim Chipman, Katie Degenhardt, Roger
Sackreiter

Wichita-First; Patrice Cummings, Melinda Sears

Ruling Elder Commissioners Absent

Anthony-Hopewell

Arkansas City	Kingsdown
Ashland	Liberal
Caldwell	Larned
Cambridge	Leoti
Chase	Lyons
Cherryvale	Marion
Coffeyville	Mayfield
Dodge City	McPherson
Garden City	Newton
Freeport	Medicine Lodge
Halstead	Spearville
Harper	Sterling
Haysville	Syracuse
Holcomb	Tribune
Hutchinson, New Covenant	Viola Wichita-Korean
Independence	Wichita-Southwest
Jetmore	Wichita-Trinity
Kingman	Wichita-Westwood Winfield

Appendix B – Statement of Faith – Rev. Catherine Potter-Kass

I believe in the Triune God. I believe in God as my Father and my creator. I believe in God as the One I serve, the One in whose image I am created, and the One who calls me into God’s service until I am called home to God’s side.

I believe in Jesus the Christ as my savior, one whose name I call on in moments of both sorrow and joy. I believe in Jesus as God incarnate, fully human and fully divine, who preached a message of love, mercy, and justice that encompassed all those marginalized by society. I believe in Jesus as the one who gave himself to death on the cross and was resurrected on the third day, as the one whose steps I follow, the one who came to earth to bridge the widening gap between God and humans, and the one who has tasked me with continuing his work on earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who met me where I was and brought me into the ministry, flaws and all, and showed me my greater purpose, who guides me every day and corrects me when I need it.

I believe in the Bible as the word of God, revealed to the world through humans inspired by God. I believe that the translations and interpretations of Scripture over the centuries mean that they are subject to human errors and frailties, and that God gave us minds to think and interpret Scriptures through our own studies and prayer life. I believe that Jesus is the Word of God incarnate, who walked as a human among us while showing us how to live the Word.

I believe that salvation is a gift of grace given by God through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. I believe that “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them” (2 Cor 5:19). Salvation means we stand blameless before God, with our sins forgiven through that sacrifice.

I believe the church is not merely a structure in which we gather. I believe the church is the people, the body of Christ, believers who are called by Christ to put their faith into action and be his hands and feet in the world until he returns. I believe the church is called to care for those Jesus touched and loved without reservation.

I believe that “...the day of the Lord is coming, it is near” (Joel 2:1) although only God knows the appointed time. I believe that the Kingdom was proclaimed by the prophets, brought into reality through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and is all around us now as we must always be working toward the Kingdom of God on earth.

I believe in the sacraments of communion and baptism. In both we are united with fellow believers, united with Jesus and affirmed as his followers. I believe that around the Lord’s Table, we are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ, and that reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. I believe that baptism unites us with Christ as members of his body, and that we are washed clean by the grace of God. I believe that everything

I am, everything I have ever been, and everything that I will ever be, belongs to God.

Appendix C – Terms of Call between First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson and Rev. Christine Potter-Kass

The First Presbyterian Church of Hutchinson, Kansas, belonging to the Presbytery of Southern Kansas, being well satisfied with your qualifications for ministry and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose service will be profitable to the spiritual interests of our church and fruitful for the Kingdom of our Lord, earnestly and solemnly calls you, Christine Kaye Kass, to undertake the office of Pastor of this congregation, beginning November 1, 2021, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and allegiance in the Lord.

That you may be free to devote full-time to the ministry of Word and Sacrament among us, we promise and obligate ourselves to pay you in regular monthly payments the following effective annual salary and vouchered expenses:

Effective salary

Cash Salary	To be allocated
Housing Allowance	<u>before signing</u>
Total	\$75,300

Reimbursable expenses (by voucher)

Automobile expenses	not to exceed	\$3,000	(current IRS rate)
Business/Professional expenses	not to exceed	\$2,000	
Continuing Education expenses	not to exceed	\$2,000	
Moving expenses	to be determined-	moving van, expenses of 2-3 house hunting trips, mileage for moving vehicles	

We further promise and obligate ourselves to cover the costs of full medical, dental vision, pension, disability, and death benefit coverages under the Board of Pensions and to review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.

Your work week will be considered a minimum of 40 hours. You shall have two days off per week, including one full day and one equivalent day worked into the week as events permit. In addition, the following holidays will be considered paid holiday vacation: Personal Day, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday), and Christmas Day (2 days, at staff discretion). If a paid holiday falls on a Sunday, then the following Monday will be observed. If the holiday occurs on a Saturday, the preceding Friday will be observed. When a holiday falls on a pastor’s regular day off, compensatory time off may be taken within one month.

Paid vacation time will consist of one week per quarter, including one Sunday. The week prior to and including Easter and Christmas Day are excluded. Vacation time will be figured on a calendar year basis and must be approved in advance by Session. Vacation time may be accumulated only if approved in advance by Session.

Continuing Education is strongly encouraged and paid time for this will consist of one week every six months, including one Sunday. Continuing Education time will be figured on a calendar year basis, beginning January 1, , and must be approved by Session. Continuing Education time may be accumulated only if approved by Session.

In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a 12-week Clergy Renewal Leave (Sabbatical), continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing for pulpit supply in your absence. Written notice along with a plan should be provided to Session and to the Presbytery’s Church Orders Ministry Team for approval at least one year prior to the leave. In addition, you must pledge to stay in your position for at least one year following the leave. During the year of the Sabbatical, you may combine some of your paid time for continuing education or vacation to extend the length of the Sabbatical with the approval of the Session.

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