

# Heartland Cabinet Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

Once again we who make up the Cabinet of the Heartland Conference consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as Presiding Elders under the leadership of our Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall, and our Bishop, Jeff Greenway. And I, as the Dean of the Cabinet, am so very grateful for the labor of love by the men and women who oversee our 15 districts in the conference.

It has been a very busy 4th quarter as one of our main tasks was to oversee the Church/Charge Conferences in our respective districts. Some of the Provisional Elders (PEs) met with each individual church. Some met as a whole district. And some broke up the districts and met together to better address geographical proximity. No matter, the reports from the PEs were wonderful. The development of relationships, the building of trust, and the feelings that the local church was being heard were shared by many.

We continue to work together to identify clergy (or CLMs) to fill open churches, whether full time or part time. At times the process moves quickly. Other times, there is a call to be patient. We still need to fill a PE position in the West Central Kansas District. We hope to have that position filled soon. Please be in prayer about these openings.

We (and the churches) recognize that some of the “newness” is wearing off and that there is the reality that the emphasis on ministry lies within the membership of the local church, not from a staff on the conference level. That is still taking some time for churches to live into that reality as it at times has been too easy to want to call the conference to “fix” a problem, or “address” a concern. So churches are being challenged to identify and raise up leaders in the local church, to pray, to discern, to vision together as the body, and to be willing to step out of the way it’s always been done, into that which God is calling the church to do.

As a cabinet we have been reading and discussing a book entitled Hero Maker by Dave Ferguson and Warren Bird. In the book it identifies Five Essential Practices for Leaders to Multiply Leaders. So we are spending considerable time discussing and looking at ways we can help our churches move from an “addition mindset” to that of “multiplication.” There is a difference. Stay tuned. You’ll hear more about it.

As mentioned in the last report, nothing replaces face to face meetings and conversation. Thus, we will be meeting February 2 and 3 at New Covenant Church in Wichita to meet, fellowship, pray, worship, and vision together as we live into 2026. Keep us in your prayers. We promise to do the same for you.

Rick Just – Dean of the Cabinet



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### **Committee Roster:**

#### **District**

Colorado District  
Oklahoma City District  
NW Kansas District  
Southern Oklahoma District  
SW Kansas District  
North Central KS District  
Flint Hills District  
SW Missouri District  
West Central KS District  
South Central KS District  
NE Missouri District  
SE Missouri District  
Western Oklahoma District  
Tulsa District  
Wichita District

#### **Presiding Elder**

Cherie Cobb  
Lisa Beavers  
Ted Stapleton  
David Daniel  
Elizabeth Winger-Young  
Joshua Johnson  
Kelly Sipes  
Kent Garfield  
(Open)  
Mike Keating  
Brad Dush  
Carl Palmer  
Amanda Peterson  
Ray Crawford  
Rick Just

# Finance and Administrative Committee

## Quarterly Report

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### Committee Updates:

The Finance and Administrative Committee continues to steward the financial, administrative, and policy life of the Heartland Annual Conference. While this quarter reflected a lighter volume of activity, the committee remains focused on providing stability, clarity, and faithful oversight in support of our shared mission.

**Stewardship Update:** The 2025 financial books are still in the process of being closed. Once finalized, more detailed financial information will be shared in the next quarterly report. We remain grateful for the consistent faithfulness of our churches and the careful management of conference resources during this interim season.

**Policy and Administrative Work:** This quarter included meaningful progress in several key areas:

- Approval of updated Moving Policies
- Continued work on Workers' Compensation and dual-appointment guidance, particularly for multi-point charges
- Ongoing refinement of Clergy Vacation and Leave guidance, incorporating Cabinet feedback
- Continued development of Fussell Scholarship guidelines

Although the committee did not meet in December, our work continues as we prepare for the year ahead. Our focus remains on sound stewardship, clear guidance, and support for the churches and clergy of the Heartland Annual Conference.

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### Committee Roster:

Brad Kirk, Chair  
Carrie Clifford, Treasurer  
Kathe Ramsey, Secretary  
Bridget Kirk, Director of Operations  
Carl Palmer  
D. A. Bennett  
Richard Croll

Robert Brandt  
Wally Jones  
Joel Maneval  
Tyler Hufford  
Wendee Perceful  
Samuel Lufiyele

# Lay Leader Quarterly Report

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## **Committee Updates:**

The committee continues its ongoing work and has no new actions or updates to report this quarter.

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## **Committee Roster:**

Holly Joy, Chair  
Doug Larson  
Christin Dush  
Bill Brown  
Kathy Koehn  
Ruth Blake  
John Robinson III  
Mike Estes (Bucklin)  
Bob Baker  
Ivy Rodenberg  
Christine (Chris) Calvert  
Doug Hisken

# Board of Ministry Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

The BOM meets via zoom the last Tuesday of every month. We also conduct interview with candidates for ordination and CLM multiple times a month. Here is an ongoing and ever-changing list of what has been done.

- **Approved Sacramental Authority for Supply Pastors: 8**
- **To be Ordained Deacon in 2026: 9**
- **To be Ordained Elder in 2026: 3**
- **Approved Mentor assignments: 15**
- **Mentors still needed for 7**
- **Elders Transferred in: 5**
- **Elders Transferred out: 1**
- **Approved Certified Lay Ministers: 6**
- **Approved Supply Pastors: 2**
- **Approved Withdrawals from the GMC: 2**
- **Senior Status requests and approval: 1**

We have 8 more interviews to conduct in the month of January so far.

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## Committee Roster:

Jaimie Willis – Chair  
Paul Reed – Vice Chair  
Jeff Ralston  
Brad Dush  
Kavin Barron  
Victor Peterson  
Mike Kilby  
Daniel Jones  
Buck Linton-Hendrick  
Ty Walkenshaw  
Landon Mayberry  
Aaron Duel  
Kent Garfield  
Lyle Shipley  
David Depoy  
Rick Calhoun  
Cathy Holly  
Madison Vick - Registrar

# Camping Ministry Oversight Committee Quarterly Report

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## **Committee Updates:**

We have not met this quarter because we have had no inquiries or applications to approve. We plan to meet in Mid to late March.

We are excited to promote a youth winter retreat, led by the deans of Camp NEXT, at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma, happening January 23-25.

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## **Committee Roster:**

Cali Depue Eck, Chair  
Baylee Struble  
BJ Danner  
Christin Dush  
Denni Palmer  
John Grimm  
Maria Grimm  
Meghan Riegerix  
Amanda Peterson  
Tonya Roak

# Church Planting Committee Quarterly Report

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## **Committee Updates:**

The committee continues its ongoing work and has no new actions or updates to report this quarter.

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## **Committee Roster:**

Chris Tiger, Chair

Ray Crawford

Hector Sanchez

Denni Palmer

Daniel Dennison

Joshua Johnson

## Committee on Investigations Quarterly Report

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### Committee Updates:

With thanks to the Lord, the Committee on Investigation has had no activity and has nothing to report.

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### Committee Roster:

Randy Jessen, chair  
Chris Sloan  
Adam Chriss  
Jan Dillard  
Norbert Marek  
Ron Kozak  
Tom Trautman

#### **Alternates**

Nathan O'Neal  
Timothy Trujillo  
Dana Gouge  
Greg Tolle  
Chris Koehn  
Bob Humphrey



## Superintendency Committee Quarterly Report

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### Committee Updates:

In the month of December our Superintendent Committee met with Bishop Jeff Greenway to go over the evaluations for the Rev. Jordan McFall. Our committee overwhelmingly expressed our gratitude and thankfulness for all the work that Jordan has done and continues to do for the Lord and His Kingdom and for the Heartland Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop Greenway and I met with Pastor McFall go over the summary of his evaluation. We expressed our deep gratitude and thanks for Jordan's continued growth and superb leadership of the Heartland Annual Conference.

Jesus is Lord,

Rev. Dr. David L. Daniel

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### Committee Roster:

David L. Daniel, Chair  
Michael Irvine  
Kathryn Chittenden  
Patsy Witschi  
Tammie Lukefahr  
Dennis Sillaman  
Joshua Johnson  
Johnny Freeman

# Administrative Review Committee Quarterly Report

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## **Committee Updates:**

The committee continues its ongoing work and has no new actions or updates to report this quarter.

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## **Committee Roster:**

Keith Cressman, Chair  
Jacob Maforo  
Barron Willer, Secretary

### Alternates:

Larry Lawman  
John Hollon

# Mission Committee Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

The Mission Committee meets the last Thursday of each month, and we have met 3 times this quarter.

This quarter we have worked hard to finalize the MOU for Ethiopia. We did not quite finish before the end of the year, but GOOD NEWS, it's almost done. With this important document in place, we can continue not only our financial partnership, but our discipleship relationship as well. We look forward to God growing this partnership. We are planning for the new year education on terminology and understanding of missions in the Heartland Conference. As well as new people taking on responsibilities within Ethiopia and Zimbabwe.

Please pray for our Sisters and Brothers in Ethiopia and Zimbabwe as they continue to organize and grow God's Kingdom. Please continue to pray for your Conference mission team to do as God leads and calls. We look forward to 2026 and seeing all that God will unfold.

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## Committee Roster:

John Hollon, Chair

Jacob Mafaro

Rachelle Epperson

Samuel Lufiyele

Josh Coats

Jeff Ault

Doug Hisken

John Wesley-Young

Joshua Johnson

Lindsay Chriss

Mike Tipton

Ymbar Palanco

Special members: Jordan McFall and Holly Joy

# Nominations and Leadership Committee

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### **Committee Updates:**

In the last quarter of 2025, the Nominations & Leadership Committee held one Zoom meeting (October 2, 2025) and conducted other Committee business via email. The following action has been taken on the membership of Annual Conference Boards and Committees since the close of Annual Conference 2025.

### **Board of Ministry**

Three individuals were removed from Board membership due to resignations and a change in Annual Conference affiliation. Three new members were added to the Board by unanimous approval of the Nominations & Leadership Committee and the Conference Leadership Council, representing clergy and laity from the Colorado Conference. One Board member's status was changed to ex officio due to appointment as a Presiding Elder, filling the vacancy created by a departing member. There are currently no open Board positions, and no terms expire at the end of 2026.

### **Superintendency Committee**

One open position as the Nominations & Leadership Committee seeks a new Committee member. No terms expire at the end of 2026.

### **Finance & Administration Committee**

No changes and currently no open positions. No terms expire at the end of 2026.

### **Nominations & Leadership Committee**

No changes and currently no open positions. No terms expire at the end of 2026.

### **Committee on Investigation**

Filled the Alternate position that was open.

Currently no open positions. The terms of three Committee members and two Committee alternates are due to expire at the end of 2026; however, this is their first term on the Committee, and members of Investigation may succeed themselves once. The Nominations & Leadership Committee voted to contact these Committee members to discern if they will serve a second term.

### **Administrative Review Committee**

No changes and currently no open positions. The terms of one Committee member and one Committee alternate are due to expire at the end of 2026; however, this is their first term on the Committee, and members of Administrative Review may succeed themselves once. The Nominations & Leadership Committee voted to contact these Committee members to discern if they will serve a second term.



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The next Nominations & Leadership Committee Zoom meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Email [nominations@heartlandgmc.org](mailto:nominations@heartlandgmc.org) to contact the Nominations & Leadership Committee.

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### **Committee Roster:**

Jordan McFall, Conf. Supt. / Chair  
Bill Cosbey, CO laity  
Nathan O'Neal, CO clergy  
Nancy Sipes, KS laity  
Kim Shank, KS clergy / Secretary  
Denni Palmer, MO laity  
Scott Griffin, MO clergy  
Bill McAngus, OK laity  
Steve Littrell, OK clergy / Vice-Chair

## Prayer Committee Quarterly Report

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### Committee Updates:

- The Heartland Prayer Ministry added a second monthly Zoom Prayer Call in October, which occurs now on the 2d Monday of each month at 8am. This Prayer call has between 8-10 people. The Tuesday evening Zoom Prayer Call usually has between 15-20 people.
- The Heartland Prayer Team led a Prayer Workshop in Holyoke, Colorado October 17-18. Allison and Susan continued to serve in Colorado by meeting with other churches and prayer leaders throughout the week: Worship at The Barn at Starstone (Brighton); Worship at Starstone Fellowship (Parker); met with the prayer leaders of both those churches; led a Bible Study at Christ First (Canon City); and concluding with another Prayer Workshop at Stratmoor Hills October 24-25.
- Some of our District Prayer Leaders were invited to attend end-of-year Church Conferences with their Presiding Elders. They were given opportunities to share about the Heartland Prayer Ministry and what their roles were in their particular Districts.
- Mathew Jones is the new District Prayer Leader for the Tulsa District.
- In addition to praying for the Heartland, our District Prayer Leaders continue efforts to reach out to every church in their Districts. Their goal is to connect with either pastors or prayer leaders to support and encourage prayer in the local church.

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### Committee Roster:

Karen Colton  
Teresa McNaught  
Allison Woods  
Susan Innes  
Sara Pines  
Claudine Irwin  
David Player  
Marsha Jarboe  
Irene Potts  
Mathew Jones  
Priscilla Tiger  
Carly Larson  
Patsy Witschi