

# Heartland Cabinet Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

The Cabinet continues to work diligently to serve the Heartland Conference in its role of overseeing the ministry of the clergy and churches in the communities of the districts to which they are appointed. We all have learned it can be quite exciting and invigorating, yet at times frustrating and tiring. But that is the nature of living into that which is still new for all of us. But we are committed to working together as a cabinet, and together as a conference, to live into what we believe God desires to be important for all of us – Making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

In February, the cabinet met in person in Wichita at New Covenant Church to pray, worship, strategize, and fellowship together. As always, a zoom call just cannot replace being together face to face. Each time we meet, we grow in our love, respect, and trust for each other and marvel at how God has brought us together, we who just a few short years ago, had never met. And now we are working in tandem to be obedient to God in being fruitful and productive as leaders of the conference. What a blessing.

As always, we continue to pay close attention to open churches and ways we can be intentional in identifying clergy who will be missional fits for those churches. As of late, we have received many inquiries from those outside of our conference who are interested in serving in the Heartland. We are having conversations with those persons and prayerfully God will lead us to those who may be able to serve effectively in our local churches and beyond.

We continue to discuss and lean into ways that emphasize a multiplying mindset as it relates to discipleship. Disciples who make disciples who make disciples. Churches that don't just focus on their own church growth, but ways they can multiply so that churches will plant churches who will plant churches. We are intentional about offering leadership training through ILI and will have several opportunities soon for leaders to raise up leaders who will raise up leaders.

And of course, we are preparing for Annual Conference which will be held in Wichita in June. It will be a great time of worship and celebration (with a little business mixed in). The day prior to the conference gathering the cabinet will meet in person once again. We will be blessed to be led one last time by Bishop Greenway to pray into and discuss the ministry of the conference, its vision and mission. We look forward to our time together in Wichita as a cabinet and ultimately, our time together as a conference.



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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  
Northeast 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  
Craig Atkinson  
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 met three times this quarter (January 15, February 19, and March 26) to steward the financial and administrative life of the Heartland Conference. A primary accomplishment was the approval of the 2026–2027 budget, which is balanced at approximately \$1.06 million and reflects intentional investment in events and training, programming ministries, and expanded staffing to better support local churches. The budget also includes reduced lease expenses and the establishment of a contingency reserve to strengthen long-term financial health.

## **Missional Focus**

The approved budget continues to prioritize the mission of the Church, ensuring that resources are directed toward strengthening local congregations, supporting leadership development, and advancing ministry across the conference.

**Financial Overview** We continue to see strong faithfulness in Connectional Giving, with approximately 90% of 2025 contributions received. Work is ongoing to improve clarity in reporting, particularly as we navigate the differences between church calendar-year giving and conference fiscal-year budgeting, and we are connecting with churches that have not yet fulfilled current commitments.

## **Administrative Progress**

Additional work this quarter has included the development of audit guidance documents for local churches and continued progress on Fussell Scholarship guidelines to support those preparing for ministry. This quarter has also marked a transition in financial leadership. We are grateful for the excellent work of our new Conference Treasurer, Regina Klamm, as she steps into this role and strengthens our financial processes. We also give thanks for the faithful service of our former treasurer, Carrie Clifford, who continues to serve on the committee as a lay member.

## **Looking Ahead**

Looking ahead, we will continue to steward the resources entrusted to us while also responding to the real needs of our churches. If your congregation has financial or administrative needs, we encourage you to share those with conference leadership so we can work together to provide support, guidance, and practical solutions as we continue advancing the mission of Jesus Christ in the Heartland.



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**Committee Roster:**

Brad Kirk (Chair)  
Richard Croll (Vice Chair)  
Wally Jones  
Carl Palmer  
D.A. Bennett  
Cali Eck  
Wendee Perceful  
Robert Brandt  
Ann Grammon  
Kathe Ramsey  
Stella Chimutashu  
Tyler Hufford  
Bob Strunk  
Carrie Clifford

**Ex Officio (Non-Voting):**

Regina Klamm (Conference Treasurer)  
Jordan McFall (Conference Superintendent)  
Holly Joy (Conference Lay Leader)  
Bridget Kirk (Conference Director of Operations)



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# Lay Leader Quarterly Report

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**Committee Updates:**  
**Report not yet received**

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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  
Gizel Compton

# Board of Ministry Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

We have enjoyed monthly meetings over Zoom. We also enjoyed an in person gathering earlier this year in January at Claremore FMC. It was so good to be in the same room and brainstorm together in person. Here are a couple of the things we have been working on:

- **Affinity Group Mentoring:** As a Board we decided it would be efficient and beneficial to those who are seeking candidacy and who are already in the process of ordination to gather in groups for mentoring based on their “process position”. This idea was presented to the PE’s for their approval and they liked the idea and so we have started to move forward with the implementation of said groups. That entails a lot and so we are hoping to roll this out by Annual Conference this year.
- **BOM Liaison:** We have made the decision that a BOM Liaison program would be great for candidates to have a personal contact with someone on the BOM to answer question about the process and to help the candidate track their progress. This also is in development and we are now considering ways to implement this as well.
- We are standardizing some things within the BOM. We have developed a standard Extension Ministry Annual report. We are also in process of standardizing interview questions to make sure that we are all on the same page when it comes to our interviews for both Deacon and/or Elders.
- Here is some of the finished work we have done since last year’s Annual Conference, and this is a continuously changing document:

- **Approved Sacramental Authority for Supply Pastors: 5**
- **To Be Ordained Deacon in 2026: 15**
- **To Be Ordained Elder in 2026: 6**
- **Approved Mentor Assignments: 18**
- **Elders Transferred In: 6**
- **Elders Transferred Out: 2**
- **Approved Certified Lay Ministers: 14**
- **Approved Supply Pastors: 2**
- **Approved Certified Candidates: 4**
- **Approved Withdrawals from the GMC: 2**
- **Senior Status Requests and Approval: 1**
- **Extension Ministry Approved: 3**
- **Approved for Permanent Deacon: 1**



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**Committee Roster:**

Jaimie Willis – Chair

Paul Reed – Vice Chair

Jaimie Willis

D.R. (Buck) Linton-Hendrick

Dan Jones

Dave Depoy

Aaron Duell

Cathy Holly

Duane Cornella

Kevin Barron

Victor Peterson

Ty Walkenshaw

Landon Maberry

Jeff Ralston

Lyle Shipley

Paul Reed

Mike Kilby

Brad Dush

Kent Garfield

Madison Vick – Registrar

# Camping Ministry Oversight Committee Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

The youth winter retreat, led by the deans of Camp NEXT, at Canyon Camp in Hinton, Oklahoma, January 23-25 was a great success. There were 60 students and adults.

We met March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to interview and consider endorsing 5 camps this summer. We already have a camp endorsement for our Western Kansas Camp that will happen May 26-29 at Camp Lakeside. They are endorsed through 2026.

These Camps have received endorsement through the summer of 2027

Camp Next – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade happening July 13-17, 2026 at Canyon Camp, Hinton OK

Camp Pathway 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade happening July 27-30, 2026 at Canyon Camp, Hinton OK

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Camp happening Aug 3-5, 2026 at Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs, MO

Sprouts- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade happening June 26-27, 2026 at Camp Egan, Tahlequah, OK

Growing' and Going – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade happening June 22-24 at Camp Egan, Tahlequah, OK

We are excited to promote 6 camps for this year.

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## Committee Roster:

Cali Depue Eck, Chair

Baylee Struble

BJ Danner

Christin Dush

Denni Palmer

John Grimm

Amanda Peterson

Tonya Roak



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# Church Planting Committee Quarterly Report

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**Committee Updates:**  
**Report not yet received**

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**Committee Roster:**

Chris Tiger, Chair  
Ray Crawford  
Hector Sanchez  
Denni Palmer  
Daniel Dennison  
Joshua Johnson



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## 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:**

Greg Tolle, chair  
Chris Sloan  
Adam Chriss  
Jan Dillard  
Norbert Marek  
Ron Kozak  
Tom Trautman

#### **Alternates**

Nathan O'Neal  
Timothy Trujillo  
Sheryl Lear  
Bob Humphrey  
Dana Gouge



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# Superintendency Committee Quarterly Report

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**Committee Updates:**  
**Report not yet received**

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**Committee Roster:**

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



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# Administrative Review Committee Quarterly Report

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## **Committee Updates:**

Review of previously created and presented summary of review process.  
No meetings. No other action to report.

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## **Committee Roster:**

The Rev. Jacob Maforo, KS  
The Rev. Barron Willer, MO Secretary  
The Rev. Keith Cressman, OK Chair  
Alternates:  
The Rev. Larry Lawman, MO  
The Rev. John Hollon, OK

# 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 completed the Ethiopia MOU, it has been signed and already we have begun executing payments. We had an incredible team including our Holly Joy, Rick and Mary Lou Just be our representation and teaching team for the Ethiopia Annual Conference. Our very own Heartland Missionary Rev. Jacob Mafaro was able to join the team and participate in all the festivities. We are so grateful for our partnership with both Ethiopia and Zimbabwe. We look forward to what God is doing and will continue to accomplish.

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.

## **Rev. John Hollon**

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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 Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

The Nominations and Leadership Committee (NLC) met via Zoom on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. Committee business for the first quarter of 2026 was as follows:

- The Board of Ministry had two resignations. The NLC recommended a replacement to complete one term, which was approved by the Conference Leadership Council. The NLC is working on identifying a replacement to complete one term.
- The Superintendency Committee had one resignation. The NLC recommended a replacement to complete the term, which was approved by the Conference Leadership Council.
- The Finance and Administration Committee (F&A) had one resignation. The NLC recommended a replacement to complete the term. The NLC recommended adding the Conference Lay Leader to F&A as an ex-officio member. The Conference Leadership Council approved these additions/changes.
- The Committee on Investigation had two resignations, which included the Committee Chairperson and an alternate position. The NLC recommended that Rev. Greg Tolle be moved from Committee on Investigation Alternate to the main committee. The Conference Leadership Council approved this change. The Committee on Investigation subsequently elected Rev. Tolle as the new Chairperson. The NLC is working on identifying replacements for two open committee alternate positions.
- The Nominations and Leadership Committee had one resignation and is currently working on identifying a replacement to complete the term.
- The NLC is working on developing a method for persons to electronically volunteer to serve on Annual Conference boards and committees. This will allow the NLC to gather relevant information, screen volunteers, and establish a database of volunteers who can be called on when positions open on boards and committees.

The Nominations and Leadership Committee will next meet:

- Zoom meeting Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
- In person meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2026 in Wichita, KS



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**Committee Roster:**

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

# Prayer Committee Quarterly Report

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## Committee Updates:

- We were pleased to add Annell Thompson and Cathy Melton as Co-District Prayer Leaders for the Southern Oklahoma District. We now have two-thirds of our District Prayer Leader Positions filled!
- Susan Innes, David Player and Allison Woods led a Prayer Workshop at the Fairfax, Missouri GM Church with approximately 25 enthusiastic people in attendance. This Workshop was originally scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, so we were pleased that so many people made the effort to join us for the rescheduled event.
- Allison Woods was given the privilege to speak to the Cabinet of the Heartland Annual Conference on February 3. She spoke about the importance of the District Prayer Leaders and how they are the needed link between the Ministry Team and the local church pastors and prayer leaders.
- We continue to meet monthly for prayer with two different Prayer Zoom Calls (the second Monday morning and second Tuesday evening of each month), as well as distribute through an email list a Prayer Newsletter that goes out to nearly 175 people each month.
- In addition to praying for the Heartland, our District Prayer Leaders continue efforts to reach out to the churches in their Districts. Their goal is to connect with pastors and/or prayer leaders to support and encourage prayer in the local church.

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## Committee Roster:

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