

Heartland Cabinet Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

Once again, I share how humbled and blessed the Presiding Elders are as we serve the multiple districts in the Heartland. We don't take our roles and responsibilities lightly and are grateful to the conference for its grace as we continue to navigate what it means to lead this new movement called the Global Methodist Church. This has been a very busy three months, especially as we found ourselves preparing for Annual Conference in Wichita in June.

As you are aware, we meet the first Thursday of the month via zoom. It's not as fruitful as meeting in person, but we still are able to accomplish quite a bit. Here are some of what has taken place since the last report (not exhaustive by any means).

- We wrapped up our discussion of the Hero Maker book as we looked at the ways we can be intentional about multiplication – disciples who make disciples who make disciples in the Heartland. We will be working with our churches in our districts to make the paradigm shift of being an ingrown church to being a sending church who makes disciples of Jesus Christ.
- We continue to review open churches and identify potential clergy who will be missional fits for those particular churches. We have discovered the difficulty of filling some of our part time churches for a variety of reasons – lack of housing, pastors looking for full time, the lack of geographical proximity to establish a multiple charge, etc. Filling full time churches hasn't always been easy either due to pastors being tethered, clergy comp concerns, the large geographical size of the conference, clergy comp packages that don't parallel other conferences, etc. But we have been blessed with some amazing churches and clergy, and we are working diligently to address the needs.
- We made some changes in the district boundaries and shuffled some of the churches from one to another for missional reasons and geographical reasons. The Districts affected are the North Central KS District, North East KS District, the Southwest KS District, the West Central KS district, and the Colorado District. The correct listings are (or will be) on the conference website.

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- The Cabinet met in person with Bishop Greenway at Asbury Church in Wichita on 6/2/26 prior to the beginning of Annual Conference. He once again affirmed the roles and responsibilities of what it means to be a Presiding Elder as well as challenged us to be intentional in moving the conference forward considering the values and mission of the Heartland Annual Conference. We also took time some time to address all the ways the website can be helpful, not only to the cabinet, but to all the clergy and laity of the conference. All were encouraged to take the time to familiarize themselves with the information that is made available on the website. We spent meaningful time in prayer praying over one another, as well as the churches that are served, as well as those still in need of pastors. It was a very fruitful time together.
- All were busy preparing for and participating in the time together at Annual Conference June 3-6 at Pathway Church in Wichita. While it was a lot of work, it was worth it as God was glorified in worship, in the plenaries, in the breakout sessions, in the fellowship, and yes, even in the time of business together. Praise God!

By the time this report is received, the cabinet will have met in person once again to worship, pray, address policies, approve methods we can better serve, strategize, dream, and vision together. We will be addressing the planting of new churches, opportunities for districts to be part of the ILI training, Alpha, and CLM training, coaching cohort opportunities, and continual team building within the conference. We are grateful for your prayers. They are what strengthen us for the task at hand.

Serving together,
Pastor Rick Just
Dean of the Cabinet/Leadership Development

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

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



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SE Missouri District
Western Oklahoma District
Tulsa District
Wichita District

Carl Palmer
Amanda Peterson
Ray Crawford
Rick Just

Finance and Administrative Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

The Finance and Administrative Committee met three times this quarter (April 16, June 3, and July 20), including during Annual Conference. Because final 2025-2026 year-end reports have not yet been released, this report reflects only the financial information currently available.

Missional Focus

Conference resources continued to support missional partnerships, training, programming ministries, leadership, and Annual Conference. We are grateful for the faithful giving of local churches that makes this ministry possible.

Financial Overview

The financial picture available to the committee is encouraging. Through May, Connectional Funding totaled approximately \$850,600 and year-to-date expenditures approximately \$643,300. At the July meeting, revenue balances were reported as strong and expenses as running under budget. Only eight churches had not yet remitted Connectional Funding, two of them new to the conference. These are interim figures; final fiscal-year totals are not yet available.

Looking Ahead

The committee will review the completed 2025-2026 year-end reports when they are available and continue its regular financial and administrative oversight. We are thankful for the cooperation of the committee, staff, conference leaders, and local churches in supporting ministry across the Heartland.

Committee Roster:

Brad Kirk (Chair)
Richard Croll (Vice Chair)
Wally Jones
Carl Palmer
D.A. Bennett
Cali Eck
Wendee Perceful
Robert Brandt



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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)

Lay Leader Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

Report not yet received

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

Committee Updates:

Report not yet received

Committee Roster:

Jaimie Willis – Chair
Paul Reed – Vice Chair
D.R. (Buck) Linton-Hendrick
Dan Jones
Dave Depoy
Aaron Duell
Cathy Holly
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

Committee Updates:

Our team met on August 10th to discuss the camps that happened this summer.

More than 200 children and youth participated in six different camps across the conference, creating opportunities for worship, discipleship, friendship, and life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ.

Throughout the summer, we have heard encouraging stories of young people responding to God's grace. Several students gave their lives to Christ, while others are continuing to seek, pray, and better understand God's call on their lives. These are more than attendance numbers—they represent young people who are discovering that Jesus loves them, that they have a place in the Church, and that God has a purpose for their lives.

Our six camping experiences included the Western Kansas Camp, at Lakeside near Scott, KS, Camp NEXT at Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK, Camp Pathway at Canyon Camp near Hinton, OK, Life Camp at Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO, Sprouts at Camp Egan near Tahlequah, OK, and Growing & Going at Camp Egan near Tahlequah, OK. Each camp was designed for a particular age group, but all shared the same purpose: helping children and youth encounter Christ and grow as His disciples.

We discussed some new laws that Oklahoma has passed concerning emergency plans, nursing and general safety for camps and are considering the need to update our policies to comply. For a full overview of our camps see the newsletter for August 2026.

Committee Roster:

Chair: Cali Eck
Baylee Struble
BJ Danner
Christin Dush
Denni Palmer
John Grimm
Amanda Peterson
Tonya Roak
Amanda Roark

Church Planting Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

The New Church Committee met on August 17. This year at Annual Conference a special offering was received to provide grants for new churches. We were able to provide grants to 4 churches: Claremore, OK for a satellite campus in Skiatook, OK, Connections Church in Lone Grove, OK, Edmonton, Canada and Yellow Knife, Canada. We appreciate all the churches and individuals who donated to this special offering.

We have two workshops coming up available online called “Your Church Can Multiply”. These workshops will be held on September 28 at 7 pm and October 6 at 7 pm. They are led by the River Network and will last for 90 minutes. You can go to the Events page on the Heartland Conference to register. This is an orientation about how you can create a Church Planting Network of 4-6 churches that work together to plant a new church. Contact Joshua Johnson at jjohnson@heartlandgmc.org for more information.

We are also encouraging you to attend Exponential, a seminar which educates and inspires individuals and churches to become multipliers for the Kingdom of God. This national conference is held annually in Orlando, Florida March 17-19. There is also a Preconference available on March 16. We have bought tickets so that the Heartland Conference can take a group of people from our Conference to this event. Please contact Joshua Johnson at jjohnson@heartlandgmc.org for more information and to purchase tickets at a reduced price.

We have organized our work around 4 areas:

1. Unchartered Churches which include new church plants. We currently have 5 churches who have not chartered whom we give oversight to. We also have 2 new churches that will begin meeting this fall. They are Love First in Denver, Colorado led by Daniel Patrick and Craig Atkinson is starting a new church in Hays, Kansas. Please be praying for these new churches as they will soon be reaching new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Churches Exploring Multiplication. We have two churches who have started satellite campuses. They are: Starstone Fellowship who began a satellite campus known as The Barn in Brighton, Colorado and Claremore GMC who is about to begin a satellite campus in Skiatook, OK this fall. Please join us in praying for these efforts to reach new communities by one of our established churches. We also have a group of churches in Northwest, OK, who are exploring establishing a network of churches who will plant a church in their district. And as already mentioned we are hosting workshops on Church Multiplication this fall and encouraging people to

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- attend Exponential in the spring. We are hoping that more churches will explore the possibilities of starting new churches.
3. Pastors Sensing a Call to Planting. We have one person we know of that is praying about the possibility of starting a church plant. And we encourage you if you are considering this possibility to share this call with your Presiding Elder and please contact our chair, Chris Tiger at christiger56@gmail.com to find out more about planting a new church.
 4. Churches Willing to Support New Plants Financially and Relationally. Again, we express our gratitude to the churches and individuals who contributed to the special offering at our Annual Conference. We are exploring ways to encourage churches to support these new churches; particularly those who are near to your area. May God raise up people to plant churches and supporters who help these new church plants to prosper!
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Committee Roster:

Chris Tiger, Chair; Jordan McFall, Conference Superintendent; Joshua Johnson, Ray Crawford; Cali Eck, Director of Connectional Ministries; Daniel Dennison; Hector Sanchez; Denni Palmer



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Committee on Investigations Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

Report not yet received

Committee Roster:



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Superintendency Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

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Administrative Review Committee Quarterly Report

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Mission Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

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Committee Roster:

Nominations and Leadership Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

Meetings this quarter:

Monday, April 6, 2026 / 11:00 a.m. Central Time / Zoom

Thursday, May 7, 2026 / 4:30 p.m. Central Time / Zoom

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 / 2:00 Central Time / Pathway Church, Wichita, KS

Action Items:

Board of Ministry: The 2026 2nd quarter began with one open clergy position on the Board of Ministry. The NLC recommended a replacement who was approved by Annual Conference vote.

Superintendency Committee: One person resigned from the Superintendency Committee during the 2nd quarter of 2026. At the end of the quarter, the NLC was working to identify a replacement for the position.

Finance & Administration Committee: The Book of Doctrine and Discipline requires that a Presiding Elder sit on F&A with voice and no vote. Presiding Elder, Rev. Carl Palmer, agreed to vacate his position on F&A and assume the Presiding Elder role. This move created an open clergy position on F&A. At the end of the quarter, the NLC was working to identify a replacement for the position.

Nominations & Leadership Committee: The 2nd quarter of 2026 began with one open lay position on the NLC. At the end of the quarter, the NLC was working to identify a replacement for the position.

Committee on Investigation: The Committee on Investigation began the 2nd quarter of 2026 with two open alternate positions, one lay and one clergy. At the end of the quarter the NLC was working to identify replacements for the positions.

Administrative Review Committee: There were no changes on the committee during the 2nd quarter of 2026.



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At Annual Conference the NLC introduced an online volunteer form which will allow laity and clergy to volunteer electronically to serve on Annual Conference boards and committees. Once electronic form submissions are received, members of the NLC will screen the applicants, seeking the recommendation of Pastors and Presiding Elders and seeking to place applicants on boards and committees based on their qualifications, calling, gifts, and graces. The NLC ended the 2nd quarter with plans to wait until this tool was introduced before moving forward with further nominations for open positions.

Committee Roster:

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

Prayer Committee Quarterly Report

Committee Updates:

To the Heartland Annual Conference,

The Lord continues to do amazing things through the Heartland Annual Conference Prayer Ministry. We are continually amazed at how He works through us!

As always, our deep desire, goal, and theme is *"Seeking Ways to Help Churches Become Houses of Prayer (Matthew 21:13)."* Our District Prayer Leaders work diligently in their districts to support prayer among their churches. This is can be difficult work, as some churches do not even have a church Prayer Leader, and others do not have active prayer ministries. It is slow, behind-the-scenes work.

The biggest event of this Quarter was, of course, Annual Conference, which was held in Wichita KS. All but one of our District Prayer Leaders were able to attend, which was a great opportunity for us! They were tremendously active in the Prayer Room, they were also able to pray for the speakers and band members every single day, and they were also at the altar praying with people. Besides all of this, they were also actively promoting our ministry at our Vendor Table, and also had occasions to pray with people right at our Table a few times! We were able to share about the Prayer Ministry with several people who were either unfamiliar with what we do, or who had no idea about ALL that we do! As a result, we have added over 45 people to our mailing list!

In addition to the work of our District Prayer Leaders at Annual Conference, Rev. David Player and I were given the blessing of presenting our work during the Business and Lay Sessions of Conference (respectively). Beyond that, along with Pastor Susan Innes, Vice Chair of the GMC Global Prayer Network Executive Team, we promoted the work of prayer during a Breakout Session as we spoke on the life of Daniel to approximately 85-90 people.

Two final points: at Annual Conference, we introduced a new voluntary position within the Heartland Prayer Ministry called the District Prayer Missionary. This position is still being worked out, but asks a person to pray for the Heartland and its pastors at a higher level than ever before. Even at this early stage, we already have approximately five people who are interested. More information to come, but we were amazed at the interest level!

Lastly, we have had some of our District Prayer Leaders step down for personal reasons, and it has been a great loss to our Team. Add to that we have yet to have a full complement of Prayer Leaders from all the Districts, and this has greatly hampered our



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work. This simply means we must rely even more heavily on the Lord, but we know His desire is for us to have every District to have a Prayer Leader. Come Holy Spirit!

Allison M. Woods

Co-Director with Rev. David Player

On Behalf of the Heartland Prayer Ministry Team

Committee Roster:

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