



**Catch Fire!**  
**Joining the Movement of**  
**God's Mission in the World**  
**Acts 1:1-11**

Great Plains Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
Saturday, May 30, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

#### Tentative Schedule

7:00 p.m. - Friday, May 29 (CDT)

Opening Worship- Bishop Saenz preaching

Posted to the conference's home page at [www.greatplainsumc.org](http://www.greatplainsumc.org) at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29. (CDT)

9:00 a.m. - Saturday, May 30 (CDT)

Opening of Annual Conference

Liturgical response and prayer

#### **Enabling motions**

-Roll call

#### **Conference Leadership**

- Nominations Committee report

*\*The full nominations report with contact information can be found on the Annual Conference page of the conference website\**

#### **Clergy Benefits**

- Minimum compensation
- Pension and Health Benefits
- Renewal leave proposal

#### **Property**

- Church closings
- 
- Sale of Camp Comeca
- Disaffiliations
- Benediction

#### **Adjournment**

A pre-recorded worship service will launch on the conference website and Facebook page and will include honoring those who are retiring and fixing of new appointments.

*This will begin 15 minutes after adjournment*

## Nominations Report for Annual Conference 2020

### Connecting Council

**Chair:** Bishop Ruben Saenz *ex officio (without vote)*

**All Four Conference Directors**

**4 District Superintendent Representatives determined by Cabinet**

**Conference Lay Leader** Lisa Maupin *Lincoln, NE*

**Associate Conference Lay Leaders:**

Robin Bock, Belpre, KS      Keith Olsen, Grant NE      Randall Hodgkinson, Topeka, KS

### District Lay Leaders:

<b>Blue River</b>	Jean Pancharoen	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	<b>Kansas City</b>	Greg Laaser	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
<b>Dodge City</b>	Don Schwab	<i>Copeland, KS</i>	<b>Missouri River</b>	Kristin Camp	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<b>Elkhorn Valley</b>	Katie Wrede	<i>O'Neill, NE</i>	<b>Parsons</b>	TBD	
<b>Five Rivers</b>	Mary Brooks	<i>Lyndon, KS</i>	<b>Prairie Rivers</b>	Kathy Murphy-Buschkoetter	<i>Lawrence, NE</i>
<b>Flint Hills</b>	Malonne Davies	<i>Reading, KS</i>	<b>Salina</b>	Susan Higbee	<i>Lindsborg, KS</i>
<b>Gateway</b>	Kathy Pierce	<i>Gibbon, NE</i>	<b>Topeka</b>	Chris Nord	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
<b>Great West</b>	Tina Kitt	<i>Wauneta, NE</i>	<b>Wichita East</b>	Ron Holt	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
<b>Hays</b>	Roger Kingsley	<i>Ellis, KS</i>	<b>Wichita West</b>	Larry Harris	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
<b>Hutchinson</b>	Evy Hoyt	<i>Lyons, KS</i>			

**Representatives from each committee minus GP Nominations Committee**

**Great Plains United Methodist Women President (or designee)**

Karen Dunlap *Derby, KS*

**Great Plains United Methodist Men President (or designee)**

Charles File *Beloit, KS*

### At Large Members:

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Richard Fitzgerald	<i>Salina, KS</i>	TBD
	Amanda Guiterrez	<i>Salina, KS</i>	TBD
	Jesi Lipp	<i>Kansas City, MO</i>	
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Sang Hak Lee	<i>Belleville, KS</i>	TBD
	TBD		TBD
	TBD		

**Three youth selected by Conference Council on Youth Ministry**

**Small Membership Church representatives:**

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Judy Attebery	<i>Murray, NE</i>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	Jeff Goetzinger	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>
----------------------	---------------	-------------------	----------------------	-----------------	-----------------------

### Episcopacy Team

**Chair:** Maria Campbell *Kansas City, KS*

**Staff Liaison:** Nancy Lambert, Assistant to Bishop/Director of Clergy Excellence

<b>Conference Lay Leader:</b>	Lisa Maupin	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Marilyn Zehring	<i>Columbus, NE</i>
	Maria Campbell	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Gary Brooks	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	Marilyn Moore	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Kathy Williams	<i>Holton, KS</i>
	Jose Olivas	<i>Ulysses, KS</i>	David Lux	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>
	Michael Tomson-DeGreeff	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>	Brad Kirk	<i>Kingman, KS</i>

**Members of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy:**

Amy Lippolt	<i>Papillion, NE</i>	Courtney Fowler	<i>Annandale, Virginia</i>
-------------	----------------------	-----------------	----------------------------

### Board of Ordained Ministry

**Chair** Andrew Conard *Topeka, KS*

**Staff Liaisons:** Karen Jeffcoat, Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) Registrar  
Nancy Lambert, Assistant to Bishop/Director of Clergy Excellence  
Ashlee Alley Crawford, Clergy Recruitment and Development

**DS Rep (2022)** Dee Williamston *Salina, KS*

<b>Class of 2024</b>	Barbara Jo Burns	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Roy Ramsey	<i>Leavenworth, KS</i>
	Ashley Barlow Thompson	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Peter Hedstrom	<i>Hastings, NE</i>
	Wendy Chrostek	<i>Leawood, KS</i>	Sandy Simmons	<i>Leavenworth, KS</i>
	Brenda Davids	<i>Council Grove, KS</i>	Mitch Todd	<i>Wamego, KS</i>
	Craig Finnested	<i>Gretna, NE</i>	Michael Tomson-DeGreeff	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>
	Kirstie Engel	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Tina Kitt	<i>Wauneta, NE</i>
	Kevass Harding	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Mary Meckenstock	<i>Hays, KS</i>
	Margaret Johnson	<i>Kiowa, KS</i>	Andrew Conard	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Hyun Jung Choi	<i>Eureka, KS</i>	Chuck Rager	<i>Ogallala, NE</i>
	Karen Rice Ratzlaff	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>		
<b>Class of 2028</b>	Matt E. Fowler	<i>Broken Bow, NE</i>	Nancy Richwine	<i>Stark, KS</i>
	Becky Davison	<i>Hugoton, KS</i>	Faye Thornton	<i>Valley Center, KS</i>
	Aaron Duell	<i>Cheney, KS</i>	Alice Purvis	<i>Fredonia, KS</i>
	Kalaba Chali	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Abby Caseman	<i>Atwood, KS</i>
	Natalie Faust	<i>Superior, NE</i>	Cheryl Jefferson Bell	<i>Leawood, KS</i>
	Changsu Kim	<i>Tonganoxie, KS</i>	Crystal Ketelsen	<i>Norfolk, NE</i>
	Ezekiel Koech	<i>Lenexa, KS</i>	Kathy Symes	<i>Clearfield, KS</i>
	Jerry Nolte	<i>Dodge City, KS</i>	Amanda Baker	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>
	Jerry Brabec	<i>Omaha, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2032</b>	Entire class of 2032 is "ad interim" because of postponement of General Conference.			
	Andrea Beyer	<i>Clay Center, KS</i>	Chris Eshelman	<i>Pretty Prairie, KS</i>
	Emily Cannon	<i>McPherson, KS</i>	Javier Rios	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Paixao Baptista	<i>Beatrice, NE</i>	Melanie Adams	<i>Concordia, KS</i>
	Jin Cho	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Kibum Kim	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	Janet Elliott	<i>Morrowville, KS</i>	Jim Bendorf	<i>Alma, NE</i>
	Kevin Hopkins	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>	Diana Chapel	<i>Ogden, KS</i>
	Bruce Emmert	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Berniece Ludlum	<i>Dighton, KS</i>

### Administrative Review Committee (nominated by bishop)

**Chair:** Michael Keating *Cimarron, KS*

**Staff Liaison:** Nancy Lambert, Assistant to Bishop *Topeka, KS*      Charlotte Abram *Omaha, NE*

Michael Keating	<i>Cimarron, KS</i>	Alice Purvis	<i>Fredonia, KS</i>
Brian Kottas (alt)	<i>Eagle, NE</i>		

**Investigation For Diaconal Ministry (nominated by bishop)**

<b>Chair:</b>	Sheran Cramer	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Carolyn May	<i>Colby, KS</i>
	Oliver Green	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Tom Watson	<i>Kearney, NE</i>
	Linda Louderback	<i>Leawood, KS</i>	Lew Van der Wege	<i>Phillipsburg, KS</i>
<b>Alternates:</b>	Bob Cox	<i>Hays, KS</i>	Elizabeth Lippoldt	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	Dennis Livingston	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>	David Livingston	<i>Fairway, KS</i>
	Matt Fowler	<i>Broken Bow, NE</i>	Jan Todd	<i>Mulvane, KS</i>
	Brian Kottas	<i>Eagle, NE</i>		

**Committee on Investigation (nominated by bishop)**

<b>Chair:</b>	TBD			
	Penney Schwab	<i>Copeland, KS</i>	Rick Just	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	Tom Watson	<i>Kearney, NE</i>	Javier Rios	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Loyd Hamrick	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Bonnie McCord	<i>Red Cloud, NE</i>
<b>Alternates:</b>	Thaine Hoffman	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Bridget Gately	<i>Norfolk, NE</i>
	Lori Smith	<i>Springfield, NE</i>	Kennedy Mukwindidza	<i>Coldwater, KS</i>
	Linda Redfern	<i>Scottsbluff, NE</i>	Gary Main	<i>Gretna, NE</i>

**Transition into Ministry (TIM)**

<b>Bishop</b>	Bishop Ruben Saenz	<i>Topeka, KS</i>		
<b>Assistant to the Bishop/Director of Clergy Excellence:</b>				
<b>District Superintendent</b>	TBD			
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Ashlee Alley Crawford, TIM Coordinator		Lincoln, NE	
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Lori Smith	<i>Springfield, NE</i>	Portia Cavitt	<i>Omaha, NE</i>
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Emily Cannon	<i>McPherson, KS</i>	Dennis Richardson	<i>Derby, KS</i>
	Changsu Kim	<i>Tonganoxie, KS</i>	Bill Young	<i>Wichita, KS</i>

**Vital Congregations Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	Trudy Kenyon Anderson	<i>Wichita, KS</i>		
<b>Staff Liaisons:</b>	Nathan Stanton, Director of Congregational Excellence <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
	Shane Warta, Coordinator of Lay Leadership			
<b>Conference lay leader or designee:</b>				
<b>Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries</b>	Mary Feit		<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Ryong Jae Jung	<i>Pittsburg, KS</i>	Tessa Zehring	<i>Ralston, NE</i>
	Trudy Kenyon Anderson	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	TBD	
	Juan Carlos Veloso	<i>Bellevue, NE</i>	TBD	
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Gideon Achi	<i>Alliance, NE</i>	Gina Tyler	<i>Meriden, KS</i>
	Cathy Fitzgerald	<i>Salina, KS</i>	Sara Wentz	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>
	Rhonda Kingwood	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Brad Wheeler	<i>Louisburg, KS</i>

**Great Plains New Church Development, Inc.**

<b>Chair:</b>	Dennis Ackerman	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>		
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Nathan Stanton, Director of Congregational Excellence			
<b>The treasurer of the GPUMC will serve as the treasurer of the corporation</b>				
<b>District Superintendent:</b>	Mitch Reece	<i>Wichita, KS</i>		
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Mandy Barkhaus	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	TBD	
	Curt Magelky	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Ron Christensen	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Kim Whitehouse	<i>Papillion, NE</i>
	David Rock	<i>Olathe, KS</i>		
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Patrick McLaughlin	<i>Leawood, KS</i>	TBD	
	TBD			
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Dennis Ackerman	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>	Charles Murithi	<i>Nebraska City, NE</i>
	Alan Gager	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>		

**Conference Council on Youth Ministry**

<b>Youth Elected By CCYM</b>				
<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Melissa Gepford, Coordinator of Intergenerational Discipleship, <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
<b>Adults:</b>	Mollie Souter	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	Ethan Porter	<i>Chadron, NE</i>
	Pollie Pierce	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Joel Plisek	<i>Garden City, KS</i>
	Mike Evans	<i>Kearney, NE</i>		

**Great Plains United Methodist Camps, Inc. ("Great Plains Camps")**

<b>Chair:</b>	Bill Ritter	<i>Omaha, NE</i>		
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Sara Shaw, Coordinator of Camping Ministry <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
<b>Chippewa</b>	James Rickner	<i>Ottawa, KS</i>		
<b>Fontanelle</b>	Trent Meyer	<i>Nickerson, NE</i>		
<b>Horizon</b>	Joel Wilke	<i>Arkansas City, KS</i>		
<b>Norwesca</b>	Ethan Porter	<i>Chadron, NE</i>		
<b>Lakeside</b>	Meg Anderson	<i>Scott City, KS</i>		

**Local site council Rep Nominated by Each Camp:**

<b>At-large directors:</b>				
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Randy Quinn	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	TBD	
	TBD			
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Jean Pancheron	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	Meg Peterson	<i>Hagler, NE</i>
	Tom Lamberson	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Bill Ritter	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	TBD	
	Jim Corson	<i>Omaha, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Ben Hanne	<i>Hillsboro, KS</i>	TBD	
	TBD			

**Great Plains United Methodist Campus Ministry, Inc. ("Great Plains Campus Ministry")**

<b>Chair-</b>	April Wegehaupt	<i>Friend/Dorchester, NE</i>			
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Lora Andrews	<i>Winfield, KS</i>			
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Nicole Conard, Young Adult Leadership Coordinator <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)				
	<b>The treasurer of the GPU MC shall serve as treasurer of the corporation.</b>				
	<b>Campus Pastors, ex officio:</b>				
<b>Baker University</b>	Kevin Hopkins	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>	<b>Southwestern College</b>	Molly Just	<i>Winfield, KS</i>
<b>Creighton/UNO</b>	Nicole Guthrie	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	<b>University of Kansas</b>	Susan Mercer	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>
<b>Emporia State</b>	Kurt Cooper	<i>Emporia, KS</i>	<b>UNL</b>	Lyn Seiser	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>
<b>Fort Hays State</b>	Kathy Bannister	<i>Hays KS</i>	<b>UNK</b>	Laura Stubblefield	<i>Kearney, NE</i>
<b>Kansas State:</b>	Chelsea Shrack	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>	<b>Washburn</b>	Jacob Martin	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
<b>KS Wesleyan</b>	Scott Jagodzinske	<i>Salina, KS</i>	<b>WSU</b>	Melissa Hasty	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
<b>NE Wesleyan</b>	Eduardo Bousson	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>			
<b>Directors</b>					
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Lora Andrews	<i>Winfield, KS</i>	Dorcia Johnson	<i>Franklin, KS</i>	
	Stefanie Hayes	<i>Hastings, NE</i>	Julie King	<i>Colby, KS</i>	
<b>Class of 2022</b>	John Collins	<i>Abilene, KS</i>	TBD		
	Pat Norris	<i>Denton, NE</i>	TBD		
<b>Class of 2023</b>	April Wegehaupt	<i>Friend/Dorchester, NE</i>	TBD		
	Claire Gager	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>			
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Linda Kastning	<i>Ponca, NE</i>	Steve "Nick" Talbott	<i>Salina, KS</i>	
	Karelle Leeper	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	TBD		

**Mercy and Justice Team**

<b>Chair</b>	Sarah Marsh	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>			
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Kalaba Chali, Mercy and Justice Coordinator <i>ex-officio</i> (without vote)				
<b>Conference Secretary of Global Ministries:</b>	Jerry Feese	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>			
<b>Peace and Justice Coordinator:</b>	Andrea Paret	<i>South Sioux City, NE</i>			
<b>District Superintendent</b>	Cindy Karges	<i>Kearney, NE</i>			
	<b>Representative to Committee on Native American Ministries</b>				
	DeLynn Hay	<i>Waverly, NE</i>			
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Oliver Green	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Sarah Marsh	<i>Manhattan, KS</i>	
	Glory Kathurima	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Louise Niemann	<i>David City, NE</i>	
	Jeanne Kooztz	<i>Hutchinson, KS</i>	Maria Penrod	<i>Overbook, KS</i>	
	Lynn Lamberty	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Marcee Binder	<i>Pittsburg, KS</i>	DeLynn Hay	<i>Waverly, NE</i>	
	Loren Drummond	<i>Salina, KS</i>	Christine Potter	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	
	Jerry Feese	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>	Michael Ricci-Roberts	<i>Smith Center, KS</i>	
	Braden Garwood	<i>South Sioux City, NE</i>	JoAnn Smith	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	

**General Agency Directors:**

<b>Board of Church &amp; Society</b>	Cindy Karges	<i>Kearney, NE</i>
<b>Board of Race and Religion</b>	Zach Anderson	<i>Goodland, KS</i>

**Committee on Native American Ministries--For information purposes only**

<b>Chair:</b>	Erika Washee Stanley	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Staff:</b>	Rev. Kalaba Chali, Mercy and Justice Coordinator <i>ex-officio</i> (without vote)				
		<i>Wichita, KS</i>			
<b>Mercy &amp; Justice Rep.</b>	DeLynn Hay	<i>Waverly, NE</i>	Bobbie Anderson	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	
	Kent Melcher	<i>Winfield, KS</i>	Joel Hernandez	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>	

**Disaster Response Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	Kerry Herkelman	<i>Cimarron, KS</i>			
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	TBD				
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Hollie Tapley, Disaster Response Coordinator <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)				
	Rose Roberts, Hot Foods Ministry <i>ex officio</i> (with vote)				
<b>DS Rep</b>	TBD				
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Kerry Herkelman	<i>Cimarron, KS</i>	David Rayson	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	
	Aaron Johnson	<i>Ithaca, NE</i>	Bruce Grammon	<i>Winfield, KS</i>	
	D.R. "Buck" Linton-Hendrick	<i>Harvard, NE</i>	TBD		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	David Baltzell	<i>Ogallala, NE</i>	Barb Lenz	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	
	Ron Jackson	<i>Clay Center, KS</i>	Don Schaeffer	<i>Ozawkie KS</i>	
	Martin Leeper	<i>Shickley, NE</i>	Tim Woods	<i>Cottonwood Falls, KS</i>	

**Annual Conference Session Planning Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	Ross Baker	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>			
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	TBD				
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	All Four Conference Directors				
<b>Conference Secretary:</b>	Nan Kaye-Skinner	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>			
<b>Lay Leader (or associate)</b>	Lisa Maupin	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>			
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Dixie Brewster	<i>Milton, KS</i>	TBD		
	Melinda Harwood	<i>Valley Falls, KS</i>			
<b>Class of 2020</b>	Ross Baker	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>	Eduardo Bousson	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	
	Debi Nixon	<i>Olathe, KS</i>			
	Candance Miller	<i>Holdrege, NE</i>			

**Nominations**

<b>Chair:</b>	Esther Hay	<i>Waverly, NE</i>			
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Nathan Stanton, Director of Congregational Excellence				
<b>Conference Lay Leader</b>	<i>ex officio</i> (with vote)				
	Lisa Maupin	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>			
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Esther Hay	<i>Waverly, NE</i>	TBD		
	Sheran Cramer	<i>Omaha, NE</i>			

<b>Class of 2024</b>	Grace Gichuru Tania Montero	<i>Gothenburg, NE Westmoreland, KS</i>	Donna Voteau	<i>Newton, KS</i>
----------------------	--------------------------------	--	--------------	-------------------

**Archives and History Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	TBD			
<b>Kansas Archivist:</b>	Sara DeCaro	<i>Baldwin City, KS</i>		
<b>Nebraska Archivist:</b>	Christy Hyman	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Don Everhart	<i>Olathe, KS</i>	Dave Webb	<i>Protection, KS</i>
	Mel Luetchens	<i>Murdock, NE</i>	TBD	
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Mark Howard Schulze	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Doris Wills	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Peggy Walters	<i>Broken Bow, NE</i>	TBD	

**Personnel Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	Craig Hauschild	<i>Salina, KS</i>		
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Scott Brewer, Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
	Susan Petersen, HR Manager (without vote)			

**DS Rep**

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Craig Hauschild	<i>Salina, KS</i>	Mary Brooks	<i>Lyndon, KS</i>
	Sara Boatman	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Julie Bickel	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>	Rebecca Mohr	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	David Livingston	<i>Fairway, KS</i>		

**Pensions and Health Benefits Team**

<b>Chair:</b>	Mike Shockley	<i>Wichita, KS</i>		
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Scott Brewer, treasurer/director of administrative services <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Peggy Mihoover, Conference Benefits Officer			

**DS Rep**

<b>Class of 2022</b>	Ron Harris	<i>Emporia, KS</i>	Jeff Prothro	<i>DeSoto, KS</i>
	Ron Kite	<i>Newton, KS</i>	Janelle Gregory	<i>Olathe, KS</i>
	Kim Dickerson-Oard	<i>Wichita, KS</i>	TBD	
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Dwight Trumble	<i>Springfield, NE</i>	Mike Shockley	<i>Wichita, KS</i>
	Ken Parker	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>	Doug Griger	<i>Fairbury, NE</i>
	Laura Laughlin	<i>Chapman, KS</i>	TBD	

**Council on Finance and Administration**

<b>Chair:</b>	Zach Anderson	<i>Goodland, KS</i>	<a href="mailto:zanderson@greatplainsumc.org">zanderson@greatplainsumc.org</a>	
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Scott Brewer, treasurer/director of administrative services <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
	Bishop Ruben Saenz <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
	Nathan Stanton, Director of Congregational Excellence <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
<b>District Superintendent (without vote)</b>	Lance Clay			
	<i>Grand Island, NE</i>			
<b>Class of 2022:</b>	Zach Anderson	<i>Goodland, KS</i>	Karla Sheffy	<i>Emporia, KS</i>
	Steve Baccus	<i>Minneapolis, KS</i>	Kelly Williams	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>
	Bill Sedgwick	<i>Desoto, KS</i>		
<b>Class of 2024:</b>	Lloyd Ambrosius	<i>Lincoln, NE</i>	TBD	
	Stephan Cannon	<i>McPherson, KS</i>	TBD	
	TBD			

**Board of Trustees**

<b>President:</b>	Voted on by Board			
<b>Vice President</b>	Stephanie Ahlschwede	<i>Omaha, NE</i>		
<b>Staff Liaison:</b>	Scott Brewer, treasurer/director of administrative services <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
	Patrick McKaig, Property Manager <i>ex officio</i> (without vote)			
<b>DS Rep: (without vote)</b>	Marshall Johnson			
	<i>Omaha, NE</i>			
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Darlene Hall	<i>Mullen, NE</i>	Michael Jones	<i>David City, NE</i>
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Stephanie Ahlschwede	<i>Omaha, NE</i>	Scott Barnum	<i>Colby, KS</i>
	Allison Brown-Corson	<i>Omaha, NE</i>		
<b>Class of 2023:</b>	Ted Stapelton	<i>Logan, KS</i>	Amy Seifert	<i>Lawrence, KS</i>
	Teresa James	<i>Prairie Village, KS</i>		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Tom Ventura	<i>Overland Park, KS</i>	TBD	
	TBD			

**Conference Chancellors**

Brett Ebert (new)	Patricia Reeder	Dave Seely
-------------------	-----------------	------------

**Institutions/Agencies for Elections**

**Aldersgate Village 2020-2021**

**Executive Board Members:**

<b>Board Chair</b>	Jim Rinner			
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Carol Wheeler			
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Daniel Lehman			
<b>Class of 2021</b>	Deborah Sheehy	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Mark Young	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Mark Kossler	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Jim Rinner	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
	Daniel Lehman	<i>Topeka, KS</i>	Carol Wheeler	<i>Topeka, KS</i>
<b>Class of 2022</b>	Tim Clothier			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Class of 2023</b>	Kevin Brunton			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Official Visitors/Staff:</b>	UMC DS Rep			
	Rev. Jenny Collins	<i>Topeka, KS</i>		
<b>Great Plains Bishop</b>	Bishop Ruben Saenz			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>President &amp; CEO</b>	Jerry Ney			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Bree Rogers, Chief Financial Officer</b>	Bree Rogers			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			
<b>Executive Assistant</b>	Julie Masilionis			
	<i>Topeka, KS</i>			

**Asbury Board of Trustees - Listing by Class**

**CLASS OF 2019-term runs July 2016 through June 2019**

Immediate Past Chair	Sally Chesser	Wichita, KS	Vallarie Gleason	Newton, KS
Secretary	Dee Donatelli-Reber	Newton, KS	Brad Koehn	Wichita, KS
Chair	William (Bill) Young	Wichita, KS		

**CLASS OF 2020 - term runs July 2017 through June 2020**

Chair of Finance	Rod Kreie	Newton, KS	Larry Krueger	Bentley, KS
President Elect	Sue Dondlinger	Wichita, KS	Rev. Butch Lambert	Marion, KS
	Scott Metzler	Newton, KS		

**CLASS OF 2021 - term runs July 1 2018 through June 2021**

	Gary Denny	Newton, KS	Carolyn Harrison	
	Steve Kelly	Newton, KS	Vacancy	

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND LIAISON MEMBERS**

LIAISON MEMBER	Asbury Park Resident Activity Association			
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	Bishop Ruben Saenz	Topeka, KS	Hutchinson DS	Hutchinson, KS
Legal Counsel	Tom Adrian	Newton, KS		

**BAKER UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2020**

Mr. Spencer Breithaupt	Mr. Scott Grauer	Mr. Mike McCarthy	Mr. Scott Siegman
Mr. Eric Conaway	Mr. Jason Hooper	Mr. Gene Meyer	Mr. Gary Sollars
The Rev. Dr. Ira DeSpain	Mr. Skip Kalb	Ms. Melissa Ness	Ms. Brenda Stasiulis
Mr. Anton Eisel	Mr. Brian King	The Rev. Dr. Nanette Robe	Mr. Gregory Stoskopf
Ms. Ann Fish	Mr. Gordon E. Lansford III	Dr. Kay Schallenkamp	Mr. John Thomson
Judge Kenneth Garrett	The Rev. Dr. Ken Lutgen Jr.	Mr. Mike Seitz	Mr. Dale Werts
Mr. Hoot Gibson			

**Ember Hope Board of Directors--2020**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Past Chair	Rev. Pam Bauer Nolan			
Chair	Michael Shockley			
Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Wold			
Secretary	Tim Hodge			
Judge Kevin Moriarty	Rev. Richard Shockey	Pastor Dave Felps	Dr. Steve Rathbun	Alan Edelman

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

<b>Cabinet Members and District Superintendents</b>	Rev. Don Hasty	Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.		
---	----------------	-------------------------	--	--

**Forest Park Conference and Retreat Center Board of Trustees-2020**

Great Plains UMC Bishop		Janice Klamm	Amanda Gordon
President	Susan Cunningham	Shannon Reed	Ed Franker
Vice President	Terry Janson	Thelma Bray	Katana Creger
Secretary	Karen Nelson	Roy Nelson	Mayjo LaPlante
Treasurer	Edith Gaines	Clarice Nelson	Steve Jacobs

**Kansas Health Foundation--Board of Directors 2020**

*Matt Allen, Chair	Mollie H. Carter	*Don Hill
Jeffrey Jack, Vice Chair	*Junetta Everett	Sylvia Penner
*Rev. Tom Brady	*C. Patrick Woods	Dr. Jennifer McKenney

\*Denotes The United Methodist church affiliation

**United Methodist Health Ministry Fund--Board of Directors**

Class of 2021	Jeff Horlacher, Colby, KS	Susan Evans, Colby, KS	Matt Penner, Hutchinson, KS
	Kendal Kay, Ashland, KS	Terri Rice, Wichita, KS	Erick Nordling, Hugoton, KS
	Morita Truman, Hillsboro, KS		
Class of 2022	Robert Cox, Hays, KS	Lynette Juresic, Andover, KS	
	Lori Hartnett, Hutchinson, KS	Monte Wentz, Concordia, KS	
Class of 2023	Dan Lord, Wichita, KS	Bryce Flaming, Wichita, KS	Ronda Kingwood, Wichita, KS
	Michael Shockley, Wichita, KS	Thomas Bell, Topeka, KS	

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. - ex-officio (with vote)

**Wesley Towers Board of Trustees--2019-2020 (All in Hutchinson, KS unless otherwise noted)**

Chair	Lisa Gleason		
Past Chair	Randy Myers		
Secretary	Shannon Holmberg		
Treasurer	Steve Seltzer, Pretty Prairie, KS		
Resident Rep.	Barbara Zody		
Pre, CEO (ex Officio)	Mark Mains		
Great Plains UMC	Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr., Topeka, KS		
Auditor	Bland and Associates, P.C. Topeka, KS		
Carol Berger	Jack Diekman	Greg Payton	Garth Strand, Buhler, KS
Bill Binford	Toyla Frondorf	Liz Peirce	Peggy Tuxorn
Patty Crews	Rev. Lennie Maxwell	Ron Salyer	

**Agencies to be Confirmed**

**Genesis Family Health--Board of Directors 2020-2021**

Donald Hasty	Sonia Hernandez	Ryan Ausmus
Elizabeth Irby	Hortencia Torres	Jorge Estrella
Elizabeth Scheopner	Callie Dyer	Veronica Contreras
Debra Brock	Irene Velasquez	

**GraceMed Health Clinic, Inc.--Board of Directors 2020 (All of Wichita, KS unless otherwise noted)**

Claudio Choriego	Morley Healy	Tim Norton	Carolyn Ward
Robert Dakin	Julie Hedrick	Ron Stephen	Rick Woods, Topeka, KS
Fred Ervin	Marlon King	Lazaro Vasquez	

**Kansas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees 2020**

**Board Officers**

Mr. Jeff Bieber, Chair	Ms. Emily May Richards, Immediate Past Chair		
Mr. Barry Weis, Vice-Chair	Mr. Jon Starks, Treasurer	Ms. Jane Philbrick, Secretary	
President & CEO of Kansas Wesleyan University		<i>Dr. Matthew R. Thompson</i>	
Mr. Charlie Ault-Duell*	Dr. David B. Laha*	Mr. Byron K. Norris*	Rev. Nathan Stanton*
Mr. Jeff Bieber*	Mr. D. Kent Lambert*	Mr. Jerry E. Norton*	<i>Mr. Jon Starks</i>
Ms. Debora L. Cox	Mr. Robert A. Loyd	Ms. Jane D. Philbrick*	<i>Mr. Randy St. Clair</i>
Mr. Michael P. Gonzales*	Dr. William McCreary*	Mrs. Mary Quinley*	<i>Rev. Glenn F. Tombaugh*</i>
Dr. Sean M. Herrington	Mr. Rafael Mendez*	Mr. John M. Redding*	<i>Mr. Barry D. Weis*</i>
Ms. Marily Foster Kirk*	Ms. Julie Sager Miller	Ms. Emily May Richards	<i>Rev. Delores J. Williamston</i>

**Southwestern College Board of Trustees--2019-2020**

Susan Andrews	Dr. Bryan Dennett	Rebecca Kill	<i>Dr. Bradley J. Newell</i>
Courtney J. Brown	Sandra Gasca-Gonzalez	Eric J. Kurtz	<i>F. David Peck</i>
Phyllis Bigler	Cheryl Gleason	Thad Leffingwell	<i>Michael Reece</i>
Dr. Steven T. Cauble	Scott Hecht	C. Michael Lennen	<i>Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.</i>
Gregory Cole, Sr.	Gregg Howell	Hall W McCoy	<i>David Smith</i>
Dr. Marilyn A. Corbin	Ted Hresko	M. Kim Moore	<i>Rodney N. Strohl</i>
Kathryn Delcarpio	Robert Jewell	David A. Muttiah	<i>Rev. Thomas E. Wallrabenstein</i>

**United Methodist Open Door Inc.--Board of Directors**

Chris Addington	Emily Keesling	<i>Paula Smith</i>	
Jennifer Bailey	Iain Milmine	<i>Jennifer Stephens</i>	
Dione Gates	Mitch Reece	<i>Diane Thompson</i>	
Nathan Hoffman	<i>Denny Senseney</i>	<i>Cindy Watson</i>	
Lizzie Kluzak	<i>Jay Smith</i>	<i>Rene White</i>	
<b>President</b>	Kevin Christopherson	<b>Secretary</b>	Crystal Fussell
<b>President-Elect/Vice</b>		<b>Treasurer &amp; Finance</b>	
<b>President</b>	Brian Adams	<b>Committee Chair</b>	GayLynn Grider
<b>Past President</b>	Dan Etzler	<b>Chair</b>	Dan Etzler

## 1 **RESOLUTION # 14 FOR THE CLOSING OF BEEMER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2  
3 **WHEREAS**, the Beemer United Methodist Church located in Beemer, Nebraska was founded in 1887 and has had a long and faithful  
4 history of serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

5  
6 **WHEREAS**, the church conference of the Beemer United Methodist Church voted on June 29, 2019 to close the church; and

7  
8 **WHEREAS**, Chad Anglemyer a District Superintendent of the Elkhorn Valley District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

9  
10 **WHEREAS**, the consent of the Elkhorn Valley District Board of Church Location, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has been  
11 granted; and

12  
13 **WHEREAS**, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

14  
15 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

16 1. That the Beemer United Methodist Church in Cuming County, Nebraska, is hereby declared closed as of June 29, 2019, with  
17 appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

18  
19 2. That the membership of the Beemer United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to  
20 closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Wisner United Methodist Church.

21  
22 3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Beemer United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains  
23 Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference is hereby  
24 authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur  
25 any reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

26  
27 4. That the official records and papers of the Beemer United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with  
28 the Commission on Archives and History.

## 29 30 **RESOLUTION #15 FOR THE CLOSING OF POMONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

31  
32 **WHEREAS**, the Pomona United Methodist Church located in Pomona, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus  
33 Christ and its community; and

34  
35 **WHEREAS**, the church conference of the Pomona United Methodist Church voted on May 19, 2020 to close the church; and

36  
37 **WHEREAS**, David E. Watson, the District Superintendent of the Five Rivers District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

38  
39 **WHEREAS**, the consent of the Five Rivers District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has  
40 been granted; and

41  
42 **WHEREAS**, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

43  
44 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

45  
46 1. That the Pomona United Methodist Church in Franklin County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with appreci-  
47 ation for its years of faithfulness and service.

48  
49 2. That the membership of the Pomona United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing,  
50 and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Vassar United Methodist Church.

51  
52 3 .That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Pomona United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains An-  
53 nual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and  
54 directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses  
55 in connection therewith.

56  
57 4. That the official records and papers of the Pomona United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the  
58 Commission on Archives and History.

59



## 1 **RESOLUTION #16 FOR THE CLOSING OF METROPOLITAN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST** 2 **CHURCH**

3  
4 **WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church located in Kansas City, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of  
5 serving Jesus Christ and its community; and

6  
7 **WHEREAS**, the church conference of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church voted on May 11, 2020 to close the church;  
8 and

9  
10 **WHEREAS**, Anne Gatobu, the District Superintendent of the Kansas City District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, the consent of the Kansas City District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.  
13 has been granted; and

14  
15 **WHEREAS**, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

16  
17 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

18  
19 1. That the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church in Wyandotte County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of June 30,  
20 2020, with appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

21  
22 2. That the membership of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior  
23 to closing, and that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Wyandotte United Methodist Church.

24  
25 3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be transferred to the  
26 Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby  
27 authorized and directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any  
28 reasonable expenses in connection therewith.

29  
30 4. That the official records and papers of the Metropolitan Avenue United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent  
31 safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

## 32 33 **RESOLUTION #17 FOR THE CLOSING OF WALNUT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

34  
35 **WHEREAS**, the Walnut United Methodist Church located in Walnut, Kansas, has had a long and faithful history of serving Jesus Christ  
36 and its community; and

37  
38 **WHEREAS**, the church conference of the Walnut United Methodist Church voted on November 20, 2019 to close the church; and

39  
40 **WHEREAS**, David E. Watson, the District Superintendent of the Parsons District, has recommended that the church be closed; and

41  
42 **WHEREAS**, the consent of the Parsons District Board of Church Location and Building, the Cabinet, and Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. has  
43 been granted; and

44  
45 **WHEREAS**, all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

46  
47 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church:

48  
49 1. That the Walnut United Methodist Church in Crawford County, Kansas, is hereby declared closed as of May 30, 2020, with  
50 appreciation for its years of faithfulness and service.

51  
52 2. That the membership of the Walnut United Methodist Church be transferred as determined by each member prior to closing, and  
53 that any memberships not so designated be transferred to the Stark United Methodist Church.

54  
55 3. That title to the real property [and other assets] held by Walnut United Methodist Church be transferred to the Great Plains An-  
56 nual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and that the Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference be hereby authorized and  
57 directed to hold, sell, lease, or dispose of such assets upon such terms as they deem adequate, and to incur any reasonable expenses  
58 in connection therewith.

59  
60 4. That the official records and papers of the Walnut United Methodist Church be deposited for permanent safekeeping with the  
61 Commission on Archives and History.

## 1 **RESOLUTION #18 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ABILENE EMMANUEL UNITED** 2 **METHODIST CHURCH**

3  
4 **WHEREAS**, the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church located in Abilene, Kansas (“the church”)  
5 has asked to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

6  
7 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the  
8 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
9 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
10 voted to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Salina District, has certified that Abilene  
13 Emmanuel United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning  
14 disaffiliation for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The  
15 Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed  
16 practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or  
17 inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and

18  
19 **WHEREAS**, the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and  
20 procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating  
21 churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement  
22 Pursuant To ¶ 2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

23  
24 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist  
25 Church:

- 26  
27 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
28 Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, regarding said  
29 church’s disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.  
30  
31 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
32 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies  
33 to all real property and assets held by Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church, and that said  
34 property and assets shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of  
35 disaffiliation, the church shall fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement,  
36 including any unpaid Mission Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve  
37 months of Mission Shares, the church’s pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension  
38 obligations as determined by the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors  
39 similar to a commercial annuity provider, and any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great  
40 Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED further that the church shall also comply with all other  
41 remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.  
42  
43 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church, having  
44 voluntarily disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist  
45 Church and the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any  
46 predecessor denomination or conference.  
47  
48 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Abilene Emmanuel United Methodist Church be  
49 deposited for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.  
50  
51 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.  
52

## 53 **RESOLUTION #19 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF AULNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

54  
55 **WHEREAS**, the Aulne United Methodist Church located in Aulne, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to  
56 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

57  
58 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the

1 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
2 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Aulne United Methodist Church voted to  
3 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

4  
5 **WHEREAS**, Dennis Livingston, District Superintendent of the Hutchinson District, has certified that  
6 Aulne United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶12553 concerning  
7 disaffiliation for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The  
8 Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed  
9 practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or  
10 inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and

11  
12 **WHEREAS**, the Aulne United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures  
13 established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches,  
14 and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶  
15 2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

16  
17 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United  
18 Methodist Church:

- 19  
20 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
21 Aulne United Methodist Church in Aulne, Marion County, Kansas, regarding said church’s disaffiliation  
22 from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.  
23  
24 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
25 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to  
26 all real property and assets held by Aulne United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets  
27 shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall  
28 fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission  
29 Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the  
30 church’s pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General  
31 Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and  
32 any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED  
33 further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.  
34  
35 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Aulne United Methodist Church, having voluntarily  
36 disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and  
37 the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor  
38 denomination or conference.  
39  
40 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Aulne United Methodist Church be deposited for  
41 permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.  
42  
43 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.  
44

## 45 **RESOLUTION #20 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BARTLETT UNITED METHODIST** 46 **CHURCH**

47  
48 **WHEREAS**, the Bartlett United Methodist Church located in Bartlett, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to  
49 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

50  
51 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶12553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the  
52 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
53 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Bartlett United Methodist Church voted to  
54 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

55  
56 **WHEREAS**, David Watson, District Superintendent of the Parsons District, has certified that Bartlett  
57 United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶12553 concerning disaffiliation  
58 for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The Book of

1 Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing  
2 homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its  
3 annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and  
4 WHEREAS, the Bartlett United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures  
5 established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches,  
6 and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶  
7 2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

8  
9 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United  
10 Methodist Church:

- 11
- 12 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
13 Bartlett United Methodist Church in Bartlett, Labette County, Kansas, regarding said church’s  
14 disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.  
15
- 16 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
17 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to  
18 all real property and assets held by Bartlett United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets  
19 shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall  
20 fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission  
21 Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the  
22 church’s pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General  
23 Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and  
24 any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED  
25 further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.  
26
- 27 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Bartlett United Methodist Church, having voluntarily  
28 disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and  
29 the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor  
30 denomination or conference.  
31
- 32 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Bartlett United Methodist Church be deposited for  
33 permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.  
34
- 35 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God’s blessing upon its continued ministry.  
36

## 37 **RESOLUTION #21 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF BENTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

38  
39 **WHEREAS**, the Benton United Methodist Church located in Benton, Kansas (“the church”) has asked to  
40 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

41  
42 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the  
43 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
44 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Benton United Methodist Church voted to  
45 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

46  
47 **WHEREAS**, Mitch Reece, District Superintendent of the Wichita East District, has certified that Benton  
48 United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation  
49 for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The Book of  
50 Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing  
51 homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its  
52 annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and

53  
54 **WHEREAS**, the Benton United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures  
55 established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches,  
56 and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶  
57 2553 (“Disaffiliation Agreement”);

58  
59

1 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United

2 Methodist Church:

3 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
4 Benton United Methodist Church in Benton, Butler County, Kansas, regarding said church's disaffiliation  
5 from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

6

7 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
8 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to  
9 all real property and assets held by Benton United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets  
10 shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall  
11 fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission  
12 Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the  
13 church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General  
14 Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and  
15 any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED  
16 further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.

17

18 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Benton United Methodist Church, having voluntarily  
19 disaffiliated under ¶12553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and  
20 the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor  
21 denomination or conference.

22

23 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Benton United Methodist Church be deposited for  
24 permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

25

26 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.

27

## 28 **RESOLUTION #22 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF ESBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

29

30 **WHEREAS**, the Esbon United Methodist Church located in Esbon, Kansas ("the church") has asked to  
31 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

32

33 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶12553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the  
34 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
35 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Esbon United Methodist Church voted to  
36 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and

37

38 **WHEREAS**, Delores Williamston, District Superintendent of the Salina District, has certified that Esbon  
39 United Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶12553 concerning disaffiliation  
40 for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The Book of  
41 Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing  
42 homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its  
43 annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and

44

45 **WHEREAS**, the Esbon United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and procedures  
46 established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating churches,  
47 and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant To ¶  
48 2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement");

49

50 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United

51 Methodist Church:

52 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
53 Esbon United Methodist Church in Esbon, Jewell County, Kansas, regarding said church's disaffiliation  
54 from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.

55

56 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
57 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to  
58 all real property and assets held by Esbon United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets  
59 shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall

1 fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission  
2 Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the  
3 church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General  
4 Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and  
5 any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED  
6 further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.  
7 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Esbon United Methodist Church, having voluntarily  
8 disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and  
9 the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor  
10 denomination or conference.

11  
12 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Esbon United Methodist Church be deposited for  
13 permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

14  
15 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.  
16

## 17 **RESOLUTION #23 APPROVING THE DISAFFILIATION OF NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST** 18 **CHURCH**

19  
20 **WHEREAS**, the Norcatatur United Methodist Church located in Norcatatur, Kansas ("the church") has asked  
21 to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and  
22

23 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2553 of The Book of Discipline (as approved at the  
24 special called session of the General Conference in 2019), at least two-thirds of the professing members  
25 present and voting at a duly-called church conference of Norcatatur United Methodist Church voted to  
26 disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church; and  
27

28 **WHEREAS**, Don Hasty, District Superintendent of the Hays District, has certified that Norcatatur United  
29 Methodist Church was in full compliance with the provisions of ¶2553 concerning disaffiliation for  
30 reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of The Book of Discipline  
31 related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing  
32 homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its  
33 annual conference related to these issues which followed ; and  
34

35 **WHEREAS**, the Norcatatur United Methodist Church has fully complied with the guidelines and  
36 procedures established by the Great Plains Annual Conference and its Board of Trustees for disaffiliating  
37 churches, and the Conference Board of Trustees has proposed a written Disaffiliation Agreement Pursuant  
38 To ¶ 2553 ("Disaffiliation Agreement");  
39

40 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United  
41 Methodist Church:

42 1. That the proposed Disaffiliation Agreement between the Great Plains Annual Conference and the  
43 Norcatatur United Methodist Church in Norcatatur, Decatur County, Kansas, regarding said church's  
44 disaffiliation from The United Methodist Church is hereby ratified and approved.  
45

46 2. That following the full execution of that Disaffiliation Agreement, the Conference Board of Trustees is  
47 hereby authorized to release the Trust Clause of The United Methodist Church, which currently applies to  
48 all real property and assets held by Norcatatur United Methodist Church, and that said property and assets  
49 shall be retained by the congregation; PROVIDED that prior to the date of disaffiliation, the church shall  
50 fully pay all monies due under the terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement, including any unpaid Mission  
51 Shares for the twelve months prior to disaffiliation, an additional twelve months of Mission Shares, the  
52 church's pro-rata share of the any aggregate unfunded pension obligations as determined by the General  
53 Board of Pension and Health Benefits using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, and  
54 any other debts, loans, and liabilities owed to the Great Plains Annual Conference, and PROVIDED  
55 further that the church shall also comply with all other remaining terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement.  
56

57 3. That from and after the date of disaffiliation, Norcatatur United Methodist Church, having voluntarily  
58 disaffiliated under ¶2553, shall have no connection or affiliation with The United Methodist Church and  
59 the Great Plains Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, or with any predecessor

# Workbook Addendum

1 denomination or conference.

2

3 4. That copies of the official records and papers of the Norcatur United Methodist Church be deposited  
4 for permanent safekeeping with the Commission on Archives and History.

5

6 5. That we give thanks for this congregation and ask for God's blessing upon its continued ministry.