

From the Minutes of the March 27-28 meeting of the Synod Assembly:

The report of the Vision and Leadership Commission was presented by one of its members, the Rev. Dale Jackson. On behalf of the Commission, Rev. Jackson placed the following motion before the Assembly:

That the Synod of Mid-America elect an Administrative Commission (G-3.0109b) to work in partnership with the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy for the purpose of Special Administrative Review (G-3.0108b), to determine whether the presbytery is affected with disorder, and to inquire into and settle the difficulties therein (G-3.0109(b)5).

A. The commission shall consist of the following members:

**Joe Anderson, WMRE, Northern Kansas
James Cook, WMRE, Giddings-Lovejoy
Doris Evans, BFTE, Southern Kansas
Chip Hardwick, WMTE, Synod of the Covenant
Krista Kiger, WFTE, Heartland
Julie Leverenz, WFRE, Missouri Union**

B. The Administrative Commission shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- 1. To require the presbytery to produce any and all records of the presbytery (G-3.0108b) necessary for a thorough administrative review to be completed.**
- 2. To direct corrective action by the presbytery regarding any matters that are out of compliance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), providing fair notice and an opportunity to be heard to those directly involved.**
- 3. To ensure that a forensic financial audit is completed within the next six months by the presbytery and that processes are implemented to ensure timely payments for all bills, reimbursements and payroll.**
- 4. In partnership with the presbytery, ensure appropriate staffing, support and accountability are in place to lead the presbytery through its current time of transition.**
- 5. To keep a full record of its proceedings, to provide regular reports to the Synod Vision and Leadership Commission and submit its full record to the Synod Assembly for incorporation into its records.**
- 6. To make additional recommendations for necessary action to the Synod, which may receive such recommendations at a special or stated meeting of the Synod Assembly.**

Rev. Jackson presented the Commission's reasons for the recommendation. Commissioners and corresponding members were provided the opportunity to address the assembly, including those from the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Following questions and discussion, and a pause for prayer, the motion was approved by voice vote.

Synod of Mid-America
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION



Joseph Anderson

Joseph I. Anderson resides in Auburn, KS and serves as the treasurer for the Synod, as well as serves as the Chair of the Finance Council for the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. Joe has a degree in Finance and Accounting from Washburn University in Topeka, KS and currently serves as the VP of Finance for Currus, Inc, Topeka, KS.



James Cook

Retired “Regulatory Attorney” for Ameren Corp (20 years); Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, St, Louis County (10 years). Former Acting Presbytery Exec GLPBY (2010); Former Moderator of Presbytery and Synod PJs; Former Moderator of Presbytery and various Presbytery committees. Currently member of Presbytery Personnel Team.



Doris Evans

Rev. Doris Evans is Solo Pastor at UPC-Garden City and Associate Executive Presbyter in the Presbytery of Southern Kansas. She has served on the Finance Committee, Vice Moderator and 2025 Moderator of the Synod of Mid America. She is currently a Doctor of Ministry candidate at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh PA.



Charles Hardwick

Chip Hardwick has been serving as the executive for the Synod of the Covenant since 2020. That tenure began while the synod was under original jurisdiction by a General Assembly Administrative Commission (AC). He serves eleven presbyteries in Ohio and Michigan, and has been staff support for the Synod AC for Detroit Presbytery. Chip has a PhD and MDiv from Princeton Seminary and has pastored churches in IL and GA and led Theology, Formation, and Evangelism for the denomination.



Krista Kiger

Rev. Dr. Krista Kiger is the Pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church in Parkville Missouri. In her almost 36 years of ministry, she has served congregations in Wisconsin and Missouri, has been the director of an agency that worked with people experiencing chronic homelessness, and taught social studies at an alternative high school. She has been the moderator of two Presbyteries, COM moderator, and has served on Synod and General Assembly Committees.



Julie Hood Leverenz

After retiring from a 30 year career as a healthcare executive in 2020 and enjoying a short stint as an author and leadership consultant, she was called into the ministry. After completing seminary and other requirements, she was commissioned by Missouri Union Presbytery to pastor a rural church in Bowling Green, MO. Julie has an undergrad degree from Mizzou in Communications and an MBA from Wash U in St. Louis. Though starting her career in marketing, most of her time was spent in various forms of organizational development and strategic planning.
