

Appendices B, C, and E are not posted with these minutes but are available with the Presbytery papers that were posted for the meeting. Also, the docket pages are blank, but docket is available with first post papers.

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 158th Stated Meeting at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, convening at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008. Moderator Donna Madewell called the meeting to order and opened with prayer, followed by the singing of the opening hymn. Elder Gary Shaw, Stated Clerk Pro Tem, confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

Elders attending a meeting of this Presbytery for the first time were introduced. Carol McDonald, member of Wabash Valley Presbytery was seated as a corresponding member. Carol is Co-Executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails and is currently serving as an "Interim Interim" for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. The moderator reported the following installation and/or ordination services held since the last Presbytery meeting: Katie Snipes was ordained at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, on September 28th. Katie has a call to a position as Religious Life Intern at Grinnell College in Des Moines Presbytery in Iowa. Paula Mann was ordained at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, on October 12th with Jean Dodds presiding at the invitation of Moderator Donna Madewell. Paula has a call to the Palms Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, California. Rev. Justin Schlesinger-Devlin was installed as Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion, at a special service on Saturday, October 18th. The roll of the Presbytery was established by registration as follows – all persons were present except those marked with *; the number in parenthesis () indicates the number of elder commissioners allowed to vote from that congregation; + identifies ministers of another denomination:

ATTENDANCE

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
Anderson, First (4)	Dave Comstock Donna Madewell, CLP	Jack Eflin * Richard Harrison * Betty Knapp Carol Wolfe
Avon, Whitelick (2)	Joy Goehring	Shirley Halterman Beth McGuire
Bluffton, First (3)	Bob Madsen	Lin Harrold * Jean Blessing * Neal Pitts
Boggstown (1)	Sandra Martin, CLP	William T. Johnson
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	+Bill Arthur *	John Hoffman *
Clayton (1)	David McDonald	
College Corner, First United (1)	Jason Bantz	Dude Lohrey
Connersville, First (1)	Martha Williams Jordan	Fred Sess
Decatur, First (1)	Laura Sherwood	Judy Mettler *
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel Wann	William Schaffer, Jr. *
Elwood, First (1)	Linda Philabaun	Emily Leavell Wanda Helm, Alt.
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steve Ebling	Don Cleveland * Bob Gardner *
Fort Wayne, Calvary Third (4)	T. Alan Thames Joseph Fields	Lois Johnson Charles Hill Donald Bosse
Fort Wayne, First (6)	Terry Anderson * John Stephen Park * Jeanie Barnes * Byeong Cheol Han *	Judy Dawes Beth L. White

Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Barbara Kenley	Wilbur Searer Betty Werling * Jim Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin Boyd	
Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal Thomas	Margaret Slack
Franklin, First (3)	Peter Jessen	Constance Eggers David Rook * Marge Rook
Franklin, Hopewell (3)	David Lee	Leona Burton Ron Kelsay * Melinda Frazier *
Greenfield, First (1)	John Paulson, CLP	Deon Hersberger
Greensburg, First (2)	Kathleen Splitt Jim Splitt	Brian McBlain Judy Rust
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	David Crowley	Mary Marg Karty *
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	David Crowley	Scott McCoy *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Alice McDowell Sally Earl, CLP	Joe Dotzlaf Marge Slauter * Ed Williams * Andy Wiesman *
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery	Allan Fish Linda Talley * Larry Todrank *
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith	Tom Brown *
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	John Koppitch	Mark Lawson * David Mueller Catherine S. Wallace
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Vacant L. Vern Farnum	Nancy Hartmann David Percy
Indianapolis, First-Meridian Heights (4)	Curtis Page Trish Lisa *	
Indianapolis, Immanuel (1)	Betty Gilbert Griffin	DeWillican Middleton *
Indianapolis, Irvington (5)	Robert Heimach Galen Schwarz	Melissa Jester * Kathy Moorhead *
Indianapolis, John Knox (3)	Frank Mansell Lisa Crismore, CLP	Sandra Crawford
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Choon Man Hong *	Charles Chae *
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri Thomas Ruth C. Moore Larry Moslener	Mae Leech Lisa Longo Mark Moore Jeff Schmahl * Sharyl Stevens

Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Gary Ziegler Michael Ireland * Kevin Long	Pat Robinson
Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Sheri Hilton * Phil Votaw
Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis Galloway W. Glen Bell Joyce Hunn * James Riley David Berry * Karen Lang Richard Baker	Natalie Auberry * Robert Everitt * Mark Huesing Rhonda Kittle * Charles Liles John Miller * Howard Pelham Linda Rinker * William Roberts * Larry Robertson
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Greg Glover	Mary Payne Joseph Woods *
Indianapolis, Southport (6)	Vacant Kevin Bausman * June Barrow * Steve Matthies	Michael Dietrich * Duane Gaither * Ann Hunt * David Lantz Scott Miles Mark Myers
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	John Gable	Philip Freiburger * JoAnn Moorhead * Ann Reynolds Dan Schroeder * Thomas Wirt Amy McLean
Indianapolis, Wallace Street (1)	Douglas Barnes	H.B. McMillan
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Laurie Baker *
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker	Bettye Dee * Faye McDaniel Judy Trabue
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Lyle Ewing	Anita Donaldson
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter Zinn *	William Sitler *
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter Zinn *	Mike Waggoner *
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter Zinn *	Dwight Sweet *
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn Gold *	Linda Crawford *
Marion, Westminster (3)	Justin Schlesinger-Devlin	Sally Todd * Renee Herrli *
McCordsville, Christ (1)	Nancy Howard	Eunice Leininger
Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor David Jewett * MyungKu Lee Carrie Jo Miller, CLP	Marty Kendrick John Linder * Tom Schwartz* Sandra Sexton Pat Zeabart
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie Wager *	Richard Artes *

New Castle, First (4)	Rex Espiritu	Phyllis Grant Val McNelis *
Noblesville, First (3)	Eric Gale	Moffett Craig * Fred Nelson Robert Sauer *
Ossian (2)	Jay Cline	David Anderson William Milholland *
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	Peggy McDonald	Brenda Blue *
Portland, First (1)	Wallace Wilson	Julia Schwomeyer
Richmond, First (3)	David Layman	Elaine Goodwin Guy Guthrie Bill Stackhouse
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Erik Spencer	Anne Johnston
Rushville, First (1)	Dena Vittorio	Evelyn Miller
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CLP	June Wayt *
Shelbyville, First (3)	Mark Morningstar	Holly Simpson * Will Mitchell Mike Whitfield
Tipton, First (1)	Linda Philabaun	Robert Moore *
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric Lohe	
Winchester, First (1)	William Carr *	Suzanne Fogleman *
Zionsville (6)	Glenn McDonald Scott Shelton William Azbell R. Patrick Smith Donna Pollard, CLP	Jen Knebel Barry Sumner

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

Eleanor (Bunny) Alexander *	Deborah S. Mansell	Fabio Socarraz (CLP)
James Capps*	Alan J. McCraine *	Anne Solovey
David A. Chaddock	Leonel Pech *	Robert Wauzzinski *
Robert Hunter	Sergei Petrov	Reggie Weaver
Carol Johnston	Tim S. Shapiro	Betsy Wood
George F. LaMaster	Stacy Smith	

MINISTERS AT LARGE

Sharon Azbell *	F. James Friedewald *	Alan Pareis *
Merrill Cook *	Robert Jordan	Katherine Rieder *
Theodore Dorman *	Gerard Kuyk	Scott Solether *
Lee Dorsey	Robert B. McAulay, Jr.	Dan Sutherin

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Amon *	Julian Gresham *	Robert Rooker *
David Bae *	William Harris *	Anne Rose *
Bill Barrett *	William Hudnut *	Barbara Sloop *
Frank Bean *	George Jackson *	Quentin Small *
Don Boebinger *	Thelma Sue King	Elbert Smith *
Raymond Bowden	Robert Leas *	L. Wayne Smith *
George Boyle *	Loran Lewis *	Richard Smith *
Bruce Brown *	Howard Lindquist *	James Snyder *
John Burhorn *	Don MacPherson *	Richard Stenner *
Robert Clark *	Keith Main *	John Stevens
F.W. Clemenson *	Joan Malick	Robert Stewart
John Constant *	Ray Marquette *	Paul Stone *
Judith Cook *	Jack Masters *	Gerald Thomas *
Henry Date *	Robert McGinnis *	Edgar Towne
Roger Dean *	Ralph Mitchell *	Glen Traver *
Donald Durrett *	Elsworth (Bud) Morack *	Byung Van *
Herbert Eggleston	Harrison Neal *	William Weber *
William Enright *	David Noble *	Arthur Whitaker *
Carol Farr	Patricia Reid *	Jack Wineman
William Fogg *	W.W. Ridenour	James Wolfe *
Jack Glenn *		

PRESBYTERY STAFF

Felipe Martinez
S. Kim Leech

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Betty-Alice Almeida	William Howell	Mary Payne
Steve Crane *	Bob Kelley *	Sandra Reid
Sandra Crawford *	Frank Learned	Bill Smiley *
John Current	Evelyn Miller	Sharyl Stevens
Ed Friel *	Toni Morris	Rich Swartwood
Jim Hill	Tonya Paddock	Pat Zeabart

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Carol McDonald, Co-Executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails, member of Wabash Valley Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Megan Remtema

VISITORS

Judy Thames	Sandra Learned	David C. Halterman	Carol Lukemeyer
Martha McDonald	Oscar Clavel	Orville Bantz	Miki Bean
Julie Schneider	Bill Werling	Gary Ulcom	Jean Dodds

WELCOME

Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Pastor, welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis.

DOCKET

A new docket format was presented which includes the Presbytery Docket and the Worship Bulletin combined with the intent to make the work of the Presbytery more worshipful work. The docket was approved as proposed.

A WORD ABOUT OUR MEETING

Moderator Donna Madewell explained the new docket format and new approach to make Presbytery meetings more worshipful work. [See Appendix A for her full letter of welcome and explanation]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elder Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, invited all to the Pyoca display table where there were bags of cookies and summer camping information for every church. There are a number of special interest retreats coming up. The capital campaign is progressing and help is needed in all areas of construction. Campaign monies are used as they are received. Retreat opportunities are available and he invited pastors and church staff personnel to come to Pyoca where an apartment and a cabin are available for spiritual care.
- Elder Miki Bean brought greetings from Rev. Frank Bean and thanked everyone for cards and calls of caring and encouragement.
- Rev. David Lee announced that the Hopewell congregation in Franklin would have an outdoor live nativity, including live animals, on Saturday, December 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Elder Phil Votaw announced a special concert with all choirs performing at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, on Sunday, December 14th, at 5:00 p.m.
- Rev. Jason Bantz asked if he and the commissioner from First United Presbyterian Church in College Corner could share their perspective on the process of the Administrative Commission for that church. Moderator Donna Madewell asked for the Stated Clerk's view to allow that sharing. Stated Clerk Pro Tem, Elder Gary Shaw, advised that the church has filed litigation against the Presbytery and the Administrative Commission is at work and it is not appropriate to discuss the case on the floor of Presbytery. Also it is not appropriate to open the floor to that discussion during this announcement time. The docket has already been approved and the only appropriate motion would be a motion to amend the docket asking for time to share their perspective. Elder Doyle Lohrey inquired if he could make such a motion. The Clerk answered affirmatively. Elder Doyle Lohrey made a motion to amend the docket to add five minutes for Rev. Jason Bantz to speak. The motion was seconded. The Moderator clarified that a representative from the Administrative Commission would also be allotted five minutes to respond if the motion passes. The vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion was defeated.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Carol McDonald requested the joys and concerns of the Presbytery. Prayers were included for Rev. Frank Bean, continuing health concerns; death of Jane Parker Huber, elder and wife of Rev. William Huber who served Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, for a number of years; death of William Clacker, author of many theological books and mentor to many; Rev. Barbara Sloop, serious break of her arm; Rev. Ralph Mitchell, recovering from brain surgery; Rev. Paul Stone, honorably retired, recovering from heart valve replacement surgery; First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, Indiana, as they approach the first anniversary of the death of the pastor, Rev. Rick Kimmer; death of Elder John Cronin, former commissioner from Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis; Administrative Commissions and the congregations they are working with; all who have lost jobs, seeking jobs, and those who are insecure during this low economic time; passing of Elder Edna Geist from Bluffton; gratitude for the EPNC and the Presbytery staff for their work during the past year.

Rev. Carol McDonald led the Presbytery in prayer, followed by the singing of a Song of Hope, *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*.

STATED CLERK PRO TEM REPORT

Elder Gary Shaw, Stated Clerk Pro Tem, moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. It was approved by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

That if there are no objections, the Presbytery adopt the following reports as published on this Consent Agenda:

1. Reported actions of the Committee on Ministry (See pages 2738-2742)
2. Reported actions of the Coordinating Council (See pages 2747-2748)
3. Mission Focus Unit Budget Income Statement as of 9-30-08 [See Appendix B]
4. Mission Operations Unit Income Statement as of 9-30-08 [See Appendix B]
5. Fund Balances by Restriction - Summary as of 9-30-08 [See Appendix B]

SECOND READ FOR STANDING RULES FOR PRESBYTERY MODERATOR & VICE MODERATOR

With the suggested change in the Standing Rules, Elder Gary Shaw explained that the Moderator and Vice Moderator of Coordinating Council will be separated out from the Moderator and Vice Moderator of Presbytery. He moved that the Standing Rules Change be approved. It passed by voice vote.

The change is as follows:

Moderator and Vice-Moderator (Moderator-Elect) of Presbytery

Purpose to elect and fill the position of Vice-Moderator from the members of the Presbytery:

Elect at the December meeting a new Vice-Moderator from members in good standing of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley.¹

This person will become the Moderator after one calendar year and then serve as Moderator for one calendar year.

During the calendar year as Vice-Moderator this person will be expected to learn the basic skills of parliamentary procedure and presbytery operations in preparation to become the Moderator. The Vice-Moderator shall Moderate Presbytery in the absence of the Moderator.

¹ Members in good standing according to the Standing Rules as to diversity and equality, in full consideration to the traditional practice of alternating between ministers (including Certified Lay Pastors) and elders, and according to the Book of Order (current version). Consideration should also be given to prior participation in the life of the presbytery or experience from another presbytery.

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Coordinating Council Moderator

(Included for reference; approved by Council May 7)

Purpose: To nominate and elect the moderator of the Coordinating Council by and from the members of the Coordinating Council.

Procedure: At the November meeting of the Coordinating Council a quorum of members will nominate and elect a new Vice Moderator preferably, but not necessarily, from members with two (2) years or more remaining in their term. Coordinating Council members with only one year remaining to serve are not eligible for election to the position of Vice Moderator but could be elected to the position of Moderator under unusual and extraordinary circumstance. The Vice Moderator is the Moderator-Elect for the first year in office and then becomes the Moderator for a term not to exceed one year. The outgoing moderator becomes Past-Moderator, if applicable, for the remaining time in their term. A past-moderator provides continuity, guidance, and wisdom to the entire Coordinating Council; and may substitute for the moderator if the vice-moderator and current moderator are unavailable at a duly called meeting of the Coordinating Council.

If approved, the Stated Clerk will revise the Standing Rules to reflect these changes.

Ordination Anniversaries

December through February [See Appendix C]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. David Layman, Vice Moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominations for Moderator and Vice Moderator of Presbytery. After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, Elder Frank (Hitch) Learned was elected Moderator and Rev. Robert Heimach was elected Vice Moderator.

Rev. Layman then presented the rest of the slate for election, one committee at a time. After opportunities for nominations from the floor for all positions, the slate as presented was elected.

The full Nominating Committee Report follows:

Abbreviations Used in This Report: M: Minister
E: Elder

*The Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley***1. Nominates for Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley for 2009:****Moderator**

(E) Frank (Hitch) Learned, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville

Vice Moderator

(M) Robert Heimach, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

2. Nominates to serve the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:**COORDINATING COUNCIL****Class of 2010 (To Fill Vacancies)**

- (M) David Lee, Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Franklin
- (M) Alice McDowell, Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood
- (M) Kathleen Splitt, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

Class of 2011 (To Fill Vacancy)

- (E) Guy Guthrie, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond

Class of 2012

- (M) Steve Ebling, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Fishers
- (M) Joseph Fields, Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
- (M) Patrick Smith, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville
- (E) David Probst, Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
- (E) Ellen Schramm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion
- (E) Judy Trabue, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS**Class of 2012**

- (E) Mathew Bryant, Whitelick Presbyterian Church, Avon

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**Class of 2011 (New Members)**

- (M) James Capps, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
- (M) Nancy Howard, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville
- (E) Mary Ruth Snyder, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
- (E) William Wasitis, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

Class of 2011 (For re-election)

- (M) Carol Farr, Honorably Retired, Indianapolis
- (M) Katherine Rieder, First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield
- (E) Christine Levi, First Presbyterian Church, Rushville
- (E) Judy Rust, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg
- (E) Marian Towne, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**Class of 2011 (New members)**

- (M) Richard Baker, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
- (E) Judy Lovejoy, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

Class of 2011 (For re-election)

- (M) Carol Johnston, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis
- (E) Emily Leavell, First Presbyterian Church, Elwood

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**Class of 2014**

- (M) Joy Goehring, Whitelick Presbyterian Church, Avon
- (M) Peter Jessen, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin
- (E) William Wheeler, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

Class of 2009 (To Fill Vacancy)

(E) Miki Bean, At-Large

Class of 2011 (New Members)

(M) Dawn Gold, First Presbyterian Church, Liberty

(M) Robert Hunter, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2011 (For re-election)

(E) Kay Holland, First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

PYOCA ADVISORY BOARD

Class of 2011 (For re-election)

(M) James Splitt, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

(E) Bruce Jordan, First Presbyterian Church, Connersville

(E) Stephanie Kandrak, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**Presbytery Representative:**

Class of 2011

(E) Lynne Tobin, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMISSIONERS TO THE SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAIL

(Need to elect one elder)

Class of 2011 (For re-election)

(E) Mary Marg Karty, Kingston Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

(End of Nominating Committee Report)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Elder Martha McDonald presented the report for the Committee on Ministry:

Rev. John Constant, Honorably Retired, is celebrating his 90th birthday.

New pastors in the Presbytery were recognized: Justin Schlesinger-Devlin, Pastor at Marion-Westminster; Anne Solovey and Betsy Wood, Lake Fellows at Indianapolis-Second; and Mark Morningstar, Pastor at Shelbyville-First.

Donna Pollard, CLP from Zionsville Presbyterian Church, was recognized for receiving chaplaincy certification from the Association of Professional Chaplains. Friends and members from Zionsville Presbyterian joined her and Rev. Pat Smith led the Presbytery in prayer.

Martha McDonald presented Oscar Clavel to be examined for ordination. Oscar has a call as Designated Associate Pastor at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Following a presentation of his faith statement and examination by the members of the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made and passed. It was M/S/P to sustain the examination of Oscar as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that he be approved for ordination. The motion was approved by voice vote. Oscar will be ordained by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Representatives from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church joined Oscar as the Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. John Gable.

The full report on Committee on Ministry actions follows:

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - AUGUST 27, 2008**QUORUM PRESENT & MINUTES APPROVED**

The Committee on Ministry met August 27, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The revised COM minutes of May 28, 2008 were distributed.

The COM minutes of July 30, 2008 were APPROVED as corrected:

Pg. 2 – Rev. Choon Man Hong Interview add: Rev. Hong, a member of San Diego Presbytery, was given permission to labor inside the bounds of Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Pg. 5 – Special Parish Ministries: action regarding Neimeyer to read: for **Ohio** Valley's CLP Program.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM **APPROVED** the Consent Agenda:

Malick, Rev. Joan – Indianapolis-Second Associate Pastor

The Honorable Retirement of Rev. Joan Malick effective September 1, 2008.

Rieder, Rev. Katherine – Indianapolis-Southminster Associate Pastor

1. the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. Katherine Rieder and Southminster Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2008 (COM will schedule exit interview)
2. Rev. Rieder's ecclesiastical status to 797, member at large.
3. a congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship was held August 24, 2008

Howard, Rev. Nancy – McCordsville-Christ

The Installation Commission of Rev. Nancy Howard, McCordsville-Christ, September 7, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.: Moderator's Designee, Elder Jean Dodds; Elder Lois Dillon, Indianapolis-Irvington; Elder Betty Erxleben, Bluffton-First; Rev. Gretchen Schneider; Rev. John Koppitch; Ecumenical Representative to be seated as corresponding member, Jane Ann Gifford, Unitarian Universalist, Columbus, IN; other participants: Rev. Don Durrett; Elder Bill Wasitis, McCordsville-Christ and as a corresponding member, Scott DeWese, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, IN.

Beatty-Perry, Rev. Ashley

The transfer of Rev. Ashley Beatty-Perry to South Alabama Presbytery.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS or COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Crowley, Rev. David

The Executive Committee approved Rev. Crowley's request to apply for a Board of Pensions sabbatical.

Dougherty, Elder James Zionsville Presbyterian Church

The COM interviewed Elder James Dougherty for membership. The Zionsville Session approved the establishment of the CLP position January 8, 2008.

The COM APPROVED a motion to recommend to Presbytery on September 6, 2008 that Mr. Dougherty be Commissioned as a Lay Pastor to Zionsville Presbyterian Church and, when the way be clear, his commission will be effective September 7, 2008, with all the provisions of the Book of Order except moderating the Session. The Session will provide a Commissioned Lay Pastor contract that reflects mileage reimbursement and a continuing education/book allowance.

McCraine, Rev. Alan J. Chaplain, Indiana Dept. of Corrections

The COM APPROVED Rev. McCraine's Validated Ministry status through December 31, 2009.

OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING CHURCHES

Session Visitation

Session Visitation training was conducted and assignments for visits made. Session visits, as required by the Book of Order, will be conducted with the large membership churches this year. Reports are due December 10, 2008.

OTHER ACTIONS

The Executive Committee APPROVED the 2009 Minimum Terms of Call be recommended to Presbytery for approval September 6, 2008 with a 4% increase:

With Manse: \$30,804 No Manse Provided: \$40,046

END AUGUST 27, 2008 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - SEPTEMBER 24, 2008QUORUM PRESENT & MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met September 24, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The COM minutes of August 27, 2008 were APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

Anderson, Rev. Terry Fort Wayne-First, Installation Commission

The COM approved, by a majority of e-mail responses received through Sept. 6, Rev. Terry Anderson's Installation Commission, Sept. 14, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.: Moderator, Elder Betty-Alice Almeida; Elder Charles Hill, Calvary-Third & Elder Jean Linville, Fort Wayne-First; Rev. Alan Thames; Rev. Dr. Hall Thomas; Ecumenical Representative to be seated as a corresponding member: Rev. Vernon Graham, The Associated Churches, Fort Wayne; Other participants Rev. Barb Kenley, Rev. Kevin Boyd and as a corresponding member, Dr. Michael Spath, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne Plymouth Congregational Church.

Barrett, Rev. William Validated Ministry, Chaplain Clarian Health Center

APPROVE Rev. Barrett's retirement effective August 22, 2008, change ecclesiastical code to 299 (does not participate in Board of Pensions)

Mann, Paula Ordination Commission, October 12, 2008 at 3:00 pm, Indianapolis-Northminster

Moderator's Designee: Elder Jean Dodds; Elder Charles Hill, Fort Wayne-Calvary Third & Elder John Eichenger, Avon-Whitelick; Rev. Glen Bell; Rev. Teri Thomas; Ecumenical Representative, Wilma Bailey, PhD, CTS Professor, Indianapolis; Other Participants to be seated as corresponding members: Rev. Carol Harrison, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery; Rev. Lorna Shoemaker, Redwoods Presbytery; Rev. Holly Hearon, Redwoods Presbytery.

Schlesinger-Devlin, Rev. Justin Marion-Westminster, Installation Commission, October 18, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

Moderator: Elder Donna Madewell; Elder Ray Lockwood, Grant County-First; Elder Eric Walts, Marion-Westminster; Rev. Lyle Ewing; Rev. David Comstock; Ecumenical Representative to be seated as a corresponding member, Rev. Marv Wiseman, Temple Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, Marion IN.

Snipes, Katie Ordination Commission, September 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Indianapolis-Second

Moderator: Elder Donna Madewell; Elder Tave Reser, Indianapolis-Second & Elder Emily Leavell, Elwood-First; Rev. Peggy McDonald; Rev. Richard Baker;

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS or COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Morningstar, Rev. Mark Shelbyville-First

The COM M/S/P to authorize the Session to call a meeting of the congregation November 2, 2008 to act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call Rev. Mark E. Morningstar as their pastor, effective November 16, 2008.

1. The COM confirmed the suitability of the call between Rev. Morningstar and First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Indiana.
2. The COM examined Rev. Morningstar for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery and, when the way be clear and upon receipt of credentials from Lake Huron Presbytery, will receive Rev. Morningstar as a member of the Presbytery.
3. The COM found the call to be in order and for the good of the whole church;
4. The COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met;
5. The COM appointed Rev. Morningstar moderator of the Session effective November 16, 2008. Rev. Gerard Kuyk will be relieved of moderator's duties effective November 15, 2008.
6. The COM will appoint an Administrative Commission to install Rev. Morningstar as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, Indiana, with date and members of commission to be determined.

The COM APPROVED the terms of call:

Salary/Housing	\$40,000
Housing	\$18,200
PCUSA Pension	\$18,333
Auto. Expenses	\$ 3,600
Professional Dev. Allow.	\$ 2,000
Taxable Social Security offset	\$ 4,000
Medical Supplement	\$ 2,500
Vacation	four weeks (to include four Sundays)
Study Leave	two weeks (cumulative up to 4 years)
Moving Expenses	to be determined

The Moderator of the Congregational Meeting will complete and forward to the Stated Clerk the signed results of the meeting, including the Terms of Call. The Moderator of the installation commissions will complete and forward to the Stated Clerk the minutes of the ordination & installation commissions, including names of all participants, date, and place. The Chair of the PNC will destroy the files of all candidates not selected and will send to the Stated Clerk the record of the conversations with the selected Candidate and her references. It is the COM Liaison's responsibility to insure all forms are received, completed, and returned.

Solovey, Rev. Anne C. Indianapolis-Second Lake Fellow

The COM examined Rev. Solovey, a member of Sciota Valley Presbytery, for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery. The COM APPROVED Rev. Anne C. Solovey for membership as a Lake Fellow in validated ministry at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN and her effective date of service was August 18, 2008. Her terms of call will be reported at a later date.

Wood, Elizabeth B. (Betsy) Indianapolis-Second Lake

The COM examined Ms. Wood for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery. She will be examined for ordination and Ordained September 28, 2008 by Southeastern Illinois Presbytery. The COM APPROVED, when the way be clear from Southeastern Illinois Presbytery, Ms. Elizabeth B. Wood for membership as a Lake Fellow in validated ministry at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, pending a successful Ordination Examination. Her effective date was August 18, 2008 and the terms of call will be reported at a later date.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES

Indianapolis-Wallace St. Administrative Commission

The COM APPROVED a motion to accept Paula Mann's resignation as moderator and granted permission for the commission to appoint a new moderator.

Indianapolis-Korean

The COM reviewed the CIF and recommended minor changes. The COM APPROVED the CIF.

END SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY - OCTOBER 29, 2008

QUORUM PRESENT & MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met September 24, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The minutes of September 24, 2008 were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

1. Portillo, Rev. Catriona (formerly Catriona Ward, Indianapolis-2nd Lake Fellow)
When the way be clear, transfer to Chicago Presbytery so she may serve as the Associate Director for Chicago Lights Foundation and Corporate Relations, a community outreach organization of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago.
2. Rieder, Rev. Katherine – Parish Associate Request
By action of the Greenfield-First Session October 9, 2008 approve their request to appoint Rev. Katherine Rieder as Parish Associate through December 31, 2009.
3. Whitaker, Rev. Arthur – Pastor Emeritus Status
By action of the Sessions of First Presbyterian Church, Lewisville on October 16, 2008 and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Lewisville on October 9, 2008, approve their request to grant Pastor Emeritus status to Rev. Arthur Whitaker.
4. Wilson, Rev. Wallace Portland-First Interim Pastor
That the COM approve the terms of the Interim Pastor Contract between Rev. Wallace Wilson and the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Portland, effective October 16, 2008 for a period of one year: Salary \$20,100; Housing/Utilities \$26,000; Pension \$14,521;50; Auto Allowance \$3,000; Professional Development \$2,500; Professional Expense Reimburse \$750; Social Security Offset \$3,527; Medical Supplement \$5,000; five weeks vacation to include four Sundays; two weeks professional development leave to include two Sundays.

5. Pareis, Rev. Alan

That the COM approve Rev. Pareis' request for Honorably Retired status, effective November 1, 2008.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS or COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORClavel, Oscar A. Indianapolis-Tabernacle Designated Associate Pastor

The COM APPROVED the following actions as they relate to the Designated Associate Pastor position between Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis and Mr. Oscar A. Clavel:

1. the suitability of the call between Mr. Oscar A. Clavel and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, for the good of the whole church;
2. the examination for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery and, when the way be clear, Mr. Clavel will become a member of the Presbytery;
3. and authorized the Session to call a meeting of the congregation November 2, 2008 to act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call Mr. Oscar A. Clavel as their Designated Associate Pastor Elect;
4. that when the way be clear, providing his ordination examination is sustained by the Presbytery on December 3, 2008 and pending his ordination commission with the date to be determined, he will begin serving as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament as the Designated Associate Pastor.
5. The COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met.
6. the terms of call effective November 15, 2008 for a period of three years:

Salary/Housing	\$24,000
Housing	\$20,000
PCUSA Pension	full
Auto. Expenses	to be added
Business Expenses	\$ 2,500
Professional Dev. Allow.	\$ 1,000
Vacation	four weeks (to include four Sundays)
Study Leave	two weeks (cumulative up to 4 years)
Moving Expenses	\$ 1,000

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OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING CHURCHESIndianapolis-Faith

The COM **APPROVED** the Mission Study.

Plainfield-Hope United

The COM **APPROVED** the Session's request for a part time Designated Associate Pastor model.

COMMUNION APPROVED FOR GLAPCE

In response to an e-mail sent October 15, 2008 the COM **APPROVED** the following:

That COM grant permission to the Great Lakes Association for Christian Educators to serve communion at their gathering October 23, 2008 at the Benedict Inn, Beech Grove, Indiana. A minister member of Whitewater Valley Presbytery will preside.

END OCTOBER 29, 2008 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

-----End of COM Report-----

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Peggy McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented Megan Remtema to be moved from inquirer to candidate status. After a time of examination by the members of the Presbytery, the examination was arrested. It was M/S/P that the Presbytery sustain the examination and move Megan to candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote. Megan answered the constitutional questions (G-14.0305f) asked by Moderator Donna Madewell. Members and friends from Northminster Presbyterian Church gathered around Megan and Rev. Teri Thomas led in prayer.

Rev. David Crowley and other members of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry expressed appreciation to Peggy McDonald for her outstanding leadership as Moderator of the committee for the past five years.

-----End of CPM Report-----

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Laura Sherwood, Co-Moderator of the EPNC, introduced the committee and thanked them for their hard work, dedication, and service. She also expressed gratitude to Rev. Carol McDonald, Synod of Lincoln Trails, who served as liaison and provided invaluable leadership and resources and thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, who hosted most of the EPNC meetings. Rev. Glenn McDonald, Co-Moderator of the EPNC, explained the full process the committee had gone through beginning with twenty candidates, narrowing it down to six, then to four from various parts of the United States. The final four were brought together face-to-face for a weekend. The candidates were together for a social evening, then each had individual interviews with the committee. The committee met and considered each candidate. They were united in extending the call to Rev. T. Alan Thames, Pastor of Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. [See Appendix D for the letter to presbytery commissioners and background information]

Rev. Glenn McDonald made the motion that **the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley elect The Rev. Taylor Alan Thames as its Executive Presbyter, effective January 1, 2009, with the following Terms of Call:**

Salary	\$ 51,000
Housing	34,000
Board of Pensions	26,775 (31.5% of Salary and Housing)
Medical Savings Account	3,400 (4% of salary/housing provided by Presbytery)
403b (2.5% match)	2,125
Professional Development	3,600
Travel and Reimbursements	11,700
<i>(Mileage - \$7,500; Accommodations - \$1,200; Networks/Programs - \$3,000)</i>	
General Assembly Expenses	-0- included in 2009
Provision for an Executive Coach	<u>2,500</u>
Total of Listed Items	\$135,100

In Addition:

- 5 Weeks Vacation (ordained more than 15 years)
- 2 Weeks Study Leave/Professional Development

After some conversation, questions and answers with Rev. Thames, Moderator Donna Madewell led the Presbytery in prayer asking for guidance of the Holy Spirit in preparation for the vote.

The vote was taken by paper ballots. There was singing of Christmas carols while the ballots were counted in the sanctuary. Rev. T. Alan Thames was elected as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley with an affirmative vote of 174, three against, and one abstention.

Rev. Laura Sherwood made the motion **that the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley authorize the following commission to install The Rev. Alan Thames as Executive Presbyter in a service of worship to be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Zionsville Presbyterian Church:**

Moderator: Elder Hitch Learned

Ministers: Rev. Bob Heimach
Rev. John Koppitch
Rev. Glenn McDonald
Rev. Laura Sherwood
Rev. Felipe Martinez

Elders: Lee Lange, Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Ginger Merkel, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Evelyn Miller, First Presbyterian Church, Rushville
Julia Schwomeyer, First Presbyterian Church, Portland
Bill Werling, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Ecumenical Representative:

Corresponding Members: The Rev. Carol McDonald, Presbytery of Wabash Valley
The Rev. David Crittenden, Presbytery of Ohio Valley

The motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made that the Executive Presbytery Nominating Committee be dismissed as of January 17, 2009, with great appreciation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Glenn McDonald led the Presbytery in a prayer of celebration and a blessing for the noon meal.

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. Instructions were given to remain at the lunch tables for conversation together about "Hopes and Dreams for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley."

After the meal, while still around the lunch tables, Elder Hitch Learned introduced the process the Presbytery will go through in leading up to the voting on the General Assembly Amendments. Stated Clerk Pro Tem, Gary Shaw, gave an overview of the Amendments coming up for vote at the March, 2009, Presbytery meeting.

The commissioners were given the official booklet, *Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements Approved by the 218th General Assembly (2008) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Votes*, plus the following letter with the process and opportunities for further questions and discussion:

Dear Fellow Presbytery Commissioner,

The attached booklet contains the proposed constitutional amendments and ecumenical statements adopted by the 218th General Assembly during its biennial meeting held last June in San Jose, California. As you know, these amendments must be approved by a majority of the 173 presbyteries within the Presbyterian Church (USA).

After much thought, dialogue and prayer, Moderator Donna Madewell, the coordinating council, and presbytery staff have developed what we think is a proactive process for deliberating and voting on the amendments.

Our process will include brief discussion at lunch today followed by five regional meetings during February and continued discussion and a vote at our Presbytery meeting on Saturday, March 7, at Camp Pyoca.

Please plan to attend one of these regional meetings:

Tuesday, Feb 3, 2009 - 7 to 9 p.m. - Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Saturday, Feb 7, 2009 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon - Center Grove Presbyterian Church

Thursday, Feb 12, 2009 - 7 to 9 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2009 - 7 to 9 p.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Anderson

Saturday, Feb 21, 2009 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon - First Presbyterian Church, Muncie

To facilitate planning for our conversations, we would appreciate pre-registration so that we can make arrangements for small group discussion. **Online registration** will be available December 15:

http://www.whitewatervalley.org/amendment_resources.htm

Resource materials for the conversations will be available online as well. We encourage you to bring these materials with you as limited copies may be available at the meeting.

Our process is designed to promote open, balanced, healthy, prayerful, and respectful dialogue prior to the March 7 vote on the amendments. Please join us in this process.

*I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – that is, that you and I may be encouraged by each other's faith. **Romans 1:11-12***

The commissioners were given the following summary of the Amendments:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Summary: Proposed 2008 Amendments to the Constitution and Ecumenical Statements

08-A. Vows of Membership (G-5.0200). The Presbytery of Mission (TX) proposed an amendment that requires that all new members of a church, including those coming by certificate of transfer, answer three questions before the congregation. The Committee on Church Polity recommended approval by a vote of 50/2/0 and it was approved by the General Assembly (GA) by a voice vote.

08-B. Ordination Standards (G-60106b, G-14.0240 and G-14.0450). The Presbytery of Boston proposed this amendment to delete the current fidelity and chastity requirement and replace it with a different standard of obedience. The Committee on Church Orders and Ministry recommended approval by a vote of 41/11/0 and it was approved by the GA by a vote of 380/325/3 (54% to 46%)

08-C. Replacing the Word “Sympathy” with the Word “Compassion” G-6.0202b and G-6.0401). The Presbytery of Albany (NY) proposed replacing the word “sympathy” with the word “empathy” as regards the role of deacons. The Advisory Committee on the Constitution suggested the Word “compassion” as an alternative and the Committee on Church Polity recommended approval 54/3/0 and it was approved by the GA by a voice vote.

08-D. General Assembly Mission Council Name Change (Throughout the *Book of Order*). The General Assembly Council proposed that its name be changed to General Assembly Mission Council. The Committee on Mission Coordination and Budgets recommended approval 57/1/3 and it was approved by the GA by a voice vote.

08-E. Non-Geographic Presbyteries (G-11.0102 and G-12.0102k). This amendment originated with the Office of the GA and would allow congregations to join a non-geographic presbytery in another synod. It places new limitations on non-geographic presbyteries which are to be formed only on the basis of language and are to be subject to a sunset clause (end date). The Committee on GA Procedures recommended approval 44/0/1 and it was approved by the GA by a voice vote.

08-F. Voice for Certified Christian Educators (G-11.0407 and G-14.0730). This amendment would make it permissive, not required, for a presbytery to grant the privilege of the floor to a Certified Christian Educator who is not an Elder or a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. This amendment originated in the Presbytery of Santa Fe, was recommended by the Committee on Church Polity by a vote of 58/0/0 and approved by the GA by consensus.

08-G. Nominations (G-13.0107, G-13.0108, and G-13.0202a). This amendment would strike a provision that would allow each synod to nominate a member to each GA permanent committee. It originated with the GA Assistant Stated Clerk. The Committee on Mission Coordination and Budgets recommended approval by a vote of 58/0/0 and it was approved by the GA by consensus.

08-H. Ordination Examinations (G-14.0431). This amendment originated with the Presbyteries’ Committee on Examinations. It would require a Committee on Preparation for Ministry to attest that candidates are fully prepared to take ordination examinations. The Committee on Review of GA Permanent Committees recommended approval 39/3/1 and it was approved by the GA by a voice vote.

08-I. Voice for Certified Christian Educators – Again (G-14.0730). This amendment would capitalize the first letters of “Certified and Educator” to make it clear that it would not include Certified Associate Christian Educators. If items 08-F and 08-I are approved, they will be merged. The Committee on Church Polity recommended approval with a comment by a vote of 46/12/0 and it was approved by the GA by voice vote.

08-J. Alternative Forms of Resolution (D-2.0103 and D-10.0202h). This amendment would make it easier to use alternative forms of resolution in a disciplinary case. It originated with the Advisory Committee on the Constitution. The Committee on Church Polity recommended approval by a vote of 58/0/1 and it was approved by consensus.

Ecumenical Statements. Four ecumenical statements originated with the Committee on Ecumenical Relations and were approved by the GA by a voice vote.

08-K. With the Roman Catholic Church: This is an agreement with the Roman Catholic Church on mutual recognition of baptism by the “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

08-L. With the Episcopal Church: This statement represents a half-step toward the full recognition of ministries between the PC(USA) and Episcopal Church. The sticking point has been and remains accepting each other’s ordained ministers since the Episcopalians follow apostolic succession.

08-M. With the Korean Presbyterian Church in America: This agreement with the KPCA forms a foundation for working together.

08-N. With the Moravian Church: This covenant partnership agreement recognizes both denominations and its ministries, seeks to reconcile, and invites mutual mission, shared resources and other opportunities.

RECONVENE

Following some conversations around the lunch tables about hopes and dreams for the Presbytery, the body reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:25 p.m.

WORSHIP

The installation of Elder Frank “Hitch” Learned as Moderator and the Rev. Robert Heimach as Vice Moderator of Presbytery and Elder Sandra Reid as Moderator and the Rev. Rachel Wann as Vice Moderator of Coordinating Council were part of the worship service with hymns, prayers, scripture, and sermon entitled, “Marked by Love,” preached by Rev. Betty Griffin, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. The Lord’s Supper was served by intinction. An offering of \$812.23 was taken for Christmas Joy.

Moderator Hitch Learned presided over the rest of the meeting.

A TIME OF FAREWELL

Martha McDonald, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, asked for prayers for Alan and for the congregation at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne as they went through the transition of Alan’s move to become the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery.

A TIME OF RECOGNITION

Rev. Thelma King and Rev. Joan Malick were recognized as they recently earned honorably retired status in the Presbytery. Rev. Galen Schwarz, Associate Pastor at Irvington Presbyterian Church, spoke of Thelma’s involvement at Irvington twenty-eight years ago and commended her ministry through the years in Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Rev. Ray Bowden, honorably retired, recognized Joan Malick and her thirty years of ministry, twenty of them as Associate Pastor and Executive Pastor/Head of Staff at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis.

Martha McDonald led the Presbytery in prayer giving thanks for the ministries of both Thelma and Joan.

A TIME OF THANKS

Rev. Steve Ebling, new Moderator of the Personnel Committee, expressed special thanks to Rev. Carol McDonald and Rev. Dave Crittenden and presented each of them with a gift for their huge contributions of being our Interim Interims for the past six months. He referred to them as paracletes (a paraclete being one who comes along side to help) and said they lived the epitome of their ordination vows – serving us with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Dave Crittenden is currently on sabbatical; Carol responded for both of them, saying it was a huge privilege to journey with us. She feels at home with our Presbytery now and can walk along side on any kind of terrain. Thanks to all!

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM

Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive of the Presbytery, welcomed Elder Charles Hill from Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne to present the report for the Hispanic Ministries Lead Team. Charlie told of the progress and success of the PLAN (Presbyterian Latino and Alliance Northeast) program in the Fort Wayne area. Successes include the ESL Program – the Kids’ Club (one graduate started her own business and another is in college); Thanksgiving dinners served to 150 students, families and friends; monthly support groups for individuals and families that meet in the homes of participants; Amistad Christiana, gathering and developing stages for church planning; services plus classes at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church. On December 7th and 14th commissioning services will be held to formalize the relationship between Amistad Christiana and supporting churches. Charlie Hill is one of the faithful people in attendance and one of the leaders to be commissioned.

Rev. Martinez reported that the search continues for a full time pastor for the bicultural, bilingual congregation in Indianapolis. January 4th will mark the first anniversary of the bilingual congregation’s worship services.

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Elder Betty-Alice Almeida, Moderator of Council, presented the Coordinating Council Report.

2009 PRESBYTERY BUDGET

Betty-Alice brought the motion from Council for approval of the 2009 Budget. [See Appendix E for Budgets] Treasurer Eric Herzog spoke of the shared mission and narrative budget.

Elder Bill Howell, Chair of the Finance Committee, explained some of the budget line items and was available for any questions from the floor. There being none. A voice vote was taken for the motion to accept the 2009 Budget. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Betty-Alice made the motion to elect Eric Herzog as Treasurer for Presbytery. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF CALL FOR ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, FELIPE MARTINEZ

Betty-Alice made the motion to approve the terms of call for Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive Presbyter. Salary of \$37,026 and Housing Allowance of \$24,639. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Appreciation was expressed to Elder Betty-Alice Almeida for her three years of service to the Presbytery as Vice Moderator of Presbytery, then Moderator of Presbytery, and finally Moderator of Coordinating Council. Appreciation was expressed to Donna Madewell, CLP, for her two years of service as Vice Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of Presbytery and as a commissioner to the 217th General Assembly in 2006. Well done, good and faithful servants!

The full report of Actions of the Coordinating Council follows:

The Coordinating Council met November 5, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church, Portland, IN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and opened with prayer by Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

A quorum was established.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

The Coordinating Council received a motion and **APPROVED the consent agenda** items:

1. Coordinating Council Minutes, August 6, 2008
2. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2008
3. In the years when General Assembly convenes, single room occupancy rates that are not covered by General Assembly will be covered by Presbytery for its elected commissioners.
4. Acts 16:5 Scholarships – up to \$500 per church, per year, during the program's two years, from the Promise of Tomorrow Campaign funds with a cap of \$15,000 per year.

SUMMARY OF OTHER ACTIONS

1. **APPROVED a timeline and process for discussing/approving General Assembly amendments.**
2. **APPROVED a date of January 10 or 17 for EP's installation**, with date/location to be determined,
3. **APPROVED Personnel recommendations** including 2008 year-end bonuses for executive and administrative staff and 2009 salary increases as reflected in the 2009 budget.
4. **ELECTED 2009 Council leadership:**
Elder Sandra Reid, moderator; Rev. Rachel Wann, vice moderator
5. **ELECTED Presbytery Nominating Committee members as required by the Standing Rules:**
Class of 2012: Elder Louise McCracken, Fort Wayne Grace; Elder Ilene Mitchell, Rushville-First.
6. **APPROVED a timeline and process for revising Standing Rules.**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

The Council **APPROVED** the following preliminary process for discussion/approval of General Assembly Amendments:

- December 3 Presbytery meeting
- 1/2 hour during lunch: review the process developed for discussing/acting on amendments.
- January 10 or 17 – Install Executive Presbyter
- January 23-34 Council Retreat – train/prepare leaders for March regional meetings
- February – regional meetings for amendment discussions to prepare for March 7, 2009 Presbytery meeting;
- March 7, 2009 – executive presbyter will preach; primary business will be discussion/review of amendments and amendment vote

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee will take the staff to lunch on Thursday, November 13. The committee expressed gratitude to outgoing moderator, Elder Bill Smiley, for his service.

- Salary increases for 2009 were **APPROVED** by Council as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Increases are reflected in the proposed budget for 2009.
- 2008 year-end bonuses were **APPROVED** for all executive and administrative staff as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

STANDING RULES REVISIONS

The following action was **APPROVED**:

That the first reading of the Standing Rules be tabled and referred to Stated Clerk Pro Tem Gary Shaw, Interim Co-Executive Carol McDonald and a review team including: Debbie Mansell, Bob McAulay, Sharyl Stevens, Kristy Quinn. The first meeting is December 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Synod of Lincoln Trails office. The team will bring proposed revisions to the January Council retreat.

The Council, by consensus, granted the Finance Committee permission to move forward with their budget timeline revision for 2010 budget planning. That revision will be officially approved with the first and second read of the revised Standing Rules.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS (no action required)

1. Finance Committee

A correction was made to the first read budget, adjusting Personnel by \$740. A first draft of the Financial Operations & Procedures Manual was distributed for review. The Council received the financial reconciliation for Fund Balances and month-to-date reports for the Mission Focus Units and Mission Operations through September 2008.

2. Presbytery Docket/Worship Planning Team

Martha Williams Jordan reported. In response to the joint meeting with the Vision and Docket/Worship Planning teams, the Presbytery docket will be reformatted to reflect worshipful work. A sample from Great Rivers Presbytery was distributed and that format will be adapted.

3. ACTS 16:5

Felipe Martinez reported. The Mission Support Unit is developing the criteria and a form for the Acts 16:5 scholarships. There will be another opportunity for congregations to attend an Acts 16:5 information meeting on November 14.

4. Hispanic Ministry Lead Team

The team continues to review PIF's for the Bilingual-Bicultural new church development.

5. Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors met October 22. A summary of actions will be e-mailed to the Council.
[See Appendix F for those Minutes]

6. Thanks to Council Members

The Council expressed their thanks to Council members who were completing their terms: June Barrow, David Comstock, Debbie Mansell, Sandra Martin, Tonya Paddock, Mary Payne and Peter Zinn. The Council presented outgoing Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida with a thank you gift.

7. Received the Report of the Executive Committee

The EPNC will present Rev. Alan Thames as the Executive Presbyter candidate at the December 3 Presbytery meeting. The COM visited with Rev. Thames on October 29. The Council APPROVED a motion to schedule the Executive Presbyter's installation on January 10th or 17th, with specific date, time and location to be announced.

8. Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Team

The team goals for interpreting shared mission were reviewed: communication, celebration, education. The shared mission giving pledge packet has been mailed to treasurers and a shared mission website is being developed.

9. Planning/Worship & Vision/Strategy Report

The Presbytery Planning and Worship Team met with the Vision and Strategy Team October 9, 2008. Presbytery meeting dockets will be a combined docket/worship bulletin and the Consent Agenda will be expanded to include as much routine business as possible. A spiritual discernment process will be used when the Presbytery is responding to major actions that require in-depth exploration. A moderator's cover letter will be added to Presbytery packets.

10. Administrative Commission Reports

Stated Clerk Pro Tem Gary Shaw reviewed PC(USA)'s Permanent Judicial Commission action regarding the Sundquist decision. All administrative commissions are actively working.

2009 MEETINGS

January 23-24 - Retreat @ Sisters of St Joseph Center, Tipton

February 4 - Witherspoon, Indianapolis

August 5 - Grace, Ft Wayne

May 6 - First, Connersville

November 4 - First, Shelbyville

CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The 158th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of a closing hymn and prayer by Moderator Hitch Learned at 2:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Saturday, March 7, 2009, at Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Brownstown, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Shaw, Stated Clerk Pro Tem

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk

APPENDIX A
LETTER FROM MODERATOR DONNA MADEWELL
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Greetings to you all in the name of Christ!

What blessings are anticipated during this Advent season as we await the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! And what a pleasure to be able to be in each other's company as we gather for our December Presbytery meeting at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis on the 3rd.

How do you feel when it's time for another Presbytery meeting? Do you look forward to our time together as the Body of Christ? Is it a time of worship and restoration? Or do you hope something else will come up to give you a good excuse so you won't have to go?

Presbytery meetings should be a time to **"Nourish the Body so we can nourish the world!"** This statement was brought forth during a recent meeting of the Presbytery Worship Planning Team and the Mission Visioning Team and what a concept it is: us gathering together, to glorify God and then taking God's Good News out into the world with love and enthusiasm. But what does that look and feel like at Presbytery?

It is possible to rejoice in the Lord and be fed as we go about the tasks God has for us. I'm sure you have noticed the work of the Worship Planning Team this past year. They have strived to center our meeting day on God's Word. We have shared the Lord's Table and we have been blessed with a message corporately as the Body of Christ. In the future, we look to include joys and concerns during worship and giving thanks for those who are retiring from service. Installation of the Presbytery Moderator, Presbytery Vice-Moderator, Coordinating Council Moderator and Council Vice Moderator will also be in the worship service.

You will begin to see some small changes as you prepare for the meetings. The docket will be more closely structured like a Service for the Lord's Day. The Consent Agenda will be more encompassing, and you will be responsible for familiarizing yourself with its contents before the meeting. You will be welcome to ask questions of any committee's work. The action items will be segregated to another part of our time together.

Look for a display board of our Inquirers, Candidates, those certified to receive a call, and those recently ordained. Also look for brief updates in the lives of these people in CPM and COM committee meeting minutes. Hopefully we will be a little more familiar with our candidates before they come before us for examination. We look to spend more time regarding ordination examinations and treat them as theological conversations. We will be examining Oscar Clavel for ordination and Megan Remtema to move from Inquirer to Candidate. Please review Oscar's Statement of Faith and Megan's biography to be prepared for this conversation.

At the December meeting, the Nominating Committee is excited to present Rev. Alan Thames for election as our new Executive Presbyter. A biography is included in the Presbytery papers for your review and to help you prepare questions to ask before the vote is taken. If elected, a celebration of installation for our new Executive Presbyter will take place on January 17th.

You may look forward to increased conversation as we face the challenges of the amendments coming to us from General Assembly this past summer. The amendment booklets will be distributed at the December meeting. All members will be welcome to attend regional gatherings for conversations and a sharing time during the first quarter of the year. Times and locations will be announced soon. Additional discussion and a vote will be held at the March 7, 2009 Presbytery meeting.

I pray the changes to our Presbytery meetings bring us closer to one another in our life in Christ. This past year as Moderator of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, I have come to love you more and rely on the strength God has given me through this family. You have prayed for me, stood by me in a time of loss, forgiven my shortcomings, encouraged me, and love as I had not seen before.

We have many trials ahead, but I am confident we can remain as one as we discern God's will for God's church. I give thanks to God for all of you.

May Christ's peace reign supreme,
May the Holy Spirit fill us and heal us,
May God's love hold us fast.

In the Service of the Lord,
Donna Madewell
Moderator, Whitewater Valley Presbytery

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To: Sisters and Brothers of Whitewater Valley Presbytery
From: The Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee
Date: November 14, 2008
Re: Process and Candidate

The Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee (EPNC) began meeting in January of 2008. We immediately felt a good spiritual and working chemistry among us and felt that much of the Presbytery was well represented in our group for theological views, church size, geography, clergy and lay, male and female.

We first began by creating our Presbytery Information Form, a job description for the new Executive Presbyter and three supplemental questions we required of all candidates. Once those tasks were completed, we advertised the position throughout the country in various publications. Altogether we received 20 resumes/personal information forms along with fully answered supplemental questions from ministers and elders all over the country.

Using a simple and effective ranking system, we identified the top six candidates and checked primary and secondary references. After discussing references, we asked our top four candidates to come for in-person interviews. For the interviews we followed a special process, recommended by our Synod liaison, in which all the candidates were given each other's names, allowed to contact one another ahead of time and then come together with our committee for a two day interview "retreat."

There were several assumptions underlying this process. A high level of maturity was assumed. Because of the extensive search and reference checking processes, we were confident each candidate was qualified for the position. We also assumed that both candidates and committee had the best interests of the Presbytery, and the whole church, at heart. Consequently, getting to know persons who share common commitments and helping to identify the best possible leadership for the whole church was of interest to the candidates as well as to the committee. Finally, by getting acquainted at the outset, the private interview time could be devoted to assessing professional competence.

This interview process worked very well and filled all of us on the committee with a great sense of hope for our Presbytery and for the Church as a whole. We were able to share together in prayer and visions for the future as members of the same body with the common goal of discerning God's call for our EP position.

At the end of the social time and extensive personal interviews, the EPNC felt that each of the four was highly qualified and would make an excellent EP for our Presbytery. This made our discernment process all the more difficult, but with a feeling of comfort in knowing that God had given us 4 wonderful choices. After an extended period of discussing each candidate, what he or she would bring to our Presbytery; what challenges each might face, and after a time of listening prayer, we used another simple ranking system to see where we were.

The combined scores showed a clear choice right away and that choice was Alan Thames. Because we had followed such a thorough and prayerful process from the very beginning of our committee work and in the interview process, we all felt that the clarity of that ranking was God's answer to our prayers. We were overjoyed to receive an immediate and gracious acceptance of our offer to Alan a few minutes later.

We believe that Alan is called to be our next Executive Presbyter. He brings many gifts of strong and proven leadership within our Presbytery; his spiritual nature and collegial approach will make him a wonderful leader for our pastors, churches and Presbytery staff. He brings experience and insight in congregational development, denominational polity, church needs and dynamics and a great sense of seeking God's vision at every turn.

We enthusiastically present Alan Thames to the Presbytery as candidate for the office of Executive Presbyter for election at our next Presbytery meeting on December 3rd.

On behalf of the EPNC, thank you all for your participation in this process through your feedback, your support and prayers. We look forward to seeing you in December!

In Christ's Peace,

The Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee
The Rev. Laura Sherwood – Co-Moderator
The Rev. Glenn McDonald – Co-Moderator
The Rev. Robert Heimach
The Rev. John Koppitch
Elder Lee Lange
Elder Ginger Merkel
Elder Evelyn Miller
Elder Julia Schwomeyer
Elder Bill Werling

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THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
of
THE PRESBYTERY OF WHITEWATER VALLEY
presents
THE REV. ALAN THAMES
as its candidate for the office of
EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Alan is:

- a 1980 graduate of The University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR
- a 1983 graduate of The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
- an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Alan has continued to learn by:

- participation in a Clergy Study Peer Group in conjunction with Christian Theological Seminary
- participating in the Transforming Congregations program of Whitewater Valley Presbytery
- attending the Executive Leadership Assessment Seminar hosted by Union Theological Seminary/PSCE in April, 2005

Alan considers his primary skills to be in:

- Conflict Management
- Involvement in Mission Beyond the Local Church
- Leadership Development
- Leadership of Staff and Volunteers
- Pastoral Care

Alan has served the following congregations:

- Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church, Ft. Wayne, IN: 1988 – Present
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO: 1983-88
- Second Presbyterian Church, Freeport, IL: seminary intern, 1982-83

Alan has served the larger church:

- as member of the Committee on Ministry, Whitewater Valley Presbytery: 2004-2007 and 1995-2001
- as Moderator of Committee on Ministry, Whitewater Valley Presbytery: 2000, 2001, 2006, 2007
- as a member of the Transition Team, Synod of Lincoln Trails: 2004-05
- as Conflict Mediator for Mililani Presbyterian Church, Mililani HI: 2007
- as Mutual Invitation Design Model Consultant, Presbytery of New Hope: 2007
- as Committee on Ministry Workshop Leader, Presbytery of Wabash Valley: 2007
- as Coordinator for Mission 2000 Campaign, Whitewater Valley Presbytery: 1993-94

Alan says in his Personal Information Form:

- "I want to serve a presbytery that is eager to engage in both the internal and external struggles necessary to be the Church in the 21st century."
- "I hope to be part of a judicatory that is willing to confront its congregations with the need to be healthy and vital."
- "Living with change in the Church is one of the great theological issues for our time."
- "I also have strong convictions that peace, unity, and purity are not just the subject of a task force report. . . I believe that peace, unity, and purity are very real commitments I took as part of my ordination vows. . . I pray . . . I might strongly model my commitment to each of these important gifts of the Spirit . . ."

Alan said in response to the Supplemental Questions:

- "I feel called to this position because I believe God has called me to enter a new phase of ministry. . . I have felt God's gentle nudge in many ways – through my own prayer and devotional life and in conversations with family, friends, and colleagues."
- "I am a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ. The ordination vow I took to follow Jesus Christ the Head of the Church has always guided the direction of my ministry. Honoring that vow has led me to this place."
- "I believe that a healthy and vibrant governing body will, in the next 10 years: show congregations how they might share in common mission...help congregations with leadership development...provide pastoral care to both congregations and pastors...challenge congregations and pastors to move towards health."
- "It is my belief that most congregations or bodies in conflict need someone who is willing to be present with them, to challenge their assumptions, to provide them with a sense of hope about their future, and to be in prayer for their health. I am committed to using the wisdom gained from experience as part of my ongoing service to the presbytery."

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The Board of Directors of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley met in the Presbytery office on Wednesday, October 22, 2008.

Present: Robert Everitt, Joan Malick, David Crittenden, Robert McAulay, Galen Schwarz, Eric Herzog

Absent: Thelma Sue King, Wes Anderson

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Bob McAulay at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – The meeting minutes for April 24, 2008 were approved as presented.

Actions relating to Fort Wayne, Trinity reviewed and discussed by the committee.

Church Loan Requests:

Fishers-New Hope Church located at 12550 Brooks School Road, Fishers, Indiana – request to refinance up to \$800,000 existing loan from the Bank of Indiana. This request was previously approved by email.

Faith located at 8170 Hague Road, Indianapolis, 46256 – request to refinance current loans up to \$1,300,000. The presbytery is named as a guarantor on the current loans and would be added as a guarantor on the new loan. The request was approved.

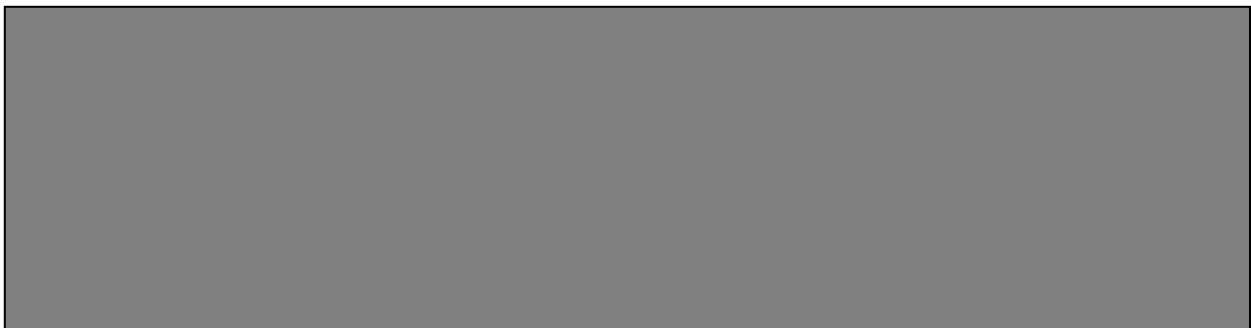
Northminster, 1600 Kessler Blvd. East, Indianapolis, Indiana – request for approval to seek a new loan for \$2,500,000 from the Investment and Loan Program to be guaranteed by the Presbytery. The request was approved.

Financial Reports

Treasurer, Eric Herzog, presented the favorable auditor's report by R.J. Pile.

The Board reviewed the Corporation Fund Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2008. The current loan portfolio status and performance was reviewed by the committee. Discussion followed regarding the poor maintenance and condition of the Temple of Refuge Church property, Indianapolis, Indiana. The current outstanding loan balance does not justify the liability that this property may present to the presbytery. It was moved and seconded that the property was to be sold. Treasurer, Eric Herzog, is instructed to negotiate and coordinate the property sale.

The Board reviewed the boiler loan documentation for Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. The Board of Directors authorized the Treasurer to negotiate a more formal repayment plan with Westminster. It was moved and seconded to provide the loan to Westminster interest free.



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New Business

The Board requested that the treasurer review and report back regarding current church loans that have the presbytery serving as a guarantor.

The Board reviewed the "*Form for Reporting Property Transactions*" and noted the following points for consideration in a revision of the form: 1) if there is to be a refinancing, all details/documents relating to the transaction are to be provided; 2) a time frame for Board approval should be indicated; 3) should the form be used to seek approval for any type of property sale? It was decided to refer the form to Paul Kortepeter for further review and comment.

A discussion followed regarding legal expenses incurred by the presbytery in regards to the Northminster mortgage project. A motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of fees to Paul Kortepeter for legal services rendered in connection with the project.

Meetings of the Board are set for 5:00 p.m. April 23, 2009 and October 22, 2009. It was suggested that the dates of January 22 and July 23 (at 5:00 p.m.) be reserved for meetings to be called by the President if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Galen Schwarz at 7:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS – THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009 AT 4:30 P.M. AT
THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE**

