

*Appendix D is not posted with these minutes but is available with the Presbytery papers that were posted for the meeting.*

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 151<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting at Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2007. After registration and fellowship, Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Call to Worship by commissioned lay pastor (CLP) Lisa Crismore and the opening prayer by Moderator Almeida. Rev. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk, confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters and commissioners (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

Elders and ministers attending a meeting of this Presbytery for the first time were introduced. The Moderator reported the following ordination/installation services since the last Presbytery meeting: Installation of Cheryl Montgomery as Designated Pastor at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, Indiana, with Rev. Frank Bean presiding, and the Installation of Gretchen Schneider as Pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida presiding. Pastor Felipe de Jesús Buenfil Alcocer and Planter José Luis Cupul Uicab were seated as corresponding members from Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery in Mexico and the roll of the Presbytery was established by registration as follows (all persons were present except those marked with A). The number in parenthesis ( ) indicates the number of commissioners allowed to vote from that congregation:

### **COMMISSIONERS**

(2) ANDERSON, FIRST  
Caroli Wolfe  
Jack Eflin-A

(1) AVON  
Jim Hill-A

(2) BLUFFTON  
Ira Zadylak-A  
Lin Harrold

(1) BOGGSTOWN  
William T. Johnson-A

(2) BROOKVILLE  
John Hoffman-A

(2) CLAYTON

(1) COLLEGE CORNER  
Jerry Welborn

(1) CONNERSVILLE  
Fred Sess

(2) DECATUR  
Judy Mettler  
Sue McConaha-A

(2) EDINBURGH  
William Schaffer, Jr.-A  
Larry Taulman-A

(2) ELWOOD  
Wanda Helm-A  
Emily Leavell-A

(2) FISHERS  
Don Cleveland-A  
Gary Meek-A

(1) FT. WAYNE,  
CALVARY THIRD  
Lois Johnson

(4) FT. WAYNE, FIRST  
Bill Wareham

(1) FT. WAYNE,  
GRACE  
Jim Wolfe  
Jill Werling, Alt.

(2) FT. WAYNE,  
TRINITY  
David Freeman

(2) FT. WAYNE,  
UNITED FAITH  
Maggie Slack

(2) FRANKLIN, FIRST  
David Rook-A  
Marge Rook-A

(2) FRANKLIN,  
HOPEWELL  
David Sievertson-A  
Leona Burton-A

(1) GREENFIELD  
Jill Lyon

(2) GREENSBURG,  
FIRST  
Dennis Wilson-A  
Judy Rust

(2) GREENSBURG,  
KINGSTON  
Mary Marg Karty-A

(2) GREENSBURG,  
SPRINGHILL  
Scott McCoy-A  
Maxwell Neimeyer-A

(1) GREENWOOD,  
CENTER GROVE  
Joe Dotzlaf

(2) GREENWOOD  
Clarence Grell-A  
Kathy Wood-A

(1) HARTFORD CITY  
Tom Brown-A

(2) INDPLS, FAIRVIEW  
Robin Miner  
David Mueller-A

(3) INDPLS, FAITH  
David Percy  
Robin Stark

(2) INDPLS, FIRST  
MERIDIAN HEIGHTS

(2) INDPLS,  
IMMANUEL  
Wanda Walker-Wagner-A

(2) INDPLS, IRVINGTON  
Luanne Hogg-A

(2) INDPLS, JOHN  
KNOX  
Vivian Hale-A  
Gary Shaw

(1) INDPLS,  
KOREAN

(2) INDPLS,  
NORTHMINSTER  
Becca Haag-A  
Lisa Longo-A

(4) INDPLS,  
ORCHARD PARK  
Judy Gunnell-A  
Jim Higgins-A  
Carol Poel-A  
Larry Woodling-A

(7) INDPLS,  
SECOND  
Natalie Auberry  
Howard Pelham-A  
Linda Rinker  
William Roberts-A  
Mark Huesing  
Rhonda Kittle  
Larry Robertson-A

(2) INDPLS,  
SOUTHMINSTER  
Roger Walter-A  
Joseph Woods-A

(3) INDPLS,  
SOUTHPORT  
Donald Burdsall  
Thomas Hague  
Ann Hunt

(2) INDPLS,  
ST. ANDREW

(3) INDPLS,  
TABERNACLE  
Philip Freiberger  
Thomas Wirt

(1) INDPLS, WALLACE  
STREET  
Hamilton McMillan-A

(2) INDPLS,  
WESTMINSTER  
Laurie Baker-A  
Donna Studevent-A

(1) INDPLS,  
WITHERSPOON  
Judi Trabue  
Bettye Dee, Alt.

(1) JONESBORO,  
FIRST OF GRANT  
COUNTY  
Herman Shirar

(2) KNIGHTSTOWN  
Mary Lindsay-A  
William Sitler-A

(2) LEWISVILLE,  
EBENEZER  
John Hubbell-A  
George Pierce-A

(2) LEWISVILLE, FIRST  
Dwight Sweet-A  
Joe Dishman-A

(1) LIBERTY  
Kristy Richards-A

(2) MARION,  
WESTMINSTER  
Sally Todd-A  
Jackie Hancock

(2) MCCORDSVILLE  
Eunice Leininger-A  
Ellen Gill-A

(3) MUNCIE, FIRST  
John Linder  
Sandra Sexton-A  
Pat Zeabart

(2) MUNCIE,  
ST. ANDREW  
Richard Artes-A

(2) NEW CASTLE  
James Overmyer-A  
Todd Myers-A

(2) NOBLESVILLE  
Fred Nelson-A  
Robert Sauer-A

(1) OSSIAN  
William Milholland

(2) PLAINFIELD, HOPE

(1) PORTLAND  
Beverly Priest-A

(2) RICHMOND, FIRST  
Bill Stackhouse  
Guy Guthrie-A

(2) RICHMOND, REID  
Wes Miller-A  
Betty Showalter-A

(1) RUSHVILLE, FIRST  
Tutti Martz-A

(1) RUSHVILLE,  
TRINITY

(2) SHELBYVILLE  
Frank Learned  
Mike Whitfield

(1) TIPTON  
Robert Moore

(1) UNION CITY

(2) WESTFIELD,  
CROSSROADS

(1) WINCHESTER  
Emma Barker-A

(5) ZIONSVILLE  
James Dougherty

#### **MINISTERS**

Robert Amon, HR-A  
Robert Anderson  
Sharon Azbell-A  
William Azbell-A  
David Bae-A  
Jason Bantz  
Douglas Barnes-A  
Jeanie Barnes  
Bill Barrett-A  
June Barrow-A  
Kevin Bausman-A  
Frank Bean, HR-A  
Ashley Beaty-Perry-A  
Glen Bell  
David Berry-A

Don Boebinger, HR-A  
Raymond Bowden, HR-A  
Kevin Boyd  
George Boyle, HR-A  
Bruce Brown, HR-A  
Robert Brown-A  
John Burhorn, HR-A  
James Capps-A  
William Carr-A  
David Chaddock-A  
Robert Clark, HR-A  
F.W. Clemenson, HR-A  
David Comstock  
John Constant, HR-A  
Judith Cook, HR-A  
Merrill Cook-A  
Hezekiah Corppetts-A  
Lisa Crismore CLP  
David Crowley-A  
Henry Date, HR  
Roger Dean, HR-A  
Theodore Dorman-A  
Donald Durrett, HR-A  
Sally Earl CLP  
Steven Ebling-A  
Herbert Eggleston, HR-A  
William Enright-A  
Rex Espiritu-A  
Robert Eversull, HR-A  
Lyle Ewing  
Vern Farnum-A  
Carol Farr-A  
Joseph Fields-A  
William Fogg, HR-A  
Jim Friedewald-A  
Eric Gale-A  
Lewis Galloway  
Jack Glenn, HR-A  
Greg Glover  
Joy Goehring-A  
Dawn Gold-A  
David Good-A  
Kenneth Green-A  
Tassie Green-A  
Julian Gresham, HR-A  
Betty Griffin-A  
John Hage-A  
Byeong Cheol Han-A  
William Harris, HR-A  
Scott Hauser-A  
Robert Heimach-A  
Leah Hrachovec-A  
William Hudnut, HR-A  
Gary Huffman-A  
Joyce Hunn-A  
Robert Hunter-A  
Michael Ireland-A  
George Jackson, HR-A  
Peter Jessen-A  
David Jewett-A  
Carol Johnston  
Martha Jordan

Robert Jordan-A  
Soon Kang-A  
Marc Kendall, HR-A  
Barbara Kenley  
Rick Kimmer-A  
Thelma King-A  
John Koppitch  
George LaMaster-A  
Karen Lang-A  
David Layman  
Robert Leas, HR-A  
David Lee-A  
MyungKu Lee  
Kim Leech  
Howard Lindquist, HR-A  
Trish Lisa-A  
Eric Lohe  
Don MacPherson, HR-A  
Donna Madewell -CLP  
Robert Madsen  
Keith Main, HR-A  
Joan Malick-A  
Deborah Mansell  
Frank Mansell-A  
Ray Marquette, HR-A  
Sandra Martin CLP-A  
Felipe Martinez  
Jack Masters, HR-A  
Steve Matthias  
Robert McAulay, Jr.-A  
Alan McCraine-A  
David McDonald-A  
Glenn McDonald-A  
Peggy McDonald  
Robert McGinnis, HR-A  
Carrie Jo Miller CLP-A  
Ralph Mitchell, HR  
Cheryl Montgomery-A  
Ruth Moore-A  
Bud Morack-A  
Larry Moslener-A  
Ronald L. Naylor-A  
Harrison Neal, HR-A  
David Noble, HR-A  
Stephen Oglesbee-A  
Curtis Page-A  
Alan Pareis  
John Stephen Park  
L. Bryant Parker  
John Paulson CLP  
Leonel Pech  
Linda Philabaun  
Donna Pollard CLP-A  
Patricia Reid, HR-A  
W.W. Ridenour, HR-A  
James Riley-A  
Robert Rooker, HR-A  
Anne Rose, HR-A  
Mike Samson-A  
Mick Saunders CLP-A  
Gretchen Schneider  
Galen Schwarz-A

Syl Shannon-A  
 Timothy Shapiro-A  
 Scott Shelton-A  
 Laura Sherwood  
 Barbara Sloop-A  
 Quentin Small, HR-A  
 David R. Smith-A  
 Elbert Smith, HR  
 L. Wayne Smith, HR-A  
 Richard Smith, HR-A  
 R. Patrick Smith  
 James Snyder, HR-A  
 Fabio Socarraz CLP-A  
 Scott Solesher  
 Erik Spencer-A  
 James Splitt-A  
 Kathleen Splitt-A  
 Richard Stenner, HR-A  
 John Stevens, HR-A  
 Robert Stewart, HR-A  
 Paul Stone, HR-A  
 Daniel Sutherin-A  
 Alan Thames  
 Gerald Thomas, HR-A  
 Hal Thomas  
 John Thomas-A  
 Teri Thomas-A  
 Edgar Towne, HR-A  
 Glen Traver, HR-A  
 Byung Van, HR – A  
 Dena Vittorio-A  
 Melodie Wager-A  
 Rachel Wann-A  
 Robert Wauzzinski-A  
 William Weber, HR-A  
 Arthur Whitaker, HR-A  
 Jack Wineman, HR-A  
 James Wolfe, HR-A  
 James Wooten  
 Gary Ziegler-A  
 Peter Zinn

**COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
 Betty-Alice Almeida  
 Steve Crane-A  
 John Current-A  
 John Eichinger-A  
 Bill Howell  
 De Middleton-A  
 Evelyn Miller-A  
 Tonya Paddock  
 Mary Payne  
 Sandra Reid-A  
 Bill Smiley-A  
 Richard Swartwood-A

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**  
 Two Members of Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery in Mexico:  
 Pastor Felipe de Jesús Buenfil Alcocer  
 Planter José Luis Cupul Uicab

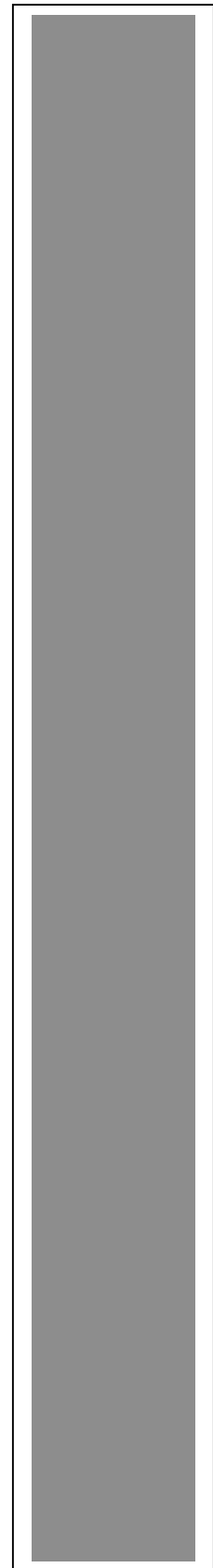
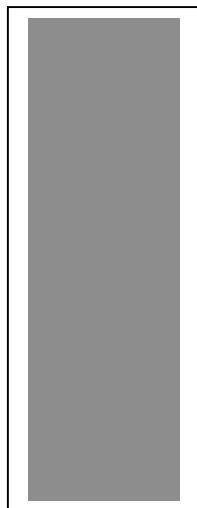
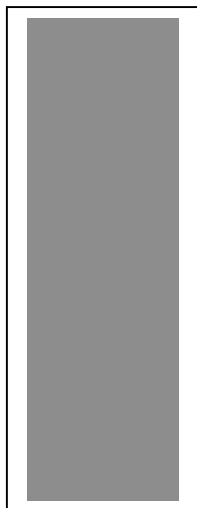
**FORMER MODERATORS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE**  
 Ruth Cochran-A  
 Don Cripe-A  
 Edna Geist  
 Richard Goetz-A  
 Barbara McNeal-A  
 Joe Westhafer-A  
 Kay Hirt Eggleston-A  
 Jean Dodds-A

**INQUIRERS**  
 Steve Andrews-A  
 Karen Collins-A  
 Samuel Enders-A  
 Mike Evanchak-A  
 Alisa Ferlicca  
 Nancy Frick-A  
 Karen Hartsfield-A  
 Jason Huff  
 Andy King-A  
 Rebekah Lawson-A  
 Jennifer Loeb-A  
 Libby Mucciarone-A  
 Jason Price-A  
 Megan Remtema-A  
 Ron Rockey  
 Stacey Smith-A  
 Justin Twardy-A

**CANDIDATES**  
 Catherine Chang-A  
 Marc DeJeu-A  
 Noelle Kirchner-A  
 Paula Mann-A  
 John Manon-A  
 Donald Miller-A  
 Lori Neff-A  
 Ann Noland-A  
 Mary Ann Petro-A  
 Jeff Rasley-A  
 Katherine Rieder  
 Katie Snipes-A  
 Tim Thomas-A  
 Laurie Wolcott-A

**ORDAINED MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES**  
 Bill Arthur-A  
 Roberta Hart-A  
 John Hollis-A

**VISITORS**  
 Orville Bantz  
 Susan Bantz  
 Mable Chulock  
 Thelma Smith



## **WELCOME**

Rev. Alan Thames, Pastor of the church, welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of Calvary-Third Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as well as their sister Presbyterian churches in Fort Wayne: First Presbyterian, Grace Presbyterian, Trinity Presbyterian and United Faith Presbyterian. Of note was his comment that the local high school has forty nationalities represented in the student body.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Rev. Robert Anderson, Interim Executive Presbyter, listed concerns in the Presbytery: Travelers to the Presbytery meeting experiencing icy roads; Betty-Alice Almeida's husband – surgery for heart cauterization and stints yesterday; Frank Bean – continuing to recover from pneumonia; Sarah Wooten – awaiting leg surgery; Vern Farnum – sudden death of his sister in California; Dave Comstock – election of PNC at Marion; tragic bus accident in Atlanta, Georgia, involving four athletes from Bern, Indiana; Sally Huffman – wife of Rev. Gary Huffman, undergoing cardiac tests.

Joys included: The Presbytery's Celebration of Mission as a focus of our worship today – many exciting things happening in the Presbytery; Rev. & Mrs. Lyle Ewing, Jonesboro, recently first-time grandparents; Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, with arrival of new pastor, Rev. L. Bryant Parker, and having the Indianapolis Philharmonic Choir performing at Witherspoon on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; Rev. Leonel Pech – second anniversary of his Hispanic ministry in Fort Wayne; Rev. Gary Huffman celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in ministry; numerous adult baptisms in seven different churches since the last Presbytery meeting.

Rev. Anderson led the Presbytery in prayer.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pyoca is recruiting summer staff and will be starting a capital campaign. Registration for students is available online.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is offering a leadership development program for Presbytery youth. A brochure is available on the registration table.

## **DOCKET**

It was M/S/P to approve the docket as proposed.

The docket follows:

### **Whitewater Valley Presbytery**

#### **PROPOSED DOCKET – STATED MEETING – SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2007**

Calvary-Third Presbyterian Church, 1701 Capitol Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Phone: 260-456-4137

## **THESE ITEMS NEED YOUR ATTENTION**

### 1. ONLINE PAPERS

All action items are incorporated within the docket. However, all relevant documentation and complete reports are posted as reflected on the Index page. ***It is your choice whether or not to print the reports and bring them to the meeting with you.***

### 2. MEALS Meals are **\$6.00 per person.**

### 3. ELECTRONIC PRESENTATIONS AT THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

Please note that the time prior to the Call to Order and during the lunch break is reserved for scrolling **announcements** and other previously approved presentations.

### 4. MAJOR ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Martha McDonald, Christian Education Certification
- Katherine Rieder, Ordination Examination
- Jason Huff and Alisa Ferlicca, Examinations to move from Inquirer to Candidate
- Bills and Overtures Report

### 5. WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB HOME PAGE [www.whitewatervalley.org](http://www.whitewatervalley.org)

**DOCKET**

- 9:00 New Commissioner Training (Elders & Ministers) – Rev. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk
- 9:30 Registration
- 10:00 Call to Order – Moderator, Elder Betty-Alice Almeida

***Call to Worship*** - Presbytery constituted with prayer - Opening Hymn

Establishment of Roll by registration and establishment of quorum  
Introduction of new pastors by COM, Rev. Alan Thames  
Placing Calls in the hands of New Ministers  
Introduction of new Elder Commissioners  
Seating of Corresponding Members  
Moderator's Report on Installation/Ordinations  
Welcome by host church & Church History

Joys & Concerns of the Presbytery

**APPROVAL OF DOCKET**

[Requests to place additional items for discussion or action on the Presbytery docket must be submitted to the Stated Clerk prior to approval of the Docket on the day of Presbytery; a two-thirds vote of Presbytery, as determined by enrollment at the beginning of the meeting, is required to suspend this rule. All such items will be presented to the Presbytery for inclusion as 'New Business' at end of the docket. [9/93]

**ACTION** Presentation of CONSENT AGENDA MOTION (BY STATED CLERK)

*Madam Moderator, I MOVE that for all reports with more than one action recommendation, all recommendations to be taken as a single vote unless specific items are pulled from the motion.*

10:15 **We Celebrate the Abundance of Ministry**

- Proclamation honoring the work of Rev. Ramon Celis  
Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive Presbyter
- Elder Martha McDonald – Christian Education Certification – Rev. David Lee  
Martha's home church: Indianapolis-Irvington
- Habitat for Humanity – Missions Committee, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

- 10:30 **Coordinating Council Report** – We celebrate the abundance of work that moves our mission forward. *(The Coordinating Council has all the powers provided by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and may act as a Commission of the Presbytery between Presbytery meetings. They have general oversight of the programmatic and mission work of the Presbytery and recommend each year's budget. They nominate the Nominating Committee for election by the Presbytery, assure an orderly review of Session records and establish teams, networks, task forces, partnerships and committees.)*

Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces – Rev. Glen Bell

These Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces were approved by the Coordinating Council Feb. 7, 2007 and are for your information

Personnel

Finance – Bill Howell

- Review & Receive Finance Reports

Administrative Commission Report – Indianapolis Washington Street

Report of Council Actions

Looking to the Future:

The Presbytery's Standing Rules are being revised to reflect the Presbytery's new staffing patterns. The First Reading will be presented in June.

- 10:45 Presbytery Visioning – Rev. Robert Anderson, Interim Executive Presbyter  
Mission Study Update and PERCEPT at a Glance
- 11:00 Committee on Ministry – Rev. Alan Thames  
*(This is an ecclesiastical committee and an administrative commission of Presbytery authorized to act regularly on behalf of the Presbytery in matters permitted by the Book of Order that includes approving pastoral calls, examinations, receiving and dismissing pastors, ordinations & installations, transferring and receiving ministers, establishing Terms of Call, recommending Honorable Retirements and working with individual churches as needed.)*  
  
Katherine Rieder – Ordination Exam -- Statement of Faith  
Guidelines for Examination
- 11:30 Committee on Preparation for Ministry  
*(This is an ecclesiastical committee and administrative commission of Presbytery authorized to act regularly on behalf of the Presbytery in matters permitted by the Book of Order that include the care of Inquirers and Candidates for ordination to the office of Minister of the Word and Sacrament.)*  
  
Jason Huff – Westfield, CrossRoads Examination to move from Inquirer to Candidate  
Alisa Ferlicca – Indianapolis, Second Examination to move from Inquirer to Candidate
- 12:00 **LUNCH** - \$6.00 per person
- 12:45-1:30 Conversation Clusters -- Sharing our Abundance of Mission (remain at lunch tables)
- 1:30 Break – Return to sanctuary
- 1:45 An Abundance of Spirit and Celebration of Gifts - Worship  
Today's offering, One Great Hour of Sharing  
- Thanks to Rev. Glen Bell, 2006 Moderator – Elder Jean Dodds  
- Install Elder Donna Madewell, 2007 Vice Moderator of Presbytery (Home church: Anderson-First)
- 2:10 Stated Clerk's Report
- 2:15 Bills & Overtures Committee  
Elder Hitch Learned (Shelbyville-First) & Elder Donna Madewell (Anderson-First) –  
GA Commissioners
- 2:45 Other Business
- 2:45 An Abundance of Spirit – Closing Worship
- 3:00 Adjourn

**THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6**

Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

----- End of Docket -----

**CONSENT AGENDA MOTION**

There were no items for the Consent Agenda, so no action was required.

**WE CELEBRATE THE ABUNDANCE OF MINISTRY**

Rev. Jose Luis, Moderator of the Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery brought greetings to the Presbytery, celebrating the relationship between Northern Quintana Roo and Whitewater Valley Presbyteries, and expressing the hope that it continues for many years.

Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive, read a proclamation honoring Rev. Ramon Celis Gamboa for the ministry he's done in the partnership between Whitewater Valley Presbytery and the *Presbiterio del Norte de Quintana Roo* since its inception in 2001 and as Coordinator since 2004. The proclamation expresses heartfelt gratitude to God for the faithful witness of Rev. Ramon Celis Gamboa. **[See Appendix A]**

Martha McDonald's Christian Education Certification was not recognized as Martha was not present due to bad weather and slippery roads. The recognition will take place at the Presbytery meeting in June.

Elder Louise McCracken of Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne shared information about the ministry the church does with Habitat for Humanity. Part of their mission in Christian ministry is to work with churches to eliminate poverty housing and make a difference in the lives of others. They built a house through Habitat for Humanity in five weekends and four weeks.

The Presbytery celebrated mission with the singing of the hymn, "God of the Sparrow."

### **COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT**

Rev. Glen Bell, Moderator of Council, presented the Coordinating Council report.

### **GUIDELINES FOR DISCERNMENT TASK FORCE**

Rev. Bell presented the Guidelines for Discernment which had been approved by Coordinating Council as a healthy and flexible process for conversation between churches and Presbytery regarding any concerns and reactions to the Peace, Unity and Purity Report from the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. **[See Appendix B]**

Elder Gary Shaw from John Knox Presbyterian Church made the following motion:

That the Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces and Support for Discernment presented by Coordinating Council as information be submitted by Council for discussion and vote pursuant to G-4.0301e at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, June 6, 2007.

**Note: G-4.0301e reads:** *Decisions shall be reached in governing bodies by vote, following opportunity for discussion, and a majority shall govern.*

The motion was seconded. After some discussion Elder Tom Wirt from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church amended the motion to hold the vote today, deleting "at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, June 6, 2007.. The amendment was seconded.

Further discussion ensued until Rev. Peggy McDonald called for the previous question. It was seconded and the vote passed to end debate.

Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida called for the vote on the amendment. The motion passed by a show of hands.

After further discussion, Rev. Peggy McDonald called for the Order of the Day and made a motion that the motion be postponed until Other Business, at the end of the day. The motion was seconded. The motion failed with a voice vote.

Rev. Lewis Galloway called for the question to end debate on the main motion. His motion was seconded and passed.

Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida called for the vote on the main motion which now read:

That the Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces and Support for Discernment presented by Coordinating Council as information be submitted for discussion and vote pursuant to G-4.0301e today.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Report.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Elder Bill Howell, Moderator of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee Report.

Mr. Howell reviewed the Missions and Operations Statements for 2006. **[See Appendix C]**

Mr. Howell listed the following goals of the Finance Committee for 2007:

Timeliness and accuracy; better utilization of the accounting system; offer training to staff members; significantly reduce the annual audit costs; document accounting procedures and produce an accounting manual; prepare a comprehensive database; assign control over funds at the Council level and/or Presbytery level; develop an investment policy for each individual fund; develop a comprehensive Hispanic Ministry Fund; examine what type of financial reserves the Presbytery needs to operate; refine and develop final specifications on the part time Treasurer position.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT FOR WASHINGTON STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. John Koppitch presented the final report for the Administrative Commission for Washington Street Presbyterian Church. The congregation was dissolved last fall, with the last worship service in October. The church has been sold "as is" to the Plainfield Christian Church, the parent church for the Hispanic congregation that has been worshipping at Washington Street. The profit netted from the sale will go toward Presbytery missions, including Hispanic Ministries. Rev. Koppitch moved that the Administrative Commission for Washington Street Presbyterian Church be dissolved with thanks and praise. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Glen Bell, Moderator of the Coordinating Council, reported the Presbytery's Standing Rules are being revised to reflect the Presbytery's new staffing patterns. The First Reading will be presented in June.

The full report of the actions of Council on February 7, 2007, follows:

### **REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, February 7, 2007**

#### **MINUTES APPROVAL**

The Coordinating Council Minutes of November 1, 2006 were **APPROVED**.

The Presbytery Minutes of October 21, 2006 and December 6, 2006 were **APPROVED**.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Council received the report of the Executive Committee from its Jan. 13, 2007 meeting and APPROVED the following recommendations:

1. The Council **APPROVED** a motion to adopt the "Support for Discernment" process and it will be distributed at the March 3, 2007 Presbytery meeting.
2. The Council **APPROVED** a motion to provide Homeward Bound, a non-profit homelessness awareness organization, display space at the March 3, 2007 Presbytery meeting.
3. The Council **concurred** with the Executive Committee recommendations for the Presbytery's three-year priorities:
  - a. Stewardship
  - b. Mission Development
  - c. Development of Networks
  - d. Congregational Development

#### **Mission Support Grants**

The Council **APPROVED**, by recommendation of the Mission Support Unit, the following matching grants from Peacemaking Funds:

1. Congo Helping Hands, \$150.00
2. Indianapolis-Fairview, \$1,500 for interfaith concert

#### **OTHER ACTIONS APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

1. That Synod Moderator, Robert Shaw, will be invited to attend a Presbytery or Council meeting and that time be docketed for him to speak (Kim Leech will follow up with Mr. Shaw).
2. That the Presbyterian Women be given permission to serve Communion during their retreat Feb. 24, 2007 at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, with Rev. Rachel Wann serving as celebrant.
3. That the Executive Committee, with the assistance of the executive staff, prepare the March 3, 2007 Presbytery docket.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS OF OTHER REPORTS**

##### Finance Committee Report

Summarized Statements of Revenues and Expenditures for missions and operations were presented. The Finance Committee reported they have approved up to \$4,500 for MIP training that will encourage maximum use of the software and increase our reporting capabilities.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee will meet February 12. They will review their annual schedule, how staff reviews are conducted and discuss some possible additions to the Personnel Policies.

Hispanic Ministries Lead Team -

1. A resolution thanking Ramon Celis for his service to the Presbytery will be read at the March 3 Presbytery meeting.
2. Evangelism Workshops have been scheduled for Feb. 27, Indianapolis-John Knox and March 2, Fort Wayne-Grace. The workshops will be led by the NQR Commission members, but the content is not limited to Hispanic ministry outreach.

Missionary to Visit Presbytery

Felipe Martinez reported that, in conjunction with the PC(USA)'s Mission Challenge '07, a missionary will be visiting Presbytery in October 2007. The exact date will be determined. For more information regarding this challenge, visit the following website: [www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge07/](http://www.pcusa.org/missionchallenge07/)

-----End of Coordinating Council Report-----

**PRESBYTERY VISIONING**

Rev. Bob Anderson, Interim Executive Presbyter, relinquished his time for the Mission Study update due to docket time restrictions and getting back to the Order of the Day.

**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Rev. Alan Thames, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented Katherine Rieder to be examined for ordination. Katherine is a certified candidate. Rev. Peggy McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, shared some background on Katherine as a Candidate. Katherine has accepted a call as Associate Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Following a presentation of her Faith Statement and examination by the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made and passed. It was M/S/P to sustain the examination of Katherine as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination. Representatives from Southminster Presbyterian Church joined Katherine and Rev. Greg Glover, pastor of Southminster Church led the Presbytery in prayer.

The full report on Committee on Ministry actions follows:

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORTED ACTIONS – NOVEMBER 29, 2006****QUORUM**

The Committee on Ministry(COM) met November 29, 2006 at the Presbytery office, Indianapolis, Indiana. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The COM APPROVED the minutes of October 25, 2006 with editorial revisions.

**ACTIONS REGARDING MINISTERS****Beatty Perry, Rev. Ashley**

The COM interviewed, examined, and APPROVED Rev. Ashley Beatty Perry for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery. By request of the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, the COM APPROVED a request that Rev. Beatty Perry serve as their Parish Associate through Dec. 31, 2007.

**Martin, Sandi (Commissioned Lay Pastor Candidate (CLP), Boggstown-First)**

CLP Training – Graduated Wabash Valley Nov. 2006

The Committee on Ministry examined Elder Sandi Martin and interviewed representatives of the First Presbyterian Church, Boggstown, Indiana. The COM APPROVED Sandy as the candidate for commissioning.

1. that, pending a successful examination by the Presbytery on Dec. 6, 2006 Elder Sandi Martin will be commissioned as a Lay Pastor to First Presbyterian Church, Boggstown, Indiana for a period of three years with permission to perform all the functions provided in the Book of Order, G-14.0800, 8.c.
2. that CLP Martin will perform duties as described in the Commissioned Lay Pastor Position Description

3. that the Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract will be effective Dec. 7, 2006 for a period of one year pending a successful CLP examination by the Presbytery on Dec. 6, with the following terms and pending receipt of a Commission Lay Pastor Contract in its correct form:
 

Salary	\$19,078
Auto Allowance	\$ 5,000
Prof. Dev. Allowance	\$ 1,000
½ Social Security Tax	\$ 1,431
Study Leave	Two weeks including two Sundays
Vacation	Four weeks including four Sundays
4. CLP Martin participates in Social Security; signs/returns the Sexual Misconduct Acknowledgement form, and returns the Clergy Data, Nominating and Leadership Profile forms.
5. A mentor will be appointed.  
Rev. Gary Huffman will be relieved of moderatorial duties effective Dec. 7, 2006.

**Parker, Rev. L. Bryant** (Indianapolis-Witherspoon)

The COM examined Rev. L. Bryant Parker for membership and interviewed the Pastor Nominating Committee. The COM voted to authorize the Session to call a meeting of the congregation Dec. 17, 2006 to act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and to recommend that the Commission on Ministry:

1. confirm the examination
2. find that the AA/EEO requirements have been met;  
and when the way be clear,
3. find the call to be in order and for the good of the whole church;
4. forward the call to Charlotte Presbytery to be placed in his hands;
5. appoint an Administrative Commission to install with date to be determined;
6. enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley upon receipt of his credentials;
7. name him moderator of the Session until properly installed and relieve Rev. Sylvester Shannon of those responsibilities effective December 31, 2006.

The Terms of Call will be effective January 1, 2007:

Salary	\$30,000
Housing	\$30,000
Pension	\$18,900
Auto Expenses	\$5,000
Professional Expenses	\$2,000
Professional Development	\$2,000
Taxable Social Security Offset	\$4,590
Books & Journals	\$500
Moving Expenses	Full
Vacation	Five (5) weeks to include five Sundays
Profess. Development	Two (2) weeks to include two Sundays

**MATTERS CONCERNING CHURCHES**

**Fort Wayne-First**

By request and action of the Session on August 20, 2006, the COM APPROVED a request to dissolve the position of Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and their Families that was previously filled by Rev. Karen Hill, effective August 20, 2006.

-----End Reported Actions of November 29, 2006-----

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORTED ACTIONS – DECEMBER 13, 2006**

**QUORUM**

The Committee on Ministry (COM) met for an annual retreat December 13, 2006 at the Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis, Indiana. A quorum was present.

**ACTIONS REGARDING MINISTERS**

**Harrison, Rev. Carol**

The COM approved a request, when the way be clear, from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, to allow Rev. Carol Harrison to Labor in Bounds of Whitewater Valley Presbytery as Chaplain Resident with Clarian Health Partners, Indianapolis.

**McAulay, Rev. Robert**

The COM approved a request from Rev. Robert McAulay, when the way be clear from Wabash Valley Presbytery, to allow him to serve Outside the Bounds of Whitewater Valley Presbytery while serving as an Interim Pastor at the Rossville Presbyterian Church, Rossville, Indiana.

-----End Reported Actions of December 13, 2006-----

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

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Rev. Peggy McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, asked Rev. Steve Matthies to present Jason Huff to be moved from Inquirer to Candidate Status. Steve is Jason's Liaison on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. 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 Jason to Candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Rev. McDonald then presented Alisa Ferlicca 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 Alisa to Candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Friends from CrossRoads Church at Westfield joined Jason and friends from Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, gathered around Jason and Alisa as they answered the constitutional questions (G-14.0305f) asked by Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida. Rev. Eric Lohe, pastor of CrossRoads Church of Westfield, and Rev. Lewis Galloway, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, led the Presbytery in prayer.

**LUNCH**

After a prayer for the meal by Rev. Bob Anderson, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

During lunch there were Conversation Clusters around the tables to share news of our abundance of mission in the Presbytery. People were asked to share about the mission that their local churches are because there are so many exciting and inspiring things happening in mission throughout the Presbytery. Scripture and a hymn were shared around the tables.

**RECONVENE**

Presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:30 p.m.

**AN ABUNDANCE OF SPIRIT AND CELEBRATION OF GIFTS**

Today's offering will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Special thanks and gifts of appreciation were given to Rev. Glen Bell for his dedicated service as Moderator of Presbytery through 2006.

Commissioned lay pastor Donna Madewell of First Presbyterian Church of Anderson was installed as Vice Moderator of Presbytery for 2007.

**WORSHIP**

Worship included the dramatic reading by numerous Commissioners of the children's book, *The Three Questions*, as the meditation. An offering totaling \$404.97 was taken for One Great Hour of Sharing.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Stated Clerk Kim Leech presented the following report.

**Items of Information**

1. The Office of the General Assembly's legal department is encouraging all churches that engage in a mission work trip that involves transportation by van or car to carry insurance of a minimum of \$10 million. In the case of an automobile accident that results in death or a person being disabled for life, the liability costs can beyond \$10 million dollars.

2. The question has arisen by several churches as to whether the clerk of session should be remunerated. Whereas this is a noble and generous intention, it simply is not a good idea due to conflict of interest issues. However, all churches are encouraged to identify meaningful and joyous ways to honor its paid staff and lay volunteers, who are the heart and soul of the typical congregation. A church that routinely praises and affirms its staff and members tends to be a happy church.
3. Ministers and sessions are reminded that a very high figure of housing allowance for the minister can be a red flag for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS has stipulated that the lowest of these three categories should be the amount claimed on the tax return: 1.) The amount approved by the presbytery. 2.) The fair rental value of the house, with furnishings. 3.) The actual cost of maintaining the house, including mortgage and utilities; and expenses related to the upkeep of the house such as repairs and renovations. Contact Kim Leech if you have questions.

The Parity Equalization formula for minister and elder commissioners to Presbytery will be available at the June stated meeting of the Presbytery.

At the time of elections, the motion that “nominations be closed and the clerk cast a unanimous ballot “ is out of order and should not be accepted in the future.

### **Ordination Anniversaries**

March through May [See Appendix D]

-----End of Stated Clerk's Report-----

### **BILLS & OVERTURES COMMITTEE**

Elders Donna Madewell and Hitch Learned, Elder Commissioners to General Assembly, presented the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution approved by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006) and recommended to the Presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes. [See Appendices E, F, and G for information on the Proposed Amendments]

The following are the results of Whitewater Valley Presbytery actions:

06-A.	Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV with Additional Amendments to Book of Order Preface and G-6.0500, G-6.0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405, G-11.0405, G-11.0408 and G-11.0504.	YES
06-B.1.	Moving Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory for Worship – On Amending G-14.0206-.0209, G-14.0405, G-14.0510-.0511, G-14.0801g & h, and W-4.4000.	YES
06-B.2.	Adding Licensure of Candidates – On Amending G-14.0309.	YES
06-B.3.	Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process – On Amending G-14.0313b.	YES
06-C.	Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure – On Amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107, G-13.0201 and G-13.0202.	YES
06-D.	Opening COM to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors – On Amending G-11.0503.	YES
06-E.	Members of the Synod – On Amending G-12.0101.	YES
06-F.	Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters – On Amending G-14.0701.	YES

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rev. Hal Thomas, member of the Nominating Committee, announced the need to fill a number of positions and asked that anyone please forward names to the Nominating Committee or to the Presbytery office.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The 151<sup>st</sup> stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. with prayer during the closing worship service.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk



**APPENDIX A**  
**PROCLAMATION FOR RAMON CELIS**  
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**Whereas** the Reverend Ramón Celis Gamboa is a respected and beloved member of the *Presbiterio del Norte de Quintana Roo*, located in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, and of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, and on both sides of the border he has the respect of all those who have been privileged to work with him, and

**Whereas**, from the earliest days of his life, Rev. Celis Gamboa has been deeply committed to Jesus Christ, his Savior and Lord, consistently demonstrating in his personal life and ministry those qualities attributed to the Holy Spirit, and

**Whereas** Rev. Celis Gamboa has been involved in the partnership between Whitewater Valley Presbytery and the *Presbiterio del Norte de Quintana Roo* since its inception in 2001, and has served as the Mexican coordinator of said partnership since 2004, and

**Whereas** Rev. Celis Gamboa has enriched the partnership with wisdom rooted in his decades of experience in ministry, mission, and new church development, and

**Whereas** Rev. Celis Gamboa has pastorally supported the church planters involved in said partnership, by mentoring, encouraging and equipping both the planters and their families, and

**Whereas** Rev. Celis Gamboa has worked tirelessly as a gracious host to help make all the mission trip workers traveling from Whitewater Valley Presbytery feel at home while conducting Vacation Bible Schools, construction projects and dental clinics in Cancun, Cozumel, Playa del Carmen, Puerto Aventuras, Puerto Morelos, and Tulum, and

**Whereas** Rev. Celis Gamboa is retiring from the position of coordinator at the end of 2007,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, meeting at the Calvary Third Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne Indiana on March 3, 2007**, wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to God for the faithful witness of the Reverend Ramón Celis Gamboa, for the service he has given the Church of Jesus Christ throughout his ministry, and for his lasting contribution to the vision and work of the partnership between Whitewater Valley Presbytery and the *Presbiterio del Norte de Quintana Roo*.



**APPENDIX B**  
**GUIDELINES FOR DISCERNING CHURCHES**  
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**Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces**  
**The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley**  
**2007**

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley affirms the joy of Christ  
and the importance of a deep commitment to preserving the unity of our presbytery.

*Guiding Principles*

Unity in Christ is a hallmark of the church. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to live together to the glory of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Presbyterian Church (USA) is a demonstration of that common witness.

The congregations of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley are not separate entities occasionally joined in faith and mission, but rather one organic whole. We are one community and members of one another. Together we celebrate the commonwealth of God's grace.

Even in our unity, we acknowledge that our demonstration of God's purposes is provisional, and we recognize that our life together does not fully reflect God's intention. The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley acknowledges that a local congregation may question whether, if in good conscience, it may continue to participate as a part of this unity. In such an instance, our presbytery shall commit itself to participate in a discernment process with a local congregation. If the presbytery and congregation together conclude that a substantial majority of the congregation are determined to separate from the Presbyterian Church (USA), the presbytery shall commit itself to a faithful and equitable process through which the congregation may be dismissed to another denomination.

This discernment process will seek to be deeply collegial, offering sensitivity, respect and care to all. It will attempt to avoid adversarial positioning, but rather, seek to be mutually affirming. Through this process, we will trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The presbytery will strive to offer pastoral care, both to those members who believe themselves called to depart and those who believe themselves called to remain.

If a session realizes a need for such discernment, the Committee on Ministry will create a task force to guide the process, in consultation with the Presbytery's Coordinating Council and the Board of Directors. The task force will address all relevant issues, including concerns related to property and finance.

In all our discussions and actions, we will strive to glorify Jesus Christ. Throughout discussions or even disagreement, we will seek to demonstrate the unity that God intends.

*Process Design*

If a session realizes a need for such discernment, the Committee on Ministry will create a task force to guide the process, in consultation with the presbytery moderator, executive presbyter, and stated clerk.

The task force will seek to discover all possible relevant information, carefully considering a wide variety of perspectives.

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*One of the first and foremost responsibilities of the task force is to listen*  
to those in favor of separation  
to those who wish to remain a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
to those who are uncertain of their perspective  
to the pastor(s)  
to the church officers and informal leaders of the congregation  
to a broad representation of congregation members

*The task force will work with the congregation to seek discernment and the leading of the Holy Spirit.*  
This process will include

helping the congregation understand the task force cares for everyone in the church and to assist in finding the best possible outcome for all members

making clear that the task force is to gather information and to make recommendations, but any decision to dismiss a congregation will be made only by the presbytery assembly

providing opportunities for expression by any minority of the congregation and to build processes that offer care and affirm their hopes and concerns

securing the full cooperation of the congregation in discernment. This includes the congregation providing all requested information to the task force, including contact information for all active and inactive members, and contact information for all church officers currently serving on the session and the board of deacons.

*As the task force and the congregation seek discernment together, the task force will be mindful of its relationship with the presbytery.* The task force will

consult with presbytery entities, officers, leaders and staff as needed

consider possible responses to a potential request for dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the congregation and its impact on the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

consult with neighboring churches, including their perspective on the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA), as well as the possibility of providing pastoral care.

*Findings and Recommendations*

The task force shall communicate regularly its findings with appropriate entities and leadership persons in the presbytery. The task force shall share its recommendations with the Committee on Ministry, which will summarily transmit a complete report with recommendations to the appropriate presbytery entities and leaders.

Throughout the processes of discernment, all parties shall maintain an attitude and goal of striving to glorify Jesus Christ. Throughout discussions and even disagreement, the parties will seek to demonstrate the unique unity that God intends.

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**GUIDELINES FOR DISCERNING CHURCHES**  
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**Support for Discernment**  
**The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley**  
**2007**

Discernment Task Forces will be the heart of our relationship with any congregations that may question whether they can continue as a part of our presbytery.

To support our presbytery in this important time, the Presbytery Coordinating Council also recognizes the following:

An ongoing *Conversation and Education Group* is needed to create opportunities for sharing and listening with the goals of greater respect, deeper relationships, and a clear understanding of the peace, unity and purity to which we are called. We hope that grace, clarity, and mutuality about examination expectations might emerge from those conversations as concerns are allayed. At best, this group may also serve to assist sessions with their questions or concerns about peace, unity and purity. This group will be established by the Presbytery Coordinating Council, under the leadership of Bob Anderson, our Interim Executive Presbyter.

In the event that a congregation approaches the presbytery, an immediate *Response Team* will be necessary. Before the Committee on Ministry is able to appoint a Discernment Task Force, an initial group will serve to respond to any questions or issues from a congregation. The Response Team will include the Interim Executive Presbyter, Bob Anderson; Stated Clerk, Kim Leech; Moderator of Presbytery, Betty-Alice Almeida; Moderator of Presbytery Council, Glen Bell; and Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, Alan Thames.

Although we hope subsequent events will not demonstrate any need, an *Administrative Commission* (G-9.0503) remains an option of our polity. While our approach to any congregations that may question whether they can continue as a part of our presbytery should always be directed by our guiding principles (trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, offering sensitivity, respect and care in deeply collegial and mutually affirming ways), we recognize that precipitous action by a congregation (such as seeking a court order against the presbytery) may lead to the need for an Administrative Commission.



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FINANCE SUMMARIES FOR 2006  
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**MISSION**

***Whitewater Valley Presbytery***

***Statement of Revenues and Expenditures***

*From 1/1/2006 Through 12/31/2006*

**Missions**

	<u><b>Actual</b></u>	<u><b>YTD Budget</b></u>	<u><b>Variance</b></u>	<u><b>Total Budget</b></u>
Beginning Fund Balance	108,242			
<b><u>Mission Income</u></b>				
Interest Income	31,407	20,000	11,407	20,000
Shared Missions	310,503	326,000	(15,497)	326,000
Extra Commitment Gifts	0	0	0	0
Community Advocate - FS	19,500	24,000	(4,500)	24,000
Bridge Builder - FM	10,000	16,000	(6,000)	16,000
Mission Reserves	0	40,000	(40,000)	40,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>371,410</b>	<b>426,000</b>	<b>(54,590)</b>	<b>426,000</b>
<b><u>Mission Programs</u></b>				
Executive Staff	226,793	265,922	39,129	265,922
Presbytery Missions	116,882	111,000	(5,882)	111,000
Mission Partnerships	24,550	24,440	(110)	24,440
Service Delivery Teams	4,057	8,000	3,943	8,000
Networks	583	1,500	917	1,500
Congregational Development	4,644	7,000	2,356	7,000
Committee on Ministry	4,404	3,500	(904)	3,500
Preparation for Ministry	4,325	4,500	175	4,500
New Church Development	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Mission Programs</b>	<b>386,238</b>	<b>428,862</b>	<b>42,624</b>	<b>428,862</b>
<b>Net Income/Expense</b>	<b>(14,828)</b>	<b>(2,862)</b>	<b>(11,966)</b>	<b>(2,862)</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>93,414</b>			

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**OPERATIONS**

***Whitewater Valley Presbytery***

***Statement of Revenues and Expenditures***

*From 1/1/2006 Through 12/31/2006*

**Operations**

	<u><b>Actual</b></u>	<u><b>YTD Budget</b></u>	<u><b>Variance</b></u>	<u><b>Total Budget</b></u>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<u>(42,480)</u>			
<b><u>Income</u></b>				
Per Capita	319,024	327,000	(7,976)	327,000
Interest Income	14,323	13,500	823	13,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>333,347</u>	<u>340,500</u>	<u>(7,153)</u>	<u>340,500</u>
<b><u>Expense</u></b>				
Administrative Staff	169,117	167,819	(1,298)	167,819
Office Space	32,935	34,272	1,337	34,272
Office Operations	44,036	38,800	(5,236)	38,800
Exec/Comm/Pby/Council	10,327	18,050	7,723	18,050
Stated Clerk/Treasurer Dept.	39,709	24,500	(15,209)	24,500
Executive Travel	18,859	26,500	7,641	26,500
AEP/Stated Clerk	11,941	17,000	5,059	17,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>326,924</u>	<u>326,941</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>326,941</u>
<b>Net Income/Expense</b>	<u>6,423</u>	<u>13,559</u>	<u>(7,136)</u>	<u>13,559</u>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<u>(36,057)</u>			

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**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**  
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**BILLS & OVERTURES COMMITTEE REPORT**  
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**BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**  
**TO THE**  
**CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**  
**AS APPROVED BY THE 217<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2006)**

**REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY**  
**MARCH 3, 2007**

Attached are the recommendations of the Bills and Overtures committee for **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as Approved by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006)**

Unless otherwise noted, the Bills & Overtures Committee vote was unanimous.

Any Commissioner or Minister may pull any Proposed Amendment from the Consent Agenda by requesting debate on that specific Proposed Amendment.

Complying with action taken at the February 10, 1993 meeting of Presbytery and the Policy Manual of the Presbytery (Revised for New Design):

- 1) Bills & Overtures is requesting any group affected by a proposed amendment to submit its comments to the Presbytery meeting.
  - 2) Bills & Overtures is presenting a brief description of the proposed amendment and the rationale for its recommendation to approve or not approve the proposed amendment.
  - 3) ALL proposed amendments are motioned in the affirmative
- 06-A. Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV with Additional Amendments to Book of Order Preface and G-6.0500, G-6.0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405, G-11.0405, G-11.0408 and G-11.0504
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|-----------------|-----|
| Item 05-11 A.1. | YES |
| Item 05-11 A.2. | YES |
- 06-B. Additional Proposed Amendments to Form of Government, Chapter XIV
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| <u>06-B.1.</u> Moving Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory for Worship—On Amending G-14.0206 - .0209, G-14.0405, G-14.0510-.0511, G-14.0801g & h, and W-4.4000 (Item 05-11, B.1.) | YES |
| <u>06-B.2.</u> Adding Licensure of Candidates—On Amending G-14.0309 (Item 05-11 B.2.)   | NO  |
| <u>06-B.3.</u> Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process—On Amending G-14.0313b. (Item 05-11 B.3.)  | YES |
- 06-C. Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure—On Amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107, G-13.0201 and G-13.0202 (Item 08-08) YES
- 06-D. Opening COM to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors—On Amending G-11.0503 (Item 05-05) YES
- 06-E. Members of the Synod—On Amending G-12.0101 (Item 05-01) YES
- 06-F. Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters—On Amending G-14.0701 (Item 12-03) NO

**APPENDIX F**  
**STATED CLERK'S PREFACE TO BILLS & OVERTURES**  
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**Kim's Meandering Comments as a Preface for the Report  
To Assist the Presenters of the Bills and Overtures Committee**

One of the most valued aspects of the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is the process of presbytery ratification of the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The proposed amendments before this presbytery were approved by 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; and all of the members of this committee were commissioners to that assembly. It takes a simple majority of the presbyteries on each proposed amendment for adoption. Currently there are 172 PC(U.S.A.) presbyteries.

The proposed amendments of the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006) are before this presbytery for its votes. I hope that all commissioners have come prepared by studying not only the booklet of amendments, but also the very helpful resource provided by the Association of Stated Clerks. This year's amendments are a rather different lot compared to the past. To everyone's relief, there is an absence of controversial amendments about the standards for ordained office. However, the most dramatic and somewhat 3 confusing amendments are regarding a major revamping of Chapter 14 of the Book of Order. Currently Chapter 14 is the product of an almost endless array of amendments over the years and has become a complicated and sometimes confusing multitude of laws and stipulations. Because Chapter 14 was in dire need of simplification and being more "user friendly", the Assembly felt that this set of amendments—'tho not perfect—is a good product. Please note that the General Assembly vote was a strong signal that Chapter 14 must be modified. The major theme and purpose of the proposed amendments to Chapter 14 are to grant more flexibility and authority to presbyteries to design the processes, in the form of a presbytery handbook, for carrying out its work. For example, the section regarding temporary pastoral relationships, —currently in G-14.0513—would have greater clarity about presbytery policy.

As you will note from the committee's recommendations, there are two proposed amendments which the committee thinks are cause for concern. Amendment 06-B-2, Adding Licensure to Candidates, raises some issues that are not immediately observed at first reading. Whereas the amendment 06-F, Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters, seems to be quite logical and appropriate, but the committee holds a view that it simply is not a necessary addition to the Book of Order.



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***Analysis of Amendments to the Constitution***  
***Proposed by the 217th General Assembly (2006)***

INTRODUCTION

As in prior years, the Association of Stated Clerks is publishing this *Analysis of Amendments* to assist presbyteries in studying and acting on the amendments proposed by this year's General Assembly.

Our effort has been to present all arguments made in favor of and against each amendment both in meetings of the assembly committee that considered the overture leading to the amendment and in the floor of the General Assembly. It is not our role to make a recommendation either in favor of or against any amendment.

Many presbyteries provide copies of this booklet to their committees responsible for making a recommendation on presbytery action, and we have been told that this has assisted those committees as they have done their work. We are glad that these materials are used in that way. Please note that you are free to use them as you wish. We assert no copyright and do not require advance approval of their use.

2006 has been remarkable for the absence of partisan debate on any of the proposed amendments. We hope this spirit of tranquility will persist.

Thanks to the ASC members who diligently attended committee meetings and provided information about what the pros and cons of each amendment were.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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**Amendment 06-A**  
**Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV**  
**with Additional Amendments to Book of Order Preface**  
**and G-6.0500, G-6-0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405,**  
**G-11.0405 G-11.0408 and G-11.0405**

Background

The 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) directed the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) to engage in consultations across the denomination about the desire for revisions to the Form of Government. These consultations led to a recommendation by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006) that a task force be appointed to draft a proposal for a simplified Form of Government, a proposal for an immediate simplification of Chapter XIV, which is Amendment 06-A.1, related amendments to other parts of the Form of Government, which are amendment 06-A.2, and a proposal for six other amendments to Chapter XIV, which are Amendment 06-B.

**Amendment 06-A.1**

Brief Description

Amendment 06-A.1 proposes a simplification of Chapter XIV of the Form of Government to provide more flexibility to presbyteries in candidacy and minister placements. It is not intended to make any substantive change in Chapter XIV or the practices that have grown up under it.

Amendments 06-A.2.a adds provisions relating to advisory handbooks “to guide synods and presbyteries in procedures related to the oversight of ministry.” These are to be developed by GA agencies, in consultation with the OGA and middle governing bodies. Their use is commended, but not mandatory

Amendment 06-A.2.b moves language relating to dissolution of the relationship of elder or deacon to a new section G-6.0500.

Amendment 06-A.2.c moves provisions relating to release from the exercise of ordained office to a new section G-6.0600.

Amendment 06-A.2.d moves provisions relating to employment of a minister of another denomination in a temporary relationship to a new section G-11.0405c.

Amendment 06-A.2.e makes existing section G-11.0408 subsection a of G-11.0408 and moves provisions relating to a call to a validated ministry to new subsections b and c of G-11.0408.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendments were considered by the Assembly Committee on Church polity, which approved them by a vote of 40/6/1. The committee's recommendation was approved by the General Assembly by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- The amendments within 06-A make no substantive change in existing provisions and practices.
- The proposed amendment responds to the call of the Church for simplification and condensation of Chapter XIV.
- The revision allows flexibility and restores much of the decision making to presbyteries.
- The revision consolidates provisions relating to certification and makes them uniform.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

- Rather than developing their own policies and procedures, presbyteries would become dependent on ““advisory handbooks”” written by GA entities. This would give the GA entities authority to make changes that are implemented by governing bodies without approval by any governing body.
- Presbyteries need the standardized processes and procedures that the current Chapter XIV provides.

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**Amendment 06-B.1**

Brief Description

Amendment 06-B.1 moves ordination, installation and commissioning questions to a new section W-4.0400 of the Directory for Worship, noting that all of the questions, except the final one which is office-specific, are identical. It also states in a uniform manner other provisions relating to the service of ordination and installation.

Assembly Action

This amendment was referred to the Assembly Committee on Church Polity, which approved it by a unanimous vote. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- Placing this material in the Directory for Worship embodies the theological teaching that ordination and installation of officers must always occur in the context of worship.
- Ordination is to function, and everyone being ordained answers the same questions, except for the final one, which is directed to each office individually.
- Having all of the information concerning ordinations, installations and commissioning in one location would simplify planning the services.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

None were expressed.



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**Amendment 06-B.2**

Brief Description

Amendment 06-B.2 reinstates the old concept of licensure, but restricts it to licensure of candidates who have the preparation process, except for passing all ordination examinations.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendment was referred to the Assembly Committee on Church Polity, which unanimously recommended approval. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- Licensure allows candidates to have hands-on experience while preparing to finish their exams outside the academic setting. Since the exams are designed to test assimilation of academic training with pastoral sense, this experience may aid them in passing the exams.
- This amendment allows presbyteries to allow qualified candidates to administer the sacraments. This will allow candidates to pastor small congregations, where they may remain for a few years even after they are ordained.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

None were expressed.

**Amendment 06-B.3**

Brief Description

Amendment 06-B.3 removes the requirement of synod approval of a presbytery's alternate examination procedures for candidates who have failed one or more examinations twice or have a documented disability.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendment was referred to the Assembly Committee on Church Polity, which unanimously recommended approval. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- The amendment restores final approval of alternate ordination exams to presbyteries, where it belongs.
- The requirement of synod approval creates a bureaucratic delay in a candidate's progress, without being a safeguard of the process.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

None were expressed.



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**Amendment 06-C**

***Enabling a New General Assembly Council Structure  
On Amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107 and G-13.0202***

Brief Description

The General Assembly Council (GAC) completed a self-evaluation in 2003, reaching the conclusion that the GAC needed a closer relationship with middle governing bodies and congregations and that its size was too large. In addition, the move to biennial assemblies has changed terms of office and altered the functions of the GAC. This amendment proposes changes in the structure of the GAC that are responsive to the conclusions of the self-evaluation.

Background

The amendment seeks to make the GAC more responsive to middle governing bodies and congregations by reducing its size and emphasizing cooperation and communication with presbytery and synod executives. The new structure also is intended to support the four goal areas that are now the structure of the General Assembly's Mission Work Plan. It removes from the GAC its oversight and coordination responsibilities and redirects it toward providing resources to support the work of middle governing bodies.

Specifically, G-9.0703 is amended to remove the requirement that the GAC concur in the election of executives of General Assembly agencies; G-13.0201 is amended to provide that each synod will name a member of the GAC and all the GA permanent committees and to eliminate GAC responsibility for coordinating the work of GA agencies and lower governing bodies, GAC review of the work of GA agencies and bodies, budget preparation, and matters relating to administrative staff, compensation, and personnel policies at the GA and middle governing body levels. It amends G-13.0202 to grant to the General Assembly responsibility for the membership, terms of office, and officers of the GAC, eliminating the specification of voting members previously in this section and moving them to a GAC Manual of Operations.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendment was approved by a show of hands in the Assembly Committee on Mission Coordination. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- The amendment realigns the GAC's role consistently with the move away from a top-heavy denominational structure toward a structure centered in the presbyteries.
- The reduced size of the GAC will enable it to work more efficiently and with greater accountability.
- The amendment eliminates the role of the GAC in the election of executives of General Assembly agencies, as well as its responsibilities for administrative staff, compensation, and personnel policies.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

- The amendment takes away GAC responsibilities without assigning them elsewhere. It is likely that the responsibilities will be assumed by the Louisville staff, rather than by elected officers.
- By removing the requirements that govern the composition of the GAC from the *Form of Government* to a Manual of Operations, these requirements will no longer be subject to review and approval of the presbyteries.
- It is not clear that each GA committee needs a representative from each synod.



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**Amendment 06-D**  
**Opening COM to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors**  
**On Amending G-11.0503**

Brief Description

Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP) serve the function as minister to a particular congregation. The CLP, although an elder, may not be a member of the session of the church he or she is serving. The amendment provides access by the CLP to the committee on ministry on the same basis as elders who are members of sessions and ministers.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendment was approved by a show of hands in the Assembly Committee on Mission Coordination. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a show of hands.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- The amendment corrects an oversight that was made when CLP provisions were added to Book of Order.
- It is appropriate for the Committee on Ministry to have the same relationship with commissioned lay pastors and ministers serving a particular congregation.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

None were expressed.

**Amendment 06-E**  
**Members of the Synod**  
**On Amending G-12.0101**

Background

The *Book of Order* permits presbyteries to enroll officers, committee chairpersons and council members during their respective terms of office. The synods have lacked this authority. This amendment allows persons in the specified positions to have voice and vote at synod meetings.

Assembly Action

The proposed amendment was approved by unanimous vote of the Assembly Committee on Church Polity and as part of the consent agenda of the General Assembly.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- The amendment grants authority to synods to enroll officers, committee chairpersons and council members as voting members of the synod during their terms of office.
- This measure gives voice and vote to a group of ministers and elders who are actively engaged in the work of the synod.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

None were expressed.



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**Amendment 06-F  
Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters  
On Amending G-14.0701**

Brief Description

Amendment 06-F would mandate certified Christian educators and certified associate Christian educators in the course of their service to report to ecclesiastical and civil legal authorities harm or risk of harm, abuse, or neglect of a minor or of an adult who lacks mental capacity, "when such information is gained outside of a privileged communication" or when the reporting person "reasonably believes there is risk of future physical harm or abuse."

Background

In the shadow of public revelations of clergy abuse in the national media, the 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2004) approved, as did a majority of presbyteries, the inclusion in Form of Government Chapter VI sentences mandating ministers of Word and Sacrament, elders, and deacons to report abuse or neglect of a minor or of an adult who lacks mental capacity. Amendment 06-F would extend that mandated reporting responsibility to certified Christian educators and certified associate Christian educators. The inclusion of certified Christian educators and certified associate Christian educators as mandated reporters recognizes that it is ethically consistent for them to adhere to the same reporting standards as church officers in that they serve in the same environment and often have more contact and supervision of the children, minors and adults who lack mental capacity than many church officers.

Assembly Action

The Assembly Committee on Church Growth and Christian Education recommended approval of this amendment by a vote of 36/6/4. The General Assembly approved the committee's recommendation by a vote of 440/18/4.

Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote

- Once the tragic damage that can flow from abuse and neglect by even one person was more widely seen, the church through amendment of its Constitution responded by mandating minister of Word and Sacrament, elders and deacons to report "... *harm, or risk of harm, related to the physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse of a minor or an adult who lacks mental capacity when (1) such information is gained outside of privileged communication; or (2) he or she reasonably believes that there is risk of future physical harm or abuse.*" This reporting responsibility should be extended by amendment 06-F to include Certified Christian Educators and certified associate Christian educators for the same reasons.
- The church's ministry of love in Christ's name minimally includes the protection from harm of children and others who are at risk of abuse and neglect in the community.
- This amendment gives structure and responsibility to persons called and employed in congregations and governing bodies to report suspected wrongful behaviors thus extending the care of the church to the most vulnerable of God's children and making the church's intent to do so more visible.

Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote

- Many states already have laws that require persons working with children, minors, or adults who lack mental capacity to report suspected abuse or neglect to a state authority thus making this amendment redundant and unnecessary.
- All citizens have the right and responsibility to report suspected child or mentally limited adult or elderly adult abuse or neglect to civil authorities. Similarly, church members and officers may report suspected abuse or neglect to church authorities.
- The targeted group, certified Christian educators and certified associate Christian educators, includes some persons who are not Presbyterians and are, therefore, not under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the PC(USA).
- Certified Christian educators, unlike other mandated reporters, are not officers of the church by reason of such a position and are not bound by ordination vows. They have no argument that a communication with them is privileged.