

*The appendices are not posted with these minutes but are available with the Presbytery papers that were posted for the meeting.*

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 163<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting at CrossRoads Church at Westfield, Westfield, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Intersection, the CrossRoads Church Band, played gathering music during registration and refreshments. The meeting opened with a call to gather, opening hymn, and prayer. Rev. Eric Lohe, pastor of CrossRoads Church, welcomed the group and gave a little history of the church which recently celebrated its sixth anniversary as a chartered church of PC(USA). CrossRoads started as a new church development eleven years ago. They are very involved in local mission and build houses in Mexico. Moderator Robert Heimach called the meeting to order.

Elder Gregory Thomas, Stated Clerk, confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

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	Ida Campbell Judy Hatley Caroli Wolfe Richard Harrison *
Avon, Whitelick (2)	Joy Bilger Goehring	Devon Jackson * Virginia Sheets
Bluffton, First (3)	Robert E. Madsen *	Bette Erxleben * Ira Zadylak
Boggstown (1)	Sandra Martin, CLP *	William T. Johnson *
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	+Andrew Zinsmeister *	John Hoffman *
Clayton (1)	David L. McDonald	Barbara Edmondson *
Connersville, First (1)	Martha Williams Jordan	Fred Sess
Decatur, First (1)	Marcia Cline, CLP	
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel A. Wann	
Elwood, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun *	Emily Leavell
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steven J. Ebling *	Dave Gay * Carl Kesling James L. Beatty * Frank Field * Kathy Kitterman *
Fort Wayne, Calvary Third (4)	Lee Dorsey	Dennis Fischer Julie Schneider
Fort Wayne, First (6)	John Stephen Park * Jeanie K. Barnes *	Betty-Alice Almeida Beth L. White
Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Laura Sherwood	Nancy Current Will Searer James Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin R. Boyd	

Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal V. Thomas	Judith Lehman-Wright * Kathy Jarvis, Alt.
Franklin, First (3) Franklin, Hopewell (3)	Peter F. Jessen David E. Lee	Leona Burton Melinda Frazier Esther Gelfius
Greenfield, First (1)	John J. Paulson, CLP	Jill Lyon
Greensburg, First (2)	Vacant	Judy Rust Joe Westhafer *
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	David Crowley *	Mary Marg Karty
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	David Crowley *	Max Niemeyer *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Scott N. Fouts * Sally A. Earl, CLP *	Joe Dotzlaf * Marge Slauter Ed Williams Andrew Wiesman *
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery	Judy Lovejoy Jan Mernone Dorothy Poynter
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith *	Tom Brown *
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	John R. Koppitch *	Kaye Hirt Eggleston Mark Lawson Ruby Matthews
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Kimberly Olson	Suzanne Rees Norm Terando
Indianapolis, First-Meridian Heights (4)	Curtis Page * Trish Lisa *	
Indianapolis, Immanuel (1)	Betty Gilbert Griffin	DeWillican Middleton
Indianapolis, Irvington (5)	Robert A. Heimach Galen L. Schwarz	
Indianapolis, John Knox (3)	W. Franklin Mansell * Lisa K. Crismore, CLP *	Vivian Hale Ann Hamel Linda Socarraz * Mark Harper, Alt.
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Hyung (Howard) Kim	Kiheon Cho * Charles Chae, Alt.
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri L. Thomas * Ruth C. Moore	Ann Bruce Jean Dodds Josh Hill Lisa Longo Mark Moore
Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Gary Ziegler * Michael Ireland * Kevin J. Long	Carolyn Barnes * Tony Kupinski Amy Smith Joe McDonald * Rob Peterson * Dave Steiger * Cindy Muse * Sylvia Lux, Alt.

Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Phil Votaw * Denny Clark *
Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis F. Galloway W. Glen Bell * Joyce E. Hunn James W. Riley * David A. Berry * Karen L. Lang * Richard Baker * Caroline Dennis	Gretchen Brown Linda Rinker Mark A. Huesing * Natalie Auberry * Charles Liles John L. Miller Howard Pelham * Robert Everitt * Larry Robertson * William Roberts Jenny Hoffman, Alt Ina Van Duyn, Alt.
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Gregory L. Glover	Mary Payne Joseph Woods
Indianapolis, Southport (6)	Vacant Kevin G. Bausman June G. Barrow * Steven R. Matthies *	Beth Davis Sara Lee * Roy Kane, Alt. Steven McGee * Marcia Harris, Alt. John Purdie * John Testa, Alt. David Steiner Maureen Watson *
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	L. John Gable Oscar A. Clavel *	Don Heitman Jeff Hotchkiss Gary Nickel Dan Schroeder Thomas Wirt
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Laurie Baker *
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker	Faye McDaniel Geraldine Malone
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Vacant	Richard Wade
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Glenn Orr
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter S. Zinn	George Pierce
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Dwight Sweet *
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn A. Gold *	Karen Rodenburg *
Marion, Westminster (3)	Justin I. Schlesinger-Devlin	Jackie Hancock
McCordsville, Christ (1)	Nancy A. Howard *	Miki Bean
Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor * David B. Jewett * MyungKu Lee * Carrie Jo Miller, CLP *	Allan Thomas * Don Whitaker *
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie C. Wager *	Art Hill *
New Castle, First (4)	M. Rex Espiritu *	Val McNelis Jerry Krupp *

Noblesville, First (3)	Eric R. Gale	Moffett Craig * Candis Wood, Alt. Thomas H. Bader Fredric Powell *
Ossian (2)	Jay E. Cline	David Anderson William Milholland * Ted Martz, Alt.
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	Gray Marshall	Gary Shelton *
Portland, First (1)	Wallace F. Wilson	Julia Schwomeyer *
Richmond, First (3)	David A. Layman	Guy Guthrie * Jon Richwine Bill Stackhouse
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Vacant	
Rushville, First (1)	Dena E. Vittorio	Mike Wicker
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CLP	June Wayt *
Shelbyville, First (3)	Mark E. Morningstar	Frank Learned William Mitchell Mike Whitfield *
Tipton, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun *	Robert Moore
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric G. Lohe	Kathy Patterson
Winchester, First (1)	Cherie Isakson	Norman Lee * Judy Anderson, Alt.
Zionsville (6)	Glenn W. McDonald Scott T. Shelton D. William Azbell * R. Patrick Smith Donna S. Pollard, CLP * James G. Dougherty, CLP	Jen Knebel Chuck Vogt

## **MINISTERS ON THE ROLL**

### **ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY**

Eleanor (Bunny) Alexander	George F. LaMaster *	Anne Reed
Sarah Brouwer	Deborah S. Mansell *	Tim S. Shapiro *
David A. Chaddock	Alan J. McCraine *	Anne Solovey
Elizabeth Howell *	Leonel Pech *	Robert Wauzzinski *
Robert Hunter	Sergei Petrov *	Betsy Wood
Carol Johnston		

### **MINISTERS AT LARGE**

Terry Anderson *	F. James Friedewald *	Peggy McDonald *
Sharon Azbell *	Barbara Kenley *	Alan V. Pareis
Merrill Cook *	Gerard Kuyk	Katherine Rieder *
Theodore Dorman *	Lorna Kuyk *	Daniel W. Sutherin
Joseph Fields	Robert B. McAulay, Jr. *	

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Amon \*  
 David Bae \*  
 William Barrett \*  
 J. Donald Boebinger \*  
 Raymond Bowden \*  
 George Boyle \*  
 Bruce Brown \*  
 John Burhorn \*  
 Robert Clark \*  
 F. William Clemenson \*  
 John Constant  
 Judith Cook \*  
 Henry S. Date \*  
 Roger L. Dean \*  
 Donald R. Durrett \*  
 Herbert C. Eggleston  
 William G. Enright \*  
 Carol G. Farr \*  
 William Fogg \*  
 Julian R. Gresham \*  
 William O. Harris \*

William H. Hudnut \*  
 George R. Jackson \*  
 Thelma Sue King \*  
 Robert D. Leas \*  
 S. Kim Leech \*  
 Loran Lewis \*  
 A. Howard Lindquist \*  
 Sheldon Logan \*  
 Donald R. MacPherson \*  
 P. Keith Main \*  
 Joan Malick \*  
 Raymond J. Marquette \*  
 Jack R. Masters \*  
 Robert C. McGinnis \*  
 Ralph Mitchell  
 Elsworth (Bud) Morack \*  
 Harrison C. Neal \*  
 David F. Noble \*  
 Patricia S. Reid \*  
 W.W. Ridenour \*

Anne L. Rose \*  
 Barbara A. Sloop  
 Quentin N. Small \*  
 Elbert Smith \*  
 L. Wayne Smith \*  
 Richard C. Smith \*  
 James R. Snyder \*  
 Erik L. Spencer \*  
 Richard Stenner \*  
 Robert S. Stewart  
 Paul R. Stone \*  
 Edgar A. Towne  
 R. Glen Traver \*  
 Byung Sub Van \*  
 William J. Weber \*  
 Arthur C. Whitaker  
 John R. Wineman \*  
 James S. Wolfe \*

PRESBYTERY STAFF

T. Alan Thames  
 Felipe Martinez  
 Fernando Rodriguez

Fabio Socarraz \*  
 Barry Sumner  
 Gregory Thomas

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sally Barnes \*  
 Steve Crane \*  
 Sandra Crawford \*  
 John Current  
 Barbara Edmondson \*

Ed Friel \*  
 Guy Guthrie (Commissioner) \*  
 Eric Herzog  
 Jim Hill \*  
 David Probst \*

Ellen Schramm \*  
 Julia Schwomeyer \*  
 Gary Stebbins \*  
 Rich Swartwood  
 Judi Trabue

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

None

VISITORS

Martha McDonald  
 Mable Chulock  
 Patty Rice Shuler  
 Dennis Simmons  
 Mary Ruth Snyder

Jewell LaRue  
 Sonya Gill  
 Kristi Stramm  
 Donna Studevent  
 Ileen Mitchell

Jennifer Lipinski (Inquirer)  
 Michael Evanchak (Candidate)  
 Jennifer Loeb (Candidate)  
 Terri Thorn (Candidate)

DOCKET

The docket was approved as proposed. The full docket follows:

**Whitewater Valley Presbytery  
 PRESBYTERY DOCKET  
 Saturday – March 6, 2010**

9:30 AM – Registration      10:00 AM – Call Meeting to Order  
 CrossRoads Church at Westfield, Westfield, Indiana

9:30 AM      REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS  
 9:50 AM      GATHERING MUSIC

**INTERSECTION**  
 The CrossRoads Church Band

- 10:00      **CALL TO GATHER**      Moderator Rev. Robert Heimach  
 John 7:38 – “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”
- Leader:      We gather from many shores, near and far.  
 PEOPLE:      **ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, COME DRINK FROM THE WELL.**  
 Leader:      We gather in celebration and with private concerns of the heart.  
 PEOPLE:      **DRINK DEEP FROM THE RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.**  
 Leader:      We gather as a community for work and worship.  
 PEOPLE:      **ENERGIZE US AS RAGING RAPIDS;  
 CALM US AS A PEACEFUL STREAM**  
 Leader:      Bless us with your presence and an outpouring of love, that we will, with  
 a believer’s heart, be a true reflection of your living water. Amen.
- 10:05      **WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIPFUL WORK**
- A SONG OF GATHERING      “How Great is Our God”      Intersection  
 WORDS OF WELCOME      Rev. Eric Lohe
- CALL TO ORDER      Moderator, Rev. Robert Heimach  
 Establishing of Roll and Quorum
- ACTION** – Docket Approval  
 A Word About Our Meeting – Moderator Heimach  
 Introduction of New Elder Commissioners and New Pastors  
 Seating Corresponding Members
- STATED CLERK’S REPORT      Elder Greg Thomas  
**ACTION** – Elect Elder Hitch Learned to Franklin-Hopewell  
 Administrative Commission
- 10:30      **ORDINATION EXAMINATION MS. TERRI THORN**      Rev. Hal Thomas  
 CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY      Ms. Terri Thorn
- 11:00      **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**
- A SONG OF PREPARATION      “Savior Please”      Intersection  
 CALL TO WORSHIP      Isaiah 55:1-3
- WE ARE HUMAN AND WE ARE REDEEMED
- ALL:      SETTING OUR WISDOM, OUR WILL AND OUR WORDS ASIDE, WE  
 SEEK THE HEALING, THE HOLDING, THE ACCEPTING AND THE  
 FORGIVING WHICH CHRIST ALONE CAN OFFER.**
- LEADER:      Merciful God, let your gentle Spirit settle on us in grace, that we may be  
 constantly molded and formed, as clay with water, in a way that celebrates  
 your life, your world and your desires. Amen.
- OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE      Exodus 17:1-5
- A SONG OF THE PEOPLE      “Joyful, Joyful: We Adore Thee”      Intersection
- GOSPEL LESSON      John 7:37-39      Rev. Caroline Dennis
- SERMON      “Living Thirsty”      Rev. Caroline Dennis
- OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION      One Great Hour of Sharing

	A MUSICAL BENEDICTION	“Doxology”	Intersection
	PRAYER AND DISMISSAL FOR LUNCH		Rev. Eric Lohe
11:45-12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>		
12:45	<b>GATHERING MUSIC</b>		
	PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION	“Down to the River to Pray”	
	THE INVITATION		Rev. Barbara Sloop, Celebrant
	Leader:	This is the table, not of the church but of the Lord. It is made ready for us. Come, you have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time. All who believe are welcome.	
	THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
	A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
	Leader:	You, Jesus Christ, have renewed us at your table. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.	
	ALL:	<b>CHRIST WHO NOURISHES US, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS MEAL, THIS MOMENT, THESE PEOPLE. WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU. TAKE US OUT TO LIVE AS CHANGED PEOPLE, AS THOSE WHO HAVE SHARED THE LIVING BREAD AND CANNOT REMAIN THE SAME. ASK MUCH OF US AND ENCOURAGE US TO ALWAYS SEEK YOUR LIVING WATER. IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.</b>	
	A SONG OF THE PEOPLE	“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”	Intersection
1:15	<b>WE RESPOND WITH WORSHIPFUL WORK</b>		
	EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT		
	Announcements, Joys, Baptisms and Concerns of the Presbytery		
	MISSION AND GROWTH TEAM REPORT		Elder Eric Herzog
	Stewardship Kaleidoscope		
	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT		Rev. David Comstock
	Presbyterian Youth Triennium		
	COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY		Rev. Hal Thomas
	<b>ACTION:</b> Pastor Emeritus		
	HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM		
	Nueva Creación (NCD)		Rev. Fernando Rodriguez
	NQR		Rev. Felipe Martinez
	COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY		Rev. David Comstock
	<b>ACTION:</b> Mr. Brian Shivers – Inquirer to Candidate		
	Coordinating Council Report		Rev. Rachel Wann
	<b>ACTION:</b> present and elect Nominating Committee Member		
	<b>ACTION:</b> elect Treasurer, Mr. Eric Herzog		
3:00	<b>FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD</b>		
	OLD BUSINESS		
	NEW BUSINESS		
	John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis – Overture to GA		
	A SONG OF SENDING	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Intersection
	ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER		

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Moderator, Rev. Robert Heimach made a few comments about the meeting, thanked Kristy Quinn, the Leadership Team, and Craig Shaw for the docket and Presbytery arrangements. He welcomed Elder Greg Thomas as the new Stated Clerk.

New elder commissioners were introduced. Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, welcomed Rev. Scott Fouts as the new pastor at Center Grove Presbyterian Church in Greenwood and Rev. Laura Sherwood in her new position as Interim Pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne.

## **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Elder Greg Thomas, Stated Clerk, reported there was no consent agenda for this meeting. He made a motion from the Committee on Ministry to name Elder Hitch Learned as a member of the Franklin-Hopewell Administrative Commission. The motion passed.

## **ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

March through May [See Appendix A]

## **ORDINATION EXAMINATION**

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, presented Terri Thorn to be examined for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Terri has been a candidate under the care of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, a member of Zionsville Presbyterian Church, and a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary. She has a call as Chaplain at Clarion Hospitals giving pastoral care to patients and families. Following a presentation of her faith statement and a period of 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 Terri as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination and be accepted into the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Her ordination will take place at Zionsville Presbyterian Church.

Terri Thorn shared a few words about her journey indicating her goal to be able to empower persons and churches to be able to move on. Then family and friends from Zionsville Presbyterian were invited to join Terri as Rev. Glenn McDonald led the Presbytery in prayer.

## **WORSHIP**

Worship was led by Rev. Dave Comstock and the Intersection Band. Rev. Caroline Dennis, Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, preached on "Living Thirsty" using text from John 7:37-39. An offering of \$890.07 was received for One Great Hour of Sharing. Rev. Eric Lohe offered a prayer for lunch.

## **LUNCH**

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m.

## **RECONVENE**

Presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary at 12:45 p.m. to the gathering music by the Intersection.

## **COMMUNION**

The afternoon session opened with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The sacrament was administered by Rev. Chérie Isakson, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester.

## **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, welcomed announcements, joys and concerns.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Elder Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, highlighted an article in the *Outlook Magazine* featuring Pyoca. CDs and brochures are available outlining camping schedules and retreat opportunities. Maggie Platt is the summer program coordinator.
- John Knox Presbyterian is sponsoring a workshop on May 1<sup>st</sup> to increase skills on managing sound equipment.

- Rev. John Gable, Pastor at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, requested help on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at their Feed the Hungry and Samaritan's Feet program where they will distribute food and shoes to needy families and kids.
- Anderson Presbyterian will celebrate their Scottish heritage in a Kirkin' of the Tartan service on April 18th.

### JOYS, BAPTISMS, AND CONCERNS

Joys included ministers in new positions: Laura Sherwood at Fort Wayne-Grace, Scott Fouts at Greenwood-Center Grove, and David McDonald as installed pastor at Clayton.

Concerns: Sally Earl, CLP at Greenwood-Center Grove – husband, Bill, died; Rex Espiritu, wife, Melissa, dying from inoperable gastric cancer; Glen Bell – mother died; Carol Farr – surgery; Judi Trabue – recent death of father; Miki Bean – recent surgery; Roger Dean – surgery for pancreatic cancer; Bob Heimach – death of mother's husband; Donna Madewell – death of stepfather; Sandi Martin – foot surgery; Bob Stouffer – cancer; Rik Spencer – death in family; Dennis Fischer – son Ben on fourth tour in Iraq, prayers for mental health.

Several adult baptisms were reported since the last Presbytery meeting: Indianapolis-Second Presbyterian had four, Fort Wayne-Calvary Third had one.

Rev. Thames led the Presbytery in prayer

### LIVING WATERS FLOWING FORTH

A short video was shown relating to how the waters of the Spirit flow into our lives together and into our congregations. We are encouraged to use our websites or DVDs to share stories of where and how we see the living water swelling up in our midst and be partners together and resources one for another.

### MISSION AND GROWTH TEAM REPORT

Elder Eric Herzog reported for the mission and growth team. The goal of the team is to be out working with the churches. Mission projects supported have been the wireless tower for First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, and \$5,000 for children's ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Decatur. Eric highlighted the upcoming Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference in Indianapolis on March 15-17. Scholarships are available.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

Rev. Dave Comstock encouraged participation in the Youth Triennium to be held this summer. Our Presbytery sent 18 three years ago, but we have a potential of 90 going to this one. Historically the Presbytery will pay for one-third of the cost. It is a wonderful experience to glorify God and experience the excitement with a national group of youth.

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, brought one matter of action: He made a motion to affirm the decision of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Tipton, Indiana, to elect Rev. Jack Masters as Minister Emeritus. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Rev. Thomas affirmed the decision of First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Indiana, to change their clergy model from one of installed pastor to Commissioned Lay Pastor. Rev. Laura Sherwood left Decatur and Marcia Cline is the CLP in Decatur.

The reported actions of the Committee on Ministry follow:

### AUGUST 26, 2009

#### CALLS AND CONTRACTS

**Mr. Fernando Rodriguez** Bilingual-Bicultural New Church Development Indianapolis

Motion passed to approve the Terms of Call for Fernando Rodriguez as pastor of the Bilingual-Cultural New Church Development effective September 13, 2009 pending a sustained ordination examination by Whitewater Valley Presbytery September 12, 2009 and his ordination by New Brunswick Presbytery October 4, 2009.

Salary	\$24,552
Housing	16,368
Full Pension	13,545
Moving Expnse	Full
Auto Expns	2,500
Prof Dev Allow	1,200
Business Expns	500
Med. Supp.	1,720
Tax. SS Offset	3,290
Vacation	four weeks to include four Sundays
Continuing Ed	two weeks to include two Sundays

and that

1. an Administrative Commission will be established for the purpose of serving as the Session of the Bilingual-Bicultural New Church Development Pastor, Indianapolis; and
2. that the Interim Stated Clerk will present the names of the commission members, with the Scope of Powers, to the Presbytery September 12, 2009.

**Rev. Chérie Isakson** - First Presbyterian Church, Winchester

Motion passed to approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Chérie Isakson as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Indiana, effective October 1, 2009:

Salary	\$32,240
Utilities	6,800
Full Pension	15,208
Moving Expns	Full
Auto Expns	2,500
Prof Dev Allow	1,000
Vacation	five weeks to include five Sundays
Continuing Ed	two weeks to include two Sundays

**Rev. Lee Dorsey** – Calvary Third, Fort Wayne – Interim Pastor

Motion passed to approve the Interim Pastor Contract between Rev. Lee Dorsey and the Session of Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, effective August 29, 2009, 30-32 hours per week, with the following terms:

Housing	\$19,814
Annuity	3,000
Full Pension	7,186
Travel Expns	30,900
Prof. Expns	300
Contin Ed	300
Med Reimbr	1,095
Vacation	20 days to include to include 2 Sundays
Study Leave	8 days to include 2 Sundays

**Ms. Anne Reed**

Motion passed, when the way be clear and pending a sustained ordination examination by Whitewater Valley Presbytery September 12, 2009 and her ordination by Pueblo Presbytery October 3, 2009: Ms. Anne Reed for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery as a Validated Minister, Resident Chaplain at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, effective August 31.

Transfers Approved

1. **Rev. Vern Farnum**, to Southeastern Illinois Presbytery
2. **Rev. Robert Jordan**, to Missouri River Valley Presbytery

Other Motions Passed

**Franklin-Hopewell**

The Executive Committee of COM recommended the next steps, which were **APPROVED** by the COM:

1. That the Interim Stated Clerk will correspond with the Clerk of Session to clarify process.
2. That representatives of the COM will invite Session members to a meeting at a neutral location to establish the continuing process, and that an individual meeting will be conducted with the pastor at that same time.

3. That if the Session does not concur with the COM recommendations, the COM will forward a recommendation to the September 12 Presbytery meeting for the creation of an Administrative Commission with a Scope of Powers to include original jurisdiction and to remove the current moderator

### **2010 Terms of Call**

Motion approved the 2010 Terms of Call that reflects a 3% increase and will forward the recommendation for the approval of those terms to Presbytery on September 12:

With manse provided: \$31,728                      No manse provided:    \$41,247

### **Managing Pastoral Transitions Pilot Project**

In conjunction with Rev. Dorsey's Interim Pastor contract, the COM reviewed and **APPROVED** the Managing Pastoral Transitions Pilot Project, including a one-year grant application of \$10,000 from the Promise of Tomorrow Fund with Rev. Robert McAulay serving as the Transition Consultant. The complete pilot project application and budget is filed in the Presbytery office.

## **SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

### **CALLS AND CONTRACTS**

#### **Marcia Cline, Decatur First**

Motion passed, pending a successful examination by the Presbytery December 2, to approve the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract between Ms. Marcia Cline and the First Presbyterian Church, Decatur, effective November 2, 2009 for a period of one year with all responsibilities allowed a lay pastor in the Book of Order, part time eighteen hours a week, with the following terms:

Salary	\$18,000
Study Leave	one (1) week
Vacation	three (3) weeks

#### **Other Motions Passed:**

**Rev. Lorna Kuyk** – receive as a retired member of Whitewater Valley Presbytery from Ohio Valley Presbytery effective November 1, 2009

**Rev. William Carr** – retirement effective September 30, 2009

#### **Fort Wayne-Calvary Third**

Approved the Pastoral Transition Consultant contract between Rev. Robert B. McAulay, Jr. and Calvary Third Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. The terms and position description for Rev. McAulay were approved by the COM, effective October 1, 2009:

Salary	\$12,519
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#### **Indianapolis-Faith**

That the requirement of two face-to-face interviews we waived.

#### **Rev. Fernando Rodriguez**

To approve and dismiss the Installation Commission October 11, 6:30 p.m. Indianapolis-NCD:  
Moderator Elder Hitch Learned; Elders Charles Clark, Indianapolis-Second and Linda Socarraz, Indianapolis-John Knox; Ministers Rev. Ruth Moore and Rev. Frank Mansell

#### **Rev. Cherie Isakson**

To approve and dismiss the Installation commission November 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m. Winchester-First: Moderator Elder Hitch Learned; Elders Allison Sime, Winchester-First; and another Elder to be reported; Ministers Rev. David McDonald with another Minister to be reported; Corresponding members: Rev. David Crittenden, Ohio Valley; Rev. Terry Dyer, Florida Presbytery; Elder Kim Cobban, Wabash Valley

**OCTOBER 28 , 2009****CALLS AND CONTRACTS****Montgomery, Rev. Cheryl** Greenwood Presbyterian Church

Motion passed to approve the Terms of Call for Rev. Cheryl Montgomery as Pastor at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, Indiana:

Salary	\$34,830
Housing	16,000
Board of Pensions	16,652
Automobile Expenses	2,500
Continuing Education	1,500
Business Expenses	250
Vacation	five weeks to include five Sundays
Continuing Education	two week to included two Sundays

**McDonald, Rev. David** Clayton Presbyterian Church

Motion passed to approved the Terms of Call for Rev. David McDonald as Pastor at Clayton Presbyterian Church, Clayton, Indiana, effective January 1, 2010:

Salary	\$30,000
Pension	full
Professional Development Allowance	1,000
Automobile Expenses	1,000
Vacation	five weeks to include five Sundays
Continuing Education	two weeks to include two Sundays

**Other Motions Passed****Rev. Wallace Wilson** - Portland-First

Motion passed to approved the extension of the Interim Pastor Contract with First Presbyterian Church, Portland, effective November 1, 2009 for six months with the following terms:

Salary	\$20,100
Housing	26,000
Full Pension	14,521
Travel Reimbursement	3,000
Professional Development	2,500
Professional Expense	750
Social Security	3,527
Flexible Medical Spending	5,000
Vacation	five weeks to include five Sundays
Continuing Education	two weeks to include two Sundays

**Rev. Martha Williams Jordan**

Motion passed request to labor outside of bounds to officiate at a wedding in Morehead, KY on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

**Isakson, Rev. Cherie**

Motion passed to approve additional members of Installation Commission: Rev. Rex Espiritu and Elder Kristy Quinn.

**Indianapolis-Southport**

Motion passed to authorize of team of six, to be appointed, to establish a process of discernment with the Session of Southport Presbyterian Church. The process will include suggested timelines, communications with the congregation and preparation for Presbytery action in December that will lead to negotiations for dismissal.

**Greensburg-First**

Motion passed to allow First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, to develop a process and rationale for calling a Designated Pastor.

**NOVEMBER 18, 2009****CALLS AND CONTRACTS****Fouts, Rev. Scott** Greenwood-Center Grove

Motion passed to approve the Terms of Call for the Rev. Scott Fouts as Pastor at Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, Indiana, effective February 15, 2010:

Salary	\$40,200
Housing	26,800
Travel Reimbursement	3,000
Professional Development	1,000
Medical/Dental Supplement	2,800
Social Security Offset	5,126
Vacation	Four weeks to include four Sundays
Study Leave	Two weeks to include two Sundays

**Other Motions:****Brouwer, Sarah** Lake Fellow, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Motion passed to permit Ms. Brouwer permission to labor in bounds of Whitewater Valley Presbytery as a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis.

**Indianapolis-Southport**

Motion passed to approve the process for discernment:

The Committee on Ministry will recommend to the December 2, 2009 Presbytery Assembly that the team currently working with SPC leadership (Martha McDonald, Hitch Leonard, Barbara Sloop) enter into a negotiation phase with representatives of SPC leadership.

**Franklin-Hopewell**

Motion passed to approve that a recommendation to form an Administrative Commission, including a complete slate of nominees, be forwarded to the Presbytery Assembly December 2, 2009.

**Fiduciary Considerations for Dismissal of Congregations**

Motion passed to recommend the *Fiduciary Considerations for Dismissal of Congregations* document to the Presbytery for approval December 2, 2009.

**JANUARY 27, 2010****CALLS AND CONTRACTS****Thorne, Ms. Terri** – WWVP Candidate Certified Ready to Receive a Call; member, Zionsville PC

Motion passed to approve Ms. Thorne for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery as a Validated Minister, full time Resident Chaplain, Clarian Health, Indianapolis, Indiana for a period of one year effective August 31, 2009 through August 30, 2010, pending a sustained ordination examination by Whitewater Valley Presbytery March 6, 2010 and with an Administrative Commission to Ordain to be approved at a later date. The terms of call \$23,670.

**Sherwood, Rev. Laura** - Fort Wayne-Grace Interim Pastor

Motion passed to approve the Interim Contract between Rev. Laura Sherwood and Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, effective February 1, 2010 for a period of one year:

Salary	\$30,789
Housing	11,160
Pension	13,214
Auto Allowance	2,500
Professional Devel.	1,000
Social Security offset	3,209
Medical Supplement	839
Vacation	four weeks to include four Sundays
Professional Devel	two weeks to include two Sundays

**Other Motions**

**Winchester-First** – by action and request of the Session December 18, 2009, grant permission regarding a small church Nominating Committee as it applies to churches with fewer than seventy members, BOO G-14.0226.b

**Tipton-First** – to recommend to Presbytery the approval of Pastor Emeritus Status

**Rev. Alice McDowell** – transfer to Lake Michigan Presbytery

**Rev. Jim Capps** – When the way be clear, transfer Rev. Capps to Mission Presbytery

**Rev. Cheryl Montgomery-Greenwood PC**

Approve and dismiss Installation Commission, Jan. 10, 2010, 3:00 p.m.:

Rev. Robert Heimach, Moderator; Rev. David Comstock; Rev. Judith Cook; Elder Martha McDonald, Indianapolis-St. Andrew; Elder Gary Shaw, Indianapolis-John Knox; Elder Mary Ruth Snyder, Indianapolis-Orchard Park; Elder Allan Fish, Greenwood PC

**Rev. David McDonald** – Clayton

Approve and dismiss Installation Commission, March 7, 4:00 p.m.:

Rev. Robert Heimach, Moderator; Rev. Robert Madsen; Rev. Margaret McDonald; Elder Barbara Edmondson, Clayton-First; Elder Jack Mart, Indianapolis-Northminster; Elder Kristy Quinn, Indianapolis-Irvington; Elder Dawn West, Clayton

**Fort Wayne-Calvary Third**

Motion passed to concur with the action of the Session January 26, 2010 regarding the termination of the consultant relationship with Rev. McAulay.

**Zionsville Presbyterian Church**

Motions passed:

1. that the pastoral relationship between Rev. Glenn McDonald and the Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville, Indiana, be affirmed; and that,
2. in partnership with Zionsville Presbyterian church, the Committee on Ministry will develop a Model of grace over sin and reconciliation that will engage Rev. Glenn McDonald, church members, non-members, staff and officers; and that
3. the Session and all ordained and installed pastors serving at Zionsville Presbyterian Church will be encouraged to design a preaching schedule that provides regular preaching opportunities for ordained clergy; and that
4. in partnership with Rev. Glenn McDonald and Zionsville Presbyterian Church, the Committee on Ministry will facilitate the creation of a transitional staffing model over a two-to-five year period, with an intentional design that will honor and celebrate Rev. McDonald's 26+ years of ministry while creating a healthy exit strategy for the congregation and Rev. McDonald.

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

**HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM**

Rev. Fernando Rodriguez, Organizing Pastor of the Bilingual Bicultural Church, announced the new name for the congregation – Nueva Creación (New Creation). He said the church is moving forward, worshipping at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis with services at 1:30 p.m. every Sunday. They have many outreach events. Rev. Rodriguez affirmed that as “it takes a village to raise a child,” it takes a Presbytery to grow a church.

Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive, thanked the Presbytery for his recent sabbatical and affirmed how the sabbatical renews and refreshes. Such sabbaticals are an investment in leadership. Rev. Martinez updated the Presbytery on the Northern Quintana Roo partnership and the current internal turmoil in NQR. The partnership looks different today, some churches have completed the partnership, the turmoil has caused some others to step back. The first week of April Whitewater Valley has a delegation going down for conversations with a perspective of openness.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Rev. Dave Comstock presented Brian Shivers to be examined to be moved from Inquirer to Candidate status. Brian has been on a long road, having served as a youth advisor for twenty years, and now feels called to be ordained. 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 Brian to Candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote. Brian answered the constitutional questions (G-14.0305f) asked by Moderator Robert Heimach. Friends from Second Presbyterian Church, where Brian has served for 17 years, gathered around Brian and Rev. Lewis Galloway led in prayer.

## **COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT**

Rev. Rachel Wann, Moderator of Coordinating Council, said there were no names to present for the Nominating Committee at this time.

The only action is to elect Eric Herzog as Treasurer for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley for the next year. It was moved, seconded, and passed that Eric Herzog be elected Treasurer.

[See Appendix B for Financial Reports through December, 2009.]

The reported actions of the Coordinating Council follow:

### **ACTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2010** **Geneva Center**

The Coordinating Council was called to order at 1:55 p.m. February 13, 2010 at Geneva Center, Rochester, Indiana. A quorum was present. The Council moved into Executive Session to hear administrative commission updates and other reports of a confidential nature. The Executive Session was closed at 2:05 p.m.

#### **General Actions**

1. motion passed to endorse the Ministerial Excellence Fund: Creating a Culture of Generosity project.
2. motion passed to approve Communion in 2010 for the following groups and committees, with specific dates to be determined or requested as noted:
  - Whitewater Valley Presbytery – all stated and called meetings
  - Committee on Ministry – the December retreat and the Pastors Retreat
  - Committee on Preparation for Ministry – dates to be determined
  - Coordinating Council Retreat – February 13, 2010
  - Presbyterian Women – dates to be determined

#### **Personnel Committee Recommendation**

3. motion passed to adopt a Covenant Agreement with Wabash Valley Presbytery, adopting a partnership with Whitewater Valley Presbytery that includes shared services and shared compensation for financial services.

#### **Finance Recommendations**

4. motion passed that \$9,500 of a \$19,500 operating budget surplus to Mission Focus Units Fund to offset an increase in the Personnel Budget
5. motion passed to transfer of \$5,000 of the \$19,500 operating budget surplus to the Mission Focus Units for Stewardship Kaleidoscope grants, \$300 per congregation

#### **Leadership Development Team**

6. motion passed to adopt the 2011 schedule:

Executive Comm.	Council Meetings	Presbytery
Jan 19	Feb 4-5 – Council Retreat	February 26 (Sat)
March 2	April 6	May 11 (Wed)
June 1	July 13 ( to avoid week of July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	August 13 (Sat)
September 7	October 5	November 9 (Wed)

7. motion passed to Presbytery staff for their willingness to create covenantal relationships beyond Presbytery boundaries
8. by consensus, changed the “Healthy Congregations” team to “Vital Congregations”

Received reports from:

- Finance Committee and Treasurer
- Connected Communities
- Mission and Growth
- Vital Congregations
- Board of Directors
  - ✓ Indianapolis-Fairview – approved PILP refinance loan
  - ✓ Ossian-First – approved request to use \$83,257.50 from previous manse sale
- Nominating Committee: recruiting a person for class of 2012 Nominating Committee vacancy

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elder Ann Hamel of John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, spoke for the Session of the John Knox and moved that the following Overture be sent to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley overtures the 219th General Assembly to affirm and enforce the following resolution:

Be it resolved that a 10 year moratorium be placed on any further amendments to G-6.0106b.

"Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historical confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament. "

Rationale:

A moratorium on receiving and debating amendments to G-6.0106b for a period of 10 years will allow the PC(USA) to focus on Christ's mission and purpose for the church. It is God's desire that the church live in purity, peace, and unity, for without anyone of these, strife and discord will be the norm within the Body of Christ.

John 17: 20-23 states, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Ephesians 4: 1-6, 11-16 states, "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. . . . The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."

For decades, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has experienced division concerning the intent of G-6.0106b section of the Book of Order. The presbyteries have voted on this section of the Book of Order multiple times, and with each vote the division among the church at-large has grown.

A moratorium on receiving and debating amendments to G-6.0106b will provide space for the church to heal from this ongoing strife. It will provide a time for us as the church to be guided by the Holy Spirit in our study of Scripture and the Confessions, and how that study leads us to understand God's will for our life together. It will allow time for the church to re-examine how it includes and supports its single men and women, how the covenant of marriage is to be honored and celebrated, and how we are each called to live in healthy relationships as children of God. It will allow for a time for the church to nurture healing among its members, for as 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13 states, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one spirit."

The motion was seconded and Ms. Hamel spoke to the motion. The Session of John Knox developed this overture as a result of unity of our Church. There is division and strife in the Church contributing to individuals leaving the Church and churches leaving the denomination. The Session voted unanimously to send this overture to Presbytery as the Lord calls us to unity and to bear with one another. Discussion followed and questions arose as to whether the intent of this overture runs up against the constitutional issue of whether one General Assembly can bind or enforce action of future General Assemblies. Stated Clerk Greg Thomas had done some research on this question and found concern, but no direct answer. Former General Assembly Commissioner Mark Moore made a motion that the overture be referred to the Bills and Overture Committee for research and discernment before Presbytery votes on it. The motion to refer received a second. After some discussion the results of the voice vote on the motion to refer was unclear, so a show of hands was requested. The motion to refer passed with a vote of 66 for and 51 opposed. The overture is referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

### **CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT**

The 163<sup>rd</sup> stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* and prayer by Moderator Robert Heimach. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

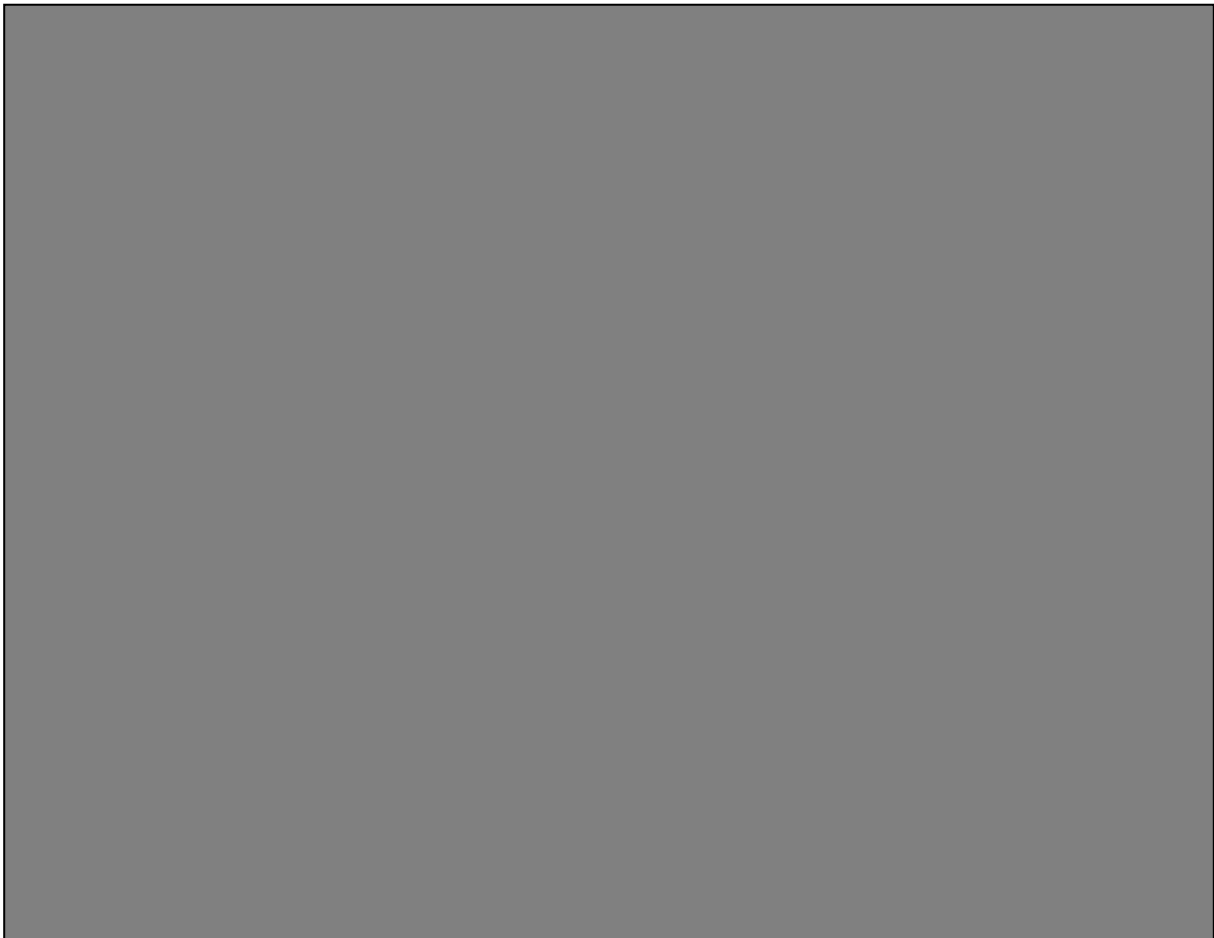
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Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk



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