

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

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 159th Stated Meeting at Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center in Brownstown, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Moderator Hitch Learned called the meeting to order with a call to gather, followed by the singing of the opening hymn.

Elder Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center welcomed the group and invited clergy to use the facilities for personal renewal. The center is used for groups of a few up to 160 people for retreats and conferences throughout the year in addition to the summer camping program. Moderator Hitch Learned welcomed the group expressing gratitude for so many coming and driving long distances to get there. He reviewed the docket.

Elder Gary Shaw, Interim 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:

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE CLERGY</u>	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
Anderson, First (4)	Dave Comstock Donna Madewell, CLP *	Jack Eflin Richard Harrison Betty Knapp Carol Wolfe
Avon, Whitelick (2)	Joy Bilger Goehring	Mathew Bryant Virginia A. Sheets
Bluffton, First (3)	Robert E. Madsen	Lin Harrold * Jean Blessing * Neal Pitts *
Boggstown (1)	Sandra Martin, CLP	William T. Johnson
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	+William Arthur *	John Hoffman *
Clayton (1)	David L. McDonald *	Brenda MacPherson *
College Corner, First United (1)	Vacant	Tonya Paddock
Connersville, First (1)	Martha Williams Jordan	Fred Sess
Decatur, First (1)	Laura M. Sherwood	Judy Mettler
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel A. Wann	Keith Piere *
Elwood, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun *	Emily Leavell *
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steven J. Ebling	Dave Gay Keith Tash Carl Kesling James L. Beatty
Fort Wayne, Calvary Third (4)	Vacant Joseph T. Fields *	Lois Johnson Julie Schneider * Dennis R. Fischer
Fort Wayne, First (6)	Terry Anderson John Stephen Park * Jeanie K. Barnes Byeong Cheol Han *	Jean Linville Vrina Stebbins Gary Stebbins Alice L. Chitwood Greg Barnes

Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Barbara A. Kenley	Will Searer Betty Werling James Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin R. Boyd	Sally Little
Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal V. Thomas	Kathy Jarvis
Franklin, First (3)	Peter F. Jessen	Dorcas Frische David Rook * Marge Rook
Franklin, Hopewell (3)	David E. Lee	Leona Burton Melinda Frazier Mark Myers
Greenfield, First (1)	John J. Paulson, CLP	Jill Lyon
Greensburg, First (2)	Kathleen D. Splitt James A. Splitt *	Judy Rust Joe Westhafer
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	David Crowley	Mary Marg Karty
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	David Crowley	Scott McCoy *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Alice J. McDowell Sally A. Earl, CLP	Joe Dotzlaf Marge Slauter Ed Williams * Andy Wiesman
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery	Larry Delaney Jan Mernone Conrad Gilliland *
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith	Tom Brown
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	John R. Koppitch	Mark Lawson Harriet Wilkins Ruby Matthews
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Vacant L. Vern Farnum *	Deb West Marty Dusel Libby Courtright Eric Herzog
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 *	Melissa Jester Kathy Moorhead Luanne Hogg Amy Pellor Pat Lewis
Indianapolis, John Knox (3)	W. Franklin Mansell Lisa K. Crismore, CLP	Mark A. Harper Vivian Hale Linda Socarraz
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Choon Man Hong *	

Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri L. Thomas * Ruth C. Moore Larry Moslener	Jean Dodds Lisa Longo Mark Moore Dave Scott Sharyl Stevens
Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Gary Ziegler * Michael Ireland * Kevin J. Long	Joe McDonald Rob Peterson Tony Kupinski
Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Dorthea Poindexter * Phil Votaw
Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis F. Galloway W. Glen Bell Joyce E. Hunn James W. Riley David A. Berry Karen L. Lang Richard Baker *	Gretchen Brown Robert Everitt Mark A. Huesing Ina Van Duyn Charles Liles John L. Miller Christine I. Ward Linda Rinker William Roberts Larry Robertson
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Gregory L. Glover	Carley Gioe * Joseph Woods
Indianapolis, Southport (6)	Vacant Kevin G. Bausman June G. Barrow Steven R. Matthies	David L. Lantz David Steiner Mark H. Myers Scott Miles Maureen Watson Steve McGee
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	L. John Gable Oscar A. Clavel	Sally John Ann Reynolds Thomas Wirt Don Heitman Gary Nickel
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Charles Scott
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker *	Faye McDaniel * Judi Trabue Muriel R. Treadwell
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Lyle J. Ewing	Richard Wade
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter S. Zinn	William Sitler *
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Mike Waggoner
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter S. Zinn	Dwight Sweet
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn A. Gold *	Karen Rodenburg *
Marion, Westminster (3)	Justin I. Schlesinger-Devlin	Jacqueline S. Hancock
McCordsville, Christ (1)	Nancy A. Howard *	William A. Wasitits

Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor * David B. Jewett MyungKu Lee Carrie Jo Miller, CLP	Nancy Barefoot * Michelle Kaitchuck * Don Whitaker Sue Whitaker Pat Zeabart *
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie C. Wager *	Art Hill
New Castle, First (4)	M. Rex Espiritu	Phyllis Grant Jerry Krupp Val McNelis *
Noblesville, First (3)	Eric R. Gale	Moffett Craig Fred Nelson Thomas H. Bader
Ossian (2)	Jay E. Cline	David Anderson Ted Martz
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	Vacant	Brenda Blue *
Portland, First (1)	Wallace F. Wilson *	Julia Schwomeyer
Richmond, First (3)	David A. Layman	Elaine Goodwin * Guy Guthrie Jon Richwine
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Vacant	Anne Johnston *
Rushville, First (1)	Dena E. Vittorio	Andy Taff
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CLP	June Wayt
Shelbyville, First (3)	Mark E. Morningstar	Jenna Gunnoe William Mitchell Mike Whitfield
Tipton, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun *	Robert Moore *
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric G. Lohe	Thomas E. Goins
Winchester, First (1)	William W. Carr	Cynthia Carr
Zionsville (6)	Glenn W. McDonald Scott T. Shelton D. William Azbell R. Patrick Smith Donna S. Pollard, CLP *	Donna Bayler Barry Sumner Larry A. Larew Stafford C. Walker Emily Shreve Glenn Toren

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

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

MINISTERS AT LARGE

Sharon Azbell
Merrill Cook *
Theodore Dorman *
Lee A. Dorsey
F. James Friedewald *

Robert Jordan
Gerard Kuyk
Robert B. McAulay, Jr.
Peggy McDonald *
Alan V. Pareis *

Katherine Rieder
Erik L. Spencer *
Daniel W. Sutherin *

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 *
Jack H. Glenn *
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 *
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 *

Robert L. Rooker *
Anne L. Rose *
Barbara A. Sloop
Quentin N. Small
Elbert Smith *
L. Wayne Smith *
Richard C. Smith *
James R. Snyder *
Richard Stenner *
John G. Stevens
Robert S. Stewart *
Paul R. Stone *
Gerald E. Thomas *
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
Gary Shaw

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Crane *
Sandra Crawford *
John Current
Ed Friel
Guy Guthrie (Commissioner)
Eric Herzog (Commissioner)

Jim Hill *
William Howell
Bob Kelley *
Frank Learned
Evelyn Miller
Toni Morris *

David Probst *
Sandra Reid
Ellen Schramm *
Sharyl Stevens (Commissioner)
Rich Swartwood
Judi Trabue (Commissioner)

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Peggy Casteel, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Indiana, Moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Elder John Ritchie, Vice Moderator, Presbytery of Wabash Valley
Rev. Ismael Herrera, Pastor at Gates of Heaven in Cozumel, Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico
Rev. Leopoldo Hernandez, Pastor at Gates of Heaven in Cancun, Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico
Rev. Josue Chan, Coordinator of the NQR Partnership, Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico
Rev. Israel Mendez, Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo, Mexico

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Jennifer Loeb

VISITORS

Brent Friend
Martha McDonald
Judy Thames
Jim Van Duyn
Allan Fish
Nancy Current

Bill Werling
Mary Ruth Snyder
Beth Davis
Bill Earl
Caroline Dennis
Ileen Mitchell

Bob Sauer
Nadine Hill
Julia Montgomery
Margaret Butcher
Nancy Kriplen
H. Roger Gale

Charles Scott
Dianne M. Scott
Al Barrow
Doug Barnes
Hamilton McMillan

DOCKET

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

A WORD ABOUT OUR MEETING

Moderator Hitch Learned reviewed the business of the day and pledged to keep things moving efficiently to be sure the meeting ends at a reasonable time. [See Appendix A for his full letter of welcome and explanation]

New elder commissioners were introduced. The following persons were seated as corresponding members:

Rev. Peggy Casteel, First Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Indiana, Moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Elder John Richie, Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

Rev. Ismael Herrera, pastor of Gates of Heaven Church in Cozumel, Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico

Rev. Leopoldo Hernandez, pastor of Gates of Heaven Church in Cancun, Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico

Rev. Josue Chan, Coordinator of the partnership in Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery, Mexico

Rev. Israel Mendez, Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo, Mexico

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Prayer of the Day was prayed in unison.

INTERIM STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Gary Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk, reported that Jason Bantz from First United Presbyterian Church in College Corner and Doug Barnes from Wallace Street Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis have renounced jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in writing. Their renunciations were accepted with regret.

Ordination Anniversaries

March through May [See Appendix B]

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Moderator Hitch Learned introduced the process for discussion of the ten proposed General Assembly Amendments and four proposed ratifications of ecumenical statements. It will be a pro-active process, discerning Jesus Christ's will for us. Any of the statements can be brought up for discussion with a four-minute limit on any amendments besides 08-B. The following is a summary of the proposed amendments:

Summary: Proposed 2008 Amendments to the Constitution and Ecumenical Statements

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

08-B. Ordination Standards (G-6.0106b, G-14.0240 and G-14.0450). The Presbytery of Boston proposed this amendment to delete the current fidelity and chastity requirement and replace it with a different standard of obedience. The Committee on Church Orders and Ministry recommended approval by a vote of 41/11/0 and it was approved by the GA by a vote of 380/325/3 (54% to 46%).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-----End of Summary of Amendments-----

Elder Mark Moore, one of the elder commissioners at the 218th General Assembly, presented the Bills and Overtures Committees' report and recommendations. The full report follows:

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY

REPORT

By the Standing Rules of the Presbytery, the Bills and Overtures Committee is comprised of the ministers and elders and the youth advisory delegate the Presbytery elected to the General Assembly. To the 218th General Assembly, the Presbytery elected these commissioners, each of whom is asked to stand:

Elders:	Bill Johnson (Boggstown-First) Mark Moore (Indianapolis-Northminster) Kristy Quinn (Indianapolis-Irvington)
Ministers:	Frank Mansell (Indianapolis-John Knox) Steve Matthies (Indianapolis-Southport) Linda Philabaun (Elwood-First & Tipton-First)
Youth Advisory Delegate:	Jenna Gunnoe (Shelbyville First)

Based on the results of the five regional gatherings, where the clear focus of discussion was on Proposed Amendment 08-B, the Bills and Overtures Committee determined to continue that focus this morning, prior to voting on all the proposed amendments this afternoon.

The Bills and Overtures Committee met February 26, 2009 and settled on this process with the desire to limit its role and expand the time available to the commissioners present today to speak for or against Proposed Amendment 08-B. The committee understands that as a procedural matter all the proposed amendments and proposed ratifications are important, and that it cannot compel acceptance of the process it moves today. The committee respectfully asks you to accept its recommendation, recognizing that limited discussion of one or two other proposals jeopardizes the ability of the commissioners to spend an hour discussing 08-B.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bills and Overtures Committee moves the following:

- A. The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends affirmative votes on all the proposed amendments and proposed ratifications of ecumenical statements, except that the Bills and Overtures Committee makes no recommendation regarding Proposed Amendment 08-B; and
- B. The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends concurrence with the following process for discussing Proposed Amendment 08-B.
 1. Discussion will be limited to one hour, with speakers alternating for and against the proposed amendment.
 2. Speakers are limited to two minutes. The time limit will be strictly enforced by the stated clerk.
 3. Speakers are to order themselves at the designated microphone for and against the proposed amendment.
 4. The 218th General Assembly commissioners and youth advisory delegate will have the first privilege of discussing 08-B, again alternating for and against the proposed amendment.
 5. No procedural motions will be entertained by the Moderator. In other words, the moderator is asked to rule out of order all motions that would further limit or extend discussion of 08-B.
 6. In the event time remains, and only speakers for or against the proposed amendment remain at the designated microphone, the moderator may discern whether or not to continue the discussion.
 7. Voting on the proposed amendments and proposed ratifications will occur this afternoon, following worship, lunch and communion. The Bills and Overtures Committee will distribute paper ballots to registered commissioners at that time. Only registered commissioners are entitled to vote. The committee will tally the votes and announce the results as soon as possible.

The discussion started at 10:45 a.m. and was allotted one hour with speakers alternating for and against for all amendments being considered.

Elder Martha McDonald, a Certified Christian Educator but not an elected commissioner to this Presbytery meeting, moved that Amendments 08-F and 08-I be set aside for discussion. Martha's motion was ruled out of order because as a Certified Christian Educator she has voice at a Presbytery meeting, but cannot make motions. Rev. David Lee rose and made a motion that Amendments 08-E, 08-F, and 08-I be set aside for discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.

After some discussion with voices for and against those three amendments, the discussion turned to 08-B. The body was reminded to maintain open and respectful dialogue, trying to discern the will of Jesus Christ in our vote. The discussion did go on for the allotted hour, alternating voices for and against. All were respectful and considerate.

WORSHIP

Worship followed the discussion on the amendments. There were hymns, scripture and prayers with Rev. T. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, preaching on *The Sound of Silence*. An offering of \$1,312.52 was received for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Moderator Hitch Learned offered the prayer before lunch.

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:27 p.m. Rich Swartwood, Executive Director of Pyoca, and his staff lived out the parable of the loaves and fishes as they stretched lunches planned for 200 to feed 260 people. Box lunches were enjoyed by all with home-baked cookies and brownies as treats.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened around the tables at 1:10 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOGNITIONS

Rev. Steve Ebling, Moderator of the Personnel Committee, made a motion that Elder Gary Shaw be elected as Interim Stated Clerk upon the honorary retirement of Rev. S. Kim Leech. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Special recognition and gratitude was given to Rev. Kim Leech for his years of service as Stated Clerk. Best wishes were extended for his retirement. Rev. Steve Ebling led the Presbytery in prayer, giving thanks for Rev. Leech and his good and faithful service.

Richard Swartwood was recognized for fifteen years of service as Executive Director of Pyoca. The Presbytery is blessed to have the dedication and service of such a faithful servant of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Rev. T. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, celebrated the full attendance at today's meeting. He offered prayers for the family of Rev. Frank Bean, Honorably Retired Pastor who died on February 23, 2009. Moderator Hitch Learned introduced new pastors in the Presbytery: Oscar Clavel, Designated Associated Pastor at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, and Mark Morningstar, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville.

Nadine Hill, Moderator of Presbyterian Women of Whitewater Valley, invited all women to the Spring Gathering at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Speakers include Sandi Martin, CLP at Boggstown Presbyterian, and Robin Chaddock of Second Presbyterian.

Rev. Kevin Long, Associate Pastor at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, extended an invitation to all to hear Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey at Orchard Park on March 20-22. Dr. Bailey is a one-of-a-kind Biblical scholar and teacher.

Rev. Thames asked how many churches had adult baptisms since the last Presbytery meeting. Seven churches responded with one to nine baptisms each.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed with the elements served by intinction around the tables. Rev. Joy Goehring and Elder Mat Bryant from Whitelick Presbyterian Church in Avon were the celebrants.

Voting on Amendments

Following communion, paper ballots were distributed to each pastor and elected commissioner for voting on the General Assembly Amendments.

The hymn, *There's a Sweet Sweet Spirit in This Place*, was sung followed by a community prayer.

The Bills and Overtures Committee will tally the ballots and the results of the vote will be announced later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Elder Martha McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, welcomed the commissioner from the remnant remaining as the United Presbyterian Church of College Corner.

Martha then presented Caroline Dennis to be examined for ordination. Caroline has a call as Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. After the presentation of her faith statement and examination by the members of the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made and passed. It was M/S/P to sustain the examination of Caroline as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination and installation. The motion was approved by voice vote. Caroline will be ordained by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Representatives from Second Presbyterian Church joined Caroline as the Presbytery was led in prayer by Rev. Glen Bell.

Rev. Tim Shapiro, Validated Minister, President of the Center for Congregations, shared information about his validated ministry and the work of the Center for Congregations. The mission of the Center is to strengthen congregations and offer resources for whatever needs and opportunities a congregation might have. Seven hundred congregations used services of the Center for Congregations last year. There are no charges or fees for services. The philosophy is that congregations matter and are eternally important.

The reported actions of Committee on Ministry follow:

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

QUORM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met November 19, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The October 29, 2008 minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

Logan, Rev. Sheldon

When the way be clear and at the request of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery, transfer Rev. Sheldon Logan, honorably retired, to Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Indianapolis-Northminster

By action of the Session October 21, 2008, renew the parish associate relationships with Rev. John Stevens and Rev. Don MacPherson effective January 1, 2009 for a period of one year.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS, COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS & CHURCHES

Dennis, Caroline Indianapolis-Second Associate Pastor Elect

The COM APPROVED the following actions as they relate to the Associate Pastor position between Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis IN and Ms. Caroline V. Dennis:

1. the suitability of the call between Ms. Caroline V. Dennis and Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, for the good of the whole church;
2. the examination for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery and, when the way be clear, Ms. Dennis will become a member of the Presbytery
3. authorized the Session to call a meeting of the congregation January 4, 2009, to act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call Ms. Dennis as their Associate Pastor Elect;
4. that when the way be clear, providing his ordination examination is sustained by the Presbytery March 7, 2009 and pending her ordination commission with the date to be determined, she will begin serving as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament as Associate Pastor.
5. The COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met.
6. the terms of call effective February 16, 2009, pending above actions:

Salary/Housing	\$60,380
PCUSA Pension	\$19,020
One-half SECA allowance	\$ 4,620
Medical Deductible reimbursement	\$ 404
Health Club Membership for family	\$ 1,000
Auto. Expenses	\$ 2,200
Continuing Education & Book Exp.	\$ 1,200
Business & Professional Expenses	\$ 1,500
Professional Dev. Allow.	\$ 1,000
Vacation	four weeks (to include four Sundays)
Study Leave	two weeks (cumulative up to 4 years)
Moving Expenses	full

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

Greenwood-Center Grove

Sally Earl was excused during the COM discussion. Liaison Mike Whitfield was excused but provided a written report. The COM reviewed the Mission Study. The COM APPROVED the Mission Study.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, DECEMBER 10, 2008**QUORUM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED**

The Committee on Ministry met December 10, 2008 at Christian Theological Seminary for their annual retreat. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

Donna Madewell, Anderson-First CLP

1. The request of the First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, to renew the commission of Elder Donna Madewell for a period of 2 ½ years, effective January 1, 2009.

Rationale: The COM requested this commission be for 2 ½ years so that future commissioning and contract renewal match the congregation's fiscal year. If the Session requests the renewal of a commission in June 2011, that will revert to a 3-year commission term.

2. The Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract between Elder Donna Madewell and First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, effective June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$21,580
Housing/Utilities	\$10,300
Pension/Medical	\$10,043
Auto. Allow	\$2,732 (at IRS rate)
Other	\$500
Study Leave	Two Weeks Including Sundays
Vacation	One Month Including Sundays

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY JANUARY 27, 2009

The January 27, 2009 meeting was cancelled due to weather. The following actions of the Consent Agenda were APPROVED by electronic vote, as allowed by Presbytery Standing Rules, with a majority of the COM members responding in the affirmative by February 10, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTIONS APPROVED BY ELECTRONIC VOTE

February COM Meeting – Move to February 18 rather than February 25.

Petro, Mary Ann – Ordination Commission

Date/Time/Location: February 8, 2009 3:00 p.m. Indianapolis-Faith
 Moderator: Elder Hitch Learned
 Elders: Robin Stark, Indianapolis-Faith; Carrie Jo Miller, Muncie-First
 Ministers: Rev. Vern Farnum; Rev. Betty Gilbert Griffin
 Ecumenical Rep: Dr. Dianne Reistroffer, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary
 Other Participant: Rev. Dr. Hattie Wagner, Presbytery Homes and Services of Kentucky, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

Mary Ann Petro was examined for ordination by Milwaukee Presbytery Nov. 25. The examination was sustained. Her Validated Ministry with the Vitas Hospice was approved by the Committee on Ministry, Milwaukee Presbytery.

Morningstar, Rev. Mark - Installation Commission

Date/Time/Location: February 22, 2008 3:00 p.m. Shelbyville-First
 Moderator: Elder Hitch Learned
 Elders: Emily Campbell, Shelbyville-First; Sandra Martin, CLP Boggstown-First;
 John Paulson, CLP Greenfield-First
 Ministers: Rev. Jerry Kuyk; Rev. Robert Heimach
 Ecumenical Rep: Rev. Cliff Branch, Shelby County Ministerial Association,
 Lewis Creek Baptist Church, Shelbyville

Paulson, Elder John – Greenfield-First Commission Lay Pastor

Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract, effective February 1, 2009 with the following terms:

Salary	\$12,811
Housing	\$20,000
Auto Allow	IRS Rate
Professional Expenses	\$1,250
Study Leave	Two Weeks
Vacation	One Month

Lawson, Rebekah - Add to Pulpit Supply List

Rebekah Lawson, a former inquirer in WWVP whose care was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery last year. She has temporarily relocated to the Indianapolis area and requested inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List. This was approved by former Committee on Preparation for Ministry Moderator Rev. Peggy McDonald, providing the required permission was granted by Ms. Lawson's home church. We received correspondence from St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, PA, that the Session gave permission to include Ms. Lawson on the pulpit supply list.

Marshall, Gray – Add to Pulpit Supply List

Gray Marshall, a candidate of Eastern Virginia Presbytery who has moved to Indianapolis, has been certified ready to receive a call by his presbytery and they have concurred with his request to be added to our Pulpit Supply List.

Solether, Rev. Scott

Transfer Rev. Scott Solether to Presbytery of Southern Kansas where he accepted a position as the pastor of First Presbyterian church, Great Bend, Kansas, effective December 1, 2008.

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

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM

Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive, introduced the Northern Quintana Roo Commission visiting from Mexico this week. When our partnership began, the initial plan was to start ten congregations in NQR Presbytery, but they have started twelve. Rev. Israel Mendez, Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo, addressed the assembly, expressing thanks to our Presbytery for the blessings of our partnership together.

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Elder Sandra Reid, Moderator of Coordinating Council, introduced the members of the Council who were present. She reported on the Council Retreat held at Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton, Indiana, in January. God is calling this presbytery to do a new thing. We need to listen, respond, be obedient, and honor our spiritual gifts. Sandra reviewed priorities for 2009 with each of the teams. New teams working through Council this year include:

- Healthy Congregations with an emphasis on Acts 16:5 and assisting struggling congregations with remaining connected
- Mission and Growth with emphasis on Pyoca Camp, Conference & Retreat Center, Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, and NQR/Hispanic Ministries
- Leadership Development with emphasis on developing Presbytery meetings around theological dialogue, worship, and interaction plus exploring with congregations the need for leadership training
- Connected Community with emphasis on Stewardship and Mission Interpretation and Ministry Opportunity Visioning.

FIRST READ OF STANDING RULES

There will be no action today on revised Standing Rules. Second reading and final action will take place at the June Presbytery meeting. **[See Appendix C for Revised Standing Rules]**

FINANCE AND BUDGET REPORTS/UPDATES

Treasurer Eric Herzog presented the finance reports for the year-end of 2008. **[See Appendix D]**

Elder William Howell, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the amended shared mission budget for 2009. The committee had to modify the budget to reach goals in 2009 and reallocate monies to local presbytery mission area. Shared mission has been allocated at the same percentage over the last twenty years. After researching eight other presbyteries for the amounts shared with General Assembly and Synod, the Finance committee set new percentages for shared mission giving: 31% to General Assembly, 14% to Synod of Lincoln Trails, and 55% to Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. **[See Appendix E for the Amended Budget for 2009]**

The Reported Actions of the Coordinating Council follow:

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

February 4, 2009 Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

The Coordinating Council met February 4, 2009 at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm by Moderator Sandra Reid and was opened with prayer.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council minutes of November 5, 2008 were APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council APPROVED a motion to convene an executive session of the Coordinating Council for the purpose of hearing the reports regarding Administrative Commissions relating to Indianapolis-Wallace St., Ohio-College Corner and Richmond-Reid Memorial.

Interim Stated Clerk Gary Shaw and Executive Presbyter Alan Thames reported.

- It is anticipated that the Wallace Street Administrative Commission will present a final report to the Presbytery on March 7.
- The work of the other commissions are progressing.

The Council APPROVED a motion to adjourn the executive session.

SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. To reinstitute a Self Development of People committee in the Presbytery
2. The serving of the Lord's Supper for all stated Presbytery meetings
3. Finance Committee recommendations:
 - adjust the current Presbytery Shared Mission allocation methodology to 31% General Assembly, 14% Synod of Lincoln Trails, 55% Presbytery of Whitewater Valley; refer to the Presbytery Mission Support Unit '09 budgeted mission partnerships utilizing a "pooled" shared resources budget of \$125,000;
 - eliminate the Seeding/New Opportunities budget line item and reduce the Temporary Supply / Sabbaticals line item from \$8,000 to \$5,000;
 - utilize \$12,500 of the \$49,915 in fund reserves to achieve a balanced budget

OTHER REPORTS and MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (no actions required)

Regional Amendment Discussion Meetings Report

Hitch Learned, Sandra Reid, Jim Hill and Sharyl Stevens reported. The first of five meetings convened February 3 at Indianapolis-Second with approximately 60 participants. The format for the meetings was well received and the participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to meet and discuss the amendments.

A summary of comments will be posted on the Presbytery website after all the meetings are completed.

Personnel Committee Report

Steve Ebling reported. The Personnel Policies are being reviewed and revised. Presbytery staff reviews will be conducted in April and May.

Council Retreat

The Coordinating Council retreat was held January 23-24 at Sisters of St. Joseph Conference Center in Tipton. The retreat was well attended. Community building and spiritual gifts assessment were the primary topics. In response to the spiritual gifts assessment, Council members were assigned to Council-related service teams.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviewed the December 31, 2008 financial statements and recommended actions that correspond with a revised shared mission giving projections from \$342,500 to \$265,000. Supporting rationale for the recommendations was distributed to Council members and is available to others by request. A revised 2009 budget will be distributed at the March 7 Presbytery meeting.

Mission Support Unit

The Mission Support Unit is preparing recommendations for the 2010 Mission Operations budget. Fifteen congregations have committed to participating in the Acts 16:5 program.

Hispanic Ministry Lead Team

The Northern Quintana Roo commission will arrive March 2 and attend the March 7 Presbytery meeting. The PNC continues to interview pastors for the Bilingual/Bicultural New Church Development.

Board Of Directors Report

The Board of Directors has received an official offer from the Temple of Refuge, Indianapolis, to purchase the property outright. The Board of Directors continues to clarify a loan agreement with Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. Several other congregational loans are in progress.

Planning/Worship & Vision/Strategy Report

The Council received an updated Strategy and Vision report chart.

Pyoca Camp and Conference Center

Camp registration has begun for the 2009 season. The staff is preparing for the March 7 Presbytery meeting and excited about hosting. The Capital Campaign pledges to date are \$960,000. Pyoca welcomes all groups planning retreats and gatherings.

Standing Rules

The first reading of the revised Standing Rules was distributed. Council members were asked to review and submit suggested changes. The first reading will be distributed at the March 7 Presbytery meeting with a second reading/approval June 3.

Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. and closed with prayer.

2009 Council Meetings

May 6 - First, Connersville

August 5 - Grace, Ft Wayne

November 4 - First, Shelbyville

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR WALLACE STREET

Rev. Eric Gale, member of the Administrative Commission for Wallace Street, presented the report for the Commission. He thanked the Administrative Commission members and invited them to join him up front. Paula Mann was original chair but received a call to ministry in California. David Mueller is the current chair but was unable to be here today.

Rev. Gale moved that the following recommendation from the Administrative Commission be approved:

We, members of the Administrative Commission for Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, a member of Whitewater Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), recommend that said congregation be transferred to membership in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church upon the satisfactory completion of the Final Terms of Settlement signed by the Pastor and Clerk of Session of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church and the members of the Administrative Commission.

Submitted,

February 12, 2008

Elder David A. Mueller, Chair

Rev. Eric Gale

Rev. Dena Vittorio

Elder Sandra Martin

Rev. Ralph Mitchell

Elder Ed Friel

Rev. Gale read the terms of the settlement:

**Term Sheet for Settlement Matters
Concerning Dismissal and Transfer of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church**

1. Wallace Street Presbyterian Church (the "church") will be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "PC(USA)") to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the "EPC") with the blessings of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley (the "Presbytery"). The dismissal shall occur as soon as practicable and after all required approvals and consents have been obtained. The parties shall work cooperatively toward this goal in light of their covenantal responsibilities to one another and the greater church and in light of their shared commitment toward spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. The parties will agree to a procedure for accomplishing the goal in paragraph 1 above, and this process shall include consultation between the Presbytery and the congregation of the Church as required by Book of Order G-9.0505 and the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission decision and order in Sunquist v. Heartland Presbytery. The Session and Pastor of the Church will assist the Presbytery with and participate in the consultation process.
3. The parties will make arrangements whereby the Presbytery / PC(USA) may retain the original copies of all Church records and historical records/documents. Generally this includes church books and records, session and committee minutes, ordination records, baptismal records, and other documents. Before providing these documents to Presbytery, the Church may make copies of all of these items for their own use. The parties may designate a small group to consider whether there are some records that need not be transferred or copied or whether other efforts should be made to preserve any historical documents or items.
4. All necessary and prudent steps shall be taken to make clear to third parties the divergence of the parties and the severing of the Church's relationship with the PC(USA). This will include appropriate public notices, other notices to insurers, vendors, creditors, and others as would be customary or required in any transfer or assets or dissolution of a business in order to form a new business. As a part of the dismissal process, the Church shall form a new Indiana corporation and shall take a new name indicating its affiliation with the EPC and not the PC(USA). The name might be Wallace Street Evangelical Presbyterian Church or something similar.
5. As part of the consultation process described in paragraph 2 above, if the Presbytery determines that there are individual members who wish to remain members of the PC(USA), it shall make all appropriate steps for the pastoral care of these persons. Those persons wishing to transfer their membership to the EPC shall indicate their intent in writing and the parties shall cooperate to work out a process for transferring membership for those persons. Any person holding ordained office in the PCCUSA) (elders, deacons, minister of Word and Sacrament) who wishes to transfer to the EPC shall renounce the jurisdiction of the PC(USA) and relinquish all rights and privileges of ordained office in the PC(USA). The Presbytery will work with the church session and pastor to accomplish an orderly transfer to the EPC. Assuming that there are no judicial cases pending at the time of transfer, all ministers of Word and Sacrament shall be transferred in good standing.
6. The Presbytery shall receive all items in the Church that bear the PC(USA) name, logo, or other identification marks or symbols of the PC(USA). All such items will be returned by the Church. This will also include a promise that each party indemnify and hold the other harmless for the debts and obligations of the other and similar terms.
7. The Church shall pay the Presbytery the cash sum of \$42,500.00, an amount equal to a tithe of the appraised value of the Church building. The church shall also be responsible for all fees and costs associated with the dissolution in accordance with paragraph 10, below. The Presbytery shall issue quitclaim deeds to the new entity formed in accordance with paragraph 4 above for all title, right or interest it may have or claim in the real property now utilized by the Church. Appropriate, similar steps shall be followed for motor vehicles or other property identified by the parties as consideration for this settlement.
8. The parties shall provide for indemnification of the other with respect to matters that may arise with respect to the time prior to the severance of their relationship, including appropriate arrangement for insurance coverage. This indemnification shall be for no less than two years.
9. The parties shall enter into a mutually agreeable written settlement agreement that is acceptable to counsel for each party and that contains usual and customary terms and language, including representations and warranties, for transferring property, dividing property, and so on. The Church, as the party who is seeking dismissal, shall bear all the costs and attorneys' fees for this documentation and such other usual and customary costs as may be incurred, such as title searches, recording fees, costs of notices, and so on.

10. The parties shall work together to announce the dissolution and this settlement. Assuming this term sheet is signed and binding on both parties, this dissolution and settlement shall be announced at the March, 2009 meeting of Presbytery and the parties shall work in good faith to conduct all required consultations, obtain all necessary consents and close the transaction by June 31, 2009. The parties understand and agree that this term sheet is subject to the approval of the Session, the congregation, the Presbytery and acceptance of the new congregation (see Paragraph 4 above) into the EPC, and that all documents (other than this term sheet) concerning this transaction are not final and binding until approved by the parties and their respective legal counsel.
11. No party shall commence any lawsuit or legal action against the other before the closing of this transaction without first mediating and attempting to resolve any differences without resort to litigation.
12. This term sheet is intended as a summary and not as final, binding language. The parties want to bring this to a prompt and amicable conclusion, and are committed to working together toward this goal.
13. The parties shall join together in a service of worship, recognizing their past historical connection, their future mutual mission and service goals, and continuing mutual commitment to furthering the Kingdom of God.

-----End of Terms of Wallace Street Settlement-----

Rev. Glen Bell asked permission to add an amendment to the recommendation from the Administrative Commission. The Stated Clerk explained it is not appropriate and is out of order to amend or change any Administrative Commission's recommendation. Rev. Bell said his amendment does not change the original recommendation. Given permission to state his motion, Rev. Bell moved: As a presbytery, we understand that this settlement and agreement is specific to the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, and is not to be understood as a precedent in any future conversations between the presbytery and congregations. The motion was duly seconded.

After some discussion a voice vote was taken on whether to approve the amendment. The outcome of the vote was unclear and it was determined that a show of hands was necessary. The motion passed with a vote by the show of hands.

A voice vote was taken on the original motion with the amendment as follows:

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As a presbytery, we understand that this settlement and agreement is specific to the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, and is not to be understood as a precedent in any future conversations between the presbytery and congregations.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Members of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church joined the Administrative Commission up front and Rev. Eric Gale led the Presbytery in prayer.

[See Appendix F for Summary of Administrative Commission's Work]

RESULTS OF THE VOTING ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

The Bills and Overtures Committee presented the results of the vote on the Amendments. Moderator Hitch Learned read the results:

08-A: 193 Yes 24 No	08-E: 117 Yes 102 No	08-K: 207 Yes 10 No
08-B: 108 Yes 106 No	08-F: 131 Yes 85 No	08-L: 182 Yes 41 No
2 Abstentions	08-G: 189 Yes 26 No	08-M: 210 Yes 7 No
2 Non-Votes	08-H: 191 Yes 25 No	08-N: 200 Yes 13 No
08-C: 201 Yes 16 No	08-I: 127 Yes 90 No	
08-D: 193 Yes 20 No	08-J: 196 Yes 19 No	

Rev. T. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, led the Presbytery in prayer.

CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The 159th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of a closing hymn and prayer by Vice Moderator Robert Heimach at 3:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Wednesday, June 3, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk

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LETTER FROM MODERATOR HITCH LEARNED
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February 23, 2009

Dear Fellow Presbyterians,

We've certainly entered 2009 with a sense of excitement as well as the recognition that our congregations, our presbytery and our denomination face great challenges.

The January 17 installation of Rev. Alan Thames as our new executive presbyter at Zionsville Presbyterian Church was a joyous occasion marking a welcomed new beginning for our presbytery. It has also been a great pleasure to participate in the ordination of Rev. Mary Ann Petro and the installations of Rev. Oscar Clavel (Tabernacle, Indianapolis) and Rev. Mark Morningstar (First, Shelbyville).

The upcoming presbytery meeting on March 7th at Camp Pyoca will be an important one as we discuss and act upon the constitutional amendments and ecumenical statements approved by the 218th General Assembly. In anticipation of this, we have just completed five regional gatherings to discuss the proposed changes. The over 150 people attending these meetings had an opportunity to express their views and to learn by listening to fellow members of the presbytery. You will soon receive notes from these gatherings and recommendations from the Bills & Overtures Committee which will hopefully assist you in your effort to discern the will of Christ as you further discuss and vote upon the amendments and ecumenical statements.

At our March 7 gathering, we'll continue to make worship and the nurture of candidates for ministry a central part of our presbytery meetings. Worship will include communion and a sermon by Rev. Thames. We'll also have the ordination examination of Caroline Dennis and the inquirer-to- candidate examination of Libby Mucciarone.

We'll also have a report from the administrative commission for Wallace Street PC in Indianapolis and the opportunities to celebrate Rev. Kim Leech's faithful service as stated clerk, Rich Swartwood's 15 years of service to Camp Pyoca and the presence of our mission partners from the Mexican Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo.

Please take note that **adjournment is scheduled for 4 pm** on March 7. The long meeting will be necessary due the important business before us and the need to give all commissioners a chance to speak. We recognize that this will mean that most of us will get back to our homes and churches later than usual. For this reason, I pledge to work, with your help, to move us through the docket as expeditiously as possible.

I look forward to serving as your moderator and to sharing with you a love of serving Jesus Christ and our church, both during our upcoming meeting and throughout 2009.

Sincerely,

Frank "Hitch" Learned
Moderator, Whitewater Valley Presbytery

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March 7, 2009

FIRST DRAFT
STANDING RULES REVISION

- Please review this document at your convenience.
- No action will be taken March 7.
- The Interim Stated Clerk reminds you that the second read/final recommended version will be published for the June 3 Presbytery meeting. There may be both content and format changes as recommend by Council and Presbytery commissioners.
- If you have questions/recommendations regarding the First Read Standing Rules, please put those in writing and e-mail them to: kquinn@whitewatervalley.org They will be forwarded to the Interim Stated Clerk.

The major revisions in this version include:

1. deleting references to church networks
2. deleting some portions that were policy rather than standing rules
3. deleting cross references in the texts
4. defining ex-officio members as needed (continues to be refined)
5. decreasing Council size and members

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STANDING RULES
PRESBYTERY OF WHITEWATER VALLEY

ARTICLE I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. This document shall be known as the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- B. These Standing Rules are created by the action of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley as authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Should any provision of the Standing Rules be in conflict with that Constitution, the Constitution shall prevail. It is the purpose and intent of these Standing Rules to avoid repetition of the provisions of the Constitution, and to provide such additional governance as may be required or appropriate. The Presbytery may delegate any power permitted by the Constitution.

The meetings of the Presbytery and its related organizations shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised except in those cases where the Constitution or these Standing Rules provide otherwise. (G-9.0302)

- C. The Presbytery shall include all particular churches of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) within the following counties of the State of Indiana:

Adams	Franklin	Jay	Shelby
Allen	Grant	Johnson	Tipton
Blackford	Hamilton	Madison	Union
Decatur	Hancock	Marion	Wayne
Delaware	Hendricks	Randolph	Wells
Fayette	Henry	Rush	

1. And the Zionsville Presbyterian Church within Boone County as of January 1, 1999 per General Assembly action in 1998.
 2. First United Presbyterian Church, College Corner, Ohio.
 3. All organizations, committees, and governing units of the Presbytery shall seek (wherever practical, feasible, and appropriate) geographic diversity from within the Presbytery.
- D. Members of Presbytery:
1. Membership shall be as provided for in the Constitution (G-11.0101)
 2. Sessions shall elect commissioners on an annual basis.
 3. Elder members of the Coordinating Council shall be at-large commissioners to Presbytery.
 4. The members of the Coordinating Council and members of the Board of Directors elected by the Council shall constitute the membership of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, Inc.
- E. Priorities of Presbytery. The Coordinating Council shall engage the Presbytery once every three years in the process of defining three major priorities for Presbytery. These priorities shall guide the Coordinating Council in defining programmatic and mission emphases during that period.

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ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

- A. By September 30th of each year, the Presbytery shall establish the dates, times, and places for stated meetings of Presbytery during the coming year. Details of, and docket for, Presbytery meetings shall be determined by the Coordinating Council (or its designated representatives) and the Stated Clerk. There shall be at least four stated meetings per year.
- B. Special Meetings may be called according to the provisions of the Book of Order or by the Coordinating Council in a manner consistent with G-11.0201.
- C. A member of Presbytery is either present at a meeting or absent.
- D. A quorum for meetings of Presbytery shall be 10% of the minister commissioners and 10% of the elder Commissioners.
- E. Certified Christian Educators who are ordained as elders shall have the privilege of the floor with voice and not vote and the meeting attendance record shall include registration of Certified Christian Educators.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

The officers of the Presbytery shall be minister of the Word and Sacrament, elders or commissioned lay pastors in active service. The guidelines of diversity and inclusiveness (G-4.0400) shall be followed in the selection of nominees for the office. The terms of office will begin upon their installation, ordinarily the last stated Presbytery meeting of the calendar year.

- 1. Moderator
The term shall be for one year during which the Moderator shall perform the duties of office as set forth in the Book of Order.
- 2. Vice Moderator
The Vice Moderator shall be the moderator elect during the one year term, during which time the vice moderator shall prepare for the office of moderator by being trained in the skills of parliamentary procedure, the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the organizational functions of the Presbytery. The vice moderator shall preside at presbytery meetings as moderator in the absence of the moderator.
- 3. Stated Clerk
The duties shall be those indicated in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Standing Rules and the Presbytery-approved position description. The Presbytery shall elect the Stated Clerk for a three-year term and the Stated Clerk may be re-elected for additional terms at Presbytery's pleasure. The Stated Clerk may appoint one or more assistants as needed.
- 4. Recording Clerk: The recording clerk shall be elected by the presbytery and the term shall be recommended by the Personnel Committee. The recording clerk will present a draft of the presbytery minutes to the Stated Clerk within 30 days of a presbytery meeting, make necessary edits, and present a second draft to the Stated Clerk within 45 days of the meeting.

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5. Treasurer

The Presbytery treasurer is elected annually by the Presbytery.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for seeing that an accurate record is kept of all income and disbursements, that all bills are paid in a timely fashion once authorized by a properly-executed voucher, and for submitting timely financial reports to the Presbytery. In consultation and by invitation of the executive presbyter, the treasurer (or the treasurer's appointed representative) may serve as ex-officio staff to the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee

The Presbytery may contract for additional financial management personnel and resources. The Coordinating Council shall determine such need, create a position description, establish compensation and, through the Personnel Committee, employ/terminate an individual to fulfill this position.

6. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of six members. Two of the members shall be members of the Coordinating Council and four shall be members at-large nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery at the December stated meeting of the Presbytery. The Board of Directors shall annually, at its first meeting of the calendar year, elect a President and a Vice President. At-large members shall become members of the Corporation but not of the Council. At large directors shall be elected for staggered four year terms and are not eligible for reelection. The board shall elect from its membership a secretary of the corporation who will work in consultation with the stated clerk. The secretary of the Board of Directors may direct the stated clerk of the presbytery to serve in her/his stead or in her/his absence.

The Executive Presbyter, Treasurer and Presbytery Administrator shall serve as ex-officio of the Board of Directors with the Executive Presbyter being the initial and primary staff contact when questions of process or advisement are sought.

ARTICLE IV - STAFF

The Personnel Committee shall recommend to the Presbytery, through the Coordinating Council, the need for specific administrative, executive and contract staff positions. They shall present a staffing rationale and a position description. When approved by the presbytery, these positions shall continue until the Personnel Committee recommends elimination of the position.

Temporary Contract Staff positions may be created by the Coordinating Council's Executive Committee and/or the Personnel Committee. Staff positions will be recommended to and approved by the Coordinating Council.

ARTICLE V - THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council shall evaluate its organizational structure and effectiveness and have the authority to change the composition of the Council, its sub-units and membership size. The organizational changes shall be reported to Presbytery.

A. The voting members of Council shall be the following:

1. Council Moderator, whose term is one year
2. Council Vice Moderator who serves a one-year term then succeeds the Council Moderator
3. Presbytery Moderator
4. Presbytery Vice Moderator
5. 24 members of the Council that will include the moderator of the Finance Committee.

(TERMS TO BE INSERTED: SAME AS CURRENT)

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- B. Ex-Officio
1. Executive Presbyter
 2. Associate Executive Presbyter
 3. Stated Clerk
 4. Administrator
 5. Treasurer
 6. Moderators of ecclesiastical committees or designees.
- C. Duties of the Coordinating Council shall have all powers provided by the *Book of Order*. The Coordinating Council shall have the following additional duties, functions and powers:
1. Referred Business
To consider and act upon business as referred to it by the Presbytery.
 2. Meetings
To meet at times and places designated in an annual schedule recommended by the Executive Committee or for special meetings as determined by the Executive Committee.
 3. General Oversight
To have general oversight of the programmatic, fiduciary and mission work of the Presbytery.
 4. Recommendations
To submit recommendations to Presbytery on matters requiring the Presbytery's attention.
 5. Budget Recommendations
To present to the stated meeting of Presbytery a per capita budget for the following calendar year, the rate of per capita apportionment required to support it, and a Presbytery mission budget for the following year to be supported by voluntary giving by each church.
 6. Session Records
To assure the annual examination of session records by the Session Records Committee and their approval by Presbytery
 7. Service Teams
To establish and dissolve teams, task forces, partnerships, and committees that fulfill the presbytery's priorities, responsibilities and goals as determined by the Presbytery
 8. Nominate the Nominating Committee
To nominate members for the Nominating Committee of Presbytery.
 9. Approve the Presbytery Minutes
- D. Meetings
The Coordinating Council shall meet at least four times each year.
- E. Quorum
A quorum for meetings of the Coordinating Council shall be eight members.
- F. Executive Committee of the Coordinating Council
1. The Executive Committee of the Coordinating Council shall consist of Moderator and Vice Moderator of Council, the Moderator and Vice Moderator of Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter, Associate Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk. The Treasurer and Administrator will be ex-officio.

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2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of any three members of the Executive Committee. It shall expedite the work of the Presbytery and Coordinating Council, and act on behalf of the coordinating council when a Coordinating Council meeting is not expedient. Decisions made or actions taken shall be reported at the next Council meeting.

Judicial Matters

- a. In the event Presbytery becomes a respondent or complainant in a remedial case, the Moderator of Presbytery and the Moderator of Coordinating Council shall nominate persons for the committee of counsel (D-6.0302). The Coordinating Council or its Executive Committee shall elect them on behalf of the Presbytery.
 - b. In the event that an accusation is filed against a minister member of the Presbytery, the Moderator of Presbytery and the Moderator of Coordinating Council shall nominate persons for an investigating committee (D-10.0201). The Coordinating Council or its Executive Committee shall elect them on behalf of the Presbytery.
3. Administrative Commissions are elected by the Presbytery. The Executive Committee of the Coordinating Council, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, may nominate persons to an administrative commission. The nominees shall be elected at the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery along with the approval of the Administrative Commission's scope of Powers (G-90502).
- G. Policy Manual
The Coordinating Council shall maintain a Presbytery Policy Manual which shall include all policies established committees and approved by the Coordinating Council. The Stated Clerk shall keep such manual current.

ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATION

The Coordinating Council shall oversee all administrative responsibilities of the Presbytery.

1. Personnel Committee
 - a. The Personnel Committee shall consist of two members of Council and four classes of one member each. The moderator and vice moderator must be a member of Coordinating Council.
 - b. The Personnel Committee shall review, recommend to Coordinating Council, and implement all personnel and administrative policies pertaining to the employees of the Presbytery.
 - c. The Personnel Committee shall maintain the Personnel Policies of the Presbytery, recommending changes to the Coordinating Council for the Council's approval.
2. Session Records Review Committee

The Session Records Committee shall consist of two members of Council and four classes of one member each and the Chair shall be a member of the Coordinating Council. The Session Records Review Committee will be responsible for reviewing the records of the sessions of congregations within the Presbytery and for reporting on its review and recommendations of Session records to the Coordinating Council and to the Presbytery

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3. Finance Committee

- a. The Finance Committee shall consist of two members of Council and four classes of one member each. Ex-officio members include the Executive Presbyter and Treasurer with the Executive Presbyter as the primary staff contact when questions regarding policy, process or advisement are sought.

No member of the Finance Committee shall have had a business relationship with the Presbytery during the previous 4 years and may not have any business relationship with the Presbytery during and for 4 years following their term of office.

- b. The Finance Committee, in consultation executive presbyter and the Coordinating Council, shall have oversight of all financial management and financial record keeping of the presbytery.
- c. The Finance Committee serves in a liaison role between the Presbytery's external auditing firm and the Presbytery's Board of Directors.
- d. Provide for an annual audit of the Presbytery's financial records.

4. Bills and Overtures

The Bills and Overtures Committee members are the elected General Assembly Commissioners from the most recent General Assembly. Their duties, in consultation with the stated clerk, are to review the general assembly amendments with the Presbytery body. The Bills and Overtures Committee may also recommend Presbytery overtures to the General Assembly.

5. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is a body of the Coordinating Council and its membership is defined in Article III.6.

Duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

- a. To maintain the Corporation of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery under the laws of the State of Indiana;
- b. To hold title to all property of Presbytery and to serve as agent for receiving and disposing of property (including enforcement of G-8.0201);
- c. To be the official agent of Presbytery in all corporate matters;
- d. To examine, and make recommendations regarding all legal transactions where Presbytery approval is required.

ARTICLE VII – MISSION

The Coordinating Council shall facilitate the Presbytery's mission, program and strategic planning.

REVISION IN PROGRESS FOR MISSION DELIVERY

1. Mission Partnerships

Congregations, clusters of congregations, or ecumenical clusters of congregations (involving at least one congregation of this Presbytery), may apply to the Presbytery for a "partnership". Partnerships may involve ecclesiastical, financial, leadership, or other forms of support by the Presbytery with the congregation(s) providing the initiative, people, and oversight of the actual project. Partnerships will be directly supported no more than three years.

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2. Presbytery Mission

Mission undertakings will involve all (or nearly all) congregations of the Presbytery, including both for support and participation. These projects must be validated the Coordinating Council and may be funded on a year to year basis.

ARTICLE VIII - ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEES

EX OFFICOS WILL BE ADDED

Ecclesiastical Committees are those mandated by the Book of Order, elected by the Presbytery, and are directly accountable to Presbytery.

A. Committee on Ministry (COM) – Twenty-seven elected members

1. The Committee on Ministry shall be responsible for carrying out those responsibilities delegated to it by the Book of Order.
2. A quorum for the Commission on Ministry shall be at least 1/3 of the members with not fewer than five elders.
3. This committee shall also be responsible for the care of persons seeking certification as Certified Christian Educators in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

B. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) - 12 elected members

1. This committee is responsible for the care of persons received as inquirers and candidates for ordination to the office of minister of the Word. The responsibilities of the committee are listed in the Book of Order (G-11.0103L G-14.0300 - 14.0400) and the committee is granted commission powers relating to enrolling Inquirers (G-14.0303(e)).
2. A quorum for the Commission on Ministry shall be at least 1/3 of the members with not fewer than two elders.

C. Committee on Nominations and Representation - 6 elected members

1/3 laywomen, 1/3 laymen, 1/3 ministers PENDING RECOMMENDATION TO BE REVIEWED

1. This committee's membership criteria and responsibilities are listed in the Book of Order (G-9.0800).
2. All nominations shall be made at the year's final stated meeting of Presbytery, except that, when vacancies occur, nominations shall be made at the next succeeding stated meeting.
3. As far as is practical and possible, the committee shall nominate persons representing the diversity and the geography of Presbytery.
4. The Nominating Committee shall submit one name only for each office, except for commissioners to General Assembly, for which two names are to be presented for each available position. Printed biographical material in lieu of nominating speeches shall be presented for Commissioners to General Assembly and for the office of Moderator and for the office of Vice-Moderator.
5. Nominations from the floor are always in order, but shall include prior agreement that the individual will serve and prior arrangement for distribution of biographical material to members of Presbytery.
6. The Committee on Representation is the Committee on Nominations.

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ARTICLE IX - COMMISSIONERS TO HIGHER GOVERNING BODIES

Commissioners to General Assembly

1. Commissioners shall be elected at Presbytery's December's stated meeting in the year prior to a General Assembly meeting and according to the policies & procedures established by the Presbytery. Service as a commissioner is subject to training as offered by the Stated Clerk and Synod. Election shall be contingent upon the individuals completing an
2. Commissioners shall report on actions of the General Assembly at the first stated meeting of Presbytery following the adjournment of the Assembly.
3. Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be Presbytery's Committee on Bills and Overtures.
4. All overtures to and from the General Assembly shall be referred to this Committee for its advice and recommendation.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Standing Rules may be amended according to the following procedure:

- A. Any commissioner to this presbytery, congregation of this presbytery, or group constituted by this Presbytery or these Standing Rules, may present a proposed amendment at any stated or adjourned meeting of Presbytery, or at any meeting specifically called for that purpose. Upon receiving a second, questions and answers are in order, but it shall not be debated at that meeting, but shall immediately be referred to the Coordinating Council for study and recommendation. The text of the proposed change(s) shall be included with the call for the next meeting of the Presbytery.
- B. At its next stated meeting the Presbytery shall hear the report of the Coordinating Council, together with its recommendation either for or against adoption.
- C. Amendments to the language of the proposed amendment shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- D. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Ministers and Elder Commissioners registered at that meeting shall be necessary for adoption.

ARTICLE XI - SUSPENSION OF STANDING RULES

- A. Any of these Standing Rules except this one may be suspended for a particular purpose stated in the motion at any meeting of Presbytery by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Ministers and Elder Commissioners registered at that meeting.
- B. Presbytery may suspend two readings of proposed Amendments to the Standing Rules only if such action is proposed by the Council and the motion to suspend the second reading is approved by three-fourths of those registered at that Presbytery meeting.

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Presbytery of Whitewater Valley Administrative Commission
for
Wallace Street Presbyterian Church

Summary

Wallace Street Presbyterian Church (WSPC), its pastor and members, wish to be transferred from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be allowed to become affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The primary reasons stated for seeking this transfer are (a) the PCUSA has “walked away from” a scriptural understanding of issues having to do with sanctity of life for the unborn, ordination of gay / lesbian individuals, salvation through Jesus Christ alone and the inerrancy of scripture, and (b) it does not appear that the PCUSA as a body is moving to rectify those concerns.

An Administrative Commission was appointed by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley in April of 2008 and given the responsibility and authority to work with the pastor, session and congregation of WSPC in dialogue to mutually act in a consistent and pastoral manner, with accountability and due consideration for fiduciary and connectional concerns with open and transparent communication with each other in a gracious and pastoral manner to come to a satisfactory conclusion for all involved. The Administrative Commission affirms that the pastor, session and congregation of WSPC have acted in such a manner and we thank them for that.

Outline of activities and events:

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| • Listening Posts conducted by an Advisory Task Force | February, 2008 |
| • AC formed | April, 2008 |
| • First Meeting with WSPC Session to establish timelines and hear concerns | April, 2008 |
| • Cottage Meeting with all members to listen and share | Mid-May, 2008 |
| • 6 AC meetings / conference calls to begin negotiations | Summer, 2008 |
| • Second meeting with Session for initial negotiations resulting in AC’s request for an independent property appraisal | August, 2008 |
| • Appraisal received from Traynor and Associates appraising the WSPC property at \$427,000 | October 29, 2008 |
| • AC reviewed appraisal and developed Preliminary Terms of Settlement in conjunction with Presbytery Corporate Council | December, 2008 |
| • Third Meeting with Session to share Terms | January, 2009 |
| • WSPC Congregational meeting at which time the Terms were presented and members of the congregation were asked to respond in writing to the question, “Shall Wallace Street Congregation be dismissed from the PC (USA)?” with 42 members responding in the affirmative and 2 members in the negative. Clerk Pro-Tem of the Presbytery was present and affirmed the correctness of the foregoing | January 25, 2009 |

In addition to the foregoing formal activities, 4 informal meetings were held with the pastor of WSPC, Rev. Doug Barnes, to keep him informed of work being done between formal meetings.