

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 164th Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church at Muncie, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. Following registration and refreshments, commissioners gathered in the sanctuary to organ music by Dr. Kirby Koriath, organist. The meeting opened with a call to gather, opening hymn, and prayer. Rev. Ron Naylor, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, welcomed the group and introduced the staff of the church. 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	Shirley Halterman * Virginia Sheets *
Bluffton, First (3)	Robert E. Madsen	Bette Erxleben * Ted K. Smith Ira Zadylak
Boggestown (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	Judy Mettler
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)	Edwin J. Dykstra John Stephen Park * Jeanie K. Barnes *	Betty-Alice Almeida Beth L. White * Judith C. Dawes Vrina Stebbins Gary Stebbins
Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Laura Sherwood	Nancy Current * Will Searer James Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin R. Boyd	Gary George

Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal V. Thomas	Judith Lehman-Wright
Franklin, First (3)	Peter F. Jessen	Constance Eggers Marge Rook
Franklin, Hopewell (3)	David E. Lee	Leona Burton Melinda Frazier Esther Gelfius
Greenfield, First (1)	John J. Paulson, CLP	Deon Hersbserger *
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	Kay Talley
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 Barbara Heck
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 *
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Hyung (Howard) Kim	Kiheon Cho *
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri L. Thomas * Ruth C. Moore *	Jennifer Dzwonar Jean Dodds Lisa Longo Maureen Purcell 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 *

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 Maureen Watson Steven McGee John Purdie * David Steiner Ann Hunt, Alt.
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	L. John Gable * Oscar A. Clavel	Don Heitman Jeff Hotchkiss * Gary Nickel Dan Schroeder * Thomas Wirt Ann Reynolds, Alt.
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 * Karen Owen, Alt.
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 * Evelyn Grubb * Ellen Schramm *
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 * Joyce M. Beck Michelle Kaitchuck Janie Miller
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie C. Wager	Art Hill

New Castle, First (4)	M. Rex Espiritu *	Val McNelis * Jerry Krupp * Moffett Craig * Thomas H. Bader * Fredric Powell
Noblesville, First (3)	Eric R. Gale	
Ossian (2)	Jay E. Cline	David Anderson William Milholland *
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	Gray Marshall	Gary Shelton
Portland, First (1)	Deborah Bowsher	Julia Schwomeyer
Richmond, First (3)	David A. Layman	Guy Guthrie Jon Richwine Bill Stackhouse *
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Joseph T. Fields	
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 * Tom Goins *
Winchester, First (1)	Cherie Isakson	Norman Lee
Zionsville (6)	Glenn W. McDonald Scott T. Shelton R. Patrick Smith Donna S. Pollard, CLP * James G. Dougherty, CLP	

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

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

MINISTERS AT LARGE

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

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Amon *
 David Bae *
 William Barrett *
 J. Donald Boebinger *
 Raymond Bowden *
 George Boyle *
 Bruce Brown *
 John Burhorn *
 Robert B. Clark *
 F. William Clemenson *
 John Constant
 Judith Cook *
 Henry S. Date *
 Roger L. Dean *
 Donald R. Durrett *
 Herbert C. Eggleston
 William G. Enright *
 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 (Commissioner)
 Rich Swartwood *
 Judi Trabue

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Douglas Kelly, Presbytery of Southern Kansas
 Board of Pensions, Regional Representative for the Synods of Lakes and Prairies/Lincoln Trails/Mid-America

VISITORS

Jane Passmore
 Judy Anderson
 Mable Chulock
 Sonya Gill
 Mary Ruth Snyder
 Nancy Kriplen

Woody Collins
 Beverly Ernest
 Tonya F. Paddock
 Sue Whitaker
 Carol Poe
 Janet Stane

Jennifer Lipinski (Inquirer)
 Michael Evanchak (Candidate)
 Jennifer Loeb (Candidate)
 Andrew Scale (Inquirer)

DOCKET

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

Whitewater Valley Presbytery**PRESBYTERY DOCKET**

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

9:30 AM – Registration 10:00 AM – Call Meeting to Order

First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, Indiana

John 7:38 – “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

9:30 AM

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

9:50 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

10:00

CALL TO GATHER

Moderator Rev. Robert Heimach

Leader: We come to this place of prayer,

People: **for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we wear on our sleeves.**

Leader: We come to this place of grace,

People: **for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.**

Leader: We come with these people called the church,

People: **to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.**

10:05

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIPFUL WORK

A SONG OF GATHERING

"To God Be the Glory"

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WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Ron Naylor

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator, Rev. Robert Heimach

Establishing of Roll and Quorum

Action – Docket Approval

A Word about our Meeting

Introduction of New Elder Commissioners and New Pastors

Seating Corresponding Members

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Greg Thomas

10:30

ORDINATION EXAMINATIONS

Rev. Hal Thomas

EXAMINATION FOR MS. SARAH BROUWER

CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY

Ms. Sarah Brouwer

EXAMINATION FOR MS. DEBORAH BOWSHER

Rev. Hal Thomas

A MEDITATION CELEBRATING MY JOURNEY

Ms. Deborah Bowsher

11:30

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

* WE PREPARE

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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* A CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Jewett

* WE CONFESS AND ARE FORGIVEN (unison)

Rev. David Jewett

Eternal God, we admit that we are seldom amazed and astonished. We take for granted much that was once thought to be impossible. We are confident consumers of human ingenuity. Sometimes we think we have no need of you. Matters of the spirit are far down on our list of concerns. We are even suspicious of those who claim to see visions and skeptical of those who seem carried away in their devotion to the faith. Yet we long for something more than our daily routines. O Spirit, come to save us from ourselves.

Leader: Hear our silent confessions. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 2:11-13

Rev. MyungKu Lee

A SONG OF THE PEOPLE

"God of our Life"

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NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-15

SERMON

"Can You Bottle Living Water?"

John Paulson, CLP

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Carrie Jo Miller, CLP

Pentecost Offering

*Doxology

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Elder Bonnie McKenzie

* A PRAYER OF ABUNDANCE AND GRATITUDE/DISMISS FOR LUNCH

Rev. Melodie Wager

12:00-12:45 **LUNCH**

12:45 **GATHERING MUSIC & RECONVENE**

RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RICHMOND

Rev. David Layman and Elder Guy Guthrie

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Hal Thomas

Indianapolis-Southport Presbyterian Church Report

RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS – FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINCHESTER

Rev. Cherie Isakson, Judy Anderson, Jane Passmore and Norman Lee

* WE ANTICIPATE THE FEAST

“Here I Am, Lord”

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THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Celebrant: Rev. Pat Reid

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We will serve communion by intinction. Please come forward as directed, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and then consume both elements together and return to your seat.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*WE ARE GRATEFUL

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

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2:00 **WE RESPOND WITH WORSHIPFUL WORK**

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER’S REPORT

Rev. Alan Thames

Announcements, Joys, Baptisms and Concerns of the Presbytery

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

Rev. Douglas Kelly

WE COMMISSION

Elder Judi Trabue, Vice Moderator

2010 General Assembly Commissioners

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Elder Nancy Kriplen

Rev. Joy Goehring

Elder Tonya Paddock

Rev. Betty Griffin

Elder Fabio Socarraz

*WE CELEBRATE

“This is My Father’s World”

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MISSION AND GROWTH TEAM REPORT

Rev. Felipe Martinez

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. David Layman

WE PARTNER

Hispanic Ministries Lead Team

Elder Barry Sumner

Commission NQR/VBS Blitz Participants

WE DEVELOP LEADERS

Leadership Development Team Report

Elder Kristy Quinn

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Hal Thomas

Receive Reports – Sexual Misconduct, Reported Actions

ACTIONS: Approve by Recommendation of COM – Terms of Call

Approve the Honorable Retirement of Rev. Alan McCraine, effective August 4th

Certificates to CLPs Commissioned to Service

Elder John Paulson, CLP

We acknowledge Elder Jim Hill and Elder Christ Bauchle who completed Ohio Valley’s CLP training program.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Interview: Mr. Andrew Scales, Inquirer to Candidate

RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS – NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FISHERS

Rev. Steve Ebling; Elder Jay Beattey

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Rachel Wann

Action: Elect Nominating Committee Member

Rev. David Jewett, Class of 2012

Our Connectional System: A Word about PILP

Rev. Frank Mansell

Receive Reported Actions

Acknowledge Don Cripe Memorial

Session Records Review Report

Finance Committee Report

Elder Eric Herzog, Treasurer

2011 First Read Budget

Receive Financial Reports

3:00 FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*WE FLOW INTO THE WORLD

All the People:

We go forth as your vessels, filled with water from all shores: quiet forest streams, from, powerful rivers, vast oceans and seas. From our vessels we pour your living water so that all may know your contagious love and absolute grace. Amen.

*A SONG OF SENDING

"Lord, Make us More Holy"

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*BENEDICTION

----End of Docket----

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator, Rev. Robert Heimach made a few comments about the meeting. The theme is, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." Water and our need for living water in our baptism is an important part of this meeting.

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, welcomed new minister members of the Presbytery since our last meeting: Rev. Edwin Dykstra, Interim at Fort Wayne-First; Rev. Terri Thorn, ordained on April 18th with a validated ministry at Clarian Hospital; Ms. Sarah Brouwer, Lake Fellow at Indianapolis-Second; Ms. Deborah Bowsher, Portland-First; Rev. Scott Fouts as the new pastor at Center Grove Presbyterian Church in Greenwood; Rev. Ryan Rasmussen at Anderson-First; and Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz, Indianapolis-Faith.

New elder commissioners were introduced.

It was moved, seconded and passed to seat corresponding member, Rev. Douglas Kelly, member of Southern Kansas Presbytery, and our Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Greg Thomas, Stated Clerk, had additions from Irvington, Witherspoon and Decatur churches to the Necrology Report [See Appendix A]. The report with these Minutes include all additional names. Mr. Thomas reported on the Session Records Reviews [See Appendix B]. There are still nine sets of Minutes to be read. He expressed thanks to Elder John Current for all the work he has put into the committee and to the churches who hosted the reviews this year: Jonesboro, First Presbyterian Church of Grant County and Ray Lockwood; Greenwood Presbyterian Church and Allan Fish; Rushville, First Presbyterian Church and Tutti Martz.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

June through August [See Appendix C]

ORDINATION EXAMINATIONS

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, presented Sarah Brouwer to be examined for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Sarah has been a candidate under the care of Twin Cities Presbytery. She is a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Following 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 Sarah as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination and be accepted into the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley.

Sarah Brouwer shared a few words in celebration of her faith journey. Family and friends from Second Presbyterian were invited to join Sarah as Rev. Lewis Galloway led the Presbytery in prayer.

Rev. Hal Thomas then presented Deborah Bowsher to be examined for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Deborah has been a candidate under the care of Sciota Valley Presbytery in Ohio. She has a call as Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Portland. Following 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 Deborah as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination and be accepted into the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. She will be ordained by the Presbytery of Sciota Valley and her installation will take place on June 20th at First Presbyterian Church, Portland.

Deborah Bowsher shared some pictures and quotations from Julian of Norwich in celebration of her faith journey. Friends from First Presbyterian, Portland, were invited to join Deborah and Rev. Hal Thomas led the Presbytery in prayer.

WORSHIP

Worship was led by the staff of First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, including Rev. David Jewett and Rev. Myung Ku Lee, Associate Pastors and Carrie Jo Miller, CLP. Commissioned Lay Pastor John Paulson from First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, delivered the sermon. His message, "Can We Bottle Living Water?" reminded us of Jesus' words in John 4:5-15, "...whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst." Special music was provided by Bonnie McKenzie, Elder from Muncie-First. Rev. Melodie Wager, Pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian in Muncie, led the prayer of abundance before lunch. \$937.80 was received for the Pentecost Offering.

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:15 p.m. to the gathering music by Dr. Kirby Koriath, organist.

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

Rev. Mark Morningstar introduced the theme of *Rivers of Living Water* for today's meeting. Examples of living water can be seen in the areas of ministry and outreach going on in some of our congregations. Three churches will share some of those examples of living water in their congregations throughout the meeting today. Other churches might want to do similar mission or become partners in those ministries.

Rev. David Layman and Elder Guy Guthrie shared how rivers of living water flow at First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Indiana. Their congregation set up Hope House, a homeless shelter for men with addictions. Several other congregations and Presbytery played major parts in the funding.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented the process and report for the dismissal of Southport Presbyterian Church from Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. After the recommendation has been given, there will be a period of time for questions, then a time to debate the motion on the floor alternating speakers for and against. The time limit for the report will be thirty (30) minutes.

The Session of Southport Presbyterian Church had asked Whitewater Valley Presbytery to enter the process of discernment to leave the denomination. After going through the steps of discernment with the Presbytery, Southport Presbyterian Church made the decision to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The Committee on Ministry presents the following report and voted unanimously to express thanks to those who participated in the process – all did so in good faith.

The Committee on Ministry moves that the following report and recommendations be approved by Presbytery:

***A Report to the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
from the Committee on Ministry of
concerning request of dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (USA) by
Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis***

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, through its Committee on Ministry, wishes to acknowledge the recent partnership effort with Southport Presbyterian Church. As part of the process toward a vote by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley concerning the request of dismissal of Southport Presbyterian Church from the Presbyterian Church (USA), it should be noted that 431 individuals from the congregation participated in listening group sessions during the summer of 2009. These participants represented a wide range of membership tenure. A thorough review of a representative sample showed that 22% of participants had been members for less than 10 yrs while another 22% had been members for more than 40 yrs, with a mean membership tenure of 24 yrs and a median tenure of 21.5 years. All of these values suggest that a diverse sample of the membership participated. The Presbytery task force and the SPC Session agreed that the listening group information would be reviewed by a team of 3 members of the Presbytery and 3 members of SPC; the following information is submitted as the summary of that review. Similarly, a group of 13 SPC staff members, each a non-clergy Ministry Director, were interviewed and allowed to answer similar questions under the guidance of Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter with an SPC Elder in attendance. The information acquired from that process is also noted. Based on 431 participants,

**74% expressed a definite wish to be dismissed,
3% expressed a definite wish to remain PCUSA,
23% expressed no clear wish as of the end of July 2009.**

The number of participants who clearly understood the question and were prepared to answer it yes or no at this time was 334. (This is the “decided” quorum)

334 of 431 participants have already made a decision: **77% of sample has decided,**
Of those having already decided: **96% wish to be dismissed,
4% wish to remain PCUSA.**

Ministry Directors Session

Also as part of our listening session review, a list of questions was given to 13 non-clergy ministry directors who subsequent to filling out this questionnaire engaged in a discussion – similar to the listening sessions – with a representative of the presbytery (Alan Thames). And, also similar to the listening sessions, an elder from SPC was present to take notes based on the conversation. Those forms and minutes were subsequently reviewed and the following summary points are offered:

Ministries represented included Fine Arts, Adult Day Center, Children’s, Junior High, Senior High, and Young Adults, Sports and Recreation, Food Services, and the Welcome Place Childcare Center. Also represented were the Business Administrator, Finance Director, Information Technologies, and Communications directors.

- Of the 13 director level staff present, there was **100% support** of the Session’s recommendation to leave the PCUSA.
- Of the directors, **about ½ are SPC members** while the other ½ are not.
- When asked questions about division, there is an overwhelming sense that these directors **do not consider division likely** but **perceive broad-based support** and cohesiveness among the congregation.
- As to modifications, adjustments, or resource issues that may result from “a divided congregation”, most reiterate that they don’t think division is a likely result. But, if it does occur, they voice **a trust that God will guide, provide and direct**. They acknowledge that an adjustment phase and a period of financial challenge may come, but they expect that to be short. Many voiced that **to NOT leave when this is a question of core values would be much more damaging than to risk an uncertain future outside of PCUSA**.
- Those relying most heavily on **facilities** – Food Services Ministry, Sports, and the Welcome Place Childcare – acknowledge that the loss of buildings might well be the end of their ministries, and **yet they still voiced support of the decision to leave**.
- One respondent pointed out that disagreements within the Christian community reflect badly on all of us, yet still supports leaving as it was his belief that the denomination, not the church, has made a departure from essential core values.
- Directors acknowledge excitement at the prospect of **removing the distraction** that responding to so many denominational changes has forced on the staff, pastors, and Session and “instead to see all that energy instead channeled into discipleship” will be a welcome change.
- Directors also acknowledge a genuine **loss to the community if facilities are withheld**.

Summary Statements: Process

Per the request and at the direction of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery Response Team for Southport Presbyterian Church (Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, Mr. Gary Shaw, Interim Stated Clerk., Mr. "Hitch" Learned, Moderator, Ms. Sandra Reid, Moderator of Coordinating Council, and Ms. Martha McDonald, Moderator, Committee on Ministry) a team was assembled including two initial representatives of Whitewater Valley Presbytery (Rev. Alan Thames and Rev. Bob Heimach) and two representatives of Southport Presbyterian Church Session (Dr. Maureen Watson and Mr. David Lantz). These four individuals were to select two other mutually agreed upon representatives which was promptly accomplished – Rev. Barbara Sloop and Dr. Ann Hunt were added to complete our review committee.

This committee developed a plan for evaluating the more than 400 forms that were collected from each participant of the many listening sessions that were held through June and July at Southport Presbyterian Church. Each participant was first to fill out a questionnaire (attached at back). A discussion was then facilitated by one or more representatives of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery. An elder of Southport Presbyterian Church was present at each session to take minutes of the discussion. After approximately one hour, the session was brought to a close with prayer, then the questionnaires and minutes were placed together in a sealed envelope and taken to the Presbytery office. They remained there until the time came for this committee to review them, which would not occur until all sessions were finished.

The committee agreed upon the following as the most desirable method for evaluation: three "teams" were made, each team containing one representative of Presbytery and one representative of SPC. The teams consisted of Alan Thames working with Ann Hunt, Bob Heimach working with Maureen Watson, and Barbara Sloop working with David Lantz. The packets were then broken into equal groups of three and each team underwent the process of reviewing that portion of the total. It was felt that this way each party was represented in the evaluation of each packet. Similar "headings" for review of the questions were agreed upon and each group reported its findings. Those 3 reports were then combined and the major headings and findings are reported here for both parties, and by both parties, in concert.

The committee would like to report to the Presbytery through the Committee on Ministry that the process of this committee was, throughout, collegial, mutually respectful, and bathed with prayer. It is our profound hope that both parties will faithfully continue to respect each other, to pray for each other, and to treat each other with kindness and forbearance, by the witness of Matthew 18 and in the example of Jesus Christ.

Negotiation of Terms for Dismissal

Beginning in 2010, the process to negotiate a potential dismissal for the Southport Presbyterian Church was discussed initially by Elders David Steiner and Todd Hoopingarner of the SPC Session, Elder Gary Shaw as the designee of the Stated Clerk and Rev. Alan Thames as the Executive Presbyter. This group agreed that the process would have two main areas for further discernment: **people involved** (ordained and installed PCUSA pastors, ordained PCUSA elders and deacons, and communicant members) and **property/Presbytery connections** (the campuses of SPC's ministries and encumbrances on those properties, ongoing commitments for ministries within the PCUSA system that would be affected by the absence of Southport Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery's connectational mission.) It was subsequently decided that Elder Gary Shaw, Rev. Galen Schwarz (as moderator of the Presbytery's Board of Directors) and Elder Eric Herzog (as the Presbytery's Treasurer) would work with Elders Steiner and Hoopingarner on the issues of **property/Presbytery connections**. Rev. Barbara Sloop of the Committee on Ministry would work with Rev. Alan Thames to deal with issues surrounding **people**.

Gary Shaw, Galen Schwarz and Eric Herzog negotiated an agreement with the members of the Southport team with the understanding that the money represented in the agreement allows for ongoing ministry within the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley following the dismissal of the Southport Presbyterian Church. Further, the understanding represented in this agreement allows for the congregation to be dismissed with its physical property intact for the continuation of mission and ministry. This agreement, approved by the Southport Session, was received by the Committee on Ministry at its Wednesday, May 26, 2010 meeting at which time the COM voted to include these agreed upon negotiations to the Presbytery at its stated meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010. (The agreement is included as a separate document.)

In working through issues related to the people involved in the dismissal request, Barbara Sloop and Alan Thames had meetings on the following dates for the purposes detailed below:

Tuesday, February 23 to discuss the future of the Rev. Kevin Bausman, the Rev. June Barrow and the Rev. Steve Matthies as ordained Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors. During individual interviews with the installed pastors, each expressed a desire to stay with the congregation. (Since that time, the Rev. Steve Matthies has discerned that his future needs to be within the Presbyterian Church USA and a severance agreement is being developed as part of his discernment.)

Tuesday, March 16 to discuss the nature of ordination within the Presbyterian Church (USA) with elders and deacons of Southport Presbyterian Church. The process of renouncing the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (USA) was explained to those present.

Wednesday, March 17 at Southminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Greg Glover (also representing the Committee on Ministry) to hear questions or concerns about the dismissal process with communicant members of SPC. No members of the Southport congregation attended this meeting, although previous notice had been given through communication from the Presbytery office and through the means of communication within the SPC congregation.

Recommendation

Those entrusted by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley at its December 2, 2009 stated meeting (Gary Shaw, Galen Schwarz, Eric Herzog, Barbara Sloop and Alan Thames) brought to the Committee on Ministry a recommendation that it forward the following motion to the presbytery for action on June 2, 2010:

The Committee on Ministry moves that the Southport Presbyterian Church, a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), be dismissed from the denomination by action of the Presbytery at its Wednesday, June 2, 2010 stated meeting contingent upon the following conditions:

- **Reception of the Southport Presbyterian Church into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church;**
- **Renunciation of jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the ordained and installed pastors and the ordained officers of the church (elders and deacons);**
- **Completion of severance negotiations for the Rev. Steve Matthies with a documented severance agreement signed by Rev. Matthies, the Clerk of the Southport Session and approved by the Committee on Ministry;**
- **Final legal and binding agreement (including the items included in the financial agreement) drafted and signed by authorized representatives of the congregation and the presbytery.**

After some discussion and debate the motion to approve the report and recommendations passed.

[See Appendix D for the Interim Financial Agreement.]

Appreciation was expressed to the Presbytery team of Elder Eric Herzog, Rev. Galen Schwarz, Elder Gary Shaw, Rev. Barbara Sloop, and Rev. Alan Thames for their faithful work and to the Southport representatives for their cooperation.

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

The second Rivers of Living Water presentation was made by Rev. Chérie Isakson and Elders Judy Anderson, Jane Passmore, and Norman Lee from First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Indiana. They shared how their congregation is reaching out to the un-churched, the de-churched, and having visitors bring visitors. They are a church that is willing to do whatever it takes: improve the service, new music, improve Sunday School, increase visibility in the community. They have baptized six adults in recent months.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered by Rev. Patricia Reid, honorably retired pastor, assisted by Rev. Ed Dykstra and Elder Vrina Stebbins; Ms. Deborah Bowsher and Elder Julia Schwomeyer; Ms. Sarah Brouwer and Elder Ina Van Duyn and Elder Allan Thomas. Special music was provided by Jihy Kim, cellist.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Fish fries will be held at Fairview Presbyterian in Indianapolis and at Irvington Presbyterian, Indianapolis, this weekend.
- Rev. Peter Jessen reported on Pyoca Camp, Conference and Retreat Center in the absence Rich Swartwood who was preparing for the first week of camp. Registrations are ahead of last summer. He asked for prayers for the campers, volunteers, and staff as they begin this summer's program.
- Rev. Eric Gale announced that the annual golf outing has been postponed to fall due to lack of participants.
- Rev. Kevin Boyd announced that all Fort Wayne churches will be gathering together on June 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in the park.

JOYS, BAPTISMS, AND CONCERNS

Churches with adult baptisms since the last Presbytery meeting included Avon-Whitelick, Richmond-First, Shelbyville-First, Indianapolis-Second, Tipton-First, and Fishers-New Hope.

Concerns were expressed for Kent Farr on the recent death of his wife, Rev. Carol Farr. We celebrated Carol's gentle and caring ministry, especially in her role as hospice chaplain. Prayers were also included for Rev. Julia Christensen, former member of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, as she will have a kidney transplant on June 8th (there is joy that they found a match).

Rev. Alan Thames, executive presbyter, led the Presbytery in prayer.

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

Rev. Doug Kelly, Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions, reported that the Board is fully funded and doing well, but not quite enough to give apportionments this year. He outlined some changes in the health care reform. The 2011 dues have not yet been determined. He is available at any time to give assistance where and when needed.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONING

A commissioning service was held for the Commissioners who will represent us at the 219th General Assembly in Minneapolis, July 3-10, 2010:

Rev. Oscar Clavel, Indianapolis-Tabernacle	Elder Nancy Kriplen, Indianapolis-Second
Rev. Joy Goehring, Avon-Whitelick	Elder Tonya Paddock, Liberty-First
Rev. Betty Griffin, Indianapolis-Immanuel	Elder Fabio Socarraz, Indianapolis-John Knox

MISSION AND GROWTH TEAM REPORT

Rev. Felipe Martinez, associate executive presbyter, reported for the mission and growth team. A matching technology grant was approved for First Presbyterian Church of Winchester. There are various funds available for grants, including technology and sabbaticals. Churches are encouraged to pursue them. Funding comes from special offerings such as Pentecost, Hunger, and Peacemaking.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. David Layman, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the name for the following vacancy to be filled:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Class of 2011 (To replace Jim Capps)

(M) Scott Shelton, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, Rev. Scott Shelton was elected to the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2011.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM

Rev. David R. Smith, Moderator of the Hispanic Ministries Lead Team, reported that over 100 members will be traveling to do Vacation Bible School, to do construction work, and to eat, work, and pray with our partners in Northern Quintana Roo Presbytery. Barry Sumner, CLP, commissioned those participants who were present.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

Elder Kristy Quinn reported for the Leadership Development Team. There are 56 youth plus adult advisors scheduled to go to the Youth Triennium this year. Presbytery will pay for one-third of the registration fee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented the report for the Sexual Misconduct Task Force:

The COM reports that the following people completed the requirement of Sexual Misconduct Task Force training on January 21 or April 22, 2010:

Ms. Sarah Brouwer	Rev. Elizabeth Howell	Rev. Fernando Rodriguez
Rev. Oscar Clavel	Rev. Howard Kim	Rev. Justin Schlesinger-Devlin
Mr. Steve Crane	Rev. Chérie Isakson	Rev. Anne Solovey
Rev. Caroline Dennis	Rev. Gray Marshall	Elder Barry Sumner
Elder Jim Dougherty	Rev. Anne Reed	Rev. Elizabeth Wood

Rev. Thomas reported that COM had reviewed the Terms of Call submitted through May for pastors for 2010 and moved their approval by the Presbytery. The motion passed. **[See Appendix E for Terms of Call received by this date.]**

Rev. Thomas moved approval of the Honorable Retirement of Rev. Alan McCraine, validated ministry chaplain, effective August 4, 2010. The motion passed. Rev. McCraine will be recognized and honored at the September Presbytery meeting.

John Paulson, CLP, and representative from the Committee on Ministry, presented certificates to all CLPs commissioned to serve, including himself:

Marcia Cline, Decatur-First	Carrie Jo Miller, Muncie-First
Lisa Crismore, Indianapolis-John Knox	John Paulson, Greenfield-First
Sally Ann Earl, Greenwood-Center Grove	Robert (Mick) Saunders, Rushville-Trinity
James Dougherty, Zionsville P.C.	Fabio Socarraz, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Donna Madewell, Anderson-First	Barry Sumner, Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Sandra Martin, Boggstown-First	

There were no reported actions.

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

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Richard Baker, member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented Andrew Scales to be examined to be moved from Inquirer to Candidate status. After a time of examination by the members of the Presbytery, the examination was arrested. It was M/S/P that the Presbytery sustain the examination and move Andrew to Candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote. Andrew answered the constitutional questions (G-14.0305f) asked by Moderator Robert Heimach. Friends from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, gathered around Andrew and Rev. Richard Baker led in prayer.

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

The third Rivers of Living Water presentation was given by Rev. Steve Ebling and Elder Jay Beattey from New Hope Presbyterian Church, Fishers, Indiana. New Hope is part of the Acts 16:5 church transformation group which encouraged New Hope to seek new vision for the future. The vision is to get more members engaged in the life of the church. They have initiated a new member process called "Path to New Hope," a four-week process, 2-3 hours each, plus adding small groups to shift the focus to discipleship. Fifteen people went through the first "Path to New Hope."

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Rachel Wann, Moderator of Coordinating Council, presented the Council report.

The name of Rev. David Jewett, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Muncie, was put into nomination for the Nominating Committee, Class of 2012. After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, Rev. Jewett was elected.

Rev. Frank Mansell commended our connectional system and the benefits of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. PILP was there for John Knox Presbyterian Church when no other banks were. They offer investment incentives on behalf of a church's loan and work in partnership with the churches.

___ acknowledged the Don Cripe Memorial. Don was a member of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, was very active in the life of the Presbytery, and was Moderator of Presbytery in 1975. When Don passed away on March 6, 2010, memorial gifts were encouraged to Presbytery. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to the contributors and to the family of Don Cripe.

Elder Sonya Gill, Moderator of the Finance Committee, thanked the committee for good work done over the last four years and recognized other members of the committee: Elder Gary Stebbins, Vice Moderator; Rev. Kimberly Olson, Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Elder Don Craft, and Elder John Long.

Elder Eric Herzog, Treasurer of the Presbytery, presented the First Read of the Budget for 2011 and interpreted per capita in a creative skit with the help of Revs. Gray Marshall, Richard Baker, Kimberly Olson, and Betty Griffin.

[See Appendix F for the First Read Version of the 2011 Budget.]

[See Appendix G for Financial Reports through March 2010.]

There were no reported actions.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The 164th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of *Lord, Make Us More Holy* and prayer by Moderator Robert Heimach. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Thomas, Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk



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