

Appendices A, B, D, F, G, H, AND I 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 156th Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008. Moderator Donna Madewell called the meeting to order and opened with prayer, followed by the singing of *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Rev. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk, confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

Elders attending a meeting of this Presbytery for the first time were introduced. There were no corresponding members to seat. The moderator reported that no installation and/or ordination services had occurred since the last Presbytery meeting. The roll of the Presbytery was established by registration as follows – all persons were present except those marked with *; the number in parenthesis () indicates the number of elder commissioners allowed to vote from that congregation; + identifies ministers of another denomination:

ATTENDANCE

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
Anderson, First (4)	Dave Comstock Donna Madewell, CLP	Jack Eflin * Richard Harrison * Betty Knapp * Carol Wolfe
Avon, Whitelick (2)	Joy Goehring	Beth McGuire * Ginny Sheets
Bluffton, First (3)	Bob Madsen	Lin Harrold Jean Blessing * Bette Erxleben
Boggstown (1)	Sandra Martin, CLP	William T. Johnson
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	+Bill Arthur *	John Hoffman *
Clayton (1)	David McDonald *	
College Corner, First United (1)	Jason Bantz	Dude Lohrey
Connersville, First (2)	Martha Williams Jordan *	Willis E. Rose
Decatur, First (1)	Laura Sherwood	Sue McConaha
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel Wann	William Schaffer, Jr. *
Elwood, First (1)	Linda Philabaun	Emily Leavell
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steve Ebling	Don Cleveland Bob Gardner *
Fort Wayne, Calvary Third (4)	T. Alan Thames Joseph Fields	Lois Johnson Charles Hill
Fort Wayne, First (6)	Terry Anderson John Stephen Park * Jeanie Barnes Byeong Cheol Han *	Judy Dawes Beth L. White Carolyn Ford Vrina Stebbins
Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Barbara Kenley	Wilbur Searer Betty Werling Jim Wolfe
Fort Wayne, Trinity (2)	Kevin Boyd *	
Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal Thomas	Judith Lehman-Wright
Franklin, First (3)	Peter Jessen	Constance Iggers

Franklin, Hopewell (3)	David Lee	Leona Burton * Esther Gelfius
Greenfield, First (1)	John Paulson, CLP *	Deon Hersberger *
Greensburg, First (3)	Kathleen Splitt * Jim Splitt *	Brian McBlain * Judy Rust
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	David Crowley	Mary Marg Karty
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	David Crowley	Scott McCoy *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Alice McDowell Sally Earl, CLP	Joe Dotzlaf Marge Slauter Ed Williams * Andy Wiesman
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery	Allan Fish Clarence Grelle Larry Todrank *
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith	Tom Brown
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	John Koppitch	Mark Lawson Robin Miner David Mueller *
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Lee Dorsey L. Vern Farnum	Nelda Buckardt * Nancy Hartmann * David Percy Carolyn Strain *
Indianapolis, First-Meridian Heights (4)	Curtis Page * Trish Lisa *	
Indianapolis, Immanuel (1)	Betty Gilbert Griffin	DeWillican Middleton *
Indianapolis, Irvington (5)	Robert Heimach Galen Schwarz	Melissa Jester Kathy Moorhead *
Indianapolis, John Knox (4)	Frank Mansell Lisa Crismore, CLP	Vivian Hale Sandra Crawford * Gary Shaw Mark Harper *
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Soon Kang *	Charles Chae *
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri Thomas * Ruth C. Moore Larry Moslener	Mae Leech Lisa Tait Longo Sharyl Stevens
Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Gary Ziegler * Michael Ireland * Kevin Long *	Patricia Cowall-Hanover * Don Frazer * Carol Poel Ed Bell *
Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Sheri Hilton Phil Votaw

Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis Galloway Joan Malick * W. Glen Bell * Joyce Hunn James Riley David Berry Karen Lang *	Natalie Auberry John Cronin Robert Everitt Mark Huesing Nancy Kriplen Charles Lils John Miller Howard Pelham Linda Rinker Ina Van Duyn
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Greg Glover * Katherine Rieder *	Mary Payne * Joseph Woods *
Indianapolis, Southport (6)	James Capps Kevin Bausman June Barrow Steve Matthies *	Michael Dietrich * Duane Gaither Ann Hunt * David Lantz Scott Miles Mark Myers
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	John Gable *	Philip Freiberger * JoAnn Moorhead * Ann Reynolds Dan Schroeder * Thomas Wirt
Indianapolis, Wallace Street (2)	Douglas Barnes *	Helen Holmes * Hamilton McMillan *
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Laurie Baker *
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker	Bettye Dee * Faye McDaniel Judy Trabue
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Lyle Ewing	Anita Donaldson
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter Zinn *	William Sittler *
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter Zinn *	Mike Waggoner *
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter Zinn *	Dwight Sweet *
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn Gold *	Linda Crawford *
Marion, Westminster (4)	Justin Schlesinger-Devlin *	Sally Todd * Renee Herrli
McCordsville, Christ (2)	Nancy Howard	Eunice Leininger
Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor David Jewett MyungKu Lee* Carrie Jo Miller, CLP	Marty Kendrick * John Linder * Tom Schwartz* Sandra Sexton * Pat Zeabart
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie Wager *	Richard Artes *
New Castle, First (4)	Rex Espiritu	Phyllis Grant Val McNelis *

Noblesville, First (4)	Eric Gale	Moffett Craig * Fred Nelson * Robert Sauer Jim Story *
Ossian (3)	Jay Cline	David Anderson William Milholland John Osborne *
Plainfield, Hope United (2)	Peggy McDonald	Brenda Blue * Garry Shelton *
Portland, First (2)	Wallace Wilson	Beverly Priest Julia Schwomeyer
Richmond, First (3)	David Layman	Elaine Goodwin Guy Guthrie Bill Stackhouse
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Erik Spencer	Wes Miller *
Rushville, First (1)	Dean Vittorio	Tutti Martz
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CLP *	June Wayt *
Shelbyville, First (3)	Jerry Kuyk *	Jenna Gunnoe Will Mitchell Mike Whitfield
Tipton, First (1)	Linda Philabaun	Robert Moore *
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric Lohe *	
Winchester, First (1)	William Carr *	Suzanne Fogleman *
Zionsville (6)	Glenn McDonald Robert Jordan Scott Shelton William Azbell R. Patrick Smith Donna Pollard, CLP *	Jim Dougherty Jen Knebel Barry Sumner

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

Eleanor (Bunny) Alexander *	Carol Johnston	Mike Samson *
Richard Baker	George F. LaMaster *	Tim S. Shapiro *
Bill Barrett *	Stacy Smith	
David A. Chaddock	Deborah S. Mansell	Fabio Socarraz (CLP)
Hezekiah Corppetts *	Alan J. McCraine *	Robert Wauzzinski *
Scott Hauser *	Leon Pech	Reggie Weaver
Robert Hunter	Sergei Petrov *	

MINISTERS AT LARGE

Sharon Azbell *	F. James Friedewald *	Scott Solether *
Merrill Cook *	Robert B. McAulay, Jr.	Dan Sutherin *
Theodore Dorman	Alan Pareis	

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Amon *
 David Bae *
 Frank Bean *
 Don Boebinger *
 Raymond Bowden *
 George Boyle *
 Bruce Brown *
 John Burhorn *
 Robert Clark *
 F.W. Clemenson *
 John Constant *
 Judith Cook *
 Henry Date *
 Roger Dean *
 Donald Durrett *
 Herbert Eggleston *
 William Enright *
 Carol Farr
 William Fogg *

Jack Glenn *
 Julian Gresham *
 William Harris *
 William Hudnut *
 George Jackson *
 Thelma Sue King
 Robert Leas *
 Loran Lewis *
 Howard Lindquist *
 Don MacPherson *
 Keith Main *
 Ray Marquette *
 Jack Masters *
 Robert McGinnis *
 Ralph Mitchell *
 Elsworth (Bud) Morack *
 Harrison Neal *
 David Noble *
 Patricia Reid
 W.W. Ridenour

Robert Rooker *
 Anne Rose *
 Barbara Sloop *
 Quentin Small *
 Elbert Smith *
 L. Wayne Smith *
 Richard Smith *
 James Snyder *
 Richard Stenner *
 John Stevens
 Robert Stewart *
 Paul Stone *
 Gerald Thomas *
 Edgar Towne *
 Glen Traver *
 Byung Van *
 William Weber *
 Arthur Whitaker *
 Jack Wineman *
 James Wolfe *

INACTIVE ROLL

Barry Belknap *

PRESBYTERY STAFF

Robert C. Anderson
 Felipe Martinez
 S. Kim Leech

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Betty-Alice Almeida
 Steve Crane *
 Sandra Crawford *
 John Current
 Ed Friel *
 Jim Hill

William Howell
 Bob Kelley *
 Frank Learned
 Evelyn Miller *
 Toni Morris
 Tonya Paddock

Mary Payne *
 Sandra Reid
 Bill Smiley
 Sharyl Stevens
 Rich Swartwood *
 Pat Zeabart

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

None

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Mike Evanchak
 Jennifer Loeb
 Alisa Ferlicca

VISITORS

Martha McDonald
 Miki Bean
 Bill Wasitis
 Janet Macklin
 Rachel Myhre
 Stacey Minges
 Donna Pohlar

Susan Bantz
 Orville Bantz
 Susan Bantz
 Charles Bowers
 Marjorie Bowers
 Jon Richwine

Gary Stebbins
 Jean Dodds
 Bill Earl
 Betty Oakes
 Rod Rhoades
 Jim Sweet

WELCOME

Rev. Bob Madsen, Pastor, welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton. He acknowledged and thanked the First Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Indiana, who provided the morning refreshments and helped in hosting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rev. Lyle Ewing acknowledged Spanish cheat sheets compiled by some of the Northern Quntana Roo partner churches and laminated by Lyle's daughter to help communication on the VBS Blitz
- Elder Ginny Sheets highlighted an event at the Whitelick Presbyterian Church, Avon, on the last Sunday of the month to promote stewardship of the environment
- Rev. Dena Vittorio announced that Moscow in Rush County was hit by the tornado and the heritage covered bridge was destroyed. Some of the injured included friends of Mick Saunders, CLP; Mick stayed home today to support those families

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Bob Anderson requested the joys and concerns of the Presbytery. There were numerous joys expressed with new interims and designated pastors at churches, new roofs on Elwood and Hopewell churches, the presbytery golf outing was blessed with a nice day, First Presbyterian Church in New Castle partnered with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the 4th Annual VBS week, VBS programs at various churches, Second Presbyterian Church approved an increase in giving to General Assembly and will support a new missionary for \$50,000, Zionsville Presbyterian Church hosted a New Church Development Conference. Concerns included: Upcoming cataract surgery for Bob Anderson; Frank Bean-continuing health concerns; sympathy to Sean Kelley, Program Manager at PYOCA, whose mother passed away suddenly; and concern for victims of the tornados at Moscow, Edinburgh and Camp Atterbury. Adult baptisms in six different churches since the last Presbytery meeting were reported.

Rev. Bob Anderson led the Presbytery in prayer.

DOCKET

There were two changes made to the proposed docket:

- Added Muncie-First Presbyterian Mission Report at 1:50 p.m.
- Moved the Finance Committee's report to spot to after GA Commissioners Report

The docket was approved with those changes.

Whitewater Valley Presbytery – Stated Meeting -- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2008

First Presbyterian Church, 215 E. Dustman, Bluffton IN 46714
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THESE ITEMS NEED YOUR ATTENTION

1. ONLINE PAPERS

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

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

3. ELECTRONIC PRESENTATIONS AT THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

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

4. WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB HOME PAGE www.whitewatervalley.org

DOCKET

9:30 AM Registration

10:00 AM Call To Order

Elder Donna Madewell, Moderator

Opening Hymn

Presbytery Meeting

Establishment of Roll by registration and establishment of quorum
 Introduction of new Elder Commissioners
 Seating of Corresponding Members
 Moderator's Report on Installations/Ordinations
 Welcome by Host & Church History
 Announcements
 Joys & Concerns of the Presbytery

ACTION APPROVAL OF DOCKET

ACTION PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA MOTION
 Rev. S. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk

10:20 EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION PC(U.S.A.)
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS REPORT
 COMMISSIONING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

10:45 SYNOD PRESENTATION
 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE
 Rev. Carol McDonald
 Rev. Laura Sherwood

10:55 ACTS 16:5 INITIATIVE (Transforming Congregations)
 Rev. Steve Ebling

11:05 MISSION STEWARDSHIP TEAM REPORT
 Elder Sandra Reid

11:15 INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT
 Rev. Bob Anderson

11:25 THANKS AND FAREWELL TO BOB ANDERSON
 Elder Bill Smiley

ORDER OF DAY

11:30 **WORSHIP** Necrology Report

12:30-1:15 LUNCH

1:15-1:40 Farewell for Bob Anderson (around lunch tables)

1:40 Break - Re-assemble in sanctuary

1:50 *ACTION IN MISSION* Presentations
 Habitat for Humanity
 Hunger Initiative

2:00 PYOCA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
 Rich Swartwood, Director

2:05 WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES
 Steve Crane, Director

2:10 STATED CLERK'S REPORT [SECOND POST]
 Rev. Kim Leech

2:20 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
 Elder Martha McDonald
(This is an ecclesiastical committee of Presbytery authorized to act regularly on behalf of the Presbytery in all matters permitted by G-14.0500 and G-11.0502h relating to calling, examining, receiving, and dismissing members; and on matters relating to the dissolution of pastoral relationships and honorable retirement, G-14.0600, G-11.0412)

Introduction of New Pastors

ACTION - ORDINATION EXAM – Mr. Richard Baker

Validated Minister Presentation
 Rev. Robert Wauzzinski

ACTION – ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS
 Indianapolis-Wallace St.; Ohio-College Corner
 Richmond, Reid Memorial
 Reported Actions

- 2:45 COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY Rev. Peggy McDonald
(This is an ecclesiastical committee of Presbytery authorized to act regularly on behalf of Presbytery in matters permitted by the Book of Order that include the care of inquirers and candidates for ordination to the office of minister of the Word and Sacrament.)
- ACTION – Ordination Exam – Alisa Ferlicca
 ACTION – Inquirer to Candidate – Mike Evanchak
- 3:00 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
- 3:10 COORDINATING COUNCIL Elder Betty-Alice Almeida
(The Coordinating Council has the powers stipulated by the Standing Rules of the Presbytery. It has general oversight of the programmatic and mission work of the Presbytery and recommends each year's budget. It nominates the Nominating Committee for election by the Presbytery, assures an orderly review of Session records and establishes teams, networks, task forces, partnerships and committees.)
- Personnel Report
 Treasurer's Report Elder Eric Herzog
 Reported Actions (Includes Income Statements & Fund Balances)
- 3:25 CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION & ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT STATED MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

September 6 – Greensburg-First December 3 – Indianapolis-Saint Andrew

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Rev. S. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk presented the following consent agenda. It was approved by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. From the Committee on Ministry: approve the ministers' 2008 terms of call **[See Appendix A]**
2. From the Committee for Preparation of Ministry: approve the following persons to be readers of the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (G-11.0103m):
 - a. Rev. David Comstock
 - b. Rev. Barbara Kenley
 - c. Elder Carrie Jo Miller
3. From Council's Session Records Review Committee: approve the session minutes of the following churches:
 - Avon, Whitelick—without exception
 - Bluffton, First—without exception
 - Boggstown, First—without exception
 - Clayton Presbyterian—without exception
 - College Corner—without exception
 - Connersville—with exceptions. No record of full financial review; unsigned minutes of congregational meetings; no copy of church bylaws provided; no copy of the current Indiana Annual Report of Nonprofit Corporation; no record of proper storage of minutes; no report of ministry to inactive members.
 - Decatur, First—with exceptions. The 2007 statistical report to the General Assembly not filed; no record of permanent storage of minutes and records; church register not maintained; other exceptions 32, 33, 35, 36 on checklist.
 - Elwood, First—without exception
 - Fishers, New Hope—without exception
 - Fort Wayne, Calvary-Third—without exception
 - Fort Wayne, Grace—without exception
 - Fort Wayne, United Faith—without exception

Franklin, First—with exceptions. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22 on the checklist; however, all exceptions were readily corrected.

Franklin, Hopewell—without exception

Greensburg, First—without exception

Greensburg, Kingston—without exception

Greensburg, Springhill—without exception

Greenwood, Center Grove—without exception

Greenwood Presbyterian—without exception

Indpls, Fairview—without exception

Indpls, Faith—without exception

Indpls, First-Meridian Hgts—without exception

Indpls, Immanuel—without exception

Indpls, Northminster—without exception

Indpls, Orchard Park—without exception

Indpls, Second—without exception

Indpls, Southminster—without exception

Indpls, Southport—without exception

Indpls, Tabernacle—without exception

Indpls, Wallace Street—without exception

Indpls, Westminster—without exception

Indpls, Witherspoon—without exception

Jonesboro, First—without exception

Knightstown, Bethel—without exception

Lewisville, Ebenezer—without exception

Lewisville, First—without exception

Marion, Westminster—without exception

McCordsville, Christ—without exception

Muncie, First—without exception

Muncie, St. Andrew—without exception

New Castle, First—without exception

Ossian, First—without exception

Plainfield, Hope United—without exception

Portland, First—without exception

Richmond, First—without exception

Rushville, First—without exception

Rushville, Trinity—with exceptions. Because there were 15 exceptions (items 4, 20, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41 on the session minute checklist) the committee appointed one of its members to work with that clerk of session.

Shelbyville, First—without exception

Tipton, First—without exception

Westfield, Cross Roads—without exception

Winchester, First—without exception

Zionsville—without exception

4. From the Stated Clerk: Pursuant to G-11.01016, approve the 2008 elder and minister presbytery parity. **[See Appendix B]**

EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION – PC(USA)

There was a brief service of commissioning for the commissioners to the 217th General Assembly (2008) in San Jose, California. The service was led by commissioners for the 216th General Assembly (2006). The 2008 Commissioners are:

- Ministers: Rev. Frank Mansell (Indianapolis, John Knox), Rev. Steve Matthies (Indianapolis, Southport), and Rev. Linda Philabaun (Elwood and Tipton churches)
- Elders: William Johnson (Boggstown), Mark Moore (Indianapolis, Northminster), and Kristy Quinn (Indianapolis, Irvington)
- YAD: Jenna Gunnoe (Shelbyville, First)

SYNOD PRESENTATION

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Glenn McDonald and Rev. Laura Sherwood, co-chairs of the Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee, presented the Position Description for the Executive Presbyter Position and the Presbytery Information Form. The anticipated schedule for this process is: August 5th – narrow down number of candidates; September 24-25 – conduct interviews; December Presbytery Meeting – present candidate for election.

[See Appendix C for the Position Description] The Presbytery Information Form was distributed with the Presbytery papers and is on file in the Presbytery office.

In the absence of Rev. Carol McDonald, Co-Executive of the Synod of Lincoln Trails, Elder Kristy Quinn presented Carol's report for the Synod. The report highlighted the partnership ministry between the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Rev. Carol McDonald and Rev. David Crittenden will serve as Co-Interim Executive Presbyters until the arrival of the new installed Executive Presbyter. The synod is also providing staff support to the Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee.

ACTS 16:5 INITIATIVE

Rev. Steve Ebling introduced a new two-year program to help churches discover God's call upon them. The program is based on Acts 16:5 which reads: "Day after day the congregations became stronger in faith and larger in size."

There are brochures and DVDs describing this program available. On September 19-20, 2008, there will be an event for all churches to assist in churches' discerning whether they will commit to the program or not. The basics of the program are the principles of church vitality in which God is calling us to be. There will be four more equipping events, one every six months, to further help move churches along in faithfulness. The next steps: pray about involvement, share information with your session, and to assess the effectiveness of your church's ministry. The program is designed for all churches, all sizes. If cost is an issue, the team will help solve those issues. This is what Presbytery should be about – encouraging one another in ministry.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Bill Howell, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the accounting system is working very well. This year's audit had a considerable cost savings over last year's audit. Financial Workshops are being planned for August; one will be held in Bluffton and another in Greenfield. Treasurer Eric Herzog and other presenters will lead discussions about internal controls, technology, and other financial issues.

The Presbytery's 2009 budget is being assembled. The first reading of the budget will be at the August Coordinating Council meeting in August followed by the September Presbytery meeting. The budget is not just about numbers, but also the interpretation of the mission activities of the Presbytery. There is a need for new members on the Finance Committee, especially a need for representation from smaller churches.

Elder Howell expressed special thanks to Mike Srbljan and Eric Herzog for the outstanding work they are doing with the finances. Also gratitude was expressed to Rev. Bob Anderson.

STEWARDSHIP & MISSION INTERPRETATION TEAM REPORT

Elder Sandra Reid, chair of the Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Team, informed the Presbytery that pledges to the Presbytery increased by 8% from 2007 to 2008. Other members of the Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Team are Eric Herzog, Bill Howell, Bob McAulay, Debbie Mansell, and Felipe Martinez. Please see the FAQ sheet to understand how mission dollars are dispersed and used. **[See Appendix D for Shared Mission Update and FAQ Sheet]**

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Rev. Bob Anderson indicated that he leaves this Presbytery with a deep and centered joy in his heart. These have been some of the best years of his life. He highlighted the Acts 16:5 Initiative as being very important for the churches in along the Transforming Churches process. He also referenced the three Administrative Commissions being formed, encouraging the Presbytery to prayerfully help and support one another. **[See Appendix E for the full report]**

THANKS AND FAREWELL TO BOB ANDERSON

Elder Bill Smiley, chair of the Personnel Committee, expressed gratitude to Bob for his leadership over the past two and a half years. He presented Bob with a picture of a spring lamb painted by a member of Zionsville Presbyterian Church, as a gift from the Presbytery. Bob related the picture to Jesus' mandate of "Feed my lambs." The food we feed the lambs is the love we have for Jesus. Feed with love!

ORDER OF THE DAY was maintained at 11:30 for worship.

WORSHIP

Rev. James Capps, pastor of Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, preached the sermon, "Doing Jesus' Ministry" (preaching, teaching, and healing) based upon Matthew 4:12-25. The Lord's Supper was served by intinction, during which the names from the Necrology report, listing ministers and elders who died during 2007, were read. Servers for communion included new pastors in the Presbytery along with elders from their churches. The benediction included the prayer for the meal. **[See Appendix F for the Necrology Report]**

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:15 p.m. for a farewell celebration for Bob as he prepares to move to his new position as interim executive presbyter at Pittsburgh Presbytery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In a marvelous skit, three vignettes were enacted by members of Presbytery, remembering Bob's figures of speech, "*God Talk*" and "*Bubbling Up*" mission.

ACTION IN MISSION

KOREAN SISTER CHURCH

Rev. Ron Naylor and Rev. Dave Jewett, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, Indiana, shared their experiences with Yum-Kwang Presbyterian Church in South Seoul, Korea, in a sister-church relationship. A formal agreement was signed and a Korean delegation from that church has visited the Muncie church. A group from Muncie-First has visited there as the churches search for ways of doing mission together. Rev. Naylor says we have a lot to learn from them.

There are also opportunities to live in Seoul for six months to one year and teach English.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Rev. David Berry, Associate Pastor for Missions at Second Presbyterian Church, told of the church's Habitat for Humanity mission supported by Presbytery through the Peacemaking grant, For the House of Abraham Builds. From June 13-27 they will travel to Jordan where they will have a habitat build in Amman. Their dream is to build a Habitat house in Israel. It would be a witness to peace if they could get the three Abrahamic faiths to build in Israel. They hope to start a branch of Habitat for Humanity in Israel and in Palestine. They will also have a Habitat build here in Indianapolis in the fall. Rev. Berry asked the Presbytery's participation in any one of three ways: be part of the local build, pray for the international build, and contribute to the local building.

HUNGER INITIATIVE

Rev. Lewis Galloway, Second Presbyterian Church, reported that the clergy in Indianapolis decided to do something about eliminating hunger locally and globally. The plan is to work with Gleaners Food Bank and set up feeding programs in schools. They can provide a feeding program for a full year for \$2,000 per school. They see no quick fix, but hope to change consciousness and behavior.

PYOCA CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Elder Lisa Longo, who is on the Pyoca Advisory Committee, brought greetings from Executive Director Rich Swartwood, who is busy with staff training at camp this week. Camp starts on Saturday and there are 85 campers ahead of registrations at this time last year.

New this year, Pyoca is offering summer day camp programs on the road at Center Grove in Greenwood, John Knox Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, and at Corydon in Ohio Valley Presbytery. \$812,000 has been pledged and/or received for the capital campaign. Construction on a new facility will begin this summer as soon as permits are approved.

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Rev. Pat Reid who serves as Office Manager at Westminster Neighborhood Ministries, Indianapolis, reported for Executive Director Steve Crane. She reported the following activities and services to show where some of Presbytery's mission dollars go. During the month of May 890 people were served from the food pantry on five Thursday mornings, including 114 children five years of age and younger. The families are able to select two-weeks' worth of groceries and household products. A hot meal is provided that day and a clothing closet is open. A doctor and nurse are on site every Thursday morning for a free clinic. Forty-eight children receive safe nurturing after school with lots of loving support. Sixty-one children are enrolled in the summer program, which includes academics in the mornings and swimming, sports, and field trips in the afternoons. There is a field trip every Friday. First through fourth graders will go to VBS at Greenwood Presbyterian Church. All services are free to participants.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Kim Leech presented the following report.

Items of Information

1. The 2007 minutes of the Presbytery were approved on May 21, 2008 by the Synod of Lincoln Trails at the synod's Peer Review of Presbytery Minutes.
2. Joseph A. Bank, the men's clothier, offers a 20% discount to all Ministers of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This discount applies at all times, including sales.
3. The 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held June 20-28, 2008 at San Jose, California; please pray for the presbytery's commissioners and that the Holy Spirit will guide the decisions of the Assembly.

Ordination Anniversaries

Mr. Leech drew attention to the list of June through August ministers' ordination anniversaries and encouraged commissioners and churches to recognize those persons. **[See Appendix G]**

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

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Martha McDonald, moderator of the Committee on Ministry, introduced the ministers in new positions:

Terry Anderson, Designated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
 Justin Schlesinger-Devlin, Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion
 John Gable, Pastor at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
 Wallace Wilson, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Portland
 David Comstock, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Anderson
 Alice McDowell, Interim Pastor at Center Grove Presbyterian Church, Greenwood
 Mae Leech, Temporary Supply at Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN (Wabash Valley)

NANCY HOWARD – DESIGNATED PASTOR

Martha McDonald moved the following recommended action from COM:

The COM recommends that the Presbytery APPROVE a request from Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville, that the Temporary Supply Position currently filled by Rev. Nancy Howard become a Designated Pastor Position, effective June 15, 2008 for a term of three years, with the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000
Housing	\$32,400
Deferred Income	\$3,500
Pension	\$19,184
Auto Expenses	\$2,500 (vouchered at IRS rate)
Professional Development	\$1,000
Medical Supplement	\$4,000
Study Leave	Two weeks including two Sundays
Vacation	Four weeks to include four Sundays

RATIONALE

The Designated Pastor Nominating Committee (DPNC) of Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville, in consultation with the Committee on Ministry and after significant and prayerful discernment by the session and congregation, believes, for the good of the whole church, that their Temporary Supply Pastor, Rev. Nancy Howard, is the candidate to best fill their Designated Pastor position.

The stated clerk of the Presbytery has indicated that the *Book of Order* (G-14.0551) allows such an action when approved by a 2/3 vote of the Presbytery.

Rev. Howard has agreed to serve in that capacity if the way be clear.

The COM interviewed Rev. Howard and representatives of the DPNC on April 30, 2008, and concurred that the request is for the good of the whole church and recommends that the Presbytery approve the recommendation.

The motion was approved and passed unanimously. Members of Christ Presbyterian Church were invited to come forward to stand with Rev. Howard as Moderator Donna Madewell led the Presbytery in prayer.

ORDINATION EXAM – RICHARD BAKER

Martha McDonald presented Richard Baker to be examined for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament.. Mr. Baker has served as Theologian in Residence on the staff of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, since 2005 and is now seeking ordination. He has a call as Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church. Following a presentation of his 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 Richard as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that he be approved for ordination. His ordination will take place at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 29, 2008, as part of the 6:00 p.m. service. Family and friends from Second Presbyterian were invited to join Richard as Rev. Lewis Galloway led in prayer.

VALIDATED MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Rev. Robert Wauzzinski, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Muncie, presented an excellent report on his validated ministry as he teaches in prisons of Indiana and at the university. He feels that God has affirmed his calling to be a bridge person between the university and the church.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

Martha McDonald, Moderator of Committee on Ministry, made a motion that the administrative commissions for College Corner United Presbyterian Church, College Corner; Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, be elected and approved with the Scope of Powers as presented below:

COLLEGE CORNER AND WALLACE STREET

The Committee on Ministry (COM) recommends that Whitewater Valley Presbytery form administrative commissions, one for the College Corner United Presbyterian Church, College Corner, and the other for the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis.

Persons to be elected to the College Corner administrative commission:

Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, moderator
Rev. Rex Espiritu, First Presbyterian Church, New Castle
Elder Martha McDonald, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indpls
Elder Mary Ruth Snyder, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indpls
Rev. David McDonald, Clayton Presbyterian Church, Clayton
Elder Jen Knebel, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville
Rev. Erik Spencer, Member-at-Large

Persons to be elected for the Wallace Street administrative commission:

Elder Ed Friel, Second Presbyterian Church, Indpls
Elder Paula Mann, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indpls
Rev. Ralph Mitchell, Honorably Retired
Elder David Mueller, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indpls
Rev. Dena Vittorio, First Presbyterian Church, Rushville
Elder Sandi Martin, Boggstown Presbyterian Church, Boggstown
Rev. Eric Gale, First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville

Duties and Scope of Powers

1. The commission shall seek, where possible, reconciliation with all ministers and members of the congregations involved.
2. The commission shall obtain appropriate resources and information (legal, polity, financial, etc.) for continued interaction with these congregations, in consultation with the COM and Presbytery's Council.
3. The Presbytery by this action shall delegate to the commission the following powers, to take effect when it should become evident to the commission that minister(s) or congregation members are moving toward expressing a desire for separation and the reconciliation is not likely:
 - a. Access to all church records, including but not limited to: membership rolls, minutes of session and all boards and committees, financial records, membership directories, newsletters, and materials distributed for congregational information.
 - b. Authority to call a congregational meeting (G-7.0303a(2)) and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose.
 - c. Authority to engage appropriate legal counsel.
 - d. Authority to take all necessary steps to discern the "true church" (G-8.0601), that is, those wishing to remain loyal to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - e. In the event that a session calls a congregational meeting for the purpose of considering actions leading to separation from the PCUSA, the commission shall have authority to dissolve the session and assume the full powers and jurisdiction of the session. In the event that this has occurred prior to this action of presbytery, the power shall be effective immediately. With the full authority of the session, the commission shall be empowered to:
 - i. Provide for worship and for the continuing pastoral care of all of the congregation
 - ii. Receive and act on request from members to be transferred or deleted from the membership rolls.
 - iii. Determine and negotiate distribution of all property and assets of the congregation, with any final resolution to be recommended to the Presbytery Council for approval; Council will subsequently present its recommendations to the presbytery.
 - f. Authority to dissolve the pastoral relationship upon evidence that the pastor has advocated separation from the denomination or upon renunciation of jurisdiction, fully observing the due process requirements of the Constitution [G-9.0505b(2), G-6.0701, G-6.0702].
 - g. Authority, in consultation with the COM, to transfer the minister to an established judicatory of another Reformed denomination with which the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is in correspondence.
 - h. Authority to declare a minister to have renounced the jurisdiction of the church in accordance with G-6.0701, G-6.0702.

Background

The Presbytery Council has previously approved and distributed to ministers and churches the document *Guidelines for Discernment Task Forces (2007)*, provided hereto. **[See Minutes for the Stated Presbytery Meeting on March 3, 2007, Appendix B, pages 2455-2457]** The task forces have been hard at work and diligent in following the guidelines. Acting on more recent information and reflecting the work at communication and reconciliation with the congregations, the COM approved, at its April 28, 2008 stated meeting, presenting its recommendations for forming administrative commissions to the June 4, 2008 stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Central to the presbytery's response is this understanding that there are three separate questions to be resolved when a congregation is considering separation from the PCUSA.

1. *Ministers*

Any Minister of the Word and Sacrament is a member of the presbytery, not the congregation, and is free to determine that he or she no longer wishes to continue as a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister, and this decision can be made at any time. A simple written request to be deleted from the rolls, or a renunciation of jurisdiction, is effective for ending the minister's participation in our common life. A minister may also request in writing to be transferred to another denomination with whom the PC(USA) is in correspondence and, upon receipt by that denomination, that request will be honored.

2. *Members and membership*

The COM does not believe that any vote of any congregation is sufficient to remove any individual from membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A decision to remove oneself from membership (either by transfer or by deletion from the rolls) is an individual decision, and is accomplished through a written request to the session. To put this another way, members come into the church one at a time,

and they leave it one at a time. A person cannot have their membership in the PC(USA) discontinued through someone else's decision or vote, except through the due process found in the Book of Order.

In this case, members of a congregation who no longer wish to be affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be free to request transfer to the church of their choice through the session, or through the administrative commission as it determines how to best provide for the future needs of the church.

3. *Property*

Issues regarding property which is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) can only be addressed after the first two questions—the decisions of ministers and members to remain or leave—will help determine how best the property can be used to advance the mission of the church.

The administrative commission may determine that there is a missional purpose in the “true church” continuing to use the property. Or that may not be deemed feasible, and an arrangement to sell the building to the departing members may be negotiated. It is impossible to speculate here about all the possible outcomes. In any case, the commission is obligated to seek what is in the best interests of the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the mission of Christ. Any decision about property by the administrative commission will first be brought back to the presbytery Council for action.

The COM sincerely hopes that no other churches will seek separation. The COM and the Council have been active in their work to be pastoral and sensitive to those ministers and churches that have had concerns and issues about the PCUSA.

The COM welcomes any opportunity to have conversations with other ministers, elders, or church members who have concerns about the denomination or presbytery. The COM also appreciates the contact from congregation members who are concerned that their church leadership is contemplating separation, so that reconciliation and open communication may be achieved.

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Committee on Ministry (COM) recommends that Whitewater Valley Presbytery form an administrative commission for the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Indiana.

Persons to be elected to the Reid Memorial administrative commission:

Rev. Martha Williams Jordan, First Presbyterian Church, Connersville – moderator
Rev. Bill Carr, First Presbyterian Church, Winchester
Elder Evelyn Miller, First Presbyterian Church, Rushville
Rev. Greg Glover, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Rev. Dawn Gold, First Presbyterian Church, Liberty
Elder Bill Johnson, First Presbyterian Church, Boggstown
Rev. Carol Farr, Honorably Retired

Scope of Powers

The administrative commission for the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Indiana, shall have this scope of powers:

1. To work in a collegial and collaborative manner with the session on matters pertaining to the closing of the church.
2. To have full authority to identify, implement, and resolve all legal and ecclesiastical issues regarding the closing of the church and the sale of the property, building, and its contents.
3. In light of the historical value of the church building, work with the session, and the congregation as needed, placing a high priority upon seeking an appropriate dispensation of the church building.
4. To work in a collegial and collaborative manner with the session in designing an appropriate final worship service that expresses the rich history, heritage, and ministries of the church over the years.
5. To consult with and recommend to the Presbytery the use and dispensation of all monies resulting from the sale of the church property.

6. Pursuant to G-10.0302b(2), make provisions for the records of the church and the continuing pastoral care of the church's members.
7. To report regularly to the Presbytery about the work of the commission.

Stated Clerk Kim Leech spoke to legal actions recently taken by College Corner United Presbyterian Church, relating that the Presbytery had received a temporary restraining order issued by a court in Ohio. (The church is located in Ohio.)

Rev. Jason Bantz, minister at College Corner, asked to speak to the motion. The Stated Clerk indicated there were concerns that Rev. Bantz had renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) {G-6.0700}. He further explained that when a minister is in peril of renounced jurisdiction, he or she should be alerted to that possibility. The Committee on Ministry may review this matter.

A motion was made, seconded, that Rev. Bantz not be allowed standing for voice and vote at this meeting. Discussion ensued. Upon vote, the motion was defeated.

Rev. Bantz raised questions about the proposed scope of powers for the administrative commission and spoke to the possibility of deleting items "e" and "f". He confirmed that his congregation had voted last Sunday to leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bantz continued to speak and was ruled as out of order as he regressed from the subject.

Elder Dude Lohrey, Commissioner from College Corner, assumed the floor to defend the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. He was ruled out of order.

Rev. Lewis Galloway called for the question, indicating the Presbytery needed to give the administrative commissions full powers to do their work. The motion to end debate was seconded and passed.

Upon vote, the presbytery approved the proposed administrative commissions and scopes of power.

Moderator Donna Madewell invited members and friends from College Corner, Reid Memorial, and Wallace Street churches to come forward with the respective pastors and she led the presbytery with prayers for understanding and guidance through unknown passageways.

The full report on Committee on Ministry actions follows:

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – FEBRUARY 27, 2008

QUORM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met February 27, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The January 30, 2008 minutes were approved.

ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Good, Rev. David (Richmond-Reid Memorial)

When the way be clear, the COM APPROVED the transfer of Rev. David Good to Maumee Valley Presbytery so that he may accept a call to First Presbyterian Church, Tiffin, OH as an Interim Pastor, effective April 1, 2008.

Paulson, John Greenfield-First CLP

The COM APPROVED the Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract between John Paulson and the session of First Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, IN effective February 1, 2008 for a period of one year with the following terms, part-time position, 30 hours per week:

Salary	\$12,811
Housing	\$20,000
Auto. Allow	\$.505 (vouchered @ IRS rate)
Prof. Dev. Allow	\$500
Books/Office Expense	\$750.00
Vacation	one month to include four Sundays
Study Leave	two weeks to include two Sundays

2008 Reports of Ministers' Terms of Call

The 2008 Terms of Call were APPROVED as printed and will be recommended to the Presbytery for approval on March 1, 2008.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS/COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Schlesinger-Devlin, Rev. Justin Ian Marion-Westminster

Vice-Moderator Lyle Ewing conducted the COM examination and interview with Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin. The PNC was also interviewed.

The COM M/S/P to authorize the Session to call a meeting of the congregation March 9, 2008 to act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin as their pastor and to recommend to their Session:

1. that the COM confirms the suitability of the call between Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin and First Presbyterian Church, Marion, IN
2. that the COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met and, when the way be clear:
3. that the COM found the call to be in order and is for the good of the whole church;
4. that the COM appoint Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin as Moderator effective June 9, 2008 and that Rev. David Comstock be relieved of moderator duties effective June 8, 2008.
5. that when the way be clear, and upon receipt of credentials and transfer from Grand Canyon Presbytery, Whitewater Valley Presbytery will receive Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin as a member
6. that the COM appoint an administrative commission to install as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Marion, IN with date and members of commission to be determined;

The call is to be effective June 9, 2008 with the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$55,000 (a specific housing allowance will be determined and reported to the COM after housing is obtained)
Full Pension	\$17,325
Auto. Expenses	\$2,500 (vouchered at IRS rate)
Professional Dev. Allow.	\$1,000
Business Expenses	\$1,200
Vacation	four weeks (to include two Sundays)
Study Leave	two weeks (to include two Sundays & cumulative to 8 weeks)
Medical Supplement	\$2,200 (vouchered reimbursable)
Taxable Social Security Offset	\$4,263
Moving Expenses	Full up to \$15,000
Technology Fund	\$1,300 one time fund to purchase computer to be property of Rev. Schlesinger-Devlin.

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

Leech, Mae Commissioned Lay Pastor, Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, Frankfort IN (Wabash Valley Presbytery)

Stated Clerk Kim Leech reported that Mae Leech was examined by Wabash Valley Presbytery Feb. 19, 2008 and approved a commissioned lay pastor contract between Geetingsville Presbyterian Church, Frankfort, IN and Mae Leech. No action is required by this COM at this time.

Stevens, Rev. John Anderson-First, Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. Stevens reported that the Anderson-First congregation is looking forward to their future and planning ahead. The session and committees are active and functioning. The congregation uses a high degree of technology during worship

MATTERS CONCERNING CHURCHES

Indianapolis Bilingual-Bicultural New Church Development

The COM APPROVED a recommended action to the March 1, 2008 Presbytery meeting: That the Presbytery direct the COM, in consultation with Hispanic Ministries Lead Team, to officially establish and create a Bilingual-Bicultural New Church Development.

Shelbyville-First

The COM APPROVED the CIF, with recommendations that information is needed about how the church will move into the future.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, MARCH 26, 2008

QUORUM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met March 26, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The February 27, 2008 minutes were approved.

ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Khalil, Rev. Joseph

The COM APPROVED the transfer of Rev. Joseph Khalil to Monmouth Presbytery.

McDonald, Peggy Plainfield-Hope United

The COM APPROVED an extension of the Temporary Supply Contract April 1- June 30, 2008 with the terms to be reported to the April COM meeting.

Anderson, Rev. Terry Fort Wayne-First Designated Pastor

The COM APPROVED a motion to authorize the session to call a meeting of the congregation April 6, 2008 to act on the report of the Designated Pastor Nominating Committee to call Rev. Terry Anderson as their Designated Pastor, effective May 13, 2008 for a period of 4 years. Rev. Alan Thames will moderate the congregational meeting.

1. The COM examined Rev. Anderson and confirmed the suitability of the call between Rev. Terry Anderson and First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne IN
2. The COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met and, when the way be clear:
3. The COM found the call to be in order and is for the good of the whole church;
4. The COM appointed Rev. Anderson session moderator effective April 6, 2008 and Rev. John Steven Park will be relieved of moderatorial duties effective April 5, 2008
5. Rev. Terry Anderson is a member in good standing in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ and a Formula of Agreement pastor.
6. The COM will appoint an administrative commission to install Rev. Anderson as the designated pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, IN with date and members of commission to be determined;

The COM APPROVED the terms of the call:

Salary/Housing	\$60,000
Housing	\$20,000
PCUSA Pension	full
Auto. Expenses	up to \$3,200 (vouchered at IRS rate)
Professional Dev. Allow.	\$1,000 (cumulative up to 4 years)
Book Expense Reimbursement	\$325 year
Medical expense deductible	\$2,300 year
Discretionary Expense Reimbursement	\$2,000 year
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 installation commissions will complete and forward to the Stated Clerk the minutes of the ordination & installation commissions, including names of all participants, date, and place. The Chair of the PNC will destroy the files of all candidates not selected and will send to the Stated Clerk the record of the conversations with the selected Candidate and her references. It is the COM Liaison's responsibility to insure all forms are received, completed, and returned

MATTERS or ACTIONS CONCERNING CHURCHES

Ohio, College Corner-First

The COM APPROVED:

1. The appointment of an advisory team for the First Presbyterian Church, College Corner, Ohio to work with the session, pastor and members of the congregation regarding their discernment to withdraw from the PC(USA). The members of the advisory team are: Rex Espiritu, Ed Friel, Jen Knebel, David McDonald, Martha McDonald, Cheryl Montgomery, Rik Spencer, Mary Ruth Snyder.
2. That the members of the Advisory Team appointed to work with the First Presbyterian Church, College Corner, Ohio, may be recommended to the Presbytery as members of an administrative commission with powers to be determined.

Indianapolis-Wallace St.

The COM APPROVED:

1. The appointment of an advisory team for the Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, to work with the session, pastor and members of the congregation regarding their discernment to withdraw from the PC(USA). The members of the advisory team are: Ed Friel, Paula Mann, David Mueller, Sandi Martin, Ralph Mitchell, Dena Vittorio.
2. That the members of the Advisory Team, appointed to work with Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, may be recommended to the Presbytery as members of an administrative commission with powers to be determined.

McCordsville-Christ

Martha McDonald reported. The DAPNC, after much discernment, believes that their Temporary Supply Pastor, Rev. Nancy Howard, would be their best Designated Pastor match. The stated clerk informed the COM that the Book of Order allows such an action when approved by the Presbytery by a two-thirds vote. Rev. Howard has agreed to serve in that capacity when the way be clear. By consensus, the COM agreed to interview Rev. Howard and representatives of the DAPNC in April, anticipating recommendation of an action to the Presbytery on June 4, 2008.

Plainfield-Hope

The COM APPROVED a motion that the session of Hope Presbyterian Church hold its severance compensation to the Rev. Dan Sutherin in abeyance until the signed agreements are in hand. Kim Leech will convey this information to Rev. Sutherin.

Richmond-Reid Memorial

Rev. David Good's last Sunday is March 30. COM member Greg Glover will be present. The Presbytery received an official letter from the session that requested assistance to close the church. The COM:

1. APPROVED the formation of an administrative commission whose scope of powers and members will be recommended to Presbytery June 4, 2008.
2. gave permission to the Executive Committee of the COM to recruit members for that commission.

OTHER ACTIONS

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee APPROVED a request from Mike Srbljan to allow the Presbytery staff to serve as ecumenical representatives for his ordination commission with the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Mr. Srbljan is the Finance Manager for the Presbytery.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY APRIL 30, 2008

QUORM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met April 30, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The March 26, 2008 minutes were approved.

ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORSMcDonald, Rev. Peggy

The COM APPROVED the Temporary Supply Contract between Rev. Peggy McDonald and Hope United Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, IN effective April 11, 2008 through December 30, 2008, 23 hours per week, with the following terms:

Salary	\$10,000
Housing	\$4,400
FICA	\$1,100
Mileage	\$200 (vouchers at IRS rate)
Professional Development Allowance	\$375.00
Study Leave	Two weeks including two Sundays
Vacation	Three weeks to include three Sundays

Rev. McDonald will serve as session moderator.

Solether, Rev. Scott

The COM APPROVED request to labor outside bounds in Maumee Valley Presbytery and Miami Valley Presbytery so that he may serve as a chaplain with the State of the Heart Hospice based in Greenville, Ohio.

Comstock, Rev. David

The COM interviewed Rev. David Comstock and the Interim Search Team from First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, IN. The COM APPROVED the Interim Pastor Contract between Rev. David Comstock and the session, effective April 16, 2008 for a period of one year with the following terms:

Salary	\$39,200
Housing	\$21,725
Pension	Full
Deferred Income	\$5,500
Auto Allowance	\$2,500 (vouchered at IRS rate)
Professional Development	\$1,200
Medical/Dental Supplement	\$3,900
Study Leave	Two weeks including two Sundays
Vacation	Four weeks to include four Sundays

Friedewald, Rev. James

The COM APPROVED a motion to recommend that the Executive Committee of the COM meet with attorney Judy Woods for the purpose of advising and clarifying how to proceed with negotiations between Rev. Friedewald, his attorney and Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Howard, Rev. Nancy

The COM interviewed Rev. Nancy Howard and members of the PNC for the suitability of a call to move Rev. Howard from a Temporary Supply Pastor to a Designated Pastor. The COM APPROVED a motion that a recommendation be forwarded to the Presbytery June 4, 2008 that the Temporary Supply Position of Nancy Howard become a Designated Pastor position, effective June 15, 2008 for a term of three years, with the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000
Housing	\$32,400
Deferred Income	\$3,500
Pension	\$19,184
Auto Expenses	\$2,500 (vouchered at IRS rate)
Professional Development	\$1,000
Medical Supplement	\$4,000
Study Leave	Two weeks including two Sundays
Vacation	Four weeks to include four Sundays

VALIDATED MINISTRIES

David Chaddock, Family Life Ministries, was interviewed and the COM validated his ministry through Dec. 31, 2008.

Rev. Debbie Mansell, St. Vincent chaplain, was interviewed. The COM validated her ministry through Dec. 31, 2008.

Special Parish Ministry

The sub-committee affirmed Ohio Valley's CLP training for WWVP elders. Christina Bauchle, an Elder at Southport Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, was APPROVED for enrollment in the Ohio Valley CLP program.

ACTIONS REGARDING CHURCHESOhio, College Corner First

The COM APPROVED a request that the Stated Clerk be instructed to draft the powers of the administrative commission for College Corner-First with COM approval of those powers to be approved by e-mail with the powers and members of the commission being recommended to the Presbytery June 4, 2008.

That Rev. Rik Spencer will serve as contract staff to provide pastoral support to members of the church who wish to remain members of the PC(USA).

Indianapolis-Wallace Street

The COM APPROVED a request that the Stated Clerk be instructed to draft the powers of the administrative commissions for Wallace Street Presbyterian Church, with COM approval of those powers to be approved by e-mail with the powers and members of the commission being recommended to the Presbytery June 4, 2008.

McCordsville-Christ

The COM approved the request, in the form of an action and recommendation to Presbytery, that the Temporary Pastor position currently filled by Rev. Nancy Howard become a Designated Pastor position.

Richmond-Reid Memorial

The COM concurred with a request from the session that Rev. Rik Spencer serve as its Stated Supply pastor. The terms of the contract will be presented to the COM at a future meeting.

The COM APPROVED the Scope of Powers for the Administrative Commission and they will be recommended to the Presbytery June 4, 2008 with the names of the members of the commission.

1. To work in a collegial and collaborative manner with the session on matters pertaining to the closing of the church.
2. To have full authority to identify, implement, and resolve all legal and ecclesiastical issues regarding the closing of the church and the sale of the property, building, and its contents.
3. In light of the historical value of the church building, work with the session, and the congregation as needed, placing a high priority upon seeking an appropriate dispensation of the church building.
4. To work in a collegial and collaborative manner with the session in designing an appropriate final worship service that expresses the rich history, heritage, and ministries of the church over the years.
5. To consult with and recommend to the Presbytery the use and dispensation of all monies resulting from the sale of the church property.
6. Pursuant to G-10.0302b(2), make provisions for the records of the church and the continuing pastoral care of the church's members.
7. To report regularly to the Presbytery about the work of the commission.

OTHER ACTIONSMinisters' Terms of Call

The 2008 Terms of Call distributed at the meeting were APPROVED and will be recommended to the Presbytery for approval June 4, 2008.

Lilly Grant Initiative

The COM APPROVED the Presbytery's participation in the Lilly Economic Initiative Planning Grant.

The Acts 16:5 Initiative

Rev. Joy Goehring gave a brief overview of the Acts 16:5 Initiative. The COM adopted this initiative by consensus and a report will be presented to the June 4, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Peggy McDonald, Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented candidate Alisa Ferlicca to be examined for ordination. Alisa has a call to the Associated Church in Aberdeen, Scotland. Following a 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 Alisa as Minister of Word and Sacrament and that she be approved for ordination. The motion was approved by voice vote. Representatives from Second Presbyterian Church then joined Alisa, as the Presbytery was led in prayer.

Rev. McDonald then presented Mike Evanchak 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 Mike to candidate. The motion was approved by voice vote. Mike answered the constitutional questions (G-14.0305f) asked by Moderator Donna Madewell. Families and church members from Zionsville Presbyterian Church gathered around Mike and Rev. Pat Smith led in prayer.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. David Layman, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the names to fill the current committee vacancies. After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the following slate was elected:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Class of 2008 (Vacancy – To fill the unexpired term of Melodie Wager)

(M) Katherine Rieder, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis)

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

Class of 2009 (To fill the vacancy)

(M) Cheryl Montgomery, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

-----End of Nominating Committee Report-----

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Bill Smiley, Moderator of Personnel Committee, welcomed two new members – Steve Ebling and Cheryl Montgomery. He reported that staff reviews have been completed and the staff is content.

The Stated Clerk reaffirmed the Standards of Ethical Conduct and asked that sessions be encouraged to study and share with employees and committees. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

[See Appendix H]

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elder Eric Herzog, Treasurer, presented the finance reports for this quarter. The Presbytery is currently \$30,000 behind on budget. Financial Workshops are being planned for later this summer. Time is still to be determined. **[See Appendix I for Budget Reports]**

MODERATOR TEAM REPORT

Elder Jim Hill reported that the second reading and vote will take place in September on the election and term for the moderator of Council.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council met May 4, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church, Liberty, IN. The meeting was called to order at 5:45 and opened with prayer by Moderator Betty-Alice Almeida.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED AND MINUTES APPROVED

A quorum was established.

The Council minutes of February 13, 2008 were approved.

The Presbytery minutes of March 1, 2008 were approved.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Smiley reported. Bob Anderson's interim time with the Presbytery will be celebrated at the June 4 Presbytery meeting. Bill also reported that Personnel is working with the Synod staff to clarify staff responsibilities after Bob is off site and before an Executive Presbyter is on site. Synod Executives Carol McDonald and David Crittenden will be serving as acting executive presbyters.

The annual staff reviews will be conducted May 22. Bob Anderson's exit interview will also be conducted May 22.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Laura Sherwood reviewed the Executive Presbyter position description and the Presbytery Information Form that is posted online with the Church Leadership Connection. PIFs are being received and reviewed. The EPNC will meet with the Presbytery staff.

INDIANAPOLIS-WALLACE ST. and OHIO-COLLEGE CORNER

Bob Anderson reported. The COM will recommend the formation of administrative commissions for both churches at the June 4, 2008 Presbytery meeting.

MISSION SUPPORT UNIT

The Council APPROVED two mission support grants, Peacemaking, for Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis:

1. Habitat for Humanity, House of Abraham, Indianapolis \$5,000
2. Habitat for Humanity, Jordan, \$5,000

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -- The Council APPROVED the following actions:

General Assembly

That the Presbytery will cover Rev. David McDonald's expenses as an observer at the PC(USA) General Assembly in San Jose, California.

Standards of Ethical Conduct

1. THAT the Presbytery reaffirm the Standards of Ethical Conduct document approved by the 210th General Assembly.
2. THAT Sessions be encouraged to study and review the Standards of Ethical Conduct document and share it with their members, volunteers, employees and ordained officers of the church.

Note: The document will be presented to the Presbytery June 4.

Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee APPROVED a motion to refer the following recommendation, received by Stated Clerk Kim Leech, to the Nominating Committee for its consideration:

Herewith is a formula or policy for the nomination of commissioners/YAD to General Assembly. I recommend that Council refer this to the Nominations Committee for its study and discussion; and to report its recommendations to the Council at its November 5th meeting. Currently there is only one criterion in the committee's policy for nominees; namely the formula of network churches and associate pastors.

1. That there be a parity of male/female for elder and minister, with a result that of the six commissioners, three will be female and three will be male.
2. That attendance at stated presbytery meetings shall be a criterion. E.g. Attendance at three of the four annual stated meetings, over the last two years.
3. Nominations for GA Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD): That all churches in the presbytery may submit names to the nominating committee to be considered as a YAD nominee; and that the committee select two nominees to present to the presbytery for election.
4. Special consideration shall be given for ministers who have never attended GA. E.g. Some ministers, at retirement, have never attended GA.
5. That at least one of the nominees shall be racial ethnic.

Calvin Jubilee Celebration 2009

The Executive Committee REFERRED to the Presbytery Planning and Worship Team a request to consider celebrating John Calvin's 500th birthday in 2009 and requested that the team report their ideas and recommendations to the Nov. 5 Council meeting.

Presbytery Docket

The Executive Committee created a draft Presbytery docket for the June 4, 2008 Presbytery meeting and will present it to the Council for review. A highlight of the meeting will be a farewell to Rev. Robert Anderson.

Future Meeting Dates

The Executive Committee reviewed the dates and locations for Executive Committee meetings, Council meetings and Presbytery meetings.

March 1, 2008 Presbytery Meeting

The Executive Committee reviewed the flow and content of the March 1, 2008 Presbytery meeting. The meeting and its format of celebration and education and discussion was well received. Presbytery leaders will work together to honor the docket's order of the day business.

VISION AND STRATEGY TEAM REPORT

The Council reviewed the Strategy Team Report and the proposed 2008 Goals.

1. Presbytery Meetings: Worship; Education and theological discussion; Intentional interpretation of PC(USA) mission & policy; Celebrate mission
2. Connected Community
Clarify network structure; Create model to enhance the vision, community and nurture of Presbytery of Whitewater Valley and its congregations; Concept: *bubble up* to Presbytery
3. Leadership Development
Programs for clergy & lay leaders; Build both community and knowledge; Consider an annual training event
4. Continued Implementation of Presbytery Initiatives
Congregational development & transformation; Stewardship & mission interpretation; Mission direction, vision & strategy; Executive Presbyter search & call

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board of Directors met April 24, 2008 at the Presbytery office. The minutes of October 25, 2007 were approved.

Shelbyville-First

The Board of Directors CONCURRED with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville, IN to sell the farm property they own. This was approved by the congregation April 13. After the sale is complete, the clerk of session will report the information and a property description to the Board of Directors.

Indianapolis-Tabernacle

The Board of Directors APPROVED the resolution from the session Feb. 28, 2008 for the sale of an easement to AT&T (specific property description forthcoming) for at least \$5,000, providing the easement will not interfere with the construction of improvements to Evans Field.

President and Vice President, Board of Directors

The Council Moderator appointed Rev. Robert McAulay as the President of the Board of Directors (replacing Rev. David Good) and Rev. Galen Schwarz as Vice-Moderator.

Richmond-Reid Memorial

It was reported that the COM, at the request of Reid Memorial, will appoint an administrative commission to assist the church with closing. It is preferable for a member of the Board of Directors to be a member of the commission.

Ohio-College Corner First and Indianapolis-Wallace St.

Bob Anderson gave a brief report. It is expected that the COM will take action at their meeting April 30, 2008 to recommend to Presbytery that administrative commissions be appointed for each of these congregations, at their request, to assist them in their requests to dissolve their affiliations with the PC(USA).

The Board of Directors is reviewing and formulating a document to facilitate the process for closing churches.

Treasurer's Report

The Board of Directors, by consensus, affirmed a request from the Finance Committee that they be given permission to analyze and establish recommendations regarding the corporation funds and cash reserves of the Presbytery.

The treasurer updated the Board of Directors regarding the status of the Temple of Refuge property and insurance.

Audit Contract

The Board of Directors APPROVED a motion to authorize President Bob McAulay to sign the audit contract.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by Council moderator (per Standing Rules):

Executive Committee 2010	Rachel Wann
Personnel Committee Vice-Moderator	Cheryl Montgomery
Session Records Review Class of 2011	Sheryl Stevens
Board of Directors President	Bob McAulay
Board of Directors Vice President	Galen Schwarz

OTHER REPORTS

1. Acts 16:5 Initiative – presentation by Rev. Steve Ebling
This initiative is for congregational transformation and increase mission awareness.
2. Finance Committee
The mission funding and operation reports were reviewed.
The fund balance report was reviewed.
The 2008 Mission Pledge update report was reviewed.
3. Lilly Grant
A brief overview was presented regarding Lilly Endowment Grant. The grant is in conjunction with the Synod of Lincoln Trails and a partnership grant with Wabash Valley Presbytery. The goal of the research project is to study the factors which increase the financial burden carried by pastors and their families.
4. The Council reviewed items for the Presbytery docket and meeting schedules.

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

CLOSING HYMN, BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

The 156th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned with the singing of a closing hymn and prayer by Moderator Donna Madewell at 4:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be Saturday, September 6, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Indiana, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Kim Leech, Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk

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First Draft	02-08 – Personnel Committee to Council
Second Draft	2/21/08 – EPNC to Presbytery Assembly
Third Draft	4/8/08 (based on discussion at EPNC meeting 031108)
Final Draft	4/10/08 (2 slight revisions from EPNC meeting on 040908)

PRESBYTERY OF WHITEWATER VALLEY

TITLE **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

ROLE AND FOCUS

- ❖ Lead in motivating and uniting our churches as a missional body of Christ while honoring and celebrating the ministries of individual congregations.
- ❖ Lead in implementing the Presbytery's vision by encouraging a permission-giving culture that vitalizes and energizes our connectional commitment to mission.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- ❖ Serve as Head of Staff, responsible for creating a healthy working environment and nurturing staff effectiveness.
- ❖ Facilitate the work of the Presbytery by partnering with appropriate staff to develop effective administrative systems and promoting staff collegiality.
- ❖ Ensure that all presbytery policies and procedures are followed.
- ❖ Serve as staff resource to Presbytery Council, Committee on Ministry, Personnel Committee, Nominating Committee, Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Finance Committee. Consult with Personnel Committee to assign other staff members to serve these, and other, committees as needed.
- ❖ Provide general oversight of the Presbytery budget.
- ❖ Collaborate with appropriate staff to provide oversight of all Presbytery communications and publications – both electronic and written.
- ❖ Act as the primary contact when conflicts surface in congregations or between congregations and pastors and work with appropriate committees as they seek to mediate and manage conflict.
- ❖ Provide counsel, pastoral care, support, and guidance to pastors, elders, and members of congregations.
- ❖ Participate in the Executive Collegium of the Synod of Lincoln Trails.
- ❖ Participate in appropriate gatherings at the General Assembly level of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- ❖ Represent the Presbytery at ecumenical events and gatherings.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ Vibrant commitment to Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Minister of Word and Sacrament or an Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- ❖ Bachelor's degree or its equivalent; an advanced degree, or its equivalent, is preferred.
- ❖ Knowledge of and leadership experience in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS:**Someone who is...**

- ❖ Transformational and vision-casting.
- ❖ Respectful of and sensitive to the diversity of theological perspectives and cultures within our Presbytery.
- ❖ A networker, community builder and collaborator.

Someone who will...

- ❖ Empower diverse constituencies.
- ❖ Ensure excellent management.
- ❖ Maintain high standards of confidentiality.
- ❖ Model professional, personal and spiritual balance and accountability.
- ❖ Form, equip and release others for team ministry.
- ❖ Bring a sense of humor and great supply of stamina.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

- ❖ Clear and articulate communication
 - Public speaking and presentations
 - Written communications
- ❖ Ability to read, analyze and interpret financial reports
- ❖ Group Process and Facilitation
- ❖ Conflict Management and Mediation
- ❖ Ability to build and maintain relationships
- ❖ Basic proficiency in 21st century technology
- ❖ Effectiveness in personnel management

RELATIONSHIPS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- ❖ Executive Presbyter is accountable to the Presbytery through the Personnel Committee of the Coordinating Council.
- ❖ All Presbytery staff members are accountable to the Executive Presbyter.
- ❖ The Executive Presbyter will nurture vital, collaborative relationships among ministers, congregations, lay leaders, and staff.
- ❖ The Executive Presbyter is a colleague to other Executive Presbyters, Synod and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) staff.

COMPENSATION and REVIEW

- ❖ Compensation shall be set by the Presbytery upon recommendation of the Council after recommendations from the Budget and Personnel Committees.
- ❖ In consultation with the Synod of Lincoln Trails, the Personnel Committee shall conduct an annual review and a comprehensive review every five years of the Executive Presbyter's work. Each review shall include the review of goals and priorities set at the beginning of the review period as well as the establishment of goals and priorities for the next review period.

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Dear Friends,

It doesn't seem possible that this is my final report. In my original discernment process with our Synod partners, a move between June and December seemed appropriate. At the time it seemed distant. I let go for a new interim call from God. These have been the best years of my life. Thank you for your part.

It has been deeply satisfying to watch our ministers and elders step up to the plate and lead. Our Council is focusing on its leadership role, the COM has learned to make tough decisions with grace. Our Committee on Preparation raises the bar for other CPMs. Our pastors are bright and creative colleagues. Our Finance Committee, Financial Manager and Treasurer have created stability, clear reports and positive, mission centered direction.. The Stated Clerk guides us in some difficult congregational relationships. The Personnel Committee is focusing on the tasks and ministry ahead as it looks at our staff needs with an installed Executive Presbyter.

Our Personnel Committee has made plans with the Synod Staff to help us cover the needs in our office and staff resources during the next several months. Your staff is quite competent and will care for your concerns as we move forward. The Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee is doing a thorough job. Co-Moderators, Glenn McDonald and Laura Sherwood are thoughtful, prayerful, and creative. Keep the EPNC in your prayers.

The irony at this meeting is that I bequeath you three Administrative Commissions. That is a concern I attempt to leave in God's hands. Reid Memorial in Richmond has a long history. I grieve that they are moving toward closing. But I celebrate the completion of their life cycle and years of ministry. Wallace Street Presbyterian and College Corner are seeking to break ties with Whitewater Valley and the PC(USA) to move to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We have worked with the complexities involved for five months and we now move toward concluding this process.

And that brings me to a final thought about the future. In a day when even Presbyterian Churches seem to revel in a form of independence and autonomy that belies our Reformed heritage, we are presented with a challenge. American individualism and individual independence exerts itself in a time when there is a need for a strong exhibition of the opposite – community and inter-dependence. I believe the scriptures and our PC(USA) Constitution calls the church to such a demonstration. We will live into that vision with the creation of our bi-lingual congregation. Will we wrestle with that challenge when it comes to living as a network of churches that is already theologically variegated? It will cost us much time, friendship, support and prayer to maintain a culture of loving support for those who waiver in the face of the temptation of "greener pastures." And that support must be active before the first shadow of doubt.

I thank you for being a context for my own spiritual formation. I thank you for collegial relationships and friendships. I am grateful for your support in difficult times and tough decisions. I thank you for being open to new possibilities of what it means to be Christ's church in the future.

This presbytery has been hospitable to me. You've given the interim "stranger" a place to share his experience as a transitional leader. You also taught me much. You trusted me as a pastor, an administrator and a leader. The presbytery staff trusted me as Head of Staff. Now it is time to continue our journey into God's future for Whitewater Valley.

I won't play "futurist" though I have fun imagining possibilities. What our scriptures teach, and I have experienced, is that God's desire for our future begins with our openness to God's desire for us today. The future emerges as we allow ourselves to be formed as God's people.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Anderson

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