



**COMMISSIONERS MINUTE FOR MISSION March 1, 2008**  
**Presbytery Meeting Highlights – Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis**

1. **WE PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE**

The Presbytery **APPROVED** moving forward with a bilingual/bicultural new church development .

2. **WE TOURED** CrossRoads Church at Westfield

Rev. Eric Lohe led a virtual tour of the congregation's new church building in Westfield. The Presbytery celebrated this milestone. CrossRoads was rooted as a new church development in our Presbytery. [www.crcw.org](http://www.crcw.org)

3. **WE AFFIRMED THOSE PREPARING FOR MINISTRY**

The Presbytery interviewed two inquirers who will move into the candidacy process, one of the final steps in preparing for ordination as a minister of the word and sacrament. Congratulations: Karen Hartsfield, Indianapolis-Faith; Andy King, Indianapolis-Second.

4. **WE HONORED YOUR CLERK OF SESSION**

The Presbytery presented certificates of appreciation to each Clerk of Session in our Presbytery, thanking them for the vital mission and ministry they provide to their congregation.

5. **WE EMBRACED FUTURE HORIZONS**

The Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee (EPNC) **APPROVED** a draft position description for the executive presbyter position. The final position description will be presented to the June 4 meeting of Presbytery. The EPNC is meeting monthly and when the Presbytery Information Form is complete it will be posted with the PC(USA)'s electronic matching system

6. **WE APPLAUDED MUTUAL AND SHARED MISSION GIVING**

Westminster Neighborhood Ministries is a Presbytery supported ministry on the east side of Indianapolis. Westminster is supported by many churches in our Presbytery and offers a food pantry and outreach ministries to neighborhood families and children.

Pyoca Camp and Conference Center, Brownstown [www.pyoca.org](http://www.pyoca.org)

The Presbytery is excited about another year of multi-cultural camp experiences for children and adults. Register now!

The Presbytery's shared mission giving was highlighted with a litany of Thanksgiving. Congregations were thanked for their generous stewardship and gifts of the heart.

7. **WE CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIPS**

Six members of the Commission from Northern Quintana Roo (NQR) were welcomed to the Presbytery. We shared blessings and prayers for our mutual partnerships in Christ and the church planter program in NQR.

8. **WE SUPPORTED VALIDATED MINISTRY**

Rev. Bill Barrett's Validated Ministry as a chaplain at Clarion Medical Center, Indianapolis, was highlighted.

9. **WE ENCOURAGED HEALTHY PASTORS**

The Committee on Ministry reviewed a Sabbatical Policy that was adopted by the Presbytery. The policy is posted on the Presbytery website.

10. **WE LEARNED ABOUT OUR CONNECTIONAL DENOMINATION**

The Presbytery reviewed a summary of proposed changes to the Form of Government. The document will be presented to the General Assembly in San Jose, CA in June. The revisions have attempted to simplify the Book of Order, creating both standards for process as well as flexibility.

[Form of Government Task Force](#)

