

the General Assembly's energy, time and attention from Jesus's mandates to us all: love God, love one another and feed my sheep.

Tonya Paddock, Elder Candidate

Tonya is a member of Fellowship Presbyterian PC (USA), College Corner, currently serving as Treasurer and Commissioner to Presbytery. Tonya grew up in The First United Presbyterian Church in College Corner, where she was ordained an Elder in 1978. She later served as Clerk, and then Treasurer. Her position as Treasurer ended in December 2008 when the Church renounced their affiliation with the PC (USA). Tonya served four years as a member to the Coordinating Council and one year on the Executive Committee. The past four years Tonya traveled to Puerto Morelos, Mexico, and has found sharing in mission work with the NQR Partnership most rewarding.

Tonya and her husband of 43 years, Allen, (also an ordained Elder), have deep Presbyterian roots. Tonya's ancestors were Presbyterian settlers who came to the Carolinas and migrated north to Preble County, Ohio, and helped start Hopewell Church. The First United Presbyterian Church is a sister church to the Hopewell Church.

Tonya worked in the financial world for over 39 years and serves her community in various organizations. She currently enjoys quilt making with fellow members of the 3 G's Home Extension Club to donate to worthy causes.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: I hope that the PC (USA) can work together to unite its membership in the true biblical beliefs that there is one triune God that loves each of us regardless of our background and skin color. I want action taken that represents what the Presbyteries have voiced from the last General Assembly.

Fabio Socarraz, CLP, Elder Candidate

Fabio became a Community Worker for Hispanic Ministries in 2003 and was commissioned as a lay pastor (CLP) for Hispanic Ministries for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley in December, 2005. Since becoming a CLP Fabio has served Presbytery Hispanic Ministries in many ways. In Whitewater he serves on the Coordinating Council, was the chair of the Administrative Committee for Washington Street Presbyterian Church. He is also a member of the Hispanic Ministry Leadership Team. Fabio was a team member for the first VBS in Mexico and helped write the partnership between WVP and the Presbytery of Quintana Roo Norte. Fabio has started ministries at John Knox Presbyterian Church that include a Legal Clinic, dental ministry, tutoring program partnered with IPS #96, Hispanic kids camp (Campo Amistad) at Pyoca, ESL classes, VBS, bilingual congregation at John Knox, and dental mission trips twice a year to NQR in Mexico. Fabio has been married to Linda S. Socarraz for 34 years. They have two daughters Leah M. Thompson, age 30, who is married to Brad Thompson, a U.S. Air Force pilot and has two granddaughters named Gabrielle and Madelyn, ages 7 and 2. His second daughter is Lauren L. Socarraz, age 27. In his spare time, he likes gardening, reading, traveling, and fishing.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: I per say don't really have a greatest hope. If I were selected, it is to be a witness as to the workings of the larger body of the church and how it works and governs itself. To gain from the experience of attending knowledge and discernment when dealing with issues and a large number of different opinions on matters. How to listen and be a good listener before forming and speaking out my personal opinions.

Jim Story, Elder Candidate

Jim Story first attended Noblesville First Presbyterian Church in 1991 and became an active member in 1996.

He was ordained as a Deacon in 2000 and has served as Moderator for five of those six years. In January of 2006 Jim was ordained as an Elder and is on his second three-year term. He is very active in the prayer blanket ministry that the church began five years ago. To date three hundred forty seven blankets have been given to the sick and elderly. He spends several hours a week visiting church members. He is also an active member of Great Banquet Community since 2001 and has served as table leader. He attended 2005 thru 2008 Whitewater Valley's Mission trip to Mexico.

After forty-two years with a local Ford dealership he is semi-retired and volunteers at the Noblesville Riverview Hospital one afternoon a week. His wife of twenty-nine years helps in the nursery most Sunday mornings and has been active with the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team for twelve years as well as a Bible Study teacher for the Wednesday morning women's group.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: My hope for the General Assembly is to gain more knowledge of the workings of the PCUSA.

My concern is for the future of the PCUSA because of Presbyterians Churches that are leaving the denomination. My first thought was to leave the Presbyterian Church but after much prayer and study of God's word I hope to be elected as an Elder commissioner to voice my concerns as well as the concerns of many of my fellow Presbyterians. I feel this is a way to be a servant of God.

Andy Wiesman, Elder Candidate

Andy has been a member of Center Grove Presbyterian Church since relocating back to the Greenwood area in 1986. He currently an active elder, and in previous years has served as an elder in three separate three-year terms. He is a member of the pastor nominating committee now underway, and was chairperson of the 1998 PNC. At various times he has served on the finance committee, the personnel committee, chaired the facilities design task force, chaired capital campaigns and helped out where needed. He sings in the choir and is a Saturday morning regular in the men's prayer and accountability group.

In the community, Andy has been a member of the Board of Directors for Wheeler Mission Ministries for the last 16 years. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Johnson County. He is currently serving as a member of the finance subcommittee of the Greenwood-White River Township Reorganization study group.

Andy retired from Eli Lilly and Company after 35 years of service in staff and management roles in purchasing, human resources, facilities planning and systems. He has a BS degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue and an MBA from Indiana University Bloomington. Andy and his wife Lynn have four adult children and two grandchildren.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: My greatest hope is that God will be pleased with all aspects of the General Assembly: the preparation, the process, the discussions, the study, the deliberations and the outcomes. On a more topical level, my prayer is that the results of actions taken at the General Assembly will contribute to churches and congregations winning more people to Christ.

Abby Hunter, YAD Candidate

During the winter and spring of my freshman year, 2007-2008, I participated in confirmation classes at my church, Northminster Presbyterian. Throughout this time, my faith in and understanding of God grew enormously. I also learned the significant impact mentors can have on a person's faith, and I gave a speech during my confirmation service about the evolution of my faith. I have served on the Session of my church as a youth elder for the past two years, during which my church went through construction, a financial crisis, and the elimination of staff positions including a pastor's position. This work has taught me not only about the inner workings of the Presbyterian church, but also the fact that while people may approach a problem differently, they all have special gifts and are trying to do God's work. I have been on 3 mission trips to Mexico, and given a speech during a church service about one of my trips. Last summer, I was a youth enabler (counselor) at the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference in Harrisonburg, Virginia. This is a Presbyterian conference that allows middle school youth from all around the country to learn more about God in a loving environment. This opportunity allowed me to share my faith with others, as well as obtain valuable leadership skills. Currently I am a junior at North Central High School in Indianapolis. I take all either honors or AP classes, and am in two choirs at school as well as various clubs including Best Buddies, Habitat for Humanity, and Student Council. I have also been involved with choirs at church, both in middle school and high school, as well as participating in many Christmas Eve skits and services.

I believe being a Youth Advisory Delegate would be an amazing experience for me. This would expand my faith and strengthen my relationship with God and Christ, as well as offering a chance to view the decisions and issues that affect our church nation-wide along with the decision making process. If I am not chosen, this experience has still been extremely valuable and it is an honor just to be nominated for this position.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: In the upcoming General Assembly, my greatest hope is that our church is able to work out and come to some sort of agreement on the issues that confront the church and our society today. Or, if not an agreement, at least participate in a healthy discussion and sharing of ideas on these controversial topics so that we can hope to someday soon reach a compromise. On a personal level, my hope is that our church is left with a greater realization of God's mission for us and our place as Christians in the modern world.

Alex Miller, YAD Candidate

I grew up in Center Grove Presbyterian Church, with Christian parents who have always been supportive of my growth in my relationship with God. I have always loved my church, through the ups and downs, and have grown more and more interested in the details of how the church worked as I grew up. I have been an active member of my church my whole life, and I became an official member when I was 14. I have participated in youth groups, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and many other programs both as a child, and later as a teenage leader. I have co-coordinated Vacation Bible School for the past two years, I've helped with "kid's church" on Sunday mornings, and I've led middle school age small groups. My junior year in high school, my church hired a new Youth Ministry Equipper, and 5th graders through college were under much better leadership than with the previous employee. I became even more involved at this point, and as one of the few consistent upperclassmen, I became an unofficial leader. Anything from speaking for the group, to giving rides to the kids who couldn't drive yet; it was my job. I enjoyed this position very much, and learned so much about leadership and the importance of relationships as a part of faith over those two years. Our youth group for those two years grew very close and it was an awesome Christian community and a pleasure to be a part of the group.

During my senior year in high school, I was asked to be the youth representative on the "Core Vision Team." Our pastor took a position at another church, and the team's job was to seek out a vision for our church for the next 5-10 years. Being part of that team was a great learning experience; I learned so much about the history of my church, the Presbyterian Church, and polity of the church. The most important lesson I took away from this group was how prayer and faith fit into the polity of the church, and how to discern what God's plan is for the church. Also during my senior year, all of the high school students took a confirmation class. Although several of us were already members, this was the first year of a new curriculum, so we were the guinea pigs. Part of our responsibility for this class was writing a personal statement of faith, as well as a collective statement of faith. At the end of our class, we all stood in front of our church family and we each read a section of our statement of faith. This confirmation class was much more informative and effective than the one I took when I became a member, and I really felt like a much stronger member after the class I took my senior year.

I have had many health problems, and learning how to trust God through all of that is a big part of why my faith is as strong as it is. During the time when I was in the hospital regularly, 8th grade through sophomore year, I grew much more mature and really began to understand how blessed I am to have such a wonderful church family, and how powerful prayer really is. My Christian service has been not only in my church, but in the local and international communities. Locally, I have served at Shepherd community and The Refuge, and internationally at Iglesia Betel in Tulum, Mexico and at Project Manuelito in Honduras. My family had the privilege of serving as short term missionaries for two months at Project Manuelito, which also had a great impact on my faith.

Outside of my church, I was a member of marching band all four years of high school, and the vice president of the Spanish National Honors Society. I have a congenital heart defect, and because of that I have always been involved with the American Heart Association as a diligent fundraiser. This year, I am a freshman at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. I have not yet found a church home, but I am a part of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and I have made some great Christian friends who I am searching for a church with and having a weekly small group.

I believe that being a youth advisory delegate at the General Assembly would be an awesome experience! I would be so excited to be able to learn more about how denomination wide decision making happens. I think meeting other young adults like me would be eye opening, and I believe that the whole experience would add to my knowledge of my church and strengthen my faith as well. Thank you for your time, and for the opportunity!

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: My hope for the General Assembly 2010 is that the Presbyterian Church will be able to resolve some of the current issues, and that it would be able to gain a better sense of unity. Division among churches is prevalent, and I would hope for churches to be able to let go of things and be able to become more unified within the national church. I pray for patience and discernment for those attending when discussing issues such as upcoming changes in the Book of Confessions.

Elder Greg Thomas
Nominee for the Stated Clerk Position of Whitewater Valley Presbytery
December 2, 2009

The Personnel Committee of WWVP is pleased to nominate Elder Greg Thomas for the position of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. Greg is a long-time member of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church where he has served as Elder, and currently serves as Clerk of Session.

In his life outside the church, Greg is an Attorney in private practice. In the past, he has served as the Chief Counsel for the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General and as an Administrative Law Judge for the Indiana Department of Insurance.

Greg's background in law and mediation, his leadership at Witherspoon, and his people skills make him an excellent candidate for the position of Stated Clerk in our Presbytery.

The Personnel Committee
Steve Ebling, chair
Betty Gilbert Griffin
Lee Lange
Andy Pelham
Jim Riley
Pat Smith

Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

Purpose

The Stated Clerk will be one familiar with Presbyterian polity, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as contained in the *Book of Order* and the *Book of Confessions*, will serve as clerk to stated Presbytery meetings, and fulfill the responsibilities of Stated Clerk as described in the *Book of Order* and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. The Stated Clerk is elected by the Presbytery to a three year term and may be re-elected by the Presbytery to serve an indefinite number of terms.

Accountability

The Stated Clerk will be accountable to the Presbytery which elects him or her and to the Coordinating Council's Personnel Committee.

Relationships

The Stated Clerk will work in partnership with the Presbytery staff, the Moderator of the Presbytery, the Coordinating Council, the Committee on Ministry, the Board of Directors and other entities of the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA). In these relationships the Stated Clerk will work in a collegial manner while maintaining the degree of independence necessitated by that role. The Stated Clerk will also participate in conferences with other Stated Clerks within the Synod of Lincoln Trails and of several synods when held under the auspices of the Office of the General Assembly.

Basic Assumptions

This position must be filled by an ordained Elder in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) or an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is eligible to become a member of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. The position is part-time (15-20 hours per week) at an hourly rate, mileage reimbursement at current IRS rates, and opportunities for training at General Assembly-approved education events. An hourly rate will be set annually by the Personnel Committee of the Presbytery Council and approved by the Presbytery for inclusion in the annual budget.

PROPOSAL FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Personnel Committee of the Coordinating Council recommends that Elder Greg Thomas, upon his election by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to serve as Stated Clerk, be paid at the rate of \$30 per hour, and that the remaining provisions included in the Basic Assumptions be accepted as well.



Whitewater Valley Presbytery Ordination Anniversaries December-February

| Name | Date of Ordination | Years Ordained |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| McGINNIS, Robert | 2/4/1955 | 55 |
| SNYDER, James | 1/13/1956 | 54 |
| WEBER, William | 1/19/1958 | 52 |
| SMITH, Richard C. | 12/29/1958 | 51 |
| LOGAN, Sheldon | 1/1/1961 | 49 |
| WINEMAN, Jack | 12/30/1962 | 47 |
| ENRIGHT, William | 1/26/1963 | 47 |
| SMALL, Quentin | 1/16/1964 | 46 |
| MARQUETTE, Ray | 2/25/1966 | 44 |
| PAGE, Curtis | 12/6/1971 | 38 |
| THOMAS, Teri | 12/9/1978 | 31 |
| JOHNSTON, Carol | 2/25/1979 | 31 |
| McDONALD, Glenn | 2/26/1979 | 31 |
| McDOWELL, Alice | 12/28/1980 | 29 |
| ROSE, Anne L. | 1/23/1981 | 29 |
| BOYD, Kevin | 12/27/1981 | 28 |
| CROWLEY, David | 12/9/1990 | 19 |
| McDONALD, Peggy | 1/22/1995 | 15 |
| HAN, Byeong Cheol | 12/1/1995 | 14 |
| SMITH, David R | 12/21/1997 | 12 |
| GOEHRING, Joy | 1/23/2000 | 10 |
| KENLEY, Barbara | 2/14/2000 | 10 |
| FARR, Carol | 1/28/2001 | 9 |
| LISA, Tricia | 12/8/2002 | 7 |
| MOORE, Ruth C | 1/5/2003 | 7 |
| ESPIRITU, Rex | 12/12/2004 | 5 |
| LANG, Karen | 1/8/2005 | 5 |
| LONG, Kevin | 1/6/2008 | 2 |
| CLAVEL, Oscar | 1/25/2009 | 1 |