



PRESBYTERY MEETING SUMMARY February 26, 2011

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63 congregations and one new church development, Nueva Creación – 19,497 Presbyterians!

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GRACE and STYLE — A JOYFUL WELCOME

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, welcomed Whitewater Valley Presbytery commissioners, February 26, in the Gathering Place, a building addition that honors our denomination’s connectionalism. The construction for the Gathering Place was partially funded through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program ([PILP](#)), a nonprofit corporation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). PILP provides low cost loans to churches, governing bodies and related entities of the denomination for capital projects. PILP Vice President, Mr. Jim Rissler, presented five “Get the Point” loan rebates, totaling \$9,716 to Indianapolis congregations [Fairview](#), [Faith](#), [John Knox](#), [Northminster](#) and our Westfield [CrossRoads Church](#).

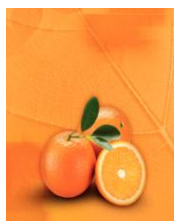
WE WERE HONORED — GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT PRESENTATIONS

The Presbytery was honored with the presence of PC(USA) Moderator, Elder Cynthia Bolbach. Moderator Bolbach preached “Breaking Through” from the Mark 2:1-5 text. She was also one of three presenters who spoke to General Assembly amendments that the Presbytery will vote on March 19. Elder Bolbach introduced us to the New Form of Government. Rev. Daniel Saperstein, Executive Presbyter Plains and Peaks Presbytery, addressed ordination standards and Rev. Charles Wiley, PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship, addressed the Confession of Belhar. [Rev. Saperstein's Presentation](#) [Rev. Wiley's PowerPoint Presentation](#)



NEW DIRECTOR WELCOMED

Ms. Harriet O’Connor was introduced as the director of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries (WMN), Indianapolis. Westminster is a Presbytery mission agency on the near east side of Indianapolis, supported through your shared mission giving. Its ministry includes a health clinic, food pantry, preschool/youth programs, and a Christmas basket and gift distribution outreach.



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

A joyful and important responsibility of the Presbytery is to examine candidates for their call as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The Presbytery sustained the examination of Ms. **Megan Remtema**, a candidate from Northminster Presbyterian Church. Megan’s service of ordination will be Saturday, March 26, 2:00 p.m., Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. She is serving as a resident chaplain with the Health East Care System, St. Paul, MN. Ms. **Marena Vittorio**, Rushville-First, was interviewed by the Presbytery and approved for candidacy status on her journey toward ordination.



GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT

Thank you for your \$1101 contributions to the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering.

LEAD LIKE JESUS WORKSHOP [Registration](#)

Rev. Mark Morningstar, Shelbyville-First, introduced the Synergos Lead Like Jesus workshop, May 21, at the Presbytery office in Indianapolis. Scholarship requests are available through the electronic registration process.



A DENOMINATION INVITING THE FUTURE [Big Tent](#)

Elder Jen Knebel, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, highlighted the PC(USA)’s Big Tent event, that will be hosted by Whitewater Valley Presbytery June 30-July 2. Commissioners were encouraged to volunteer and to publicize this event with their congregations. 2,500 Presbyterians from across the denomination will gather to worship and celebrate our mission and heritage. Nine national conferences are scheduled. Watch for more information from Whitewater Valley Presbytery.



THE CALMING WATERS OF EVERYDAY WORK

- The Presbytery, by recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, elected an Administrative Commission for the purpose of dissolving Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne. Commissioners were asked to keep the congregation and the commission in its prayers. The church’s ministry and mission will be celebrated during their final worship service March 13.
- Elder Eric Herzog was elected Presbytery treasurer
- reports were received from Coordinating Council, Hispanic Ministries Lead Team, Finance Committee and Committee on Ministry
- per capita interpretation packets were distributed to each church
- Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering — April 16
- next Presbytery meeting, March 19, Muncie-First, to vote on amendments