

Whitewater Valley Presbytery -- Stated Meeting -- March 7, 2009

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Presbytery of Whitewater Valley Administrative Commission
for
Wallace Street Presbyterian Church
Summary

Wallace Street Presbyterian Church (WSPC), its pastor and members, wish to be transferred from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be allowed to become affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The primary reasons stated for seeking this transfer are (a) the PCUSA has “walked away from” a scriptural understanding of issues having to do with sanctity of life for the unborn, ordination of gay / lesbian individuals, salvation through Jesus Christ alone and the inerrancy of scripture, and (b) it does not appear that the PCUSA as a body is moving to rectify those concerns.

An Administrative Commission was appointed by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley in April of 2008, and given the responsibility and authority to work with the pastor, session and congregation of WSPC in dialogue to mutually act in a consistent and pastoral manner, with accountability and due consideration for fiduciary and connectional concerns with open and transparent communication with each other in a gracious and pastoral manner to come to a satisfactory conclusion for all involved. The Administrative Commission affirms that the pastor, session and congregation of WSPC have acted in such a manner and we thank them for that.

Outline of activities and events:

- Listening Posts conducted by an Advisory Task Force February, 2008
- AC formed April, 2008
- First Meeting with WSPC Session to establish timelines and hear concerns April, 2008
- Cottage Meeting with all members to listen and share Mid-May, 2008
- 6 AC meetings / conference calls to begin negotiations Summer, 2008
- Second meeting with Session for initial negotiations resulting in AC's request for an independent property appraisal August, 2008
- Appraisal received from Traynor and Associates appraising the WSPC property at \$427,000 October 29, 2008
- AC reviewed appraisal and developed Preliminary Terms of Settlement in conjunction with Presbytery Corporate Council December, 2008
- Third Meeting with Session to share Terms January, 2009
- WSPC Congregational meeting at which time the Terms were presented and members of the congregation were asked to respond in writing to the question, “Shall Wallace Street Congregation be dismissed from the PC (USA)?” with 42 members responding in the affirmative and 2 members in the negative. Clerk Pro-tem of the Presbytery was present and affirmed the correctness of the foregoing January 25, 2009

In addition to the foregoing formal activities, 4 informal meetings were held with the pastor of WSPC, Rev Doug Barnes to keep him informed of work being done between formal meetings.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008**QUORM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED**

The Committee on Ministry met November 19, 2008 at the Presbytery office. A quorum was present. The October 29, 2008 minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

Logan, Rev. Sheldon

When the way be clear and at the request of Southeastern Illinois Presbytery, transfer Rev. Sheldon Logan, honorably retired, to Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Indianapolis-Northminster

By action of the Session October 21, 2008 renew the parish associate relationships with Rev. John Stevens and Rev. Don MacPherson, effective January 1, 2009 for a period of one year.

OTHER ACTIONS CONCERNING MINISTERS, COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS & CHURCHESDennis, Caroline Indianapolis-Second Associate Pastor Elect

The COM APPROVED the following actions as they relate to the Associate Pastor position between Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana and Ms. Caroline V. Dennis:

1. The suitability of the call between Ms. Caroline V. Dennis and Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis IN for the good of the whole church;
2. The examination for membership in Whitewater Valley Presbytery and, when the way be clear, Ms. Dennis will become a member of the Presbytery
3. Authorized the Session to call a meeting of the congregation January 4, 2009, to act on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to call Ms. Dennis as their Associate Pastor Elect;
4. That when the way be clear, providing her ordination examination is sustained by the Presbytery March 7, 2009 and pending her ordination commission with the date to be determined, she will begin serving as an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament as Associate Pastor.
5. The COM found that the AA/EEO requirements have been met.
6. The terms of call effective February 16, 2009, pending above actions:

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| Salary/Housing | \$60,380 |
| PCUSA Pension | \$19,020 |
| One half SECA allowance | \$ 4,620 |
| Medical Deductible reimbursement | \$ 404 |
| Health Club Membership for family | \$ 1,000 |
| Auto. Expenses | \$ 2,200 |
| Continuing Education & Book Exp. | \$ 1,200 |
| Business & Professional Expenses | \$ 1,500 |
| Professional Dev. Allow. | \$ 1,000 |
| 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 commission 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

Greenwood-Center Grove

Sally Earl was excused during the COM discussion. Liaison Mike Whitfield was excused but provided a written report. The COM reviewed the Mission Study. The COM APPROVED the Mission Study,

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, DECEMBER 10, 2008QUORM PRESENT, MINUTES APPROVED

The Committee on Ministry met December 10, 2008 at Christian Theological Seminary for their annual retreat. A quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The COM APPROVED the Consent Agenda:

Donna Madewell, Anderson-First CLP

1. The request of the First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, to renew the commission of Elder Donna Madewell for a period of 2 ½ years, effective January 1, 2009.

Rationale: The COM requested this commission be for 2 ½ years so that future commissioning and contract renewal match the congregation's fiscal year. If the Session requests the renewal of a commission in June 2011, that will revert to a 3 year commission term.

2. The Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract between Elder Donna Madewell and First Presbyterian Church, Anderson, effective June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, with the following terms:

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| Salary | \$21,580 |
| Housing/Utilities | \$10,300 |
| Pension/Medical | \$10,043 |
| Auto. Allow | \$ 2,732 (at IRS rate) |
| Other | \$ 500 |
| Study Leave | Two Weeks Including Sundays |
| Vacation | One Month Including Sundays |

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, JANUARY 27, 2009

The January 27, 2009 meeting was cancelled due to weather. The following actions of the Consent Agenda were APPROVED by electronic vote, as allowed by Presbytery Standing Rules, with a majority of the COM members responding in the affirmative by February 10, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA ACTIONS APPROVED BY ELECTRONIC VOTE

February COM Meeting – Move to February 18 rather than February 25.

Petro, Mary Ann – Ordination Commission

Date/Time/Location: February 8, 2009 3:00 p.m. Indianapolis-Faith
 Moderator: Elder Hitch Learned
 Elders: Robin Stark, Indianapolis-Faith; Carrie Jo Miller, Muncie-First
 Ministers: Rev. Vern Farnum; Rev. Betty Gilbert Griffin
 Ecumenical Rep: Dr. Dianne Reistroffer, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary
 Other Participant: Rev. Dr. Hattie Wagner, Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

Mary Ann Petro was examined for ordination by Milwaukee Presbytery Nov. 25. The examination was sustained. Her Validated Ministry with the Vitas Hospice was approved by the Committee on Ministry, Milwaukee Presbytery.

Morningstar, Rev. Mark - Installation Commission

Date/Time/Location: February 22, 2008 3:00 p.m. Shelbyville-First
Moderator: Elder Hitch Learned
Elders: Emily Campbell, Shelbyville-First; Sandra Martin, CLP Boggstown-First;
John Paulson, CLP Greenfield-First
Ministers: Rev. Jerry Kuyk; Rev. Robert Heimach
Ecumenical Rep: Rev. Cliff Branch, Shelby County Ministerial Association, Lewis Creek
Baptist Church, Shelbyville

Paulson, Elder John – Greenfield-First Commission Lay Pastor

Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract, effective February 1, 2009 with the following terms:

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| Salary | \$12,811 |
| Housing | \$20,000 |
| Auto Allow | IRS Rate |
| Professional Expenses | \$1,250 |
| Study Leave | Two Weeks |
| Vacation | One Month |

Lawson, Rebekah - Add to Pulpit Supply List

Rebekah Lawson, a former inquirer in WWVP whose care was transferred to Pittsburgh Presbytery last year. She has temporarily relocated to the Indianapolis area and requested inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List. This was approved by former Committee on Preparation for Ministry Moderator Rev. Peggy McDonald, providing the required permission was granted by Ms. Lawson's home church. We received correspondence from St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, PA, that the Session gave permission to include Ms. Lawson on the pulpit supply list.

Marshall, Gray – Add to Pulpit Supply List

Gray Marshall, a candidate of Eastern Virginia Presbytery who has moved to the Indianapolis area, has been certified ready to receive a call by his presbytery and they have concurred with his request to be added to our Pulpit Supply List.

Solether, Rev. Scott

Transfer Rev. Scott Solether to Presbytery of Southern Kansas where he accepted a position as the pastor of First Presbyterian church, Great Bend, Kansas, effective December 1, 2008.

REPORTED ACTIONS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL
February 4, 2009 Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

The Coordinating Council met February 4, 2009 at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN. The meeting was called to order at 6:24 pm by Moderator Sandra Reid and was opened with prayer.

QUORUM ESTABLISHED

A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council minutes of November 5, 2008 were APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council APPROVED a motion to convene an executive session of the Coordinating Council for the purpose of hearing the reports regarding Administrative Commissions relating to Indianapolis-Wallace St., Ohio-College Corner and Richmond-Reid Memorial.

Interim Stated Clerk Gary Shaw and Executive Presbyter Alan Thames reported.

- It is anticipated that the Wallace Street Administrative Commission will present a final report to the Presbytery on March 7.
- The work of the other commissions are progressing.

The Council APPROVED a motion to adjourn the executive session

SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

1. To reinstitute a Self Development of People committee in the Presbytery
2. The serving of the Lord's Supper for all stated Presbytery meetings
3. Finance Committee recommendations:
 - adjust the current Presbytery Shared Mission allocation methodology to 31% General Assembly, 14% Synod of Lincoln Trails, 55% Presbytery of Whitewater Valley; refer to the Presbytery Mission Support Unit '09 budgeted mission partnerships utilizing a "pooled" shared resources budget of \$125,000;
 - eliminate the Seeding/New Opportunities budget line item and reduce the Temporary Supply / Sabbaticals line item from \$8,000 to \$5,000;
 - utilize \$12,500 of the \$49,915 in fund reserves to achieve a balanced budget

OTHER REPORTS and MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (no actions required)

Regional Amendment Discussion Meetings Report

Hitch Learned, Sandra Reid, Jim Hill and Sharyl Stevens reported. The first of five meetings convened February 3 at Indianapolis-Second with approximately 60 participants. The format for the meetings was well received and the participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to meet and discuss the amendments.

A summary of comments will be posted on the Presbytery website after all the meetings are completed.

Personnel Committee Report

Steve Ebling reported. The Personnel Policies are being reviewed and revised. Presbytery staff reviews will be conducted in April and May.

Council Retreat

The Coordinating Council retreat was held January 23-24 at Sisters of St. Joseph Conference Center in Tipton. The retreat was well attended. Community building and spiritual gifts assessment were the primary topics. In response to the spiritual gifts assessment, Council members were assigned to Council-related service teams.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviewed the December 31, 2008 financial statements and recommended actions that correspond with a revised shared mission giving projections from \$342,500 to \$265,000. Supporting rationale for the recommendations was distributed to Council members and is available to others by request. A revised 2009 budget will be distributed at the March 7 Presbytery meeting.

Mission Support Unit

The Mission Support Unit is preparing recommendations for the 2010 Mission Operations budget. Fifteen congregations have committed to participating in the Acts 16:5 program.

Hispanic Ministry Lead Team

The Northern Quintana Roo commission will arrive March 2 and attend the March 7 Presbytery meeting. The PNC continues to interview pastors for the Bilingual/Bicultural New Church Development.

Board Of Directors Report

The Board of Directors has received an official offer from the Temple of Refuge, Indianapolis to purchase the property outright. The Board of Directors continues to clarify a loan agreement with Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. Several other congregational loans are in progress.

Planning/Worship & Vision/Strategy Report

The Council received an updated Strategy and Vision report chart.

Pyoca Camp and Conference Center

Camp registration has begun for the 2009 season. The staff is preparing for the March 7 Presbytery meeting and excited about hosting. The Capital Campaign pledges to date are \$960,000. Pyoca welcomes all groups planning retreats and gatherings.

Standing Rules

The first reading of the revised Standing Rules was distributed. Council members were asked to review and submit suggested changes. The first reading will be distributed at the March 7 Presbytery meeting with a second reading/approval June 3.

Adjournment

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. and closed with prayer.

2009 Council Meetings

May 6 - First, Connersville August 5 - Grace, Ft Wayne November 4 - First, Shelbyville



Whitewater Valley Presbytery Ordination Anniversaries March-May

| Name | Date of Ordination | Years Ordained |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| LINDQUIST, Howard | 4/13/1942 | 67 |
| CLARK, Robert | 4/26/1943 | 66 |
| SMITH, Elbert | 5/9/1948 | 61 |
| VAN, Byung Sub | 5/1/1951 | 58 |
| STEWART, Bob | 5/16/1951 | 58 |
| BOYLE, George | 5/30/1951 | 58 |
| BOWDEN, Raymond | 4/24/1952 | 57 |
| GLENN, Jack | 5/18/1952 | 57 |
| DATE, Henry | 5/5/1953 | 56 |
| BURHORN, John | 5/10/1953 | 56 |
| JACKSON, George | 5/7/1954 | 55 |
| THOMAS, Gerald | 5/23/1954 | 55 |
| RIDENOUR, W.W. | 5/15/1955 | 54 |
| ROOKER, Robert | 5/22/1955 | 54 |
| NEAL, Harrison | 4/21/1956 | 53 |
| STONE, Paul | 5/1/1958 | 51 |
| STENNER, Richard | 5/25/1958 | 51 |
| MASTERS, Jack | 5/29/1958 | 51 |
| CLEMENSON, William | 5/27/1960 | 49 |
| STEVENS, John | 3/14/1961 | 48 |
| MITCHELL, Ralph | 5/7/1961 | 48 |
| BOEBINGER, Donald | 5/20/1962 | 47 |
| WHITAKER, Arthur | 5/31/1964 | 45 |
| COOK, Judith | 5/20/1973 | 36 |
| KOPPITCH, John | 5/21/1978 | 31 |
| FARNUM, Vern L. | 5/13/1979 | 30 |
| AMON, Robert | 4/28/1985 | 24 |
| SOLEATHER, Scott | 3/1/1986 | 23 |
| GALE, Eric | 4/24/1988 | 21 |

| Name | Date of Ordination | Years Ordained |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| WAGER, Melodie | 4/30/1989 | 20 |
| LEE, Myung Ku | 3/26/1992 | 17 |
| PECH, Leonel | 3/10/1995 | 14 |
| PHILABAUN, Linda | 5/3/1998 | 11 |
| BARROW, June | 4/11/1999 | 10 |
| WAUZZINSKI, Robert | 4/18/1999 | 10 |
| SCHLESINGER-DEVLIN, Justi | 4/1/2001 | 8 |
| CLINE, Jay | 3/17/2002 | 7 |
| GRIFFIN, Betty Gilbert | 3/13/2005 | 4 |
| RIEDER, Katherine | 4/15/2007 | 2 |