

Whitewater Valley Presbytery -- Stated Meeting -- November 9, 2011

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The Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

1. Nominates for Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley for 2012:

Vice Moderator

(E) William Johnson, First Presbyterian Church, Boggstown

2. Nominates to serve the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Class of 2013 (To fill a vacancy)

(M) Peter Jessen

Class of 2015

(M) Jeanie Barnes, Member-at-Large, Fort Wayne

(M) Caroline Dennis, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Trish Lisa, First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Tom Bader, First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville

(E) Mary Schneider, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

(E) Phil Votaw, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2015

(M) Ed Bell, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Class of 2012 (To fill a vacancy)

(M) Laura Sherwood, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Class of 2014 (New members)

(M) Bob Heimach, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Wally Wilson, Honorably Retired, Anderson

(E) Kaye Hirt Eggleston, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Janet M. Macklin, First Presbyterian Church, Decatur

(E) Carrie Jo Miller, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie

(E) Anita Mohr, First Presbyterian Church, Rushville

Class of 2014 (For re-election)

(M) Nancy Howard, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

(M) Scott Shelton, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville

(E) Mary Ruth Snyder, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Class of 2014 (New members)

(M) Deborah Bowsher, First Presbyterian, Portland

(E) Mick Saunders, CLP, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Rushville

Class of 2014 (For re-election)

(M) Richard Baker, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Judy Lovejoy, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAMClass of 2014 (New Member)

(E) Pam Guernsey, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2014 (For re-election)

(M) Dawn Gold, First Presbyterian Church, Liberty

(M) Robert Hunter, Honorably Retired, Indianapolis

PYOCA ADVISORY BOARDClass of 2014 (New Members)

(M) Frank Mansell, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Kerri Kemper, Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2014 (For re-election)

(E) Carol Foulke, First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**Presbytery Representative:**Class of 2014

(M) Charlotte Lohrenz, Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMISSIONERS TO THE SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS*(Need to elect one elder)*Class of 2014 (New Member)

(E) Betty-Alice Almeida, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

Class of 2013 (To fill a vacancy)

(M) Kevin Bausman, Member-at-Large, Indianapolis

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY*(For Biennial General Assemblies the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley is allotted six (6) commissioners – three (3) ministers and three (3) elders – plus one Youth Advisory Delegate.***MINISTER CANDIDATES (Vote for 3):**Class of 2012

(M) Judy Cook, Honorably Retired, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

(M) Steve Ebling, Pastor, New Hope Presbyterian Church, Fishers

(M) Rex Espiritu, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, New Castle

(M) Ruth Chadwick Moore, Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Gretchen Schneider, Pastor, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(M) Galen Schwarz, Associate Pastor, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

ELDER CANDIDATES (Vote for 3):Class of 2012

(E) Miki Bean, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

(E) Charles Chae, Korean Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Martha McDonald, Saint Andrew & Irvington Presbyterian Churches, Indianapolis

(E) Cindy Muse, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Fred Sess, First Presbyterian Church, Connersville

(E) William Werling, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES (Vote for 1):**Class of 2012**

Ben Busald, Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
Tanner Madewell, First Presbyterian Church, Anderson

BIOGRAPHIES**Vice Moderator: Elder William Johnson**

William T. Johnson is a 57 year member of the Boggstown Presbyterian Church. Local church activities include serving as Clerk of Session, past chair of the Worship Committee, current chair of the Property Committee and past member of the Christian Education Committee. He has often led the Boggstown congregation in Sunday morning worship. Presbytery activities include service on Committee on Ministry, past service on the Presbytery Council and the Evaluation and Planning Sub-Committee of Council, the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee, and the Bicentennial Committee. He also served as chairman of the Presbytery Office Renovation Committee in the early 1980's when the office space was doubled and the entire area was renovated at the 38th Street location of the Presbytery Offices. He has also served as a commissioner to the General Assembly in 1994 and 2008. Bill has been active in the life of this Presbytery for over 30 years.

Some other activities and interests include being a member of the Fairland Volunteer Fire Department since 1967 and serving as president for over 25 years. He currently is a member of the Boggstown Cemetery Board and a member of the Sugar Creek Township Advisory Board. Mr. Johnson retired in January of 2007 after 34 years as Director of Buildings and Grounds at Northwestern Consolidated Schools of Shelby County. He and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 48 years and have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Nominees for Commissioners to General Assembly, 2012:**Judy Cook, Teaching Elder Candidate, Honorably Retired**

Ordained in 1973, my first call was to the Health Fair Ministry in Southern Ohio. I was called to serve a United Church of Canada congregation in Saskatchewan as a minister from another denomination. I returned to the US and served parishes in Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois. I have always served smaller congregations because I believe that size does not determine commitment, faithfulness, or ministry. During my years in the parish I have served as chaplain in a small hospital, particularly in the emergency room. Because several of my parishes consisted of persons over 65, I conducted a variety of programs to help persons understand advanced directives and make end of life decisions for themselves. As a member of presbyteries I have served on General Council, Continuing Education, Christian Education, Committee on Ministry, and several sub-committees. I earned my Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Indiana University School of Nursing, a Master of Arts in Church and Community from McCormick Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological, and a Doctor of Ministry from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Currently, I serve as a Parish Associate at Greenwood Presbyterian Church. I enjoy playing the mountain dulcimer, reading, music, and my Cairn Terrier, Sophie.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

It is my hope for this General Assembly that we can move beyond our divisions and focus on the needs of the people in this world we are called to serve. I pray that the Assembly may be united in purpose, guided by the Holy Spirit, and courageous in its action in Christ's name.

Steve Ebling, Teaching Elder Candidate, Pastor

Ordained in 1985, Steve has served as pastor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fishers since March of 2003. Before moving to Indiana, Steve served the First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk, Ohio, as pastor for more than nine years, and was an associate pastor of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church in the south hills of Pittsburgh for over eight years. While in Whitewater Valley Presbytery, he has served two terms on the Committee on Ministry, and currently serves on the Personnel Committee which he chaired for two years. In addition, Steve serves on the new Synergos Initiative Leadership Team—a group committed to equipping leaders in our Presbytery, and is a member of Presbytery Council. He serves the national church as a coach on the Acts 16:5 Leadership Team, which gives him several opportunities each year to teach in presbyteries throughout the country on effective church leadership. Steve received his bachelor's degree from Purdue University, his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is married to Dianne, a pre-school teacher in Fishers, and they have four children, Jennifer (26), Sam (20), Joe (20) and Luke (18). For fun Steve's passion is standing knee-deep in a river somewhere fly-fishing for trout or any other type of fishy creature he can catch!

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

We are all aware these are interesting times to be a Presbyterian! But with all of the struggles we have been through and are going through in our denomination, we still serve a great God who is able to lead us forward into a new day. We may not know yet what this "new day" will look like for the PC(USA), but my hope for the 2012 General Assembly is that there will be an openness on the part of the commissioners to seek the direction of the Spirit of God about our future. I attended both the NEXT Conference in Indianapolis and the Fellowship of Presbyterians Conference in Minneapolis this past year. Both conferences reflected different perspectives on God's call upon our church, but both conferences were filled with people who aren't satisfied with the status quo in our denomination and are confident God can do something new to bring the PC(USA) to a better place. These recent gatherings, combined with upcoming report of the General Assembly Middle Governing Body Commission, make our day not only an interesting time to be a Presbyterian but a hopeful time because God is clearly up to something new!

Rex Espiritu, Teaching Elder Candidate, Pastor

Rev. Rex Espiritu currently serves as senior pastor at [First Presbyterian Church](#) in New Castle, Indiana. As a Minister of Word and Sacrament ([teaching elder](#)) in the [Presbyterian Church \(USA\)](#), he is passionate toward effecting congregational transformation for the renewal of communities through missional leadership. As a student who continually enjoys learning anew, Pastor Espiritu is excited to have taken part in the inaugural [fellowship](#) of the [Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program](#).

Prior to his graduate studies at [Princeton Theological Seminary](#), Rex Espiritu served as an Elder and [worship leader](#) for Sunday evening services of prayer and praise at [Mount Lebanon United Presbyterian Church](#) in Pennsylvania where he was ordained by [Pittsburgh Presbytery](#). Rex has grown up in the [PCUSA](#) as a musician, vocalist, composer, arranger and director. During and following his graduation from seminary, he was the Associate Director of Music and also did his field education and later served on the pastoral staff at [Faith Church](#), a suburban congregation in southern New Jersey near Philadelphia.

Rev. Espiritu's faith in Christ was shaped early on during his younger years when he received Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon, New York, a multicultural congregation within a predominately African-American community in the greater New York City metropolitan area. A classically trained pianist, Pastor Rex has led worship in a variety of settings for contemporary, traditional, and blended services. He has experience in various venues, both large and small, leading interdenominational/ecumenical gatherings of worshippers at churches, retreats, seminars and conferences nationwide.

Pastor [Rex Espiritu](#)'s varied background in pastoral ministry includes being a committed intercessor, leading mission teams abroad, administering pastoral care, serving as a leader in Stephen Ministries and as a hospital chaplain. He is also a seasoned business professional who holds a B.S. in computer science from [Columbia University](#) with supervisory and senior engineering/corporate [experience](#) in software development, network

management and systems administration at Logica Carnegie Group, and [General Electric](#) for [NBC News](#). Rex and his late wife Melissa have six children. He enjoys spending time with his delightful and talented family.

Having served on COM as a member of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, Mr. Espiritu recently participated in the PCUSA Youth Ministries Task Force which submitted a mission statement in its report to the previous General Assembly.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

In his prayers for the upcoming General Assembly, Rex Espiritu has expressed: “My greatest hope, dear Lord, is that in the midst of such rapidly accelerated change, You would be all the more glorified in every service, every meeting, every deliberation and that Your people’s conduct together would be such a great witness to the love we share in Your Spirit even in, through and beyond our differences and disagreements. May we submit to one another out of reverence for Christ Jesus and regard one another as better than ourselves. And may the Name above every name be lifted up in all we say and do to the praise of God’s glorious grace. In the peace that surpasses understanding, Amen.”

Ruth Chadwick Moore, Teaching Elder Candidate, Associate Pastor

Ruth has been Associate Pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis since January of 2003. She has served on the Hispanic Ministry Leadership Team of the Presbytery since 2006 and was co-chair of the PNC that brought Rev. Fernando Rodriguez to our Hispanic new church development – Nueva Creación. Ruth has been to Mexico six times and was honored as a woman pastor to preach and serve communion with partner church Principe de Paz in Cancun. Ruth has also served the larger church through the Synod of Lincoln Trails as Moderator, Commissioner and as a member of the Synod School Committee. Ruth earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from DePauw University, and a Teaching Certification from IUPUI. She graduated *summa cum laude* with a Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Ruth has been a medical researcher, a high school science teacher, a stay at home mom, an elder at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church (Washington, D. C), a Director of Christian Education and has grown into the call God intended for her all along as Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament. Ruth is married to Mark, an attorney. Mark was an elder commissioner from the Presbytery to the 2008 General Assembly – Ruth accompanied him to GA – so she knows about the hard work and long hours required as a commissioner. Mark and Ruth have three young adult children.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

My greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly is that the commissioners will work together to further a sense of unity in our call and mission as Christians. “Unity is God’s gift to the Church in Jesus Christ. ... Because in Christ the church is one, it strives to be one. ... To be thus joined with one another is to become priests for one another, praying for the world and for one another and sharing the various gifts God has given to each Christian for the benefit of the whole community.” (BOO – F- 10302a) The people sitting in the pews on Sunday morning are trying to be faithful Christians in a time and in a culture, which makes that difficult. The question for many of our congregants is what can the General Assembly be and do to help me live my life as God created me to live it. As I have ministered at Northminster, and as I have worked with people in the Presbytery and Synod, it is our unity in Christ that binds us. What a joy it has been for me to share in mission and outreach with people throughout this presbytery even when we do not always agree theologically – because they are my brothers and sisters in Christ. Joining with others to share the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ is our calling, and I have been blessed to be able to do that with people throughout our presbytery, synod and in the Presbytery of Northern Quintana Roo. I would be grateful for the opportunity to experience that calling in service to the General Assembly.

Gretchen Schneider, Teaching Elder Candidate, Pastor

I was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. First Presbyterian was my home church – it was there that I was baptized, confirmed, and began my journey toward ministry. I was a YAD at the 1978 General Assembly and was blessed to serve on the 1st Committee that began the path to Amendment 10-A. Serving as a YAD began God's plan for a creative path to ministry, I was blessed to learn of other faith traditions during my time at Purdue, and found myself being directed back to Ordination in the PC(USA) by the Sisters of Providence (Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana).

I attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and received my Master of Divinity in 1991. My first call was in August 1991 as Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries at Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Ky. I was ordained on November 10, 1991 at First Presbyterian, Fort Wayne and served in Lexington until 1996. From Lexington the Holy Spirit beckoned me to First Presbyterian, Roseburg, OR where I started out as an Associate and ended as an unintentional Interim. Second, Lexington and First, Roseburg gave me the confidence, skills, and grace to move from Associate to Solo Pastor. Since leaving Roseburg in 2000, I have served as a Solo Pastor in Bluffton, OH, Rossville, IN, and now am beginning my 6th year as Pastor of Saint Andrew, Indianapolis.

Saint Andrew is a Welcome and Affirming Church that provides space on the journey for a diverse congregation. At Saint Andrew we approach the Table, Font and Pulpit with great joy and celebration of who and Whose we are. It is a joy to serve this faith community as we reach beyond the walls to serve the people of God.

Since being a YAD in 1978 I have continued to serve the greater church in Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assembly. I have served on CPM in Cascades Presbytery and COMs in Maumee Valley, Wabash Valley and currently in Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Since 1989 I have worked with General Assembly on the Presbyterian Youth Trienniums in leadership roles, and am a Mentor in the Company of Pastors Program for new Pastors in the denomination.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

My vision for this General Assembly is for grace to be present in words spoken and Cup shared. I pray that it will be a healing time when we embrace our common goal of furthering the work of mission, education, and love for all. I also envision a time of celebration in sharing our journeys with one another and welcoming the newness that surrounds us as we move forward as a people of faith.

Galen Schwarz, Teaching Elder Candidate, Associate Pastor

Galen was ordained in 1975 by the Presbytery of Milwaukee where he first served as an Assistant and then an Associate Minister at Trinity Presbyterian Church. During that time he served on the Worship and Nurture Committee bringing new denominational educational material to the Presbytery, and on the Candidate's Committee serving as chairperson for one year. While at Trinity he published educational and dramatic material. In 1983 he was called to be the solo pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury, Illinois. During his service in Blackhawk Presbytery, he served again on the Candidate's Committee. In the spring of 1988 he received his D. Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary.

In the fall of 1988 he was called as Associate Minister to Irvington Presbyterian Church which he has served since then. Within Whitewater Valley Presbytery he has service twice on the Permanent Judicial Committee, three years on the Nominating Committee, one year as its chair, six years on COM, one year on the Finance Committee, and two years as the President of the Board of Directors. He also serves on the Board of Westminster Neighborhood Ministries.

Galen has been married to Susan Dollard for 32 years and has two grown sons and three grandchildren.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

No matter where the Spirit of God will lead the delegates in the decisions and recommendations that they will make, my hope is that we will be a stronger and more united denomination able to concentrate our time and energy on the mission of Christ.

Miki Bean, Ruling Elder Candidate

Miki has been an Elder with Christ Presbyterian Church for over 20 years where she served on numerous committees- i.e. Nominating, Christian Education (Chair), Worship, Fellowship, and has been Presbytery Commissioner many times. Miki is the widow of Frank Bean, who served churches in Indiana for most of 47 years. He was Moderator of PWWV in 2004.

Being a very active participant at Presbytery meetings has always been a joy for Miki. She is now serving her second "round" on the Nominating and Sexual Misconduct Committees, and is on the Board of the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. She is always willing to help the office Staff in passing out Year Books, Directories, and other special information at the meetings.

Miki is a true Floridian and she and Frank met at Florida State University, where they both graduated in 1954. She also earned her Master's degree from Butler Univ. in 1972. Miki taught school for nearly 30 years, mostly here in Indiana, as well as developed and operated The Crafty Owl Shop for 31 years down on the near Southside of Indy. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS) became Frank and Miki's "second home" from the time they moved there in 1959. She is still very supportive of LPTS and attends annual functions there. Miki is very proud to be a Presbyterian and simply just loves to visit with old and new friends. She has never been a delegate to GA, but has attended several times with Frank, and definitely understands the hard work which accompanies the privilege of serving the PC(USA) in the role of Delegate to GA.

Miki has two children: Michael, who pastors a country church down in Ohio Valley Presbytery, and Jannice Scott, who works for IBM in Dubuque, Iowa. They each have three children and Miki is now the proud Great Grandma of "Little Frank."

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

It is my hope and prayer that PC(USA) attain theological unity in order to move forward in regaining its strength and purity around the world.

Charles Chae, Ruling Elder Candidate

No biography was submitted.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: No answer submitted.

Martha McDonald, Ruling Elder Candidate

Martha is the Director of Children and Family Ministries at Irvington Presbyterian Church on the east side of Indianapolis. She was ordained an elder at Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church where she is a member. Martha has a very Presbyterian family – her father was a minister; her brother and sister-in-law are ministers; and her daughter and elder granddaughter are deacons.

Martha studied for the Certified Associate Christian Educator designation beginning in 2003 and completed the program in 2006. In Whitewater Valley Presbytery, she is active in the educators group and serves as certification advisor. She is registrar for the Great Lakes regional educators fall conference and a regular attendee at the national Presbyterian church educators conference.

For six years, she was on the Committee on Ministry, serving as moderator for two years. Martha also served on the Synod School committee for several years. She is currently the co-project director for the Ministerial Excellence Fund, a program funded by the Lilly Endowment that offers financial education and assistance for pastors.

She is a graduate of Lindenwood College (now Lindenwood University), a Presbyterian school in St. Charles, MO. Her majors were speech and English. Before coming to professional church work, she was a librarian, elementary school teacher, social worker, and computer programmer. Martha has one adult child and two grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with her family, reading (especially mysteries), and traveling.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

From the fourth chapter of Ecclesiastes in *The Message*: *It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work. Share the wealth. ... Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.*

My hope is that in all our decisions we keep in mind that we are meant to live in Christian community and that we are stronger together. We can keep our eyes on the Kingdom of God and find common ground while respecting our differences. Guided first by Scripture and prayer, and then by our confessions and history, we should appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues of concern to us, to vote from our deepest convictions, and to be joyful in the fellowship of other Presbyterians.

Cindy Muse, Ruling Elder Candidate

As I read through *The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity*, I am humbled by how much there still is to learn, study and discern after so many years of worshiping God and being a part of a community of believers. I was baptized and received my 3rd grade Bible at First Presbyterian Church in Ithaca, NY; I still have the Bible today with a few pages missing and the binding worn. With a few stops at churches in Louisville, KY and Franklin, TN, my husband and 2 children found a home for the past 21 years at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN. OPPC was the Presbyterian church closest to our new home, and we dove right in - church choir, bell choir, Wednesday Wonderful, Sunday School teacher, Bible study, 3 time elder (Cindy), trustee (husband David), Associate PNC (son Sam), Music Director Search Committee (daughter Jenn), mission projects and the list goes on and on.....

But what has been missing for me for many years is the connection to the bigger church - PC(USA). I've connected some through the national PW conference in Louisville, KY a few years ago and the Big Tent in Indianapolis, IN this past year and recently by working with Presbytery's COM in beginning OPPC's search for a senior pastor. Still.....the connection is tenuous. Then the call went out for nominations for General Assembly commissioners, and I thought and discerned (hopefully) that this is it.....a stronger connection.

If elected, I will strive to be curious, open and discern God's will and apply some of the skills I've learned in my day job as an attorney to the issues facing PC(USA). I am not the most knowledgeable or certainly the most deserving candidate, but I will prayerfully dedicate myself to carry out General Assembly's responsibility and power to provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard, provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received and nurture the covenant community of disciples.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

For all participants to come away with a shared vision and mission for PC(USA) that discerns the word of God and follows the footsteps of Jesus Christ and can be simply but eloquently conveyed to all congregations.

Fred Sess, Ruling Elder Candidate

Fred Sess is a member of the Connersville First Presbyterian Church in Connersville, Indiana. He is an active Session member and currently chair of the Fellowship committee. In the past he has served on several church committees including Worship, Personnel, and Nominating and recently was a member of the Interim Pastor Search Committee. He has been Connersville's Elder Commissioner to Presbytery since 2000.

Fred was born and raised in Cincinnati Ohio where he was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ. In 1978 he moved to Connersville, Indiana for his first job and started attending First Presbyterian church. In 1980 he and his wife, Lois, were married. Together they have two grown daughters and one granddaughter with two step-grandchildren. Fred works at Decatur County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg Indiana, a position he has held for 27 years. Fred enjoys reading, camping, hiking, and visiting with children and grandchildren.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

My greatest hope for the General Assembly is to be willing to look at new ideas, new ways of doing things, a new willingness to reconcile differences that may come about. Our society is in turmoil, and seems to be lost in how to get things done. My hope is that maybe the General Assembly can propel the Presbyterian Church USA into the leadership role a light in the darkness of our society. If I am nominated, I will do my best to be part of that light that leads.

Bill Werling, Ruling Elder Candidate

William Werling was baptized, confirmed and married in Grace (previously North Highlands) Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is currently on Session and a member of the Church Staff Relations Committee. He is also the Session representative for Grace's Nominating Committee. Bill has previously served as a Deacon and Trustee for Grace. Currently he is serving his 5th year as a member of the Committee on Ministry of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery. He also serves on the Validated Ministries sub-committee of COM. He was also on the Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee that chose Rev. Alan Thames as the current EP of Whitewater Valley. Bill has acted in the capacity of COM Liaison for several area churches Pastor Nominating Committees.

Bill has been married to Jill for 36 years. They have a daughter and son. Jill and their children are active in the church. Jill is an Elder and serves on several church committees. Pamela is currently serving as a Deacon. Christopher helps with a church in the Wabash Valley Presbytery. Bill retired from the Allen County Sheriff's Department after 34 years of service.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

After being a police officer for 34 years and seeing a lot of families torn apart by misunderstandings and miscommunication, my greatest hope for this General Assembly is for the church to listen to what God is calling us to do in order to bring unity to our church family.

Ben Busald, YAD Candidate

I'm a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a small church in Indianapolis, where I serve as an elder and chairman of the Good News and Worship committee. I grew up in St. Andrews and gratefully have been able to watch and help it become a more open and welcoming place to new members. My current Minister, Teaching Elder Gretchen Schneider, encouraged me to take a more active role in the Church when I was in middle school. I was at that time, unsure of my feelings on religion in general and did not want to take part in Church activities. However, Gretchen managed to convince me to join the new drum choir which resulted in my interest in the Church's works. The environment at St. Andrew's was open and friendly, allowing me to affirm my belief in Christ and share that joy through the Church's programs. For the past few years I have still played various drums for worship and have joined choir as well. I work with Junior drum choir teaching children different rhythms and techniques. Eventually, I was nominated as an Elder and have attended presbytery each month and spoken a few times. I'm a senior at North Central High School a large public school, where I have been able to meet and help fellow students from varying backgrounds, including political refugees, with their studies.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly:

My greatest hope and belief for attending General Assembly as a youth advisory delegate is that the experience would allow me to understand how our denomination operates and would allow me to serve the church and the local community better.

Tanner Madewell, YAD Candidate

No biography was submitted.

Greatest hope for the upcoming General Assembly: No answer submitted.

Board of Directors
Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Report to Presbytery 11/9/2011

- The loans of the Presbytery and of the Presbytery's congregations were reviewed
- The Plans of PYOCA Camp, Conference and Retreat Center for grounds improvement were reviewed and approved.
- The Audit report from K B Parrish & Co was received. They have found that our books are in order and no management letter was sent.
- By the time of our November Presbytery meeting the property to the south of Westminster Neighborhood Ministry should have been transferred to Indy-east Asset Development Corporation, so that a playground can be constructed with funds donated by the Legacy Foundation, the charitable arm of the Super Bowl. The terms of that transfer call for the property to be returned to the Presbytery at a later date.



Presbytery Assembly
Finance Committee Report
November 9, 2011

September, 2011 Financial Reports

- Mission Operations Fund 01: A review of per capita giving indicates that the percentage of gifts received is tracking ahead of the same period last year. As of 9/30/2011, the Mission Operations Fund details a year-to-date surplus balance of \$16,571.
- Mission Focus Units Fund 10: Resources are tracking ahead of our budget projections by \$1,794. This is partially due to mission receipts from dismissed congregations, but we are otherwise tracking with our year-to-date budget forecast very closely for the period. The Mission Focus Units Fund details a year-to-date surplus of \$42,669 as of 9/30/2011.
- Consolidated Balance Sheet: Presbytery assets are sufficient to fund presbytery mission and ministry. Our year-to-date unrestricted net balance is \$577,326 on 9/30/2011.

2013 Unified Budget Discussions

- The Coordinating Council previously requested that the Finance Committee consider options relating to a unified budget presentation for the 2013 calendar period. After careful consideration, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was that the current presentation of two budgets, one for mission operations and one for mission focus units, presents a more transparent picture of financial resources and investments of the Presbytery. The Coordinating Council concurred with this recommendation at its October, 2011 meeting.

**Whitewater Valley Presbytery
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Fund: Mission Operations
September 2011**

Accounts	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual	% of Annual Budget Used	Annual Budget (This Year)
RESOURCES						
MISSION OPERATIONS						
Per Capita-WVP	\$10,182.36	\$393,255.24	\$394,151.10	(\$895.86)	89.26 %	\$440,569.27
Per Capita - G/A & SOLT	\$5,037.05	\$192,765.59	\$193,553.85	(\$788.26)	89.01 %	\$216,556.99
Total MISSION OPERATIONS	\$15,219.41	\$586,020.83	\$587,704.95	(\$1,684.12)	89.18 %	\$657,126.26
OTHER RESOURCES						
Partnerships	\$5,767.53	\$44,832.01	\$55,875.06	(\$11,043.05)	60.18 %	\$74,500.00
Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$6,829.89	\$0.00	\$6,829.89	0.00 %	\$0.00
Banking/Investments	\$1,381.73	\$4,417.72	\$4,500.00	(\$82.28)	73.63 %	\$6,000.00
Total OTHER RESOURCES	\$7,149.26	\$56,079.62	\$60,375.06	(\$4,295.44)	69.66 %	\$80,500.00
Total RESOURCES	\$22,368.67	\$642,100.45	\$648,080.01	(\$5,979.56)	87.05 %	\$737,626.26
INVESTMENTS						
Leadership	\$41,419.84	\$373,469.08	\$389,490.21	\$16,021.13	71.91 %	\$519,320.20
Professional Services	\$139.99	\$7,253.79	\$8,656.48	\$1,402.69	74.02 %	\$9,800.00
Office Lease/Maintenance	\$2,991.68	\$26,925.12	\$26,424.36	(\$500.76)	76.42 %	\$35,232.45
Office Operations	(\$419.34)	\$8,188.50	\$14,873.55	\$6,685.05	41.32 %	\$19,819.00
Information Technology	\$383.00	\$6,012.04	\$4,575.06	(\$1,436.98)	98.56 %	\$6,100.00
Communications/Internet	\$740.23	\$4,903.75	\$8,025.03	\$3,121.28	45.83 %	\$10,700.00
Insurance	\$395.42	\$3,558.78	\$3,748.05	\$189.27	73.00 %	\$4,875.00
Reimbursements	\$4,133.37	\$36,040.43	\$34,537.38	(\$1,503.05)	79.12 %	\$45,550.00
Other/Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$102.99	\$187.47	\$84.48	41.20 %	\$250.00
Per Capita	\$0.00	\$222,407.00	\$225,100.60	\$2,693.60	100.00 %	\$222,407.32
Missions Allocations	(\$5,504.05)	(\$63,332.21)	(\$66,873.51)	(\$3,541.30)	76.15 %	(\$83,164.67)
Total INVESTMENTS	\$44,280.14	\$625,529.27	\$648,744.68	\$23,215.41	79.09 %	\$790,889.30
Net Resources/Investments	(\$21,911.47)	\$16,571.18	(\$664.67)	\$17,235.85	-31.11 %	(\$53,263.04)

**Whitewater Valley Presbytery
 MFU Resources & Investments- 0911
 Fund: Mission Focus Units
 September 2011**

Accounts	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual	% of Annual Budget Used	Annual Budget (This Year)
RESOURCES						
MISSION FOCUS UNITS						
Basic Mission	\$17,764.15	\$198,029.54	\$192,632.51	\$5,397.03	70.72 %	\$280,000.00
Total MISSION FOCUS UNITS	<u>\$17,764.15</u>	<u>\$198,029.54</u>	<u>\$192,632.51</u>	<u>\$5,397.03</u>	<u>70.72 %</u>	<u>\$280,000.00</u>
OTHER RESOURCES						
Banking/Investments	\$1,274.93	\$4,031.86	\$7,634.63	(\$3,602.77)	40.32 %	\$10,000.00
Total OTHER RESOURCES	<u>\$1,274.93</u>	<u>\$4,031.86</u>	<u>\$7,634.63</u>	<u>(\$3,602.77)</u>	<u>40.32 %</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total RESOURCES	<u>\$19,039.08</u>	<u>\$202,061.40</u>	<u>\$200,267.14</u>	<u>\$1,794.26</u>	<u>69.68 %</u>	<u>\$290,000.00</u>
INVESTMENTS						
Mission Support	\$22,902.25	\$102,944.25	\$94,090.55	(\$8,853.70)	67.96 %	\$151,475.00
Committee on Ministry	\$300.00	\$2,175.00	\$3,900.06	\$1,725.06	41.83 %	\$5,200.00
Preparation for Ministry	\$3,500.00	\$3,900.00	\$9,749.97	\$5,849.97	30.00 %	\$13,000.00
Matching Grants	\$0.00	\$3,357.00	\$4,874.94	\$1,517.94	51.65 %	\$6,500.00
Triennium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,333.78	\$3,333.78	0.00 %	\$4,445.00
Elder Development & Training	\$0.00	\$371.06	\$0.00	(\$371.06)	0.00 %	\$0.00
Missions Allocations	\$5,504.05	\$46,645.45	\$48,873.51	\$2,228.06	71.58 %	\$65,164.67
Total INVESTMENTS	<u>\$32,206.30</u>	<u>\$159,392.76</u>	<u>\$164,822.81</u>	<u>\$5,430.05</u>	<u>64.85 %</u>	<u>\$245,784.67</u>
Net Resources/Investments	(\$13,167.22)	\$42,668.64	\$35,444.33	\$7,224.31	96.50 %	\$44,215.33

Whitewater Valley Presbytery
WVP Consolidated Balance Sheet - 0911
All Accounting Funds
September 2011

Accounts

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash/Checking	
PNC Checking #XXXX0316	\$258,611.32
Chase Bank (WNM)	\$31,027.51
PNC NQR Checking #XXXX6032	\$1.20
Other Checking	\$50,017.46
Other Cash	\$138.73
Total Cash/Checking	\$339,796.22
Savings/Money Markets	\$1,220,561.09
Investments (> 1-year)	\$145,490.16
Other Current Assets	\$25,222.22
Total Current Assets	\$1,731,069.69
Accounts/Notes Receivable	\$427,556.49
Fixed Assets	\$1,183,970.16
Other Assets	\$44,429.00
Total ASSETS	\$3,387,025.34

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	\$24,351.83
Long Term Liabilities	\$26,769.31
Passthrough	\$20,360.54
NQR TR Passthroughs	\$31,829.41
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Emergency Relief	\$4,789.07
Other Liabilities	\$194,920.71
Total LIABILITIES	\$304,246.66
FUND BALANCE	
Unrestricted	\$577,325.90
Temporarily Restricted	\$2,370,773.93
Permanently Restricted	\$53,317.03
Net Resources/Investment	\$81,361.82
Total FUND BALANCE and Net Resources/Investment	\$3,082,778.68
Restricted Funds	
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00
Total Restricted Funds	\$0.00
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	\$3,387,025.34



*"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled." Luke 6:21*

Presbyterian youth are leading the way to help feed the hungry

- Since Presbyterian youth in Columbia, SC started locally the Souper Bowl of Caring in 1989, youth from all over the country have raised over \$80 million for food banks, soup kitchens, and food pantries.
- The Souper Bowl of Caring has become a national movement uniting congregations, schools, community organizations, corporations, and compassionate individuals in the fight against hunger.
- Last year 2,153 Indiana youth collected \$154,373. Indiana Presbyterians were the largest group, with 40 congregations participating.
- As Indianapolis hosts "the Big Game" on February 5, 2012, we want to make this the largest food mission outreach in our history. One in four children is hungry in Marion County, and one in six children suffers food deprivation across Indiana. We can use the energy and pride of being the Host City in order to share God's Love with those in need.

Our goal is to raise \$300,000 for Indiana, and with your congregation's help we can do it!
Encourage your church's youth group to:

1. Register online at www.tacklehunger.org to receive free materials.
2. Collect donations between Jan 15 and Feb. 5 (the day of "the Big Game")
3. Come to the Service Blitz Rally, Sat. Feb 4th at Arsenal Tech High School in Indy, followed by a morning of volunteer work at Westminster Neighborhood Ministries.
4. Report their results on the website to be included in the national total.
5. Donate 100% of the collection to the hunger charity of their choice.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Dederer, Indiana Field Director, Souper Bowl of Caring
(317) 372-5122, carolyn@souperbowl.org

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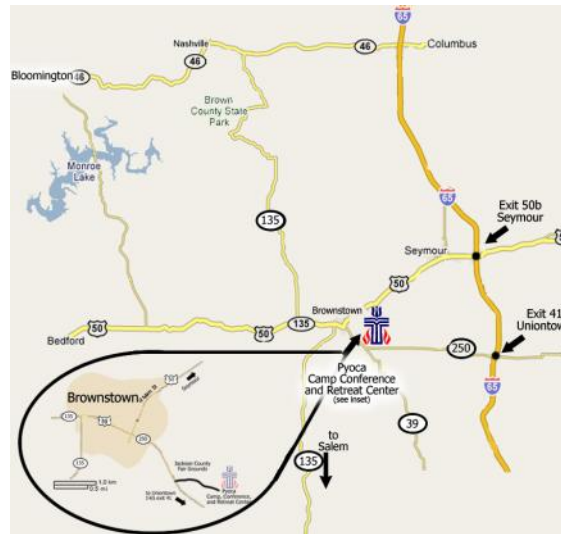
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Sr. High Winter Retreat

Dec. 28-30*

*4 pm on Dec. 28th-noon Dec. 30th

Finding Christ Around the World

Learn. Laugh. Explore. Grow.

Join us in exploring how God is working through missionaries around the world as well as outside our own front door. Your three days in the winter wonderland of Pyoca will be spent learning, in worship, playing indoor and outdoor camp games, and simply enjoying Christian community.

What to Bring

Warm Clothes

Bedding/Towels

Toiletries

Bible, Journal, Pen

Sr. High Winter Retreat Registration

Please send your registration form and the **\$95** fee by
Dec. 20th to: **Pyoca**
886 East County Rd 100 South
Brownstown, IN 47220

Name	
Street Address	
Daytime Phone	
E-mail	
Emergency Contact	Phone Number
Please list any medical restrictions	
Please list any special dietary needs (diabetes, vegetarian/vegan, severe food allergies, etc.):	
Registration and all fees due by Dec 20	\$95
The person(s) listed above have permission to engage in all prescribed camp activities except as noted. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me. I release Camp Pyoca to use photographs of myself and my child(ren) in promotional materials.	
Signature	Date

