

Appendices A, C, D, and E are not posted with these minutes but are available with the Presbytery papers that were posted for the meeting.

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley held its 174th Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, convening at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Following registration and refreshments, commissioners gathered in the Theater in the basement of the church. The meeting opened with a call to gather, a hymn, and convening prayer led by Moderator Dena Vittorio, who then called the meeting to order. Revs. Jeff Lehn, Arianne Lehn, and Youngsoo An of First Presbyterian Church, welcomed the group. They were happy to showcase their church building with the morning session being held in the Theater and the afternoon session in the newly painted sanctuary. The Stated Clerk confirmed that there was a quorum of voting presbyters (10% of the total eligible minister and elder commissioners).

The roll of the Presbytery was established by registration as follows – all persons were present except those marked with *; the number in parenthesis () indicates the number of elder commissioners allowed to vote from that congregation; + identifies ministers of another denomination:

ATTENDANCE

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>CLERGY</u>	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>
Anderson, First (4)	Ryan D. Rasmussen Donna Madewell, CRE *	Caroli Wolfe Judy Hatley * Richard Peck * Jason Knapp *
Avon, White Lick (2)	Daren Hofmann	Shirley Halterman * Virginia Sheets
Bluffton, First (3)	Robert E. Madsen	Bette Erxleben * Ted K. Smith Ira Zadylak
Boggestown (1)	Sandra Martin, CRE	William T. Johnson
Brookville, Mt. Carmel (1)	+Andrew Zinsmeister *	John T. Hoffman *
Clayton (1)	David L. McDonald *	Barbara Edmondson *
Connersville, First (1)	Mitch Coggin *	Fred Sess
Decatur, First (1)	Marcia Cline, CRE	Janet M. Macklin
Edinburgh, First (1)	Rachel A. Wann	Ledajean Flory *
Elwood, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun	Wanda Helm
Fishers, New Hope (5)	Steven J. Ebling	Bob Gardner * Karen Dowden * James L. Beatty * Heidi Hollings * Julie McNabb *
Fort Wayne, First (6)	Jeffrey Lehn Youngsoo An Arianne Lehn	Betty-Alice Almeida Vrina Stebbins David McCants Mary Schneider David Lundy Suzanne Echtenkamp
Fort Wayne, Grace (3)	Chris Kirwan	Tammy Menkes Norman Getts * William Werling
Fort Wayne, Trinity (1)	Kevin R. Boyd	Barbara Boyd *
Fort Wayne, United Faith (1)	Hal V. Thomas	Judith Lehman-Wright

Franklin, First (3)	Peter F. Jessen	Marge Rook Constance Eggers * Doug Andrews *
Greenfield, First (1)	John J. Paulson, CRE *	Katherine Harper *
Greensburg, First (2)	Robert B. McAulay	Brian McBlain * Judy Rust *
Greensburg, Kingston (1)	Shannon Burford	David Bennett *
Greensburg, Springhill (1)	Shannon Burford	Maxwell Neimeyer *
Greenwood, Center Grove (4)	Scott N. Fouts * Sally A. Earl, CRE	Joe Dotzlaf Marge Slauter Linda Matlock * Andy Wiesman
Greenwood (3)	Cheryl Montgomery *	Allan Fish * Clarence Grelle * Emilyann Grelle *
Hartford City, First (1)	David R. Smith	Rosemary Claghorn
Indianapolis, Fairview (3)	Shawn Coons Carrie Smith-Coons *	Kaye Hirt Eggleston * Mark Lawson Ruby Matthews *
Indianapolis, Faith (5)	Charlotte Lohrenz *	David Percy Norm Terando
Indianapolis, First-Meridian Heights (4)	Vacant Trish Lisa *	Alfred Clark Shelley Naum
Indianapolis, Immanuel (1)	Kevin G. Bausman *	DeWillican Middleton *
Indianapolis, Irvington (5)	Robert A. Heimach Galen L. Schwarz *	
Indianapolis, John Knox (3)	W. Franklin Mansell Lisa K. Crismore, CRE *	Vivian Hale * Marcia Brock Mary V. Breece
Indianapolis, Korean (1)	Hyung (Howard) Kim *	Thomas Kim *
Indianapolis, Northminster (5)	Teri L. Thomas * Ruth C. Moore *	Jean Dodds Lisa Tait Longo Damon Auble * Lynne Tobin
Indianapolis, Orchard Park (6)	Charles M. Webster * Michael Ireland *	Susan O. Myer Mary Ruth Snyder
Indianapolis, Saint Andrew (2)	Gretchen Schneider	Donna Pollard-Burton Martha McDonald *
Indianapolis, Second (10)	Lewis F. Galloway W. Glen Bell Joyce E. Hunn James W. Riley * David A. Berry Karen L. Lang * Richard Baker *	Ina Van Duyn Linda Rinker Nick Hertz Natalie Auberry Nancy Cronin John L. Miller Beth Bedwell

Indianapolis, Second (Continued)	Caroline Dennis Brian Shivers *	Gretchen Brown Karyn Smitson Katie White
Indianapolis, Southminster (2)	Gregory L. Glover Ronald Rockey	Karen Mitseff-Medlen * Joseph R. Woods *
Indianapolis, Tabernacle (5)	L. John Gable * Oscar A. Clavel *	Ann Reynolds * Sandra Reid Matt Gall * Don Heitman * Gary Nickel
Indianapolis, Westminster (1)	Vacant	Donna Studevent
Indianapolis, Witherspoon (3)	L. Bryant Parker *	Craig Harden * Claude Newsom * Claud Pace *
Jonesboro, First of Grant County (1)	Laurie Wolcott	Anita Donaldson
Knightstown, Bethel (1)	Peter S. Zinn *	William R. Sittler *
Lewisville, Ebenezer (1)	Peter S. Zinn *	George W. Pierce *
Lewisville, First (1)	Peter S. Zinn *	Dwight Sweet *
Liberty, First (1)	Dawn A. Gold *	Barbara Montgomery *
Marion, Westminster (3)	Jeanie Barnes *	Jacqueline Hancock * Mark Perry *
McCordsville, Christ (1)	Nancy A. Howard *	Miki Bean
Muncie, First (5)	Ronald L. Naylor * MyungKu Lee * Laura Sherwood * Carrie Jo Miller, CRE *	Scott Shockley * Gloria Courtright * Julia Wadsworth * Roger Sherwood * John Linder *
Muncie, St. Andrew (1)	Melodie C. Wager *	Scott Knight *
New Castle, First (4)	M. Rex Espiritu	James Overmyer Beverly Cherry * Vicki Clark *
Noblesville, First (3)	Eric R. Gale *	Thomas H. Bader Candis Wood Judith Sauers
Ossian (2)	Jay E. Cline	David Anderson William Milholland *
Plainfield, Hope United (1)	J. Gray Marshall *	Shirley Jones *
Portland, First (1)	Deborah Bowsher	Tom Young
Richmond, First (3)	David A. Layman	Jon Richwine
Richmond, Reid Memorial (1)	Joseph T. Fields	Marc Parks *
Rushville, First (1)	Dena E. Vittorio	Nicki Kirchoff *
Rushville, Trinity (1)	Mick Saunders, CRE	Sally Barnes *

Shelbyville, First (3)	Mark E. Morningstar	Frank Learned William Mitchell Mike Whitfield
Tipton, First (1)	Linda E. Philabaun	Robert L. Moore *
Union City, First (1)	+Roberta Hart *	
Westfield, CrossRoads (1)	Eric G. Lohe *	
Winchester, First (1)	Chérie L. Isakson	Jane Passmore
Zionsville (6)	James A. Capps Scott T. Shelton * R. Patrick Smith	Don Armstrong Steve Wright Jeff Colton * Chuck Vogt *

MINISTERS ON THE ROLL

ACTIVE ROLL, VALIDATED MINISTRY

Eleanor (Bunny) Alexander *	Carol Johnston *	Glenn McDonald *
David A. Chaddock *	John Koppitch	Barbara Parker *
Caitlin Deyerle	George F. LaMaster *	Leonel Pech
L. Vern Farnum *	James Lunde	Will Scott
Anna Fulmer	Deborah S. Mansell *	Tim S. Shapiro
Joy Bilger Goehring *	Roger McDaniel *	Robert Wauzzinski *

MINISTERS AT LARGE

Sharon Azbell *	Jessica Konker *	John Stephen Park *
Merrill Cook *	Steve Matthies *	Katherine L. Rieder *
Kevin Doty *	Peggy McDonald	Daniel Sutherin *
F. James Friedewald *	Kathleen O'Connell *	Elizabeth B. Wood *
Christopher Konker *	Kimberly Olson	

HONORABLY RETIRED

Robert Agnew *	Robert Hunter *	Alan Pareis *
Robert Amon *	George R. Jackson *	W. W. Ridenour *
David Bae *	Thelma Sue King *	Anne L. Rose *
William Barrett *	Robert D. Leas *	Barbara A. Sloop *
William Birch *	S. Kim Leech *	Quentin N. Small *
Raymond Bowden *	Loran Lewis *	L. Wayne Smith *
Bruce Brown *	A. Howard Lindquist *	Richard C. Smith *
John Burhorn *	Sheldon Logan *	James R. Snyder *
Robert B. Clark *	Donald R. MacPherson *	Erik L. Spencer *
F. William Clemenson *	P. Keith Main *	Paul R. Stone *
John Constant *	Joan Malick *	Edgar A. Towne
Judith A. Cook *	Raymond J. Marquette *	R. Glen Traver *
Henry S. Date *	Jack R. Masters *	Byung Sub Van *
Theodore Dorman *	Alan McCraine *	William J. Weber *
Donald R. Durrett *	Robert C. McGinnis *	Arthur C. Whitaker *
William G. Enright *	Ralph Mitchell *	Wallace Wilson *
William Fogg *	Elsworth (Bud) Morack *	John R. Wineman *
Julian R. Gresham *	Harrison C. Neal *	James S. Wolfe *
William O. Harris *	David F. Noble *	Gary Ziegler *
William Hudnut *	Curtis Page *	

PRESBYTERY STAFF

T. Alan Thames	Fabio Socarraz, CRE *	Eric Herzog
Felipe Martinez	Barry Sumner, CRE *	Rich Swartwood *
Fernando Rodriguez *	Gregory Thomas	

ELDER COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don Armstrong (Commissioner)	Harriet O'Connor *	Gary Stebbins
Tom Bader (Commissioner)	Girtha Perkins *	Judi Trabue
Sally Barnes *	Mary Schneider (Commissioner)	Phil Votaw
Mark Huesing *	Ellen Schramm *	

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Sue Babovec, Chaplain, Peabody Retirement Community, Wabash Valley Presbytery
 Rev. Alice McDowell, Honorably Retired, Lake Michigan Presbytery

VISITORS

Jim Hill	Mike Meltzer	Laurie Baker
Mable Chulock	Woody Collins	Vonda O'Neill
Angela Woolard, Peabody	Margo R. Gaines	Doris Mather
Sue Roesner, Peabody	Tonya F. Paddock	Alice Chitwood
Susan Stewart		

DOCKET

The proposed docket was approved:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery
PRESBYTERY DOCKET -- November 7, 2012
9:30 AM – Registration 10:00 AM – Call Meeting to Order
First Presbyterian Church
Fort Wayne, IN

10:00 AM	A CALL TO GATHER & TO ORDER Morning Litany Gathering Hymn Convening Prayer	Moderator, Rev. Dena Vittorio
	WORDS OF WELCOME	Host Pastor(s)
	ESTABLISHING ROLL AND QUORUM (Docket Approval)	Stated Clerk, Elder Greg Thomas
	INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELDER COMMISSIONERS AND PASTORS	
	STATED CLERK'S REPORT & CONSENT AGENDA ACTION: Approve Consent Agenda	
	Consent Agenda: Receive Reported Actions of COM	
	Receive Reported Actions of Coordinating Council	
10:20 AM	FAITH JOURNEY PRESENTATION – Mr. Will Scott, Indianapolis-Second Lake Fellow	
10:30 AM	ORDINATION EXAMINATION – Mr. Will Scott	
10:50 AM	COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT	Rev. Hal Thomas
	* 2013 Minimum Terms of Call w/ ACTION to approve	
	* Revised Health Care Reimbursement Plan Information	
	* Receive Reported Actions & Other Actions as required	
11:00 AM	Faith Journey Presentation – Ms. Donna Studevent, Indianapolis-Westminster	
11:10 AM	CRE Examination, Ms. Donna Studevent	
11:30	SYNERGOS – Center for Congregations Presentation	Rev. Tim Shapiro
NOON	LUNCH – DISMISSAL AND PRAYER	Host Pastor(s)
12:45 PM	ORDINATION VOWS DIALOGUE - Vow 4 - at lunch tables	
1:25 PM	PRESBYTERY MEETING RECONVENES EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT	Rev. Alan Thames
	Baptisms, Prayers of Joy and Care, Announcements	

1:35	CONGO HELPING HANDS	Ruling Elder Woody Collins
1:40	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT – ACTION - present/elect Stated Clerk	
1:50	NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT	Ruling Elder Miki Bean
2:00 – 2:45	WORSHIP & SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (includes Moderator Installations)	
2:45	Presentation of Gavel & Cross to new Moderator, Ruling Elder Bill Johnson Recognition & Appreciation for Committee Moderators completing terms	
2:50	HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM REPORT	HMLT Moderator, Elder Charlie Clark
2:55	COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORTS	Rev. Mark Morningstar
	* 2013 Mission Focus Budget – Second Read w/action to approve	
	* Revised Standing Rules -- Article III. Officers – Second Read w/ ACTION to approve	
	* Receive Reported Actions & Other Actions as required	
3:10	OLD BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS	Moderator, Ruling Elder Bill Johnson
3:20	FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD Closing Prayer/Benediction Adjourn	

-----End of Docket-----

New elder commissioners were introduced. Rev. Hal Thomas introduced new pastors to the Presbytery since our last meeting: Kevin Doty, Member-at-Large; Daren Hofmann, Pastor at Avon-White Lick; Barbara Parker to lead Partners in Ministry program with Second Presbyterian Church; Anna Fulmer, Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian; and Won Ho Kim, new pastor at First-Meridian Heights, effective December 2, 2012.

Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, moved that the following teaching elders be seated as corresponding members for today's meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Sue Babovec, Chaplain at Peabody Retirement Community, Wabash Valley Presbytery and Rev. Alice McDowell, Member-at-Large from Wabash Valley Presbytery were seated as corresponding members.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Elder Greg Thomas, Stated Clerk, presented the Consent Agenda which was comprised of the reported actions of the Committee on Ministry and the Coordinating Council. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Consent Agenda be received.

[See Appendix A for Reported Actions of COM]

[See Appendix B for the Summaries and Reported Actions of Coordinating Council]

FAITH JOURNEY PRESENTATION

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented Mr. Will Scott to be examined for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, Teaching Elder. Before the questions for examination Mr. Scott shared his faith journey.

ORDINATION EXAMINATION

Mr. Will Scott is serving as a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Following his faith statement and a period of examination by the members of the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made, seconded, and passed. Rev. Thomas moved to sustain the examination of Will as Minister of Word and Sacrament, Teaching Elder, and that he be approved for ordination and membership in the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. After an opportunity for discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed. Family and friends from Second Presbyterian Church and those who have shared the journey with Will were invited to join him as Rev. Lewis Galloway led the Presbytery in prayer. Will's ordination will be on November 18, 2012 at Second Presbyterian Church.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented the 2013 Minimum Terms of Call as approved by the Committee on Ministry. An issue the COM continues to study is the medical offset as to whether it should be a vouchered expense or additional income. Teaching ministers are encouraged to consult with a tax Attorney to do that which needs to be done so that it is appropriate for Terms of Call and also for the Internal Revenue Service.

Rev. Thomas moved that the 2013 Minimum Terms of Call be approved. The motion passed.

The following lists the full 2013 Minimum Terms of Call:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery 2013 MINIMUM TERMS OF CALL Full-Time Pastorates

<u>MANDATORY</u> (2012 in parentheses)	<u>With Manse Provided</u>		<u>No Manse Provided</u>	
Minimum Cash Salary	(\$33,856)	\$34,432	(\$44,013)	\$44,761
Manse Value Maximum	(\$10,157)	\$10,329		
Accountable Travel Reimbursement (minimum) (per session-approved policy, mileage @ IRS rate)	(\$2,800)	\$2,800 (est)	(\$2,800)	\$2,800 (est)
Professional Development Allowance (vouchered, per year, cumulative to four years)	(\$1,200)	\$1,200	(\$1,200)	\$1,200
Four Weeks Vacation (including four Sundays) OR Five Weeks Vacation (including five Sundays) with 15+ years experience Two weeks professional development leave per year (cumulative up to eight weeks) Full Pension (2012 = 32.25%) based on Effective Salary, which is Cash Salary + Housing + Utilities (if paid) + Deferred Compensation (if paid) Full moving expenses (if applicable)				

For additional consideration:

The median effective salary for Whitewater Valley Presbytery as of May 2011, reported by the Board of Pensions, was \$60,166. The median effective salary for the Synod of Lincoln Trails as of May 2012, reported by the Board of Pensions, was \$54,955/

1. The Board of Pensions determines manse value as 30% of (cash salary + utilities & housing expenses + employee 403b) or fair market value. Fair Rental Value of church-owned housing must be determined by a qualified real estate appraisal and normally is not to be valued at more than 30% of Mandatory Minimum Cash Salary without clear evidence of actual value.
2. Mileage Reimbursement is an expense of the church and not compensation. It is substantiated and vouchered at the current IRS approved rate.
3. Pension dues (32.25% in 2012) are the responsibility of the employing congregations. The Board of Pensions has a helpful dues calculator available under the treasurer's link at www.pensions.org
4. A pastor is liable for a percentage of effective salary for Social Security and Medicare taxes. The Presbytery recommends employing congregations pay up to ½ the Social Security tax as an offset. Amounts not in excess of 50% are not included in calculating effective salary for the Board of Pensions, but are considered taxable income by the IRS. This is intended to help equalize the difference created by being taxed for Social Security at the IRS self-employed rate.
5. The Presbytery recognizes that some employing congregations, in addition to salary, provide an amount of Effective Salary to reimburse ministers for a portion of medical costs not covered by the Board of Pensions (including dental and eye care, vouchered). If your congregation chooses to establish such a reimbursement program, the Committee on Ministry recommends that the congregation's tax and/or legal advisor should be consulted in the process."
6. Vacation and Continuing Education are not pro-rated for part-time positions.
7. There is no longer a Board of Pensions cap on Effective Salary for pension purposes. Medical dues (20.25%) are paid on up to 200% of median salary. Pension dues (12%) are paid on full effective salary.
8. The Committee on Ministry strongly encourages congregations and pastors to create a matching fund for a 403b Retirement Savings Plan (available through the Board of Pensions). This is especially true for congregations that provide a manse, since the pastor is not accumulating equity on a home. *Note: Employer matching payments are not included in calculating effective salary for the Board of Pensions.*

Effective Salary = Salary + Housing + Utilities + Deferred compensation (e.g. 403b, insurance annuity, etc.). See the "Total Effective Salary Calculator" at www.pensions.org for additional information.

Excerpts from the Book of Order (2011-2013):

G-2.0804 The terms of call shall always meet or exceed any minimum requirement of the presbytery in effect when the call is made. The session shall review annually the minister's terms of call and shall propose for congregational action (G-1.0501) such changes as the session deems appropriate, provided that they meet the presbytery's minimum requirements. The call shall include participation in the benefits plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including both pension and medical coverage, or any successor plan approved by the General Assembly.

G-3.0303(c) . . . the presbytery has authority to: . . . establish minimum compensation standards for pastoral calls and Certified Christian Educators within the presbytery

Minimum Terms of Call for Whitewater Valley Presbytery 2007-2013

Minimum Cash Salaries 2007-2012

year	minimum cash salary manse provided	minimum cash salary no manse provided	increase
2007	\$28,757	\$37,384	3%
2008	\$29,620	\$38,506	3%
2009	\$30,804	\$40,046	4%
2010	\$31,728	\$41,247	3%
2011	\$32,680	\$42,484	3%
2012	\$33,856	\$44,013	3.6%
2013	\$34,432	\$44,761	1.7%

Explanation of proposed changes for 2013:

Minimum Cash Salary: COLA for 2013 will be 1.7%.

Travel Reimbursement (minimum): The 2013 standard rate will be released by the IRS later this year and is subject to change; reimbursement should be at the rate in effect at the time of travel. The current rate for business miles driven through December 31, 2012 is 55.5 cents a mile.

Professional Development Allowance: Churches should be encouraged to offer more support for professional development than the minimum whenever possible.

Note that the percentage basis for Social Security and Medicare taxes is not specified here, since it is subject to change.

The median effective salary for Whitewater Valley and for the Synod of Lincoln Trails as established by the Board of Pensions is given, rather than the average of salaries reported to the Presbytery, since the Presbytery figure is distorted by the omission of data from churches not reporting.

[End of 2013 Terms of Call Report]

Rev. Thomas took a moment of personal privilege to commend Rev. Kevin Boyd, Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, who was a candidate in the Third District for the United States Congress. Rev. Thomas acknowledged that Rev. Boyd ran a very good campaign and tried to speak to issues in ways inviting all to think more deeply. He thanked Rev. Boyd for running for a political office. Rev. Boyd was not elected.

[See Appendix A for Reported Actions of COM]

[See Appendix C for Ordination Anniversaries]

[End of COM Report]

FAITH JOURNEY PRESENTATION

Rev. Hal Thomas, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry, presented Ms. Donna Studevent to be examined for Commissioned Ruling Elder. Donna has been a member at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis for many years and involved in ministry there in many different ways. Before the examination Donna shared her faith journey.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER EXAMINATION

Donna Studevent completed the Commissioned Ruling Elder class offered by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley over a two-year period. Following her faith statement and a period of examination by the members of the Presbytery, a motion to arrest the examination was made, seconded, and passed. Rev. Thomas moved to sustain the examination of Donna Studevent as Commissioned Ruling Elder. She will serve at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and will have the powers to celebrate the sacraments, but not moderate the Session. After some discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed. Family and friends from Westminster Presbyterian Church were invited to join Donna as Rev. Alan Thames led the Presbytery in prayer.

SYNERGOS PRESENTATION

Rev. Steve Ebling introduced Rev. Tim Shapiro, Executive Director of the Center for Congregations in Indianapolis, for the Synergos presentation. Rev. Shapiro spoke about social media in congregational settings. A one-day seminar is being planned on a Saturday in April. The Center for Congregations works as a resource connector helping in many areas. In 2012 and the last eight years, the top issue has been technology. Rev. Shapiro described social media as a conversation using technology, including Twitter, Facebook, You-Tube, and E-mail. He said it is important to have a Tech Team and a policy about etiquette as a church plans to use social media. Examples of using social media include sermons posted on You-Tube, prayer chain on Facebook, a religious educator who blogs about lessons, Skype Bible Study for college students, and podcasts of sermons.

PRAYER AND DISMISSAL FOR LUNCH

Rev. Jeff Lehn, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, gave directions for lunch. Then the pastoral staff led the Presbytery with everyone singing *Be Present at Our Table, Lord* as the grace before lunch. Dismissal was at 12:00 noon.

ORDINATION VOWS DIALOGUE IV

Following lunch, commissioners stayed around their tables and had dialogue about the fourth ordination vow:

Vow 4: *Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?*

Scripture Reference: I John 2:4-6

“Whoever who says, ‘I know him’ but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in that person; but whoever keeps his word, in that person truly love for God is perfected. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says that he or she abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

Shared Focus Questions:

It has been suggested that this ordination vow is the one that provides a system of “checks and balances” for our ordered ministries as deacons, teaching elders and ruling elders. How does this system of checks and balances—personal obedience under the authority of Scripture and guidance by our Reformed understanding of faith—hold us together?

Personal Reflection:

In what area do you need to strengthen your focus as a Presbyterian leader—personal obedience, understanding of Scripture, or consideration of confessions?

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES IN THE SANCTUARY

Presbytery was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER’S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, welcomed announcements, joys, and concerns to celebrate who we are together. Three churches shared adult baptisms that have been celebrated since our last Presbytery meeting: Ossian had four adult baptisms, including a 91-year-old lady and her sister (Rev. Jay Cline, Pastor at Ossian, also shared that they had a family baptism last Christmas); Franklin-First will have two adult members being baptized next Sunday; and Rushville-Trinity had one adult baptism.

Rev. Thames introduced members of a new task force to consider future dynamics of Whitewater Valley Presbytery in regards to staffing rationale and Presbytery's role with Pyoca and Westminster Neighborhood Ministries. Members of that Task Force are: Elder Don Armstrong (Zionsville PC), Elder Natalie Auberry (Second PC), Rev. Deb Bowsher (Portland, First), Elder Bill Howell (Orchard Park), Rev. Cherie Isakson (Winchester-First), Elder Don Lucas (Second PC), Rev. Frank Mansell (John Knox PC), Rev. David McDonald (Clayton PC), Rev. Cheryl Montgomery (Greenwood PC), Elder Harriet O'Connor (Westminster Neighborhood Ministries), Elder Ann Reynolds (Tabernacle PC), Elder Rich Swartwood (Pyoca), and Elder Mike Whitfield (Shelbyville-First).

Gratitude was expressed to Elder Greg Thomas for his service as Stated Clerk over the last three years. Greg has chosen not to opt for a second term as Stated Clerk.

Rev. Alan Thames led the Presbytery in prayer.

CONGO HELPING HANDS

Ruling Elder Woody Collins reported on the lack of safe drinking water in the Congo. Less than 50% of the people in the Congo have access to safe drinking water. Their access requires them to go for an hour to get some water and even then they get sick. Unsafe water causes millions to suffer. Six thousand children die daily from unsafe drinking water. Congo Helping Hands can make a difference by bringing the water closer to the people, i.e., drilling wells. Woody has purchased a drilling rig and they are drilling wells. He is going back next week to finish some wells. He is asking Presbytery to join in bringing safe water to the Congo. Everything is possible through God.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. Pat Smith, Vice Moderator of the Personnel Committee, presented the committee report. Our present Stated Clerk resigned, a notice was put out for applicants, a number of applicants came forward, interviews were held, and the committee enthusiastically brings the following motion:

The Personnel Committee of Whitewater Valley Presbytery moves the recommendation to elect Kristy Quinn as Stated Clerk to a three-year term beginning January 1, 2013.

The motion was approved. Rev. Smith led the Presbytery in prayer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Elder Miki Bean, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, presented the nomination for Vice Moderator of Presbytery. After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, Rev. Steve Ebling was elected Vice Moderator.

Miki then presented the slate for each committee. After opportunities for nominations from the floor for all positions, the slate as presented was elected.

The full nominating committee report follows:

Abbreviations Used in This Report: M: Teaching Elder (Minister)
 E: Ruling Elder

The Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

1. Nominates for Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley for 2013:

Vice Moderator

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

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. This past summer, he was a Teaching Elder Commissioner to General Assembly in Pittsburgh. 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 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!

2. Nominates to serve the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Class of 2014 (To fill a vacancy)

(E) Pat Cowall-Hanover, Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2016

(M) Shannon Burford, Kingston & Springhill Presbyterian Churches, Greensburg

(M) Jeff Lehn, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

(M) Ron Rockey, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Jean Dodds, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Will Mitchell, First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville

(E) Mark Lawson, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Elected by Coordinating Council)

Class of 2014 (To fill a vacancy)

(E) Michael Belcher, Marion-Westminster

Class of 2015 (To fill a vacancy)

(E) Donna Madewell, Anderson-First

Class of 2016

(M) Joe Fields, Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Class of 2015 (New members)

(M) Peggy McDonald, Member-at-Large

(E) Todd German, Grace Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

(E) Jean Linville, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne

(E) Lisa Longo, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Chuck Vogt, Zionsville Presbyterian Church, Zionsville

Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(M) Ron Naylor, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie

(M) Laura Sherwood, First Presbyterian Church, Muncie

(M) Peter Zinn, Bethel PC, Knightstown and Ebenezer and First PCs, Lewisville

(E) Linda Rinker, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Class of 2015 (New members)

(M) Jay Cline, First Presbyterian Church, Ossian

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

(E) Judy Rust, First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg

Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(E) Natalie Auberry, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 2018

(M) David Layman, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond

(M) Charlotte Lohrenz, Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

(E) Larry McKinney, First Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

Class of 2015 (New Member)

(E) Carol Hornbeck, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(M) Terry Anderson, Fort Wayne

(E) Miki Bean, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

PYOCA ADVISORY BOARDClass of 2015 (New Members)

(E) Jim Hill, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(M) Peter Jessen, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

(E) Mandy Ernest, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

WESTMINSTER NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES**Presbytery Representative:**Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(E) Miki Bean, Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville

COMMISSIONERS TO THE SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS

(Need to elect one teaching elder)

Class of 2015 (For re-election)

(M) Cheryl Montgomery, Greenwood Presbyterian Church, Greenwood

[End of Nominating Committee Report]

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Worship was led by Ruling Elder Bill Johnson. Rev. Jeff Lehn preached from Isaiah 40: 28-31, *With an Urgency Born of This Hope*. Rev. Leonel Pech, Organizing Pastor of *Amistad Cristiana*, the bilingual congregation in Fort Wayne, administered the sacrament of Communion. Members of the choir of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne provided music during communion.

Litanies were read, hymns were sung, and a Christmas Joy offering was taken. We collected \$902.00 with a pledge to round the total to \$1,000.00.

Out-going Moderator Dena Vittorio expressed special thanks to the Presbytery staff for leadership, grace, and service. She then installed the new Moderators and Vice Moderators for 2013:

Moderator of Presbytery:	Ruling Elder Bill Johnson
Vice Moderator of Presbytery:	Rev. Steve Ebling
Moderator of Council:	Rev. Chérie Isakson
Vice Moderator of Council:	Rev. J. Gray Marshall (in absentia)

The Moderator's Cross was presented to Ruling Elder Bill Johnson. Thanks and appreciation was given to out-going moderators: Rev. Dena Vittorio, Rev. Mark Morningstar, Rev. Hal Thomas, and Ruling Elder Gary Stebbins. Elder Miki Bean made a special presentation to Rev. Dena Vittorio giving as a gift the Moderator's Cross that had been owned by the Rev. Frank Bean who died in 2011. Frank had been a mentor to Dena when she was ordained into the PC(USA).

HISPANIC MINISTRIES LEAD TEAM REPORT

Rev. Felipe Martinez, Associate Executive of the Presbytery, presented the Hispanic Ministries Lead Team report.

- The two bi-lingual congregations continue to develop
- Leaders of the newly established presbytery in Mexico came to Indianapolis and trained with *Lead Like Jesus*. They will teach it to their churches in Mexico. Several from Whitewater Valley will go down as support.
- *Amistad Cristiana* is going into membership mode.
- Three congregations will continue to have trips to Mexico in 2013. Any church wanting to be involved in Hispanic Ministries' mission was encouraged to contact Felipe.

[End of HMLT Report]

COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

Rev. Mark Morningstar, Moderator of Coordinating Council, presented the Council report.

Finance Committee

Ruling Elder Gary Stebbins, Moderator of the Finance Committee, presented the second read of the Mission Focus Units Budget for 2013. Gary moved the Council recommendation:

Council recommends the approval of the 2013 Mission Focus Units Budget (second read). [The budget presentation includes disbursements recommended by the Mission & Growth Team and first read adjustments to the Shared Mission distribution methodology - 55% to 69% Presbytery, 14% to 10% SOLT, and 31% to 21% GAMC.]

The motion passed.

[See Appendix D for the Second Read of the Mission Focus Units Budget.]

Revised Standing Rules

The motion was made as recommended by Coordinating Council to withdraw the Standing Rules Revision as originally presented. The motion passed. Further study and recommendations will follow at a later date.

[See Appendix E for the Finance Reports through August, 2012]

[See Appendix B for the Summaries and Reported Actions of Coordinating Council Report]

[End of Coordinating Council Report]

OLD BUSINESS and NEW BUSINESS

None

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

The 174th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with Moderator Bill Johnson giving the closing prayer. The people sang *To God be the Glory* as the benediction.

NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be on Saturday, February 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Noblesville, Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Thomas, Stated Clerk

Ruth Ann MacPherson, Recording Clerk



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October 3, 2012 – First Presbyterian Church, Winchester

The Coordinating Council met October 3, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, Indiana.

- Council members completing their 2012 terms were recognized and thanked for their work: Rev. Joe Fields, Ruling Elder Judi Trabue. Others in that class who were not present: Ruling Elders Jim Dougherty and Ellen Schramm, Rev. Steve Ebling, and Rev. Pat Smith.
- Rev. Alan Thames led the opening devotion based on Ordination Vow Four. Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was opened with prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Coordinating Council **APPROVED** the Consent Agenda:

1. Council Minutes of July 11, 2012
2. Presbytery Minutes of August 11, 2012
3. received report of Presbyterian Women – Communion will be served at retreat October 13, Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Cheryl Montgomery officiating (Council previously approved request with specific date to be reported)
4. received Board of Directors Minutes of July 26
5. received Executive Committee Minutes of September 4
6. received Pyoca Camp & Conference Center Report

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR'S REPORT

- Rev. Dena Vittorio reported. She presided at the ordination of her daughter, Rev. Marena Vittorio Schindler, September 23.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Alan Thames reported.

1. Task Force to Look at Future of WVP – a written report was distributed.
2. The downtown Indianapolis new church development exploration continues. A PCUSA grant is being written.
3. Personnel – Ruling Elder Greg Thomas has resigned as Stated Clerk effective December 31, 2012. A Stated Clerk search was implemented, interviews were conducted, and a candidate will be presented to the Presbytery on November 7.
4. Indianapolis-Wallace St. continues to wait for their new 501(3)c status from the state.
5. Greenwood-Center Grove – letters were sent to the congregation regarding concurrence with Session's request to be dismissed to the Christian Reformed Church

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Felipe Martinez reported.

1. Hispanic Ministries Lead Team is exploring opportunities in partnership with Indianapolis-Second.
2. continues to staff the Administrative Commissions for Fort Wayne-Amistad Cristiana (focus on budgeting and long range planning) and Indianapolis – Nueva Creación (focus pastoral leadership)
3. Indianapolis-Southminster – celebrating and welcoming the sharing of their worship space with the First Mizo Community Church, 50 members!

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristy Quinn reported.

1. continues to staff meetings/support with Commissioned Ruling Elders
2. distributed 2013 meeting schedule; committee moderators asked to review the schedule and report revisions
3. second read of Standing Rules relating to secretary/treasurer is in progress and will be presented for approval to Presbytery November 7

Youth LYNC (Loving God, Yearning to Grow, Nurturing Community, Connecting through Christ)

Trish Lisa reported. 75 youth from several churches gathered for an event at Sky Zone in Indianapolis. The coordinating team continues planning for the Nov. 17-18 Youth Retreat at Pyoca.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Gary Stebbins and Eric Herzog reported.

1. The Council **APPROVED** and recommended the 2013 Mission Focus Unit's Budget, 2nd read, to the Presbytery for approval November 7.
2. The August 2012 Mission Operations Fund and Mission Focus Unit financial reports were reviewed

TEAM REPORTS

Connected Communities

1. Connected Communities partnered with Synergos to distribute a technology survey to congregations; in response, Rev. Tim Shapiro, Center of Congregations, will make a technology presentation to the Presbytery November 7.
2. Evan McBroom with Fishhook, a communications and creative services firm that partners with churches, will provide a free five hour workshop for churches in our Presbytery.

iPresby Partners

This program has completed its first year and there were requests from the Council to evaluate the process, its coordination with COM, and clarity of purpose and reporting. Mark Morningstar will work on the coordination of iPresby Partners in 2014.

Leadership Development Team

1. The Council **APPROVED** a motion that, at the request of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Elwood, Indiana, the Council grant a waiver of the limitation of terms for ruling deacons and elders (BOO 2.0404).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Koppitch reviewed highlights of the July 26 minutes that were distributed. Westminster Neighborhood Ministries will have a property dedication on October 14. The dedication is to celebrate property acquired for the expansion of their adult services.

OLD BUSINESS

Investigating Committee Approval

The Council **APPROVED**, by e-mail July 30, 2012:

At the request of Rev. Dena Vittorio, Moderator of the Presbytery, and Rev. Mark Morningstar, Moderator of Coordinating Council, we ask that you would cast an affirmative or negative vote to elect the following to serve as an Investigating Committee for the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:

- Teaching Elder Mitch Coggin (interim pastor at Connersville, First)
- Ruling Elder Ann Hamel (Indianapolis, John Knox)
- Teaching Elder Trish Lisa (associate pastor at Indianapolis, First Meridian Heights)
- Teaching Elder David McDonald (pastor, Clayton Presbyterian)
- Ruling Elder John Paulson (Indianapolis, Faith)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Council Vice Moderator

The Executive Committee presented Rev. Gray Marshall as the 2013 Vice Moderator nominee. The floor was opened for nominations. Being none, the Council **APPROVED** Rev. Gray Marshall as 2013 Vice Moderator of the Coordinating Council. The Council discussed the importance of contacting those eligible to serve prior to election. It was noted that eligible candidates had been contacted prior to the Council meeting.

The next Council will be February 6, 2013 at the Presbyterian Church, Greenwood.

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August, 2012 Financial Reports

Mission Operations Fund (MO): *[Items relating to the operating ministry of the presbytery are monitored and reported using this accounting fund. Per Capita gifts from our membership/churches provide the primary resources needed to fund the approved operating ministry model.]*

The Mission Operations Fund is performing close to forecast through August, 2012 with resources exceeding the same period last year by roughly \$5,000 and ministry investments in line with the budget.

MO details a surplus of \$92,473 on 8/31/2012. This is primarily due to the majority of per capita resources being received during the first and second quarters of 2012. The surplus is expected to decline over the course of 2012 as receipts slow during the third/fourth quarters and budgeted investments from the fund are made throughout the year.

The Presbytery has received 85% of the total per capita share from the churches as of 8/31/2012.

Mission Focus Units (MFU): *[Items relating to presbytery basic mission partnerships and ministries are monitored and reported using this accounting fund. Basic Mission (Shared & Directed) gifts from our churches provide the primary resources to fund the current basic mission model.]*

MFU details a surplus of \$8,010 on 8/31/2012. The Mission Focus Fund is underperforming forecast through August, 2012 with resources below the same period last year by approximately (-\$26,000). A significant percentage of the shortfall appears to be timing related as several anticipated Basic Mission gifts were not received until the September reporting period. Ministry investments are also below budget as quarterly disbursements to our mission partners do not take place until the September reporting period.

Based on the 2012 pledges received, fund receipts are expected to fall short of our budgetary forecast for the period by roughly 10%. The Finance Committee is not recommending a budget adjustment for the 2012 period as unbudgeted resources from dismissed congregations combined with a decrease in mission investments (i.e., NQR) should serve to offset this shortfall for 2012.

Accounting Fund Balances (selected): The report details balances available on 8/31/2012 relating to presbytery grants and related mission partnerships (applicable to the funds stated purpose). Please note the addition of Fund 017 "New Ministry Initiative Grant Fund"

Consolidated Balance Sheet Fund Report: Presbytery account balances are adequate for the cash flow needs of operating, mission and grants funding.

Shared Mission Partner Distribution Percentages

1995 – 2006

48%	Whitewater Valley
38%	General Assembly Mission Council
14%	Synod of Lincoln Trails

2007 – 2012

55%	Whitewater Valley
31%	General Assembly Mission Council
14%	Synod of Lincoln Trails

2013 (recommendation)

69%	Whitewater Valley
21%	General Assembly Mission Council
10%	Synod of Lincoln Trails

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