

Eastminster Presbytery

JANUARY, 2006

Presbytery Meeting

JANUARY CALENDAR

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| 4 | - | 12:00 pm | West Area COM @ Erie Station, Tallmadge |
| | - | 3:00 pm | South Area COM @ Rene's Restaurant, Canfield |
| 5 | - | 5:30 pm | Trustees meeting @ Presbytery Center |
| 6 | - | 9:30 am | East Area COM meeting @ Youngstown First Church |
| 10 | - | 4:00 pm | Pre-presbytery seminar "How to Have a Successful Mission Trip" @ Christ Church |
| | - | 4:00 pm | COM meets @ Christ Church, Youngstown |
| | - | 5:00 pm | Presbytery Meeting @ Christ Church, Youngstown |
| 11 | - | 12:30 pm | West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University |
| 12 | - | 12:00 pm | Retired Clergy/Spouse Appreciation Luncheon (East, North, South Areas) @ Park Vista, You |
| | - | 12:30 pm | Women's Clergy Luncheon @ Ben's Restaurant, Berlin Center |
| 13-14 | - | | JBM Committee Retreat @ JBM |
| 16 | - | ***** | Martin Luther King Day – Office closed |
| 17 | - | 6:00 pm | Peacemaking Task Force @ First Presbyterian, Mineral Ridge |
| 18 | - | 1:00 pm | Interim Pastor's Group @ Presbytery Center |
| | - | | Deadline to register for Peacemaking Retreat at JBM |
| 19 | - | 7:00 pm | Mission Visioning Council @ First Presbyterian, Mineral Ridge |
| 26 | - | 12:30 pm | Youngstown Clergy luncheon @ Park Vista |
| 30-1 | - | ***** | <i>"The Anatomy of Reconciliation: From Violence to Healing"</i> Retreat sponsored by Peacemaking Subcommittee at JBM |

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| 3 | - | 9:30 am | East Area COM meeting @ Youngstown First Church |
| 3-4 | | | Mission Visioning Retreat @ JBM |
| 8 | - | 12:30 pm | West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University |
| 9 | - | 9:30 am | Executive COM meeting @ Presbytery Center |
| 14 | - | 4:00 pm | Moderator's Orientation @ First Presbyterian Church, Columbiana |
| | - | 5:00 pm | Committee Night @ First Presbyterian Church, Columbiana |
| 22 | - | ***** | LAST DAY TO FILE CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORTS |
| 23 | - | 12:30 pm | Youngstown Clergy luncheon @ Christ Church, Youngstown |
| | - | 2:00 pm | Coordinating Council @ Presbytery Center |
| 24 | - | ***** | LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PEACEMAKING FAIR ON MARCH 5, 2006 |

*Helpful Items of information for pastors, presbytery commissioners, chairpersons of Session committees, and all congregational leadership.
Please deliver this information to persons in your church whose service and ministry will benefit by it*

DIRECTIONS TO:

CHRIST CHURCH

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Youngstown, OH 44511
Phone: 330.782.2611

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From the WEST: Take I-76 east to the Ohio Turnpike interchange, and continue straight west on I-80. After crossing Rt. 46, bear right on I-680. Take the first exit on I-680, which is Meridian Rd. Turn right (south) and go about 4 miles to the traffic light at Canfield Rd./Rt. 62. Turn left (east) and go about 1 mile to the church, on the right.

Parking on the left (east) side of the church building, and also behind it.

Christ Church is completely handicapped accessible.

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2005 Eastminster Presbytery Directory Changes

Pages	Change
10	Change Bill Hostutler's email address to wch704@sbcglobal.net
15	Change Rev. Carolyn Griffeth's email address to cgriffeth@canfieldpresbyterian.org
15	Change Canfield's secretary, Sharon Cope's email to scope@canfieldpresbyterian.org
15	Change Canfield's AA, Bill Eynon's email to beynon@canfieldepresbyterian.org

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
NEWS & NOTES

Come to a pre-presbytery meeting on January 10th at 4pm at Christ Church to learn more about **“How to Have a Successful (or an Unsuccessful) Mission Trip: A How –To Seminar.”** Having led 24 trips and being involved with 3 others Rev. David Joachim, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, will be leading this seminar. The idea of the event is to help churches do-their-own trip. Some churches have been doing them for years, of course, but new people are now in the leadership and they’ve never lead a trip before, this seminar is for those types as well.

Sympathy is extended to the Mary Pashley family. Mary Pashley, former member of the Eastminster Presbytery Trustees and member of the Barberton Church, passed away last month. Bob Forsythe let the office know that she under went heart surgery in September.

The Mission Pledge forms for 2006 were sent out early in December to the clerks of sessions. The Trustees are requesting those be returned as soon as possible so an Eastminster Presbytery budget can be finalized.

The annual 2005 Statistical Reports were sent out as well. Those were sent to pastors asking them to pass those along to the Clerk of Session or whoever handles that. The deadline for filing those on-line is February 22, 2006. If wanting the office to type information in then the deadline is February 15, 2006.

“Women of Faith” will be recognized at the 2006 General Assembly next June. Women who have demonstrated strong leadership ability or who have conducted ministries of presence and quiet faithful service are eligible for nomination. Nomination forms are being accepted now until January 15. For more information and to download a nomination form, visit the [PC\(USA\) website](#) or call Lisa Houston at Women's Ministries, 1-888-728-7228, ext 5362 or email her at lhouston@ctr.pcusa.org.

Can Peace Break Out? Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, March 5, 2006 as Presbyterians of Eastminster will gather to honor the 25th Anniversary of our Presbyterian Church’s commitment to *“Peacemaking: The Believer’s Calling”* at Kent Presbyterian Church. **G.A. Moderator Rick Ufford-Chase will be our dynamic keynote speaker!** The Peacemaking Task Group is planning a richly rewarding afternoon for adults and youth (our Moderator’s particular emphasis!). We will joyfully worship, have hands-on workshops, share resources, and celebrate our life in Christ, the Prince of Peace, as we explore our church’s mission in the 21st century. Registration deadline is Feb. 24, 2006 to Eastminster Presbytery. The fee is \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Contact person is Lynn Thompson Bryant at 330.724.1116.

Eastminster Presbytery’s Peacemaking Subcommittee is sponsoring a retreat at JBM Conference Center Jan. 30-Feb 1 called “The Anatomy of Reconciliation: From Violence to Healing.”

Our leaders will be Yale Divinity School theologian Miroslav Volf, who knew first hand the Croatian-Serbian violence, *“Dead Man Walking”* author Sister Helen Prejean, U.S. civil rights activist Gwendolyn Simmons, and well-known *The Protestant Hour* preacher Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry!

Our reflections will grow out of the speakers’ talks webcast live from the 36th National Theological Conference of the Trinity Institute in New York City. We will look with fresh eyes on our theology of reconciliation to bring new energy, focus, perseverance and patience in our commitment to *“Peacemaking: the Believer’s Calling.”* Join us for a time of spiritual renewal and growth together in God’s peaceable realm. Cost is \$70 for meals and lodging at the comfortable Haynam Lodge. Registration deadline: January 18, 2005. Please send registrations to: 330-772-3931 Fax: 330-772-2603 email: jbmcmp@aol.com. More information in packet.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Cabinet on Ethnic Church Affairs (CECA) Scholarship - Scholarship grants will be awarded for full and part-time study toward the baccalaureate degree or certification at colleges, universities and vocational schools. Grants are also available for full-time students enrolled in Master degree programs for church vocations at approved Presbyterian theological institutions. Priority will be given to Presbyterian applicants from the states of Michigan and Ohio. Applicants are eligible to receive scholarships one time per year, up to a maximum of five years. You must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to receive this scholarship. More information and an application can be found at www.synodofthecovenant.org.

Peacemaking Scholarship - A Peacemaking Scholarship may provide assistance of up to \$1,000 for programs, conferences or seminars that are related to Peacemaking and held within the U.S. The source of these funds is the annual PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering, a portion of which the Synod of the Covenant receives. More information and an application can be found at www.synodofthecovenant.org.

Covenant Scholarship - The Covenant Scholarship Fund, a project of the Bicentennial Fund, provides financial support for lay and clergy church leaders for short-term, non-degree programs that will contribute to their ministry in the church.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Nursery Caregiver - The Canfield Presbyterian Church in Canfield, Ohio is seeking a part time Nursery Caregiver. Candidate will be responsible for providing care for infants and toddlers (newborn through age 3) and helping them and their families experience the love of God in a safe, nurturing environment. Knowledge of care required for infants and toddlers. Good organizational and communication skills. Employment is part time of 10 hours per week, up to 40 a month and would require Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. To request a detailed job description, call the church office at 330-533-5509. Send resume to: Personnel Committee, Canfield Presbyterian Church, 140 W. Main Street, Canfield, OH 44406, Fax: 330-533-7004, or email: canfpresb@aol.com.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND EVENTS

The 25th Annual Rural Ministry Conference, “Living with Hope in an Age of Fear” will be held March 5-7, 2006. Registration forms will be mailed in November or you can register online starting Oct. 1 at www.ruralministry.com. Feature speakers will be Dr. Mary Fraser, Dr. Dan Olson, Rev. Elenora Giddlings Ivory, Rev. David Ostendorf, Dr. Craig Nesson, Rev. Kathy Gerking and Rev. Wayne Weissenbuehler. For more information call 563-589-0273 or email ruralmin@wartburgseminary.edu.

The Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network will be hosting its annual conference scheduled for April 19-22, 2006 at Stony Point, NY. “*A Passion for People*” will bring us back to the basic premises of Presbyterian ministry, mission and evangelism.” Stony Point Center is a beautiful Presbyterian Conference Center located near West Point. The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Stephen Sapp with Rev. Tom & Susie Tickner leading the worship. More information is available at www.pcusa.org/olderadults/poamn.

Seventh Annual National Multicultural Conference called “Many Peoples – One Family” will be held May 25-28, 2006 at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, FL. The seminar features Rev. Mona Begasao, Immanuel Presbyterian Church Pastoral Work Team, Rev. Jin Kim, and Dr. David Wallace, Sr. Registration fee is \$280. This seminar is presented in partnership with the office of Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity, Synod of the South Atlantic and the Presbyteries of Florida. Additional information can be attained by calling 1-888-7228, ext 5252.

The 2006 Presbyterian Youth Connection Pre-Assembly Youth Leader Training Event called “Shine Like the Stars” will be held June 12-15, 2006 in Birmingham, Alabama. This event will offer youth and youth leaders workshops designed to invite interaction, conversation and exploration and deal with topic such as: Recreation, Spirituality, Leadership, Bible Study, and one called Sustain, Maintain and Energy Gain. This event is for youth ages 14-19 and adult youth leader. More information is available at www.pcusa.org/youthassembly.

“The Hope of the Church: Celebrating Common Ground” July 5-8, 2006 at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, NC is a conversation conference in which moderators of former general assemblies of the PC (USA) and presidents of our Presbyterian seminaries are being asked to provide panel discussions addressing the future of the Presbyterian Church. Leaders across the denomination are invited to participate in this dialogue with our church’s seasoned leaders. It is believed that this consultation will provide hope, inspiration, insights, and energy to help our pastors lead our churches through the turbulence which may follow the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham, AL., June 2006. The title chosen for this conference reflects the intent for this event to be a conversation out of which people are encouraged and inspired to discover and celebrate those areas of common ground for ministry in the 21st century.

Presbyterian Women’s Gathering - You are invited to join a group of thousands of women and men who will experience Creation, join in Celebration, hear God’s Word and find Light for the Journey at the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women as it meets in Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, July 7-11, 2006. More information can be found at www.pcusa.org/pwgathering.

“Scottish Dream Tour”

June 2-11, 2006

Led by The Reverend Todd Allen, Interim Pastor of Akron Westminster Presbyterian Church
Formerly Ayr: St. Columba Church, Church of Scotland

As Presbyterians, all of us share a close connection to the country of Scotland. It was here, in the middle of the 16th century, that the reforms begun by John Calvin in Geneva Switzerland took root and worked to transform another society. Since that time, Scotland has remained passionately Reformed in its worship and theology, although today finds the Church working within an increasingly secular, multicultural, context.

From 1998-2002, Todd served as the Associate Minister to the Ayr: St. Columba parish church, the third largest Church of Scotland congregation in the country. This nine day tour will begin back in Ayr, a lovely seaside coastal city, where Todd will lead tours touching upon the history of this 1100 year-old city and the life of Robert Burns, the great Scottish poet born in nearby Alloway. Enjoy Sunday worship at the Ayr: St. Columba Church. Travel to St. Andrews, the fabled university town and home of golf, with tours of St. Andrews Castle and several of this city’s most beautiful churches and chapels. Enjoy time in Aberdeen, “The Granite City”, noted for its stunning architecture and prized seaside location. Time next in Stirling, site of the epic battles that made William Wallace and Robert the Bruce heroes in the Scottish struggle for independence from England. Relax as you travel to Loch Lomond and enjoy the stunning beauty of the Scottish Highlands. The finest shopping and an inexhaustible list of historic sites and world-class museums then await you in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital, where you will spend the remainder of your time. See the famous castle, visit St. Giles Cathedral, the epicenter of the Scottish Reformation, and tour the nearby home of John Knox, the famous Protestant Reformer. Travel down the Royal Mile to the palace of Holyrood and see where Mary, Queen of Scots lived and loved. As with any of your destinations, plenty of additional time available to you to explore what takes your fancy.

Cost, per person, of \$2,450.00 includes air travel and all lodging, taxes, daily breakfast, special arrival and departure dinners, two additional evening meals and admission charges to several selected sites.

Hurry: Space is limited and is being filled on a first-come, first served, basis! A \$250.00 per person deposit holds your place.

Tour prospectus available upon request. Rev. Todd Allen, Interim Pastor of Akron Westminster Church, will be happy to field your questions at (330) 836-226 or (330) 697-4236 after 7 p.m.

Seeking to be Faithful Together:

Guidelines for Presbyterians during times of Disagreement

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will...

Give them a hearing...
listen before we answer

*John 7:51 and Proverbs
18:13*

Speak the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15

Maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of
peace.

Ephesians 4:3

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ;
 - We will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,
 - We will not ask question or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others.
2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.
3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
4. Share our Concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teaching.
5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives intelligence or integrity;
 - We will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.
6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.
7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.
8. Seek to stay in community with each other through the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;
 - We will be ready to forgive and to be forgiven.
9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision making bodies;
 - Urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;
 - Seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
 - Be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their right of conscience;
 - Abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways which are consistent with these guidelines.
10. Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

Adopted by the 204th General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for use by sessions and congregations.

The Church of Jesus Christ
assembles as a
Stated Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery

Pre-Presbytery Mission Groups Meet

- 4:00 Committee on Ministry
Mission Committee presents pre-presbytery seminar “How to Have a Successful Mission Trip”
- 5:00 Gathering of God's People: Registration and Refreshments Assembly of Commissioners/Visitors & Convening
Moderatorial Welcome and Comments
Opening Worship and Prayer of Constitution
- 5:03 Assembly Formalities
Business of the Clerk; Docket Presentation; Referrals; Correspondence; Recognition of Corresponding Members; Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2005 and November 12, 2005 meeting
- 5:05 Presbytery Family Remembrances and Celebrations

Sharing and Supporting Our Ministries

- 5:11 Consent Agenda p. 10
- 5:15 Committee on Nominations – Bob Forsythe p. 13
- 5:25 Resource Center Coordinator – Lorraine Jones p. 14 - 15
- 5:30 Committee on Mission – report from Westminster as they return from Louisiana p. 16 - 21
- 5:40 Installation of Moderators – John Gruneich
- 5:50 The Presbytery at Worship – Wesley’s Covenant Renewal Service
- 6:30 Fellowship at the Dinner Table
- 7:15 Peace Unity and Purity of the Church Presentation p. 38 - 39
- 7:45 Table Talk
- 8:15 Report of the General Presbyter
- 8:18 Committee on Ministry – Nick Mager p. 22 - 32
- 8:28 Peacemaking Subcommittee presentation p. 33 - 34
- 8:43 JBM – Tom Riley
- 8:48 Trustees - Trella Johnson p. 35 - 36
- 8:58 Miscellaneous Business
- 9:03 Evaluation
- 9:08 Report on Leave and Absence
- 9:13 Adjournment

Eastminster Presbytery
Consent Agenda
January 10, 2006

1. To append the Minutes of the October 27, 2005 Presbytery Coordinating Council to the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting.
2. To append the Minutes of the October 27, 2005 Mission Visioning Council to the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting.
3. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Coordinating Council, the offering of the January 10, 2006 stated meeting be directed to the Dakota Presbytery.
4. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. John Christy Ramsey as Pastor of the Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, OH.
5. The Committee of Preparation for Ministry conducted its annual consultations with Inquirer Elaine Dutton and Candidate Jonas Hays. The committee recommends that the inquiry phase for Elaine and the candidacy phase for Jonas be continued for another year.

Draft: Not yet approved by the Coordinating Council

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 2005

The Eastminster Presbytery Coordinating Council met on December 19, 2005 at the Presbytery Center. The meeting had originally been scheduled for December 15 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Council Members Present at the Presbytery Center: Elder Ruth Cole, Elder Tom Flower
Council Members Present via conference call: The Rev. Reford Nash, the Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt
Council Members Absent: Elder Stan Christensen,
Council Members Excused: The Rev. Christine Ziem
Staff: General Presbyter Dan Schomer, Administrative Assistant Marianne Lidstone, Stated Clerk Meta Cramer

Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the October 13 meeting as submitted.

It was decided by consensus to recommend that the offering from the January Stated Meeting be designated for the Dakota Presbytery mission project, and that the offering from the March Stated Meeting be designated for the Habitat for Humanity work being planned by the Presbytery in Florida next summer.

The January docket was discussed, particularly the presentation of the Peace, Unity, and Purity Task Force. A docket was adopted with an adjournment time of approximately 9 p.m.

It was suggested that the speaker from the Peace, Unity and Purity Task Force be scheduled early in the March meeting since she is traveling from Western Pennsylvania.

Motion prevailed to request that the Committee on Ministry cover, from its budget, some unreimbursed expenses incurred by the Stated Clerk in attending the Fall Polity Conference.

The election of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator was deferred until February.

Ruth expressed gratitude to Tom Flower and Christine Ziem for their work on the Council.

It was decided that the February meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on February 23, 2006 at the Presbytery Center.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Tom Flower at 2:40 p.m.

Elder Ruth Cole, Moderator

The Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Stated Clerk

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTMINSTER
For the Installation of the Reverend J. Christy Ramsey as Pastor of Goodyear Heights
Presbyterian Church, Goodyear Blvd. Akron, OH 44305
October 16, 2005**

The Commission of Eastminster established to install on behalf of the Presbytery the Reverend J. Christy Ramsey as pastor of the Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church of Akron, OH convened in Conference Room A of that church on Sunday afternoon at 3:15 P.M. in order to carry out its responsibility in the context of public worship.

Present were: The Reverend Pamela Flowers; the Reverend Moss Rutan; the Reverend John A. Gruneich, Moderator; the Reverend Jeffrey Paschal, Western Reserve Presbytery; the Reverend Dr. Douglas Holben, Presbytery Executive, Redstone Presbytery; Elder Lynn Malcolm, (Northminster); Elder William Bartilson, (Akron First); Elder Mary Lu Ramsey, (Akron New Covenant); and Elder Mildred Arnold (Akron Goodyear Heights).

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Rev. Gruneich, Moderator of the Commission. Elder Mary Lu Ramsey agreed to serve as clerk of the commission.

1. Motion prevailed to seat the Reverend Jeffrey Pascal of the Presbytery of Western Reserve and the Reverend Douglas Holben of Redstone Presbytery
2. Motion prevailed to approve the Order of Service, as prepared in the printed bulletin, as the plan to be followed.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Bill Bartilson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder Bill Bartilson

HYMN *“Shine, Jesus Shine”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Moss Rutan

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Moss Rutan

THE PEACE

Rev. Moss Rutan

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Lynn Malcolm

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-16

Elder Lynn Malcolm

PSALM READING Psalm 133

Elder Mary Lu Ramsey

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:30-37

Elder Mary Lu Ramsey

SERMON *“Oh, Grow Up!”*

Rev. Jeffrey Paschal

HYMN *“Spirit of the Living God”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Ron Burgen

THE OFFERING

Rev. Pam Flower

The Offertory

Doxology

The Prayer of Dedication

INSTALLATION SERVICE

HYMN *“Here I Am”*

BENEDICTION

Rev. J. Christy Ramsey

3. Motion prevailed that upon the pronouncement of the Benediction by the newly installed pastor, the Commission be adjourned.
4. Motion prevailed that the minutes be approved as distributed and corrected and that the commission be dissolved upon acceptance of those minutes by Eastminster Presbytery at their meeting on November 8, 2005.

The Commission proceeded into the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. for the Service on Installation.

The Rev. John A. Gruneich, Commission Moderator

Elder Mary Lu Ramsey, Commission Clerk

**Eastminster Presbytery
Nominating Committee
January 10, 2006**

FOR ACTION

Recommend for Board of Trustees, Class of 2006 - Jim Cochran, Hudson - WML

Recommendations for the 217th General Assembly:

Recommend for Clergy Commissioner, Dr. J. Nicholas Mager, Jr. – WMC

Recommend for Alternate Clergy Commissioner, Rev. Paul A. Gaug – WMC

Recommend for Elder Commissioner, Ms. Harriet D. Chapman, Akron Westminster - WFL

Recommend for Alternate Elder Commissioner, Mr. R. Joseph Hrach, Akron Westminster - WML

Recommend for Youth Advisory Delegate, David Cramer, New Waterford - WLM

Recommend for Alternate Youth Advisory Delegate, Kelsey Elizabeth Francis, Columbiana -WLF

FOR INFORMATION

Resignations were received from:

Howard Davis, Trustees, Class of 2006

Debby Dockstader, Communication and Nurture Committee, Class of 2006

If nominations to the 217 General Assembly are made from the floor, it is to be noted that the nominee must have given his/her permission to have name placed into nomination. It is also requested that information regarding that person be available to the commissioners to they may make an informed decision.

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Eastminster Presbytery Office

Email: lorrainejones@faithfulness.com
330-505-2167 or toll free 1-800-215-2416

Lorraine Jones, coordinator

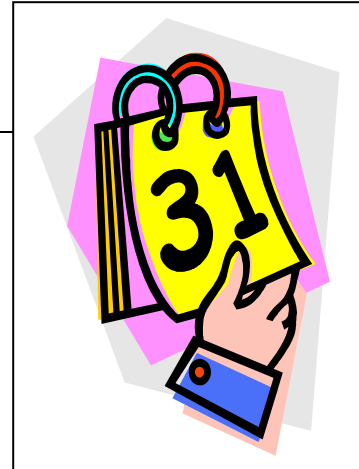
Resource Center Hours:

Mon 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Wed 1:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Sat 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Note the
address change!



Quick Calendar:

January 15th Partnership in Mission emphasis*
January 16th Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
January 18th - 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity **
February 26th Celebrate the Gifts of Women***

• For more information on Partnerships in Mission, go to www.pcusa.org/partnerships/index.htm. OR—visit the Resource Center to browse all our Mission books and videos.

** Visit the World Council of Churches website for prayers and reflections, a worship service, and other resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/faith/wop2006contents.html. OR—visit the resource center for “One Wind, Many Flames: Church Unity and the Diversity of the Churches” by Bernard Thorogood. WCC Publications, 1991.

***”Celebrate the Gifts of Women” by Su Yon Pak, Horizons, Vol. 18, No. 7, November/December 2005. This issue of Horizons is available at the resource center and contains a worship service celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as Deacons, and the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Office of Word and Sacrament.

We would like to begin building a “Human Resource” file at the Resource Center. This file will contain a list of people with talents who are willing to share those talents with the other churches of the Presbytery. I have enclosed a sample information sheet for the “Human Resource” file. Please feel free to copy it and distribute it to people in your congregation who have a gift they may wish to share. If you are an expert in the Middle East situation, send in your name. If you can help someone plan a church dinner for a certain number of people by telling them how much food they need, sign up. If you are really good at planning projects for youth groups, let us know. Someone, somewhere needs your skill—whatever it is! Please note that this is a volunteer network--although churches who call upon someone from the network should expect to reimburse volunteers for travel expenses, etc.

Human Resources Questionnaire

The Eastminster Presbytery Resource Center wishes to build a database of all qualified people who are willing to share their knowledge, skills, and talent with the churches of our Presbytery. If you or someone in your congregation should be listed in this "Human Resources Database", please register by filling out this form and mailing it to: Lorraine Jones

Eastminster Presbytery Resource Center
P O Box 316
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

Or you may e-mail the information to lorrainejones@faithfulness.com

Note: There will be two forms of the database. A paper file here at the Presbytery Resource Center and an online database. If you wish to be included in the online database, please indicate what contact information you want available in that format.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SKILL, TALENT, AREA OF EXPERTISE: _____

AGE GROUP FOR WHOM THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE: _____

RECOGNITION/REFERENCES: (Please note that the Presbytery does not check these references. It is the responsibility of the church wishing to use the volunteer to determine the skill/appropriateness of the talent being offered.)

CIRCLE THE FILE YOU WISH TO BE LISTED IN: ONLINE PAPER BOTH

NEW OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP: SPAIN

Motion/Recommendation from the Mission Committee: **[that Eastminster Presbytery seek to establish a Mission Partnership with Levante Presbytery, Spain; and that, as soon as is possible, David Joachim and Paul Johnson travel to Spain to begin working on the initial arrangements].**

Over an 11 month period, guided by the Holy Spirit, extensive explorations were made for possible partnerships in the Caribbean, Ethiopia, Russia, Thailand or Spain. Les Sauer, Katherine Reaves, and John Chapman of the PCUSA Worldwide Ministries Division (Ecumenical Partnerships) were most helpful in making suggestions, giving guidance, but allowing us freedom to pursue the possibilities. In the end, an exciting partnership with the **Levante Presbytery** (located in the southeast on the coast between Valencia and Cartagena) was selected. The enthusiasm of PCUSA liaisons, **Rev Bryce and Phyllis Little**, helped to persuade us to choose SPAIN. This was our rationale for making this choice:

- Possibilities for the partnership:
 1. help the new English-speaking congregation near Cartagena which seeks to start a new congregation at another site where rapid growth is taking place;
 2. work with students at the University of Valencia: teaching English, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship groups;
 3. help in developing social service projects in the Valencia and Alicante congregations, with outreach to the people living near the church(es);
 4. help with the youth work in the Cartagena church (1-2 week program for children in and outside the congregation);
 5. possibility of Eastminster sending a youth worker for a 3-6 month (or year) to work with the Cartagena church;
- Travel *costs less expensive*; travel time & distance *less*; (than to more distant sites)
- More of our people familiar with Spanish language; (opportunities to teach English)
- The Littles: express high-interest in Eastminster partnership (they *want* us)
- Work project/ministry things a broad cross-section of Eastminster people can do and do well;
- reciprocal visits possible (visas not difficult, as with some other countries)
- Climate makes it attractive *year-round*;
- Of European countries, Spain dealing with Islam the longest (the Moors). How do they do it? What have they learned? How do they evangelize?
- As with France, Germany and other countries in Europe, Spain struggles with immigrants and assimilation. In America (Eastminster churches too) we struggle over the same issues. We can learn from them, and they from us.

Again, our purposes in proposing a Partnership in Mission:

1. To introduce persons in congregations to face-to-face mission experiences both domestic and cross-cultural
2. To assist congregations who have not had a mission trip tradition
3. To train leaders in conducting their own mission experiences
4. To develop lasting relationships with the Church of Jesus Christ in other nations and cultures.



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Christmas, 2005

Dear Friends,

The past year began with two exciting events: The visit of my sister and brother-in-law, Top and Jane Peterson, and the foundation stone laying for my house here in Chiang Mai. We had the second at that time because Top and Jane were here. Later a delegation from their church in Oak Park came and we had a grand "mission time" together. All the Presbyterians from Chicago left the end of January, but the house has continued on consuming my time, energy and funds ever since! It has been a busy year -one in which I have spent more time doing things for myself, and feeling duly guilty, than I think I have ever done before in my life. The house is nearly completed. I plan to move in March-April, vacation time here; and the house warming will be May 2, 2006.

Three other major events of the year dealt with work. McGilvary received a wonderful grant from the Dewald Family of Mansfield, Ohio for the total renovation of our library at McGilvary, making it state-of-the art and able to connect intra-net completely with our magnificent new library at the main campus of Payap University. Our library had been named in honor of the Dewald family ever since the parents of the present benefactors contributed so much for the rebuilding of the seminary in the 1980's. Our library is named The Dewald Memorial Library in honor of the present generation's parents and grandparents.

McGilvary has also begun a possibly massive and far-reaching scheme with Yale University Divinity Library and three pilot institutions here in Asia to get our libraries inter-operable. The ultimate goal is an important project for The Documentation of Christianity in Asia. McGilvary feels honored to have been chosen to be a part of this historic undertaking.

Then, of course, McGilvary had offered five years ago to host the General Assembly of the Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA), our accrediting organization. We did so in October with great success. The participants (120 from seventeen nations in Asia) acclaimed it the best GA ever. That made all of us at McGilvary feel very, very good. I must say that my faculty members and students carried off the whole ten days magnificently. The only problem now is that every religious organization seems interested in having us host meetings for them!

Our student enrollment has now grown to nearly 140. We have 22 students in the International Master of Divinity program taught in English. The program is becoming more and more well known with our neighboring countries where theological education is difficult, if not impossible. That's just what we hoped would happen.

With 140 students, almost all of whom need help, I have to continue my appeal for scholarship aid for them. So many of you have been so generous in the past. I hope you will continue to remember us. You can send contributions through the Presbyterian Church as Extra Opportunity Commitment Giving ECO No. 862414; or you can send checks directly to me made out to McGilvary Faculty of Theology.

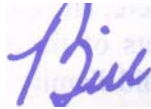
I have now been asked to be Area Liaison for Inland Southeast Asia for the Presbyterian Church USA. I feel honored. I don't as yet know how much extra work this will be for me. But I trust all your prayers will be with me as I take up this new challenge.

And then, of course, there was the horrible tragedy of the loss in February of one of my beloved sons, Op. He died in a car crash. Whether he was trying to avoid something, we don't know. Op's car went out of control and he hit a power pole which snapped and set his car on fire. He was burned beyond recognition. His wife and I still miss him terribly and probably will for a long, long time. The outpouring of love and affection from family and friends was an expression of God's grace to me, to his wife, Noi, and to all of us that we will likewise not soon forget.

Below I have given my new home address, PO Box and telephone number. They will be in effect as of April, 2006. Until then, use the old ones. The office data remains the same. And, of course, PRC will always get whatever is sent through them to me.

Two thousand years ago a child was born in Bethlehem, and the world has never been the same since. May the promise of wholeness, Grace and Peace given through that child become a reality in all our lives.

With much Love to all of you,



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**Eastminster's Upcoming 2006 Mission Trip
to Pensacola, Florida
June 24 – July 2, 2006**

"Hurricane Relief work with 'Habitat'" is the trip being sponsored by Eastminster's Mission Committee in Pensacola, Florida from June 24 – July 2, 2006.

Purpose of Trip:

- To introduce primarily persons from small congregations to face-to-face; hands-on mission experiences both domestic and cross cultural;
- To assist larger congregations who have not had a mission trip tradition;
- To train folks to lead their own trips with their own congregations;
- To develop relationships with the Church of Jesus Christ in other regions (USA), nations and cultures;
- To help team members grown in faith/commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ;
- Open to young adults and adults.

"Habitat"

Two teams for Westminster, Boardman, have worked with "Habitat"/Pensacola before (6/2000 & 6/2004). We frame/&/roof a new house from Monday – Thursday (weather permitting!) Habitat appreciates our bringing pencils, aprons (nails) and other supplies We each pay \$100 towards the project Skilled and unskilled needed!

Even before the hurricanes of '04, "Habitat For Humanity" of Pensacola was working hard to build 50 houses a year. In the aftermath of "Dennis", now the need is so much greater not only for '05, but for '06 and beyond. They have requested a team from Eastminster Presbytery of 15-20 people.

Rev. David Joachim (Westminster Church, Boardman) has led 2 teams to work with "Habitat"/Pensacola before. Teams stay at First Presbyterian Church's "Noonan Center" (showers, full-kitchen, sleep on floors/air-mattresses; basketball court & game room; separate sleeping quarters for male/female). We do our own cooking (dinners); light breakfast; lunches at the work-site. We frame and roof a house in 5 days.

"What Else?"

Weather: Hot, real hot. (What to bring list will be supplied)
Afternoons free for resting, shopping, movies or to the white-sand beaches.
We hit-the-hay early!

"Itinerary?"

June 24, 2006 - Leave Youngstown on a Saturday and drive to Knoxville. Overnight at the Graystone Presbyterian Church

June 25, 2006 – Leave Knoxville and drive to Pensacola.

July 1, 2006 - Depart and drive to Maryville, TN, to overnight at New Providence Presbyterian Church

July 2, 2006 - Depart Maryville and arrive in Youngstown

(note: the team may determine to make our return trip on Fri./Sat. 6/30 & 7/1 in order to be home for more of the 4th of July weekend; that would cut out the "day of relaxation" in Pensacola)

Cost: \$450 total (Donation to churches-en-transit, food, \$150 donation to the Noonan Center; \$100 to "Habitat" per person and gasoline.) Contact Rev. David Joachim at Westminster Presbyterian Church, phone: 330-758-4513 with any questions.
Information packets available in Presbytery Office.

Eastminster Presbytery COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Items For Information:

1. Rev. Larry Stewart has been appointed to serve as Moderator of the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2006.
2. The Committee on Ministry concurred with the request of the congregation of the Northminster Presbyterian Church to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. David Herron effective December 31, 2005. The following agreements were also approved by the COM as part of the dissolution agreement between the congregation and Rev. Herron:
 - a) The Northminster Church will continue to pay Rev. Herron's cash salary, housing allowance, social security allowance, vouchered health allowance, and pension dues at the current terms of call through April 30, 2006, or until such time as he begins another call.
 - b) Rev. Herron will repay Northminster Church the full amount of the housing loan still owed to the church (approximately \$39,000) with no interest charge on a monthly basis of \$160.00 commencing ninety (90) days after he accepts a new call.
3. A workshop is being planned for the Spring of 2006 on the subject of "Sexual Misconduct and Boundary Issues." The COM will urge all ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament and all Elders trained to serve as Lay Pastors in our Presbytery to participate.
4. A COM Task Force on guidelines for "Validated Ministries" in our Presbytery will present a proposal statement to the Presbytery for first reading in January.

Items For Presbytery Action:

1. COM recommends that Eastminster Presbytery concur with the request of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Jeanine Haven effective January 31, 2006.
2. COM recommends that Eastminster Presbytery concur with the request of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church to dissolve their yoke with the John Knox Presbyterian Church effective January 31, 2006.



Validated Ministries

INTRODUCTON

Every active minister member of the Eastminster Presbytery must be engaged in a validated ministry. Validated ministries include 1) those with a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations, 2) other service of the PC(USA), 3) service beyond the jurisdiction of the PC(USA), and 4) honorable retirement (G-11.0408).

VALIDATED MINISTRIES
From the Book of Order

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G 6.0104

While the ministry is one, specific forms of ministry may emphasize special tasks and skills and the ordering of the offices of ministry shall reflect this variety. There may be forms of ministry in which primary emphasis is given to proclamation of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments, forms that stress deeds of love and mercy, forms that are primarily educational, administrative, legislative, or judicial, and forms that are primarily prophetic.

G 6.0201

As the Lord has set aside through calling and training certain members to perform a special ministry of the Word and Sacrament and has committed to them a variety of work to do, the church through the presbytery calls them to the responsibility and office of ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Such ministers shall be members of presbytery which shall designate them to such work as may be helpful to the church in mission, in the performance of which they shall be accountable to the presbytery. They shall be responsible for participation in the larger ministry of the church in addition to the duties to which they are called and designated by the presbytery. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament have membership in presbytery by action of the presbytery itself, and maintain their membership in accordance with G-11.0000.

G 6.0203

When ministers are designated as educators, chaplains, pastoral counselors, campus ministers, missionaries, partners in mission, evangelists, administrators, social workers, consultants, or in other specific tasks appropriate to the ministry of the church, they shall evidence a quality of life which helps to share the ministry of the good news. They shall exercise pastoral care of those for whom they are responsible and shall seek to fulfill their ministry by serving Christ and their fellow men and women, strengthening the church and equipping it for concern and service to the life of the human community. In addition to fulfilling the particular responsibilities to which they are called, they shall participate in a congregation, in their presbytery, and in ecumenical relationships, and shall be eligible for election to the higher governing bodies of the church and to the boards and agencies of those governing bodies.

G11.0403

A presbytery shall determine the ministers of the Word and Sacrament who shall be its continuing members. In making this determination the presbytery shall be guided by written criteria developed by the presbytery for validation of ministries within its bounds. These criteria shall be based upon the description of the defined in G-11.0412. nature of ordained office found in G-6.0100 and G-6.0200 and the following standards:

- a. The ministry of continuing members shall be in demonstrable conformity with the mission of God's people in the world as set forth in Holy Scripture, *The Book of Confessions*, and the *Book of Order* of this church.
- b. The ministry shall be one that serves others, aids others, and enables the ministries of others.
- b. The ministry shall give evidence of theologically informed fidelity to God's Word. This will normally require the Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent and the completion of the requirements for ordination set forth in G-14.0402.
- c. The ministry shall be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the presbytery and to organizations, agencies, and institutions.
- e. The ministry shall include responsible participation in the deliberations and work of the presbytery and in the worship and service of a congregation.

G11.0406a

a. An active member is a minister of the Word and Sacrament who has been admitted to the presbytery in accordance with G-11.0401, and is now engaged in ministry that complies with all of the criteria in G-11.0403 without exception. An active member may be engaged in a validated ministry within congregations of the church (G-11.0409), in a validated ministry in other service of this church (G-11.0410), in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of this church (G-11.0411), or may be honorably retired (G-11.0412). An active member is entitled to take part in the meetings of the presbytery and to speak, vote, and hold office.

G 11.0408

A minister of the Word and Sacrament who is an active member of presbytery may be engaged (1) in a validated ministry within congregations of this church, (2) in a validated ministry in other service of this church, (3) in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of this church, or may be (4) honorably retired.

G 11.0408

An active member engaged in a validated ministry in other service of this church shall serve as a staff member of a presbytery, a synod, or the General Assembly of this church or of an organization related to one of these governing bodies; as a minister serving an organization sponsored by two or more denominations, one of which is this church, such as a federated church, a specialized ministry, an administrative office, or an interdenominational agency; as a partner in mission in connection with a church outside the United States of America. Before entering upon such service, the minister shall request and obtain the approval of the presbytery of membership. Changes in the terms of the call or dissolution of the relationship shall be reported to the presbytery.

G 14.0410

An active member engaged in a validated ministry in other service of this church shall serve as a staff member of a presbytery, a synod, or the General Assembly of this church or of an organization related to one of these governing bodies; as a minister serving an organization sponsored by two or more denominations, one of which is this church, such as a federated church, a specialized ministry, an administrative office, or an interdenominational agency; as a partner in mission in connection with a church outside the United States of America. Before entering upon such service, the minister shall request and obtain the approval of the presbytery of membership. Changes in the terms of the call or dissolution of the relationship shall be reported to the presbytery.

G 14.0411

An active member engaged in a validated ministry in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church may be engaged in a ministerial calling consonant with the mission of the presbytery in an organization, agency, or institution in which this church has no official participation or may serve temporarily as pastor or in some other capacity in another denomination, and may, with the approval of presbytery, accept ministerial membership in that church for the period of such service without forfeiting his or her membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) presbytery in which he or she holds membership. Before entering upon such service the minister shall request permission of the presbytery of membership. The committee on ministry of the presbytery shall make a thorough review of the proposed ministerial function and report its recommendations to the presbytery. The committee shall determine and report whether the service complies with all of the criteria enumerated in G-11.0403, without exception. If the presbytery grants the permission requested, such permission shall be subject to review and renewal annually.

G 14.0517*Draft*

a. A call to a validated ministry in other service of this church (G-11.0410) or in service beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-11.0411) shall ordinarily be in a form which includes a description of the goals and working relationships, financial terms, and the signatures of the minister, a representative of the presbytery, and where possible, a representative of the employing agency.

b. It is appropriate for presbytery to conduct a service of installation similar to that found in G-14.0510, or a service of recognition, at the inauguration of this ministry.

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
PROCESS FOR VALIDATING MINISTRIES

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Who shall request a Validated Ministry and who shall report?

According to the Book of Order G 11.408, Ministers of the Word and Sacrament may be 1) in a validated ministry within PC(USA) congregations, 2) in a validated ministry in other service to the PC(USA) 3) in a validated ministry in service beyond PC(USA) jurisdiction, or may be 4) honorably retired.

Ministers in item 1 and 4 need not apply for validation or report, since ministers within PC(USA) congregations and the ministries of the honorable retired carry an inherent validation.

This validating process is concerned with ministers involved in items 2 and 3. All ministers who are active members of Eastminster Presbytery (or who seek to become such) who are engaged in non-congregational ministries within the PC(USA) (2) or ministries beyond PC(USA) jurisdiction (3) shall request validation and report.

HOW OFTEN shall reports be made?

After the initial request seeking validation (which may be at any time), reports shall be made annually. These reports are due on June 1st of each year and shall be sent to the Office of Eastminster Presbytery or to the current Moderator of the Committee on Ministry.

Report forms are available at the Presbytery Office, from the current COM moderator on the Presbytery website.

The Committee on Ministry shall evaluate the requests for Validated Ministries, review the annual reports, and conduct interviews as deemed necessary (at least once every 3 years on review) and shall recommend to Eastminster Presbytery whether to approve/not approve the initial and on-going validation request.

WHAT is the basis upon which evaluations and recommendations shall be made? Book of Order G-11.0403 requires that “the presbytery shall be guided by written criteria developed by the presbytery for validation of ministries within its bounds”.

Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly (Williamson v. Presbytery of Western North Carolina) declares that this means “separate written criteria” beyond “simply incorporating by reference the standards of G-14.0403a-e”.

THEREFORE: Ministers seeking validation shall demonstrate that their service complies with Book of Order G-11.0403 and is “consonant with the mission of the presbytery” (G-14.0411) by relating that service to Book of Order statements (quoted elsewhere in this form), as well as by showing how that service relates to and enhances the Great Ends of the Church (G-1.0200 quoted in this form).

Additionally, all validated service shall be demonstrated to be consonant with the purpose and vision of Eastminster Presbytery, which are herewith quoted: “The purpose of Eastminster Presbytery is to grow faithful, effective, healthy and missional churches by: assisting congregations to do the mission of Christ; being the connective channel for congregations by proactively providing nurturing care and resources for congregations and clergy; doing the constitutionally mandated responsibilities of the denomination; holding up a vision of the world that is peaceable and just.”

“The vision of Eastminster Presbytery is that we seek to be: a communion of vibrant, diverse and growing congregations bringing the love of Christ to all of God’s people; an instrument of care, compassion, teaching and service through partnerships of dynamic mission and ministry; a prophetic witness sharing the how of the peaceable realm of God.”

When anyone is approved for a “Validated Mission” he/she is eligible to hold office, serve on committee and or task groups of the presbytery and is encouraged to do so.

ANNUAL REPORT & CERTIFICATION FORM
Non-Parish Clergy
Eastminster Presbytery

Section 1: Basic Personal Data

Your Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Work Telephone: (_____) _____

Preferred E-Mail Address: _____

Your Work Address: _____

Your Present Title: _____

How Long Has This Been Your Work? _____ (years) _____ (months)

Are you asking Presbytery to ___ initially validate or ___ renew its validation of your work?

Section Two: Your Present Work

Name of your present position: _____

Brief description of what you do:

Name of your present supervisor: _____

Work telephone of supervisor: (_____) _____

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Following you will find the statement from our Book of Order which is entitled “The Great Ends Of The Church.” Using the balance of this page (and the back if needed), please share with us your understanding of how your present work relates to and enhances one or more of “The Great Ends Of The Church.”

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

- + The proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- + The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
 - + The maintenance of divine worship;
 - +The preservation of the truth;
 - + The promotion of social righteousness;
- + The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Section Three: Your Present Relationship with Eastminster Presbytery

How many stated meetings of Eastminster Presbytery have you attended during the year?

_____.

Of which Committee(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Eastminster Presbytery are you presently a member?

Of which Committee(s), Commission(s), or Task Force(s) of Eastminster Presbytery have you been a member over the last three years?

In what ways have you offered your calling as a Minister of Word and Sacrament to the people and parishes of Eastminster Presbytery during the year? (Preaching, teaching, serving as a Parish Associate, etc., etc., etc.)

Where do you usually and customarily worship on Sundays?

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Have you offered your services as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at the Synod or General Assembly levels? If so, please describe what you have done. Are you serving now in any capacity at those levels of our denomination? Please share that information with us.

Thank you for providing this information to us. We will be in touch with you in the near future.

This request/report has been reviewed by the following:

Minister seeking validation:

Employing Agency:

Committee on Ministry:

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Signature

Signature

Signature

Date _____

Date _____

Date _____



"The Anatomy of Reconciliation: From Violence to Healing"

is the theme of a retreat sponsored by the Peacemaking Subcommittee at
JBM Conference Center Monday, Jan. 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
through Wednesday, Feb 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Our reflections will grow out of the speakers' talks to be webcast live from the **36th National Theological Conference of the Trinity Institute** in New York City. We will look with fresh eyes on our theology of reconciliation to bring new energy, focus, perseverance and patience in our commitment to "Peacemaking: the Believer's Calling."

Join us for a time of spiritual renewal and growth together in God's peaceable realm.



James Alison is a Catholic theologian, priest, and author. Having lived with the Dominican Order between 1981 and 1995, he currently travels the world as a self-described itinerant preacher, lecturer, and retreat giver. He studied at Oxford University and earned his bachelors and master's degrees and doctorate in theology from the Jesuit Theology Faculty in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He has lived and worked in México, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, and the United States as well as his native England.

Alison is the author of *Knowing Jesus*, *Raising Abel: The Recovery of the Eschatological Imagination*, *The Joy of Being Wrong: Original Sin through Easter Eyes*, and most recently, *On Being Liked*.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry was elected eleventh Bishop of North Carolina on February 11, 2000. In his three parish ministries in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland, Bishop Curry had extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, the founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, preaching missions, the Absalom Jones initiative, the creation of networks of family day care providers and educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. Bishop Curry has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on *The Protestant Hour* and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. A graduate of Yale University Divinity School, he has received honorary degrees from Sewanee and Yale.



Helen Prejean, CSJ serves as spiritual advisor both to convicted prisoners and to the families of their victims. She began working in prison ministry in New Orleans in 1981, when she became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, the convicted killer of two teenagers, sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison. In visiting Sonnier as his spiritual advisor, Sister Helen's eyes were opened to the Louisiana execution process. She turned her experiences into a book that became a bestseller and was nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize. *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* was also the basis for the Oscar-nominated motion picture and a new opera. Her 2005 follow-up, *The Death of Innocents*, "tackle[s] head on the

spirit of vengeance...that has dominated the religious, political, and legal discourse of our country during the past 25 years."



Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons has a long history in civil rights, human rights, and peace work. In the 1960s she was active with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and spent seven years working full time on voter registration and desegregation activities in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama during the height of the Civil Rights Movement. She was on the staff of the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker peace, justice, human rights, and international development organization headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for 23 years. She was a disciple in Sufism (the mystical stream in Islam) from 1971-1986 under the guidance of Sheikh Muhammad Raheem Bawa Muhaiyadeen, a Sufi mystic from Sri Lanka, and remains an active member of the Bawa Muhaiyadeen Fellowship and Mosque. She is currently an assistant professor of religion and affiliated faculty in the Women Studies Department of the University of Florida.

Miroslav Volf is the director of Yale Center for Faith and Culture and Henry B. Wright Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School. A native of Croatia, he has forged a theology of forgiveness and non-violence in the face of the horrendous violence experienced in Croatia and Serbia in the 1990s. His book, *Exclusion and Embrace: Identity, Otherness, Reconciliation* was written in response to a question posed to him by theologian Jürgen Moltmann, "But can you embrace the *četniks* [the Serbian fighters who were known to have perpetrated murder of Croat children and the rape of their mothers]?"



Educated in Croatia, the United States, and Germany, Volf earned doctoral and post-doctoral degrees with highest honors from the University of Tübingen in Germany. His nine published books and over 60 scholarly articles include *After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity*.

Cost is \$70 for meals and lodging at the comfortable Haynam Lodge.

Registration deadline: January 18, 2005.

Please send registrations to:

JBMCCF

7266 Hayes Orangeville Road

Burghill, OH 44404

330-772-3931 Fax: 330-772-2603 email: jbmcmp@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____ Church _____

For further information contact:

Jane Stoffer: 330-332-5570 – bastoffer@sbcglobal.net or Tom Niccolls: 330-938-7644 - niccolls29@yahoo.com

Per Capita Payup – Thru January 3, 2006

CHURCH NAME	2005 Total Per Capita Due	Total Paid to Date	Balance Due	Percent Payup
AKRON ALLENSIDE	\$1,380.60	\$1,380.60	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON FIRESTONE	\$5,161.32	\$5,161.32	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON FIRST	\$6,138.36	\$6,138.36	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON GOODYEAR HTS	\$6,393.24	\$6,100.00	\$293.24	95.41%
AKRON NEW COVENANT	\$2,039.04	\$2,039.04	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$2,867.40	\$2,867.40	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON OAK HILL	\$10,768.68	\$8,076.54	\$2,692.14	75.00%
AKRON WESTMINSTER	\$14,868.00	\$14,868.00	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON UNIVERSITY	\$849.60		\$849.60	0.00%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$5,798.52	\$5,808.00	(\$9.48)	100.16%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$13,657.32	\$13,657.32	\$0.00	100.00%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$6,903.00	\$2,869.16	\$4,033.84	41.56%
CUY. NORTHMINSTER	\$5,756.04	\$5,756.04	\$0.00	100.00%
CUY - UNITED	\$8,092.44	\$8,092.44	(\$0.00)	100.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$5,331.24	\$5,331.24	\$0.00	100.00%
ELLSWORTH	\$2,124.00	\$2,124.00	\$0.00	100.00%
GIRARD	\$1,529.28	\$1,529.28	\$0.00	100.00%
HUBBARD	\$6,010.92	\$6,010.92	\$0.00	100.00%
HUDSON	\$10,152.72	\$10,152.72	(\$0.00)	100.00%
KENT	\$5,968.44	\$5,968.44	\$0.00	100.00%
KINSMAN	\$4,566.60	\$4,566.60	\$0.00	100.00%
LAKE MILTON	\$828.36	\$828.36	\$0.00	100.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$4,481.64	\$4,481.64	\$0.00	100.00%
NEW LISBON	\$6,669.36	\$6,669.36	\$0.00	100.00%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,168.20	\$1,168.20	\$0.00	100.00%
NORTH BENTON	\$4,481.64	\$560.20	\$3,921.44	12.50%
NORTH JACKSON	\$1,253.16	\$1,253.16	\$0.00	100.00%
NILES FIRST	\$3,398.40	\$3,115.20	\$283.20	91.67%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$1,040.76	\$1,040.76	\$0.00	100.00%
PETERSBURG	\$2,166.48	\$2,166.84	(\$0.36)	100.02%
POLAND	\$22,896.72	\$20,988.66	\$1,908.06	91.67%
ROGERS CLARKSON	\$807.12	\$807.12	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM CONCORD	\$977.04	\$977.04	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$12,191.76	\$12,191.76	\$0.00	100.00%
SEBRING	\$5,989.68	\$5,990.00	(\$0.32)	100.01%
STOW	\$5,331.24	\$5,331.24	\$0.00	100.00%
STRUTHERS	\$5,841.00	\$5,841.00	\$0.00	100.00%
VIENNA	\$2,081.52	\$2,081.52	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CALVARY	\$2,336.40	\$2,336.40	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CHAMPION	\$10,832.40	\$3,594.37	\$7,238.03	33.18%
WARREN COVENANT	\$1,168.20	\$1,168.20	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN FIRST	\$7,773.84	\$7,773.84	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. BROWNLEE WOODS	\$4,120.56	\$4,120.56	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$615.96	\$152.48	\$463.48	24.75%
YO. CHRIST	\$5,798.52	\$3,433.46	\$2,365.06	59.21%
YO. COITSVILLE	\$1,465.56		\$1,465.56	0.00%
YO. FIRST	\$5,394.96	\$5,394.96	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$2,357.64	\$1,210.59	\$1,147.05	51.35%
YO. HUNGARIAN	\$3,164.76		\$3,164.76	0.00%
YO. JOHN KNOX	\$2,676.24	\$2,676.24	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. LIBERTY	\$1,784.16	\$587.63	\$1,196.53	32.94%
YO. PLEASANT GROVE	\$5,989.68	\$3,000.00	\$2,989.68	50.09%
YO. WESTMINSTER	\$9,982.80	\$9,982.80	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. WICKLIFFE	\$4,078.08	\$4,078.00	\$0.08	100.00%
TOTAL	\$277,500.60	\$243,499.01	\$34,001.59	87.75%

Mission Payup – Thru January 3, 2006

CHURCH NAME	2005 General Mission	2005 Payup	Balance	Percent Payup
	PLEDGE			
ALLENSIDE	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
FIRESTONE PARK	\$0.00		\$0.00	
FIRST AKRON	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
GOODYEAR HTS	\$16,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	62.5%
NEW COVENANT	\$3,326.00	\$3,326.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$5,000.00	\$5,075.00	-\$75.00	101.5%
OAK HILL	\$12,500.00	\$10,416.70	\$2,083.30	83.3%
UNIVERSITY	\$0.00		\$0.00	
WESTMINSTER-AKRON	\$26,675.00	\$24,108.73	\$2,566.27	90.4%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$16,715.00	\$16,715.04	-\$0.04	100.0%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$25,166.00	\$25,166.00	\$0.00	100.0%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTHMINSTER	\$4,000.00	\$2,085.00	\$1,915.00	52.1%
UNITED-CUY. FALLS	\$16,200.00	\$14,850.00	\$1,350.00	91.7%
EAST PALESTINE	\$1,348.00	\$1,480.00	-\$132.00	109.8%
ELLSWORTH	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
GIRARD	\$3,670.00	\$3,670.00	\$0.00	100.0%
HUBBARD	\$10,000.00	\$10,515.00	-\$515.00	105.2%
HUDSON	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
KENT	\$23,750.00	\$23,749.92	\$0.08	100.0%
KINSMAN	\$6,655.00	\$6,655.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NEW LISBON	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LAKE MILTON	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	100.0%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$7,351.00	\$7,351.00	-\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH BENTON	\$3,500.00	\$2,678.33	\$821.67	76.5%
NORTH JACKSON	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,000.00	\$920.00	\$80.00	92.0%
NILES FIRST	\$5,200.00	\$4,766.63	\$433.37	91.7%
SOUTH SIDE	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	100.0%
PETERSBURG	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	100.0%
POLAND	\$6,886.00	\$6,312.13	\$573.87	91.7%
CLARKSON ROGERS	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	100.0%
CONCORD	\$1,000.00	\$1,072.97	-\$72.97	107.3%
SALEM FIRST	\$27,500.00	\$21,800.00	\$5,700.00	79.3%
SEBRING	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
STOW	\$21,400.00	\$20,238.05	\$1,161.95	94.6%
STRUTHERS	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00	75.0%
VIENNA	\$5,225.00	\$5,225.00	\$0.00	100.0%
CALVARY WARREN	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
CHAMPION WARREN	\$7,890.00	\$8,148.00	-\$258.00	103.3%
COVENANT WARREN	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN FIRST	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
BROWNLEE WOODS	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	80.0%
BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$1,500.00	\$382.00	\$1,118.00	25.5%
CHRIST	\$2,500.00	\$804.00	\$1,696.00	32.2%
COITSVILLE	\$500.00		\$500.00	
YOUNGSTOWN FIRST	\$13,200.00	\$12,100.00	\$1,100.00	91.7%
GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$0.00	\$1,272.50	-\$1,272.50	
HUNGARIAN	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	100.0%
JOHN KNOX	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LIBERTY	\$1,100.00	\$1,278.28	-\$178.28	116.2%
PLEASANT GROVE	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	
WESTMINSTER YO	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WICKLIFFE	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
TOTAL	\$399,162.00	\$373,566.28	\$25,595.72	93.6%

WW MINISTRY OF ADVOCACY & WORKCAMP

November 1, 2005



Greetings from the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps. We invite you to join us during 2006 to help repair damage and bring hope to victims of extensive flooding and other disasters, including poverty, in our state. We are a year-round work camp ministry, and can add you to our schedule for spring, summer, fall or winter.

Since October 2001, we have brought 179 volunteer groups to work in West Virginia. Their work has consisted of home repair and reconstruction, deconstruction, playground restoration, parks cleanup, stream bank stabilization, and vacation Bible schools, among other things.

We are supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Synod of the Trinity and The Presbytery of West Virginia. The groups we recruit come from churches of various faith traditions, as well as from colleges and universiti



We have three group housing locations, at Dry Creek Montgomery and Gilbert, WV. They are all associated with local churches, and each has shower facilities and fully-equipped kitchens. There is a lot of interaction with the local congregations, including worship, Bible Schools, conversations, and cookouts.

You can find additional information about this ministry at www.wvpresbytery.org/wvmaw.htm.

Your fees cover the cost of the building materials that are used in the projects. They are \$ 190/person/week, or \$40/person/day for trips shorter than a week. You also have a day off to enjoy beautiful West Virginia, where you may decide to go whitewater rafting, visit an exhibition coal mine, go to an outdoor theatre, visit one of our state parks, or just hang out in the neighborhood. You may reserve a spot on our schedule by contacting Joan West Stewart, 304-779-2870, or

