

<p><i>Eastminster Presbytery</i> July 8, 2008 <i>Presbytery Meeting</i></p>
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JULY CALENDAR

June 26-July 4	*****	Work week at JBM Camp & Conference Center
1	- 7:00 pm	SDOP Meeting @ Presbytery Center
3	- 9:30 am	COM Executive meeting @ Presbytery Center
4	- *****	Presbytery Offices Closed for Independence Day
7	- 2:30 pm	Hudson Commission Meeting @ Presbytery Center
8	- 4:00 pm	COM meeting @ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron
	- 5:00 pm	Presbytery Meeting @ Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron
10	- 9:00 pm	CLP Committee @ Presbytery Center
15	- 10-2:00 pm	“Lunch & Leadership” event @ JBM Camp & Conference Center
17	- 6:30 pm	MVC meeting starting with dinner @ First Presbyterian, Mineral Ridge
30	- 1-3 p.m.	Coaches Meeting @ Presbytery Center

AUGUST CALENDAR

8	- *****	Deadline to order Mission Yearbooks through the presbytery
12	- 9:00 am	2 nd Annual Consultation Day @First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge
	- 4:30 pm	COM training @
	- 5:00 pm	Committee Night @
19	- 10-2:00 pm	“Lunch & Leadership” event @ JBM Camp & Conference Center
20	- 1:00 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting @ Presbytery Center
	- 7:00 pm	Clerk’s Training @ First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge
24	- 3:00 pm	Installation Service of Stephanie Crossland @ Northminster Church
25	- 10:00 am	Presbytery Women meeting @ Presbytery Center
26	- 7:00 pm	Congregational Transformation Action Learning Team @ Presbytery Center
28	- 5:00 pm	Coordinating Council Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Girard
	- 6:30 pm	MVC meeting starting with dinner @ First Presbyterian Church, Girard

DIRECTIONS TO:

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
1250 West Exchange Street
Akron, Ohio 44313
Phone: 330-836-2226**

Westminster Presbyterian Church is on West Exchange St. about 2 miles west of downtown Akron.

From the NORTH: Follow Rt. 8 south, past where Rt. 59 joins it from the northeast, and continue to the Perkins St. exit (Rt. 59 exits here also). Turn right (west) and follow Rt. 59 for one mile to a fork marked for exit to Exchange St. Stay right and go $\frac{3}{4}$ mile further to the traffic light at Exchange St. Turn right (northwest) and go 2 miles to the traffic light at Mull Ave. At this point, the church is on the left and the parking area is just ahead on the right.

From the EAST: Follow I-76 until I-77 joins it near downtown Akron. Continue west (stay in one of the left two lanes) and then north on I-77 to the White Pond Drive exit. Turn right off the exit ramp and immediately right again onto Mull Avenue. Proceed east about 2 miles to the traffic light at West Exchange Street. The church is on the right at this intersection.

From the SOUTH: Follow I-77 through Akron to the White Pond Drive exit and proceed as described in the preceding paragraph.

From the WEST: Follow I-76 to where it joins I-77. Go left (north) on I-77 to White Pond Drive and proceed as described in the second paragraph above.

Parking lot across Exchange Street north of the church

The Westminster Presbyterian Church is fully handicapped.

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2008 Directory Changes

Please update your Eastminster Presbytery directory with the following changes. Remember, much of the directory can be found at www.eastminsterpresbytery.org under the “members” area and using your password. Please call the office if you are having any problem accessing this information.

Pages	Change in the 2008 Directory
12	Add Pastor of Firestone Park Presbyterian Church– Rev. Amy Starr Redwine; email: pastor@fppchurch.com
15, 39	Delete Rev. Donald Aull as Pastor of East Palestine and the Personnel Committee
15	Delete Youth Ministry Leader-Mary Maxin from Canfield Presbyterian Church
16	Add Pastor of Northminster Church Rev. Stephanie Crossland; email: revefanie@sbcglobal.net
21	Change Clerk of Session for North Benton Presbyterian Church to Beth Smith; Ph: 330-584-7508
24	Add Interim Pastor Dick Ferris to Champion Presbyterian Church, Warren
24	Delete Pastoral Assistant Joe Marshall from Champion Presbyterian Church, Warren
27	Delete Secretary of John Knox Presbyterian Church Richard Judy
35	Change Jim Morrison’s email address to jimapache11@gmail.com
41	Change Bill Melver’s address to 177 Oakdale Ave, Akron, Oh 44302; Ph: 330- 374-1157

Eastminster Presbytery
News & Notes

Prayers requested for:

- Rev. David Gilbert's wife, Cathy who is sufferings from metastatic cancer. Prayers are requested for the whole family.
- Rev. Jeanine Haven, whose apartment caught fire on July 1. Jeanine was not home at the time but lost everything including her beloved cats.
- The family of Rev. James Doty, former interim pastor of the Sebring Presbyterian Church, who joined the church triumphant at the age of 86 years. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Mercial Doty, 800 South 15th. St., #1730, Sebring. Oh 44672.

Welcome: Rev. Stephanie Crossland to Eastminster Presbytery. Stephanie is the new pastor of Northminster Church in Cuyahoga Falls on June 1, 2008.

We will be placing a bulk order for the 2009 **Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study**. Orders must be received at the Presbytery office by August 8 with your payment. Order form is included in this packet.

Attention Pastors and Clerks: The Task Force on Review of Session Records is conducting a training for all Clerks of Sessions, new or already filling the position on Wednesday, August 20, at the First Presbyterian Church in Mineral Ridge at 7:00 p.m. Come learn the importance of the position of Clerk, especially as keeper of the Session records (minute book and register book). You can reply to Carole Rummell at bcrummell@aol.com, or the Presbytery Office 330-505-2167 if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

Presbytery Women would like you to mark your calendars for the next PW Fall Gathering to be October 27, 2008 at the North Springfield Presbyterian Church in Akron. More information will be coming about the event.

The Rev. Harry W. Eberts, retired pastor of the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) and former AAAC Executive Director, will be honored with a commendation from Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic at the Akron Peace Council dinner on July 11, at the Martin University Center. The focus is on Dr. Ebert's contribution of promoting world peace and publicizing Akron as an International Peace City.

The Covenant Network group within our presbytery has initiated contact with former General Assembly moderator Dr. Jack Rogers – to speak at the First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown on November 19, 2008 and at North Springfield in Akron on November 20 – both at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to all members of presbytery and the public. He will speak on his book, Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality. The Rev. Dr. Rogers is retired from the faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary and lives in Pasadena, CA. He is also the author of several other publications, including Presbyterian Creeds: A Guide to the Book of Confessions.

The Eastminster Presbytery Resource Center would like to purchase a one year institutional membership to the Alban Institute. This particular membership includes benefits for a total of six people to take advantage of Alban's research-based resources for improving congregational life and ministry. Since the Resource Center does not need benefits for six people, we are offering the benefits to anyone else in the Presbytery who would like to take advantage of our institutional membership. You will get access to "Members-Only" content, a 40% discount on all the Alban purchases in the bookstore online, \$50 per-course tuition discount for Alban seminars, and extra promotion discounts. In return, you would donate \$50 toward the Resource Center's membership fee. This is the same price as a one year

individual membership to the Alban Institute. However, an individual membership only receives a 25% discount on purchases in the online bookstore instead of 40%. If you would like to join, please contact the Resource Center Coordinator, Lorraine Jones at 330-505-2167 ext. 103, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Boardman has invited Rev. Sidney Bird from Dakota Presbytery to preach here (8:30 & 10:30 a.m.) on Sunday, August 17. Rev. Bird was here last fall and attended Eastminster's mission committee meeting. Bob Offerdahl needed a Youngstown-area church on 8/17. Our worship committee here excited about hosting a Native-American pastor. (it's also our annual corn roast that evening)

Recognition of the "Top 10 Presbyteries in Giving" is a time-honored highlight of the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Recognition is given to presbyteries who have given the most in dollars, or in dollars per member, in several categories of giving. This year's awards represented giving to Shared Mission Support, Special Offerings, Other Specific appeals, and Total Giving for the 2007 calendar year. This year 37 presbyteries made the top ten in one or more categories. **The year Eastminster Presbytery was recognized by the 218th General Assembly for being among the Top Ten Presbyteries by member giving to Special Offerings.** Eastminster came in 10th in this category out of 173 presbyteries with total special offering of \$134,479.98 and a per member contribution of \$11.62. Congratulations to our 54 congregations for making the Top Ten!

CHURCH INFORMATION

Poland Presbyterian Church, a PCUSA congregation of about 900 members, located near Youngstown, Ohio, seeks a part-time (15 hrs/wk) Christian Youth Program Director for its active, Christ-centered youth program. We are looking for someone who is eager to continue the mission of our youth programs and share his or her Christian faith and wisdom with the youth of our church and community. Interested individuals may send resume to the attention of Patti Morris at Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland, OH 44514 or email to info@polandpresbyterian.org.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND EVENTS

Women's Connection 2008 on August 3-7, 2008 is being sponsored by Montreat Conference Center. They have received a grant to award scholarships for racial ethnic women to attend the 2008 Montreat Women's Connection! Scholarship grants are typically \$200 per person. Please download a scholarship application form (or call 828.669.2911 or 800.572.2257, ext. 338 to have one mailed). Leaders for the event include Katherine Rhodes Henderson, Dianne Givens Moffett, Marcia Mount Shoop, Mary Mill Brueggeman, Shirli L. Hughes, Mary Jo Clark, and Line Morgan-Clement.

The Wee Kirk 2008 Northeast (PA) Small Church Conference will be held on October 13-15, 2008 at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. The purpose of the conference is to inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small PC (U.S.A.) Churches and to provide rest and refreshments for the Clergy and Lay leaders of those churches. Small Church Community Ministry Office of the PC (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Trinity are co-sponsoring this conference. Registration fees for churches with up to 125 members are \$75 for husband and wife or \$50 per single registrant. Churches with 126 – 200 members are \$100 for a husband and wife, or \$75 per single registrant and all other persons are \$250. Plenary Speaker include: Ruth Ferrell, Bill Carl and James Kim.

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

Pre-presbytery Mission Groups Meet

- 4:00 Committee on Ministry
Trustees
- 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
- 5:05 Presbytery Family Remembrances and Celebrations
- 5:15 Report of the General Presbyter p. 31-32
- 5:20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry p. 33-39
- 6:00 The Presbytery at Worship
- 6:30 Dinner Recess
- 7:15 Self Development of People
- 7:35 Committee on Ministry
- 7:40 General Assembly Commissioners
- 8:00 Committee on Nominations p. 40
- 8:05 Resource Center Coordinator p. 41-42
- 8:15 Ask the Moderators
- 8:20 Miscellaneous Business
- 8:25 Evaluation
- 8:30 Adjournment

Eastminster Presbytery
Consent Agenda
July 8, 2008

1. To approve the minutes of the Eastminster Presbytery Stated Meeting on May 13, 2008.
2. To approve the minutes of the Eastminster Presbytery Special Stated Meeting on June 10, 2008.
3. To append the Minutes of the April 24, 2008 Eastminster Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council to the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting.
4. To append the Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Mission Visioning Council to the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting.
5. To append the Minutes of the May 22, 2008 Mission Visioning Council to the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting.
6. That upon the recommendation of the Eastminster Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council that the offering of the July 8th Stated Meeting be designated to PDA-Midwest Flooding, DR000162.
7. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to ordain Amy Starr Redwine to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
8. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has conducted their annual consultation with the following inquirers and candidates and recommends that they be continued under care of the presbytery for another year: Elaine Dutton, Candidate; Sue Francis, Inquirer (moving to candidacy); Ben Graves, Inquirer (moving to candidacy); Drew Himes, Inquirer; Joe Hrach, Candidate; Jeff Schooley, Inquirer (moving to candidacy); and Melissa Shaughnessy, Inquirer.
7. That upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the Presbytery concurs with the Joseph Badger Camp Committee in the transfer \$15,000 from the Endowment Fund to the JBM Capital Campaign Fund to expedite emergency repairs to the Effluent Dilution Dam.
9. That upon the recommendation of the Board of -Trustees, the Presbytery concurs with the session of Kent Presbyterian Church to enter into a loan agreement with Home Savings in the amount of \$23,000 for emergency repairs due to flood damage.
10. That upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, the Presbytery concurs with the session of Canfield Presbyterian Church that they enter into a commercial loan agreement with Farmers National Bank (6% interest) in the amount of \$1 to 1.3 million for a period of 18 years to cover the balance of the church's renovation project.
11. That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, approval be granted for the Installation Commission for Stephanie Crossland at the Northminster Presbyterian Church on August 24, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. be Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt, Elder Jean Manning of Northminster PC, Elder Dale Riley of Kent PC, Elder Robert Gillette of Poland PC and Presbytery Moderator and that Rev. Dr. John J. Spangler be seated as a corresponding member.

12. That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry the approval of the Proposed Minimum Terms of Call for 2009 be adopted. There is an increase of \$600 to the Auto/Travel Reimbursement line (see page 24).

14. That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry approval be granted to change the call of Rev. E. Sue Tinker from part time Temporary Supply Pastor to full time Temporary Supply Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Hudson effective June 1, 2008 at the following terms:

Salary	\$32,000
Housing	19,200
Soc. Sec. Supp.	3,900
Expense Reimbursements	4,000
Board of Pension	16,544
Medical Deductible	520
Cont. Ed. Reimbursement	600
Library Reimbursement	300
Dental	239
90 Day Disability	
4 weeks (up to 31 days, including 4 Sundays)	
2 weeks annually (up to 14 days, including 2 Sundays)	

15. That upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry the approval of the call of the Canfield Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Larry Bowald to begin August 1, 2008 with the following terms be granted. AAEEEO requirements have been met.

Salary	\$40,000
Housing	24,000
Soc. Sec. Supp.	4,896
Full Pension	
Medical Deductible	1,280
Auto Reimbursement	3,000
Cont. Ed. Reimbursement	1,000
Library Reimbursement	400
One Month Vacation	
2 weeks study leave	
90 Day Disability	
Full moving expenses	

16. That upon the recommendation of the Mission Visioning council that Henry Pearce be co-opted to the COM CLP Subcommittee.

17. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the Feb., March, April and May minutes of the Hudson commission.

SPECIAL MEETING OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Ohio
June 10, 2008 7:15 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING – Eastminster Presbytery held a Special Meeting on June 10, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Warren, Ohio, beginning at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was convened with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Robert Gillette.

The Moderator announced that Elder Robert Forsythe was serving as Clerk pro-tem since Stated Clerk the Rev. Meta Cramer, was on study leave in Malawi.

BUSINESS OF THE CLERK – Elder Robert Forsythe, Clerk pro-tem, declared a quorum present.

The Moderator announced that requests for two pieces of business at a called Presbytery Meeting had been received. The request for the first piece of business, concerning the North Benton Church had been withdrawn.

The Clerk pro-tem read the call for the Special Meeting as issued by the Moderator: “At the request of the Rev. Reford Nash (Barberton), the Rev. Mark Phillips (Mineral Ridge), Elder Dale Lyons (Hudson), and Elder Joe Hrach (Akron Westminster), I am adding the following business to the special meeting of Eastminster Presbytery already called for June 10, 2008, at 7:15 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Ohio:

“That Eastminster Presbytery approves the appeal to the State Court of Appeals of the ruling of Judge Mary Spicer on Case NO. CV 2006 09 6162 in the Court of Common Pleas, County of Summit, Hudson Presbyterian Church (Plaintiff) vs. Eastminster Presbytery, et. al. (Defendants).”

Motion prevailed that the members of The Presbyterian Church of Hudson and Hudson Commission be given the privilege of the floor.

Motion prevailed unanimously: Eastminster Presbytery appeals to the State Court of Appeals the ruling of Judge Mary Spicer on Case NO. CV 2006 09 6162 in the Court of Common Pleas, County of Summit, Hudson Presbyterian Church (Plaintiff) vs. Eastminster Presbytery, et. al. (Defendants)

CLOSING WORSHIP AND AJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with closing prayer being offered by Moderator Robert Gillette.

Moderator, Elder Robert Gillette

Clerk Pro-tem, Elder Robert Forsythe

Eastminster Presbytery Roll

Date of Meeting: June 10, 2008

Location: First Presbyterian Church, Warren

Representation	Potential	Actual
Akron/Allenside		
CLP Peter Macaulay, Abs.	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Akron/Firestone Park		
Amy Redwine, Absent	1	0
• Jona Rohrs	1	1
Akron/First		
Mark Ruppert	1	1
• Edie English	1	1
Akron/Goodyear Hts.		
J. Christy Ramsey, Exc	1	0
• Diana Tinker	1	1
Akron/New Covenant		
Richard Griffith*	1	1
• Hal Horton	1	1
Akron/N. Springfield		
Janet Lowery	1	1
• Sharon Wood	1	1
Akron/Oak Hill		
Brian Nutt	1	0
• Bill Hostutler	1	1
Akron/University		
In-Kyu Park, Absent	1	0
• Absent	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Akron/Westminster		
Derek Redwine	1	1
• Absent	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Barberton		
Reford Nash	1	1
• Johanna Ray	1	1
Canfield		
Carolyn Griffeth*	1	1
• Robert Thomas	1	1
• John Wm. Stefanski	1	1
Columbiana		
Scott Parker	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Cuy. Falls/ Northminster		
Stephanie Crossland	1	1
• Lucille Clay	1	1
Cuyahoga Falls/United		
Ross Slaughter, Absent	1	0
• Bob Stroble	1	1

Representation	Potential	Actual
East Palestine		
Donald Aull*	1	1
• Excused	1	0
Ellsworth		
Bonnie Dutton, Exc.	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Girard		
Deborah Dockstader	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Hubbard		
Burt McGlawn*	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Hudson		
Sue Tinker	1	1
• Mary Beth Hudlund	1	1
Kent		
Aaron Meadows, DP	1	0
• Dale Riley	1	1
Kinsman		
Larry Myers	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Lake Milton		
Vacant	0	0
• Absent	1	0
New Lisbon		
Mark Wilds	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Mineral Ridge		
Mark Phillips	1	1
• Jane Meyers	1	1
New Waterford		
• Jan Douglass	1	1
• Joan Harman	1	1
Niles First		
Henry Pearce	1	1
• David Williams	1	1
Niles/Southside		
Deborah Dockstader	1	1
• Absent	1	0
North Benton		
James Henkel, Exc.	1	0
• Shirley Bullis	1	1

Representation	Potential	Actual
North Jackson		
Bradley Jagger, Abs.	1	0
• Absent	1	0
North Lima/CGCC		
Steve Fortenberry	1	1
• Don Fisher	1	1
Petersburg		
Vacant	0	0
• Absent	1	0
Poland		
David Gilbert	1	1
• Marianne Lidstone	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Poland/Heritage		
Peter Lawson, Absent	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Rogers, Clarkson		
Jan Douglass	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Salem Concord		
Vacant	0	0
• Mac Burt	1	1
Salem First		
Meta Cramer, DP, Exc.	1	0
• John Stoffer	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Sebring		
Vacant	0	0
• Stanley Sams	1	1
Struthers		
Steve Breazier	1	1
• Sam White	1	1
Vienna		
Henry Pearce, DP	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Warren /Calvary		
David Black	1	1
• Absent	1	0

Representation	Potential	Actual
Warren/Champion		
Dick Ferris	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Warren/Covenant		
David Black	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Warren First		
Rusty Cowden, DP	1	1
• Ray Rubrake	1	1
Ytown/Butler Memorial		
TS -Ted Grissett		
• Absent	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Ytown/Christ Church		
• Vacant	0	0
• Absent	1	0
Youngstown/Coitsville		
Bob Offerdahl, SS	1	1
• Verna Kness	1	1
Youngstown First		
Nick Mager, Excused	1	0
• Lynn Doyle Pepsorth	1	1
Ytown/Gibson Hts. 2nd		
Bob Offerdahl, SS	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Ytown/Hungarian		
Vacant	0	0
• Absent	1	0
Youngstown/John Knox		
Jeanine Haven	1	1
• James Roberts	1	1
Youngstown/Liberty		
Jeanine Haven, TS	1	1
• Absent	1	0
Ytown/Pleasant Grove		
Nick Cammarata, Abs.	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Ytown/Westminster		
David Joachim, Exc.	1	0
• Absent	1	0
Ytown/Wickliffe		
Elmarie Parker, DP	1	1
• Bill Cooper	1	1

OTHER MINISTERS (Honorably Retired Ministers)				
Name	Position	Present	Absent	Excused
Atkins, Joe	Honorably Retired			1
Betteridge, William	Honorably Retired			1
Cooke, William P.	Honorably Retired			1
Eberts, Harry	Honorably Retired			1
Fennell, Jerry	HR (Part-time Cong. Care-Poland)			1
Fruit, Richard	Honorably Retired	1		
Heinlein, Tom	HR (Parish Associate at Barberton)			1
Joachim, Arthur	Honorably Retired			1
May, Albert C.	Honorably Retired			1
Niccolls, Tom	Honorably Retired	1		
Ray, James	Honorably Retired			1
Ross, Richard	HR (serving UCC Congregation)			1
Rutan, Moss	HR (Parish Associate at Barberton)			1
Shakley, Al	Honorably Retired	1		
Sharick, John	Honorably Retired			1
Spear, Don	Honorably Retired			1
Stewart, Larry	Honorably Retired			1
VanFleet, Harry	Honorably Retired			1
Walker, Harry	Honorably Retired			1
Specialized Ministers; At-large Ministers				
		Present	Absent	Excused
Flower, Pamela	At-large			1
Garrison, Roman	At-Large			1
Groat, Jay	Serving 1 st Congregational/Akron		1	
Gruneich, John	At-Large		1	
Hasler, Richard	(1 st Congregational Church, Hudson)	1		
Hutchison, Alan	Chaplain, Park Vista	1		
Jackson, Ross	Chaplain, Salem Comm. Hospital	1		
Joy, Juliann	At-Large		1	
Krone, Rein	At-large			1
McCreight, Robert	At-large		1	
Merritt, Mark	At-large		1	
Schmidt, Sue Ann	(1 st Congregational Church, Hudson)	1		
Schomer, Dan	General Presbyter	1		
Shriver, David	Pastoral Counselor; PT Family Ministries-Poland		1	
Wan-Tatah, Victor	Prof. Religious Studies; PA Youngstown 1 st		1	
Ziem, Christine	At-Large	1		

Officers and Moderators				
	Position	Present	Absent	Excused
Bob Gillette	Vice-Moderator	1		
Alice Jackson	Personnel	1		
Marilyn Stroble	JBM	1		
Goldie Burrier	Presbytery Women		1	
Art Straitiff	Enrolling Clerk	1		
David Weida	Evangelism			1
Past Moderators				
		Present	Absent	Excused
Eleanor Allison				1
Ruth Brayer		1		
Stan Christensen				1
Ruth Cole		1		
Doug Evertt				1
Bob Forsythe		1		
Patty O'Malia				1
Mary Lu Ramsey				1
Peggy Richmond		1		
Carole Rummell		1		

Attendance Summary

	Present	Absent	Excused
Pastors	29	7	3
Retired Pastors	3	0	19
Special Ministers/At-Large	6	7	3
TOTAL PASTORS	38	14	25
Commissioned Lay Pastors	0	1	0
Elder Commissioners	27	32	1
Officers & Commissioned Moderators	4	1	1
Eastminster Presbytery Past Moderators	5	0	5
TOTAL LAY PERSONS	36	34	7
Youth Advisory Delegates	0	0	0
Staff	0	0	0
Guests	16	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	90	48	32

Mission Visioning Council

March 27, 2008

Present: Rev. Debby Dockstader, Bob Gillette, Rev. Jeanine Haven, Rev. Scott Parker, Peggy Richmond, Dale Riley, John Schippert, and Sharon Wood.

Absences: Rev. Meta Cramer, Rev. Bonnie Dutton, Rev. Elmarie Parker, and Rev. Dan Schomer

Meeting opened with prayer and devotions by Peggy Richmond.

Due to Meta's absence, Jeanine Haven agreed to serve as the recorder for the meeting.

Special interest Groups and the Presbytery

The council discussed "How do we relate (formally or informally) with individuals/churches that identify with particular groups?" and "How to communicate with churches/pastors within the presbytery? Use Presbytery channels to publicize events.

Discussion included the topics of maintaining neutrality; what defines a special interest group; and principles to help determination for promoting the event.

The council MSC the motion to give presbytery the following guidelines for granting permission to special interest groups for promoting events:

- The group must be open to all Presbyterian and the group is willing to admit anyone that may have a disagreeing viewpoint.
- It must be noted in promotion that the event is sponsored by a special interest group.
- Cost of material and labor used for promoting the event is at the cost of the special interest group.
- Promotion materials must follow a deadline established by Presbytery's Administrative Assistant.
- The event will not be placed on Presbytery Calendar or a Presbytery connected Email.
- If it is believed that the special interest group's event has a clearly unchristian position or is abusive, than permission for promotion will not be granted.
- Final determination for permission to promote is the General Presbyter.

Mission Visioning Council Retreat-Next Steps

The council discussed how can we encourage congregations to do five year self study? Suggestions included, training people to help congregations explore beyond survival; training people to help congregations continue walking their journey. MVC decided that COM and Mission committees need to be included into this conversation.

How can we accomplish including the Presbytery in process of evaluation/re-visioning?

The council acknowledged that some congregations select not to participate with an examination process. How can this be changed? While the council did not reach any solutions, discussion included the following topics: forming teams to help rebuild communication bridges between congregations and presbytery, developing straightforward questions that help to build relationships, examining what new insights can be gained by repeating this process. Ultimately the Council members that were present decided that a process could be clarified at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Peggy Richmond at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Rev. Jeanine M. Haven

MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

May 22, 2008

Present: Elder Peggy Richmond, Rev. Don Aull, Rev. Bonnie Dutton, Elder Bob Gillette, Rev. Jeanine Haven, Rev. Elmarie Parker, Rev. Scott Parker, Elder Dale Riley, Elder John Schippert, Elder Sharon Wood, Rev. Dan Schomer, Rev. Meta Cramer

Excused: Rev. Debby Dockstader and David Weida

Following a delicious meal catered by Administrative Assistant Marianne Lidstone, the Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on May 22, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge beginning at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was opened by Spiritual Discernment Advisor and Acting Moderator, Elder Peggy Richmond, who led opening devotions.

Minutes of the March 17 meeting were submitted and approved with one correction: Elder Dale Riley was present.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTION LEARNING TEAM

General Presbyter Dan Schomer commented on the work of “LDALT.” More people are being reached with experiences of leadership development. Feedback has informed the Team that a multiplicity of processes for leadership development and congregational transformation exist within the Presbytery, and Dan noted that it is not the intent of LDALT to bring uniformity to that “chaos.” Consideration is being given to the formation of Peer Accountability Groups and to requesting presbytery docket time so that stories emerging from the Peer Accountability Groups might be shared with the Presbytery. There will also be exploration of whether the time is right to expand Leadership Development to elders as well.

CONGREGATIONAL TRANSFORMATION ACTION LEARNING TEAM

CTALT has been “dormant,” but will be meeting again in June. This Team is using Leading Change in the Congregation as its primary text.

PASTORS' RETREAT

Rev. Dave Gilbert and Rev. Dan Schomer led a 30-hour retreat April 29-30 for pastors at JBM entitled "Deep Change or Slow Death." Eleven ministers and one trained lay pastor participated.

LUNCH AND LEADERSHIP

Dan will be offering "Lunch and Leadership" events for pastors on July 15 and August 19, exploring the books The Missional Leader and Leading Change in the Congregation.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION OF PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVES AND SYNOD COUNCIL WITH GIL RENDLE

Dan reported on his attendance at this consultation, sharing Rendle's description of a "crisis of confidence;" the challenges of leadership which Rendle identified; systems thinking inclusive of the concepts of "output, input, and throughput;" and the idea of "Non-Synoptic Planning" in the work of Calvin Pava.

MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

Dan noted that he is in the final year of his current term as General Presbyter. He is asking for more definition to be given to the "output" described in the current mission and vision statements of the Presbytery.

Dan noted that we are a small Presbytery both geographically and in terms of membership; therefore, we are well-situated to be well-connected with one another.

Peggy noted that we've made a commitment to connect better with our Sessions. We need a way to do this that supplements the triennial visits made by the Committee on Ministry. She recalled the "listening visits" that were made during the self-study process.

Dan asked: "What's the outcome we're working towards that would justify such visits?"

Scott suggested asking "What is your mission?" and "Where is God at work in your congregation?"

Bonnie noted that God has been at work during this evening's meeting.

Dan said that "learning" must always be a long-term outcome. He noted that there are a number of outcomes possible from these visits: helping Sessions gain great self-awareness of how they are carrying out a mission; helping the Presbytery determine the degree to which our congregations are healthy and missional; and scheduling of meetings not with individual Sessions but with small clusters (made up of perhaps three Sessions) in order to build relationships. (Don noted that perhaps the pastors/leaders of those churches ought to meet together first.) Dan, Peggy and Debby will work together to draft a proposal for visitation.

Their proposal will be sent to Council members in advance with the expectation that they will come prepared to discuss and further shape the group's recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. with prayer offered by the Rev. Jeanine Haven.

John Schippert asked for prayers for his son's fiancé's grandfather and for a difficult situation in the Lake Milton area.

Elder Peggy Richmond, Acting Moderator

The Rev. Meta S. Cramer, Stated Clerk

Draft: Not yet approved by the Mission Visioning Council

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

June 19, 2008

The Eastminster Presbytery Mission Visioning Council met on June 19, 2008 at the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, beginning at 7:25 p.m.

Present: Rev. Debby Dockstader, Moderator; Rev. Jeanine Haven; Rev. David Joachim; Rev. Elmarie Parker; Elder Sharon Woods; Elder David Weida; Elder Dale Riley; Elder Robert Gillette; Elder Nancy Finch; Rev. Bonnie Dutton; Elder Peggy Richmond; Rev. Scott Parker

Staff: Dan Schomer, Meta Cramer

Absent: John Shippert

Spiritual Discernment Advisor Peggy Richmond led a time of devotions focused on hymns.

ADMINISTRATION

Moderator Debby Dockstader led the Council in attending to several administrative details:

- Motion prevailed to approve them Minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting as submitted;
- Elder Nancy Finch (North Benton) was welcomed to the Council as the new representative from the Personnel Committee, replacing Rev. Don Aull;
- Motion prevailed to approve the Committee on Ministry's request to co-opt the Rev. Henry Pearce to serve on the COM/CLP sub-committee.
- Elder Stan Christensen of the Coordinating Council announced that written material would continue to be emphasized at Presbytery meetings; that experimentation with such items as meetings places would continue; and that a decision was made to commission only groups sponsored by and accountable to the Presbytery for its work;
- Nancy Finch announced that a new job description for the General Presbyter would be in process, and asked that the direction of the Presbyter be determined soon. Debby responded that the decision had been to do a better job with the current mission and vision statements.
- Dan circulated the most recent minutes of the Congregation Transformation Action Learning Team.
- Motion prevailed to approve the process for creating the 2009 Budget, a process which eliminates the Askings Budget Negotiations since no changes have been made at those meetings in past years (Attachment 1).

MEETINGS WITH CLUSTERS OF SESSIONS:

The Moderator reminded the Council of its directive to Dan, Peggy and herself to suggest clusters of churches to be visited so as to build stronger relationships with the Presbytery and with other congregations. The following groupings were proposed:

Girard – Liberty – Warren Calvary – Warren Covenant
Hubbard – Coitsville – Kinsman
Niles First -- Niles Southside – Vienna
Warren First -- Champion – Mineral Ridge
Canfield – Poland – Boardman Westminster
Youngstown First -- John Knox -- Christ
Pleasant Grove -- Common Ground – Wickliffe

Heritage – Struthers – East Palestine
Butler Memorial -- Gibson Heights -- Hungarian
Petersburg – New Waterford – Clarkson
Ellsworth -- Lake Milton – Concord
Sebring -- North Benton – North Jackson
Allenside – North Springfield – Barberton – Firestone Park
Northminster – Kent – Hudson
New Covenant – Goodyear Heights – Oak Hill
Akron Westminster – Cuyahoga Falls United – Akron First -- University

It was the wisdom of the Council that the visits should be conducted by *at least* two persons.

Possible questions to be asked include: “What is your mission?” “Where do you see God at work in your congregation?”

Dale suggested asking Evangelism, Mission and COM for volunteers to assist in the visits.

Dave Joachim asked how these visits would be different from triennial visits. Peggy responded that the focus of these visits would be less formal and potentially less threatening and seemingly evaluative. Debby reviewed the objectives emerging from the Council’s retreat day: partner with Sessions, build relationships, hold area consultations, encourage mission visioning studies every 5 years, focus on the positive joys of being Presbyterian. Dan noted that these are in a sense consultations to help continue to shape the future of the Presbytery; this information could be key to Dan’s position description for the next five years. Concern was expressed about competitiveness within the clusters. It was suggested that clusters be divided into small groups inclusive of persons from each congregation represented.

September and October are the targeted time for doing these visits. Peggy stressed that only those who feel called to this ministry are expected to do it; they would need to meet together to plan the format of the visits. Dave Weida, Peggy Richmond and Jeanine Haven agreed to work on the format.

STRATEGY FOR EMERGING MISSION INITIATIVES IN EASTMINSTER CHURCHES

Committee on Mission Co-Moderators Elmarie Parker and David Joachim brought several items for conversation:

- “How does the Mission Committee/Eastminster Presbytery support emerging initiatives (mission trips, partnerships in the States and overseas, projects, etc. in our churches?”
- “How do we encourage but not set up a free-for-all?”
- “Where is the ‘line’ between presbytery-sanctioned/sponsored projects or partnerships and individual church projects or partnerships?”
- “At what point does a ‘partnership’ established by a coalition of Eastminster churches become a Presbytery-sanctioned partnership? Criteria?”

Dan mentioned that some presbyteries have created and validated ECOs – Extra Commitment Opportunities – that can receive contributions through the Presbytery.

One particular issue which was discussed is the question of whether individual churches or coalitions or churches are permitted to send out letters requesting funds to individual churches.

Dave Joachim expressed concern about churches wanting to make presentations or do fund-raisers at Presbytery meetings. It was suggested that perhaps “Minutes for Missions” at Presbytery meetings could be revived, inclusive of projects being done by congregations or clusters or congregations.

Dan announced that Eastminster will be recognized at the 218th General Assembly as being in the “Top Ten” nationally in the category of per capita offerings to special offerings (over \$12/member). He pointed out that this means we are responsive to causes that are very well interpreted.

Elmarie asked for guidance on dealing with groups that ask to be the recipients of Presbytery meeting offerings. She believes that a clear statement from Coordinating Council would be helpful to the Committee on Mission.

It was decided that a meeting would be held on July 17 (possibly at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge) which would be devoted largely to the planning of the cluster meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with closing prayer offered by Peggy Richmond.

The next meeting of the Mission Visioning Council will be held on July 17, 2008.

The Rev. Debby Dockstader, Moderator

The Rev. Meta Shoup Cramer, Stated Clerk

Draft: Not yet approved by the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL

June 19, 2008

The Eastminster Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council met on June 19, 2008 at 5 p.m. at the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio.

Present: Elder Ruth Cole, Moderator; Elder Lucille Clay; Elder Stan Christensen; Elder Bob Gillette

Staff: Rev. Dan Schomer, Rev. Meta Cramer, Elder Marianne Lidstone

Excused: Rev. Reford Nash, Rev. Mark Phillips, Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dan Schomer.

Minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

EVALUATION OF MAY MEETING

Reactions to the May presbytery meeting format were shared and discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the Rev. David Joachim regarding the sale of items at Presbytery meetings was shared and referred to Mark Phillips and Derek Redwine as they continue work on a policy on this matter.

Correspondence from the Rev. David Joachim regarding the commissioning of persons in mission at Eastminster Presbytery meetings was discussed.

Motion prevailed that commissioning be done only for groups actually sponsored by and accountable to the Presbytery (with the understanding that mission projects of congregations should be commissioned at the local church level) and that reports of not more than three minutes in length on congregational projects may be docketed through the Committee on Mission.

JULY MEETING OFFERING

Motion prevailed to recommend to the Presbytery that the offering of the July 2008 meeting be collected for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund for flood relief in the Midwestern United States.

Motion prevailed to recommend to the Presbytery that the offering of the September 2008 meeting be collected for the Theological Education Fund.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORTS

It was decided by consensus to schedule 20 minutes for the commissioners to report, with the format being devised by them. Dan and Meta will talk to the commissioners about this while at General Assembly.

REQUEST FROM SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE COMMITTEE

Marianne reported that SDOP had requested 15 minutes in which to tell the story of the Karen people of Akron who will be receiving funding from the national SDOP program.

DOCKET

Several requests were discussed concerning the appropriateness of scheduling time on the docket given the Council's desire to limit docket items to those which cannot be handled through packet material.

The following docket was proposed and approved:

5:00 – Opening Formalities
5:15 – Report of the General Presbyter
5:20 – Committee on Preparation for Ministry
6:00 – The Presbytery at Worship
6:30 – Dinner Recess
7:15 – Self-Development of People
7:35 – Committee on Ministry
7:40 – General Assembly Commissioners
8:00 – Committee on Nominations
8:05 – Resource Center Coordinator
8:15 – Mission Visioning Council
8:20 – “Ask the Moderators”
8:25 – Closing Formalities

SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING

It was noted that the following items of business can be anticipated for the September 9 Stated Meeting: adoption of the 2009 Askings Budget; Synod Commissioners; offering for TEF; PW report on annual conference; Moderator's appointment of Endowment Fund Trustees; Margaret Park Scholarship application; recognition of ministers ordained for 50+ years.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Meta Cramer at 6:23 p.m.

Elder Ruth Cole, Moderator

Rev. Meta Shoup Cramer, Stated Clerk

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
For the Ordination and Installation of Amy Starr Redwine
As Pastor
May 25, 2008 Firestone Park Presbyterian Church, Akron, Ohio

The Commission of Eastminster Presbytery, established to ordain and install on behalf of the Presbytery Amy Starr Redwine as Pastor of the Firestone Park Presbyterian Church convened in the Pastor's Study of that church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, 2008 in order to carry out its responsibility in the context of public worship.

Present were commission members: Rev. Meta Cramer, Elder Robert Gillette, moderator, Elder Marcia Holcomb, Elder Elaine Izzi, and Rev. Mark Phillips.

Rev. Mark Phillips was appointed clerk of the commission.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Elder Robert Gillette.

Motion prevailed to seat the Rev. George Anderson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia (Presbytery of the Peaks) and the Rev. Amy Miracle, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines Presbytery).

Motion prevailed to approve the Order of Service as prepared in the printed program as the plan to be followed.

Motion prevailed that upon the pronouncement of the Benediction by the Rev. Amy Starr Redwine, the Commission stand adjourned. Motion prevailed to waive the reading of the minutes by the Commission, and to present the minutes to the July Stated Meeting of the Presbytery to become part of its records, with the request that the Commission be dissolved upon their approval.

The Commission proceeded into the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. for the Service of Installation. The order proceeded as follows:

PRELUDE	“Spring” from the Four Seasons	
INTROIT		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Meta Cramer
OPENING PRAYER		
HYMN	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
KYRIE ELEISON		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
GLORIA PATRI		
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
ANTHEM	“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy’s Sake”	
READING FROM SCRIPTURE	Acts 12:1-19	Rev. George Anderson

SERMON	“A Preacher Who is Out of Her Mind”	Rev. George Anderson
HYMN	“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Romans 8, 28, 38-39	
OFFERING		Elaine Izzi
OFFERTORY	“Be Thou My Vision”	
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	“Doxology”	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Marcia Holcomb
INSTALLATION		
STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH		Robert Gillette
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS		
PRAYER OF INSTALLATION		
DECLARATION OF WELCOME		
WELCOME		
CHARGE TO THE PASTOR		Rev. Amy Miracle
CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION		Rev. Mark Phillips
PRESENTATION OF THE SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY		Louis Miller, Judy Abdallah Kitty Johnson
HYMN	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Rev. Amy Starr Redwine
POSTLUDE	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	

The organist for the service was Scott Draper and the choir director was Anthony Bianchi.

The reception for the newly installed pastor and family was held following the service in the church’s Fellowship Hall.

Motion prevailed to adjourn. Rev. Amy Miracle led the commission in the closing prayer.

Elder Robert Gillette, Moderator

Rev. Mark Phillips, Clerk of the Commission

**Proposed Minimum Terms of Call - 2009
Eastminster Presbytery**

1a.) **Salary and Housing: With Manse Provided**

Cash Salary (including deferred 403 (b) income)
Manse Value (at least 30% of the Effective Salary)
All Utilities (except personal long distance telephone calls)
Equity Allowance

Total Effective Salary **Must equal \$36,800**

Note:

Utility payments may or may not be included in the Effective Salary for the Board of Pensions when providing a manse. Other items included in Effective Salary when provided are: SECA Allowance when over 50% and certain unvouchered allowances paid directly to the Minister.

1b.) **Salary and Housing: With Housing Allowance**

Cash Salary (including deferred 403 (b) income)
Housing Allowance (includes utilities)
(IRS will not question up to 40% of Effective Salary)

Total Effective Salary **Must equal \$36,800**

2.) **Medical Deductible**

(2% of line 1 per household; 1% if single)

Minimum of \$736.00 or \$368.00

3.) **Board of Pension Dues** (31.5% of line 1; same as 2007)

(Includes pension, major medical, disability, and death benefits)

Minimum of \$11,592.00

4.) **90 Days Disability Support** (At same level as Board of Pensions)

5.) **Auto/Travel Reimbursement** (By voucher; not monthly stipend) (2008 was \$2,950) **\$3,550**

6.) **Continuing Education Reimbursement** (By voucher, accumulative to 3 years) **\$ 600**

7.) **Library (Book) Reimbursement** (By voucher) **\$ 300**

NOTE: The minimum reimbursement for Auto/Travel, Library, and Continuing Education combined is \$3,850. A different distribution may be negotiated with the church.

8.) **Two Weeks for Continuing Education** (Accumulative to 6 weeks)

9.) **One Month Vacation**

10.) **Payment of Moving Costs**

Other Suggested inclusions in a Call:

- (1.) A Social Security Allowance (Reportable income by pastor to IRS)
- (2.) Additional Medical supplement to defray the 20% copayment beyond the 2% or 1% deductible (see above)
- (3.) Two well-placed (in the annual calendar) family weekends--pastor with the family, out of the pulpit.
- (4.) Professional Expense Reimbursement (could cover business meals, entertaining congregation, and other expenses).
- (5.) Tax Sheltered Annuity, or home equity, for pastors residing in a manse, to provide equity for future housing costs.
- (6.) Sabbatical leave

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2008

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Eastminster Presbytery Center on February 11, 2008, beginning at 2:30pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Bob Moore, Reford Nash, Mark Phillips and Ann Seich. Elder Supply Sue Tinker and General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reford Nash.

Minutes of the previous meeting on January 7, 2008 had been edited by email group process, and the final version, presented on paper, was adopted without change.

Dan Schomer was welcomed back after his recent illness. He indicated that he has resumed his normal work schedule. Dan reported that the task group that was created to prepare a revised General Assembly grant application had completed its work earlier that day, with participation of Bob Bidwell representing the Synod of The Covenant. Janet Lowery volunteered to give the application a final review before submission.

It was noted that the minutes of the previous Commission meeting included a motion to ask the presbytery for permission to create a Legal Oversight Task Group to work with the presbytery's attorneys. However, Dan Schomer subsequently indicated that the Commission could create such a group without seeking presbytery approval, so no such request was made. Bob Moore, John Seich and Dan Schomer were designated as its members. It was reported that Bob and John subsequently met with the attorneys, and both submitted reports to Commission members by email. Bob provided additional information at the February 11 meeting. Motion prevailed that Commission members will prepare additional questions that they would like to have answered by the attorneys and send them to Bob Moore to be assembled by the Task Group and sent to the attorneys. Attorney Seeberger will be asked to attend the Commission's next meeting or participate in a teleconference to discuss the case. The case remains in the hands of Judge Spicer of Summit County Common Pleas Court. It is anticipated that her decision will be appealed by one side or the other.

Concern was expressed that the dissident congregation may be improperly disposing of some items owned the Hudson Presbyterian Church. Persons becoming aware of such actions were asked to notify Dan Schomer who will send the information to the presbytery's attorneys for action as appropriate.

Motion prevailed to adopt Sue Tinker's Terms of Call as Stated Supply, as follows:

Effective salary	\$26,000
½ Social Security	1,950
Expense Reimbursement	2,000
Major Medical	6,211
Pension	2,860
Death & Disability	260
Medical Deductible	260
Continuing Ed. & Library	450
TOTAL	\$39,991

1 month vacation/year (up to 31 days, including 4 Sundays)

2 weeks study leave/year (including 2 Sundays)

Motion prevailed that Sue Tinker be directed to use a portion of her home as an office for the Hudson congregation.

It was reported that Rev. Elmarie Parker has contacted the Commission on behalf of the presbytery's Mission Committee, expressing interest in supporting the work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson. There was consensus that Sue Tinker and Bob Gillette will meet with the Mission Committee to explore possibilities in this direction.

Ann Seich, Dale Lyons and Sue Tinker reported on recent developments in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson. Attendance at Sunday worship services continues to increase. There was a joint Ash Wednesday service with the Rejoice Lutheran congregation in Hudson. There is interest in conducting a confirmation class for new members, and reception of new members is tentatively scheduled for Easter Sunday. There was discussion of holding a reaffirmation service, possibly also on Easter. It was reported that there has been an amicable conversation with Jim Cochran in which it was agreed that he will no longer act as a presbytery commissioner for Hudson Presbyterian Church. Motion prevailed to appoint Mary Beth Hedlund as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson's commissioner to presbytery. Dale Lyons was named as her alternate.

Sue Tinker proposed that a post office box be rented to receive mail for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson, and that her cell phone number be listed as the church's number. She also recommended that letters be sent to all identifiable Hudson Presbyterian Church members (excluding those now active in the loyalist congregation) inviting them to participate in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson's worship and other activities, and inviting those who do not desire to receive future communications from this group to so request. These steps were approved by consensus.

It was noted that consensus had recently been achieved by email that Rev. Harold Walker should be paid \$50 plus mileage for participating in Hudson services requiring the presence of an ordained pastor, but that he had declined the money. Motion prevailed that the same reimbursement should be offered to pastors who provide similar services in the future. Motion prevailed that Holy Communion should be offered at least monthly and on the occasion of special Christian services such as Maundy Thursday. It was reported that Sue Tinker and Dale Lyons had provided home Communion for Dick Warner (January 23) and Rosanna Adams (January 30).

The Commission's next meeting was set for 2:30pm on March 10, 2008, tentatively at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church in Akron.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dan Schomer at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES – MARCH 10, 2008

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, on March 10, 2008, beginning at 2:30pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Bob Moore, Reford Nash and Ann Seich. Elder Supply Sue Tinker and General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reford Nash. The minutes of the previous meeting on February 11, 2008 were approved by consensus without change.

Dan Schomer reported that the form for reapplying for a grant from the General Assembly had been completed, was now in the hands of Synod representative Bob Bidwell, and would soon be forwarded to the Louisville office. Dan also reported that the money granted by the Synod of the Covenant was expected to arrive soon.

It was reported that the dissident congregation was sending letters to all persons presently on its roll, asking them to declare whether they want to continue affiliation with that group as it moves into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church or if they want to be dropped from that congregation's roll. After discussion of the relevant administrative and legal complexities and ambiguities, the Commission agreed by consensus to recommend that members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson not respond to said letter.

Sue Tinker reported that regular Bible study has begun, that she has received inquiry from some persons interested in transferring their church memberships to the PCUSA congregation, that worship attendance has remained strong despite recent severe winter weather, that a mission project to the Cleveland Veterans Hospital has recently been undertaken and that she is arranging for a Post Office box for the congregation. It was also reported that Dale and Sue Lyons, Sue Tinker and Mary Beth Hedlund had participated in a recent Acts 16:5 workshop.

Dale Lyons reported that an article about the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson had recently appeared in the Hudson newspaper.

Following discussion, there was consensus that the presbytery office will provide regular financial reports for the PCUSA congregation.

Consensus prevailed that the Commission moderator's report to the March 11, 2008 presbytery meeting would be brief, since the agenda for that meeting is long and there is little new that needs to be reported presently.

The Commission's next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30pm at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church.

The Commission next discussed a list of questions for Attorney Terry Seeberger that had been prepared by Bob Moore and John Seich, with input by email from Commission members, in relation to the still-unsettled Hudson lawsuit.

Mr. Seeberger then joined the meeting, as previously arranged. The list of questions and related concerns were discussed for approximately 1 ½ hours.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Janet Lowery at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2008

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, on April 15, 2008, beginning at 2:50pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Mark Phillips and Ann Seich. Elder Supply Sue Tinker and General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. Bob Gillette moderated the meeting in the absence of Reford Nash. The meeting was opened with prayer by Janet Lowery. The minutes of the previous meeting on March 10, 2008 were approved by consensus without change.

Dan Schomer reported on progress in preparing a grant application to the General Assembly. A person involved in review and approval of such grants has recommended including more information in areas including the pastor's position description and the vision statement. The latter might include material on our target population, the presence of many unchurched people in and around Hudson, theological differences, and the importance of maintaining a PC(USA) presence in Hudson.

It was noted that an email message had arrived earlier that same day from attorney Terry Seeberger regarding the temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. Commission members had some questions about this communication, and Dan Schomer agreed to contact Mr. Seeberger for more information.

Sue Tinker reported receiving various communications from persons associated with the dissident Hudson congregation.

The Commission next addressed a motion made by email on March 17, 2008 by Ann Seich, seconded by Dale Lyons, as follows:

I am respectfully making a motion to the Commission to approve Marcy, John and Halley Shipley, by reaffirmation of faith; and Kati and Sara Shipley, by profession of faith (they have been baptized as infants) to become members of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson. All profess a belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.”

The secretary reported receiving five “yes” votes and no “no” votes from Commission members by email, and added his own “yes” vote. A motion to ratify the email decision and to accept the five new members was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote. Thus, the following are added to the rolls of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA):

By reaffirmation of faith: John Paul Shipley, Marcy Rae Shipley, Hallie Lauren Shipley.
By profession of faith: Kathleen Andrea Shipley, Sara Jon Shipley.

The Commission agreed by consensus that the following persons shall be removed from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA), at their request:

Lloyd Fraser 200 Laurel Lake Drive, Hudson
D. Jean Dearth, 200 Laurel Lake Drive, Hudson
Tim and Melissa Slager, and children Luke and Sarah, 2595 Brunswick Lane, Hudson
Chris and Amy Kushmaul, 2211 Timber Ridge Trail, Streetsboro
Forrest and Sarah Norman, 2212 Edgeview Drive, Hudson
Fred B. and Diane L. Schwarz, 7524 Herrick Park Drive, Hudson
David and Robin Thompson, 7315 Huntington Drive, Hudson

The following deaths of congregants were noted:

Richard N. McCandless, November 9, 2007

Ralph B. Ruggles, March 20, 2008

A statement of the congregation's finances, as recorded at the presbytery office, was received and distributed to those present.

It was agreed that, barring further significant events in the near future, our presentation to the May meeting of Eastminster Presbytery will consist of a written "update" for the packet. Relevant corrections to be made in the Presbytery Directory will be reported in the May presbytery meeting packet.

Elder Supply Sue Tinker reported on recent activities in the congregation, including worship and Bible study, and steady growth in the size of the congregation. Plans for Sue's ordination, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, were discussed.

Ann Seich reported on a recent mission project to a Veterans Health Administration hospital.

The next meeting of the Hudson Administrative Commission was set for Monday, May 19, at 2:30pm, at Eastminster Presbytery Center.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dan Schomer, at 4:05pm.

Respectfully submitted

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES -- MAY 19, 2008

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Eastminster Presbytery Center on May 19, 2008 beginning at 2:30pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Joe Hrach, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Reford Nash, Mark Phillips, and Ann Seich. General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. The meeting was opened with prayer by Reford Nash. The minutes of the Commission's meeting on April 15, 2008 were amended and then adopted by voice vote.

Motion prevailed that the Commission's secretary was authorized and instructed, serving as acting clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA) congregation, to send confirmation letters to persons who have requested that their names be removed from said congregation's rolls.

General Presbyter Dan Schomer reported that the Commission's grant request to the General Assembly has been approved, in the amount of \$100,000 over five years.

Joyful notice was taken of Sue Tinker's ordination at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, on April 27, 2008. Persons serving on the presbytery's commission for that service were Rev. Janet Lowery, Rev. Mark Phillips, Rev. Dan Schomer and elders Dale Lyons, William F. Tinker and Robert Gillette.

In the absence of Sue Tinker, who was unable to attend the meeting, motion prevailed that she is granted a week of vacation in June (exact dates to be determined), and authorized to arrange pulpit supply for that week.

Motion prevailed that Sue Tinker be authorized, with appropriate consultation, to establish committees or groups of congregants to address programmatic matters that are part of the Commission's jurisdiction and responsibility. Said groups are authorized to spend congregation funds as budgeted.

Motion prevailed that Sue Tinker become full-time temporary supply pastor beginning on June 1, 2008. Dan Schomer will work with Dale Riley of the Committee on Ministry regarding specific terms of the new call, which will be subject to approval by the Commission.

Ann Seich presented a financial report for the congregation for the period of January 1 through May 6 of this year. Motion prevailed to accept it as submitted.

Dale Lyons reported on recent events in the life of the congregation, including preparation of a vision statement, development of the congregation's Web site by Ann Seich, and other promotional activities.

It was reported that Holy Communion had been served during Sunday worship services on May 11(Pentecost) and May 18 (Trinity Sunday).

It was reported that the dissident congregation continues to display the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) logo on its exterior sign. Dan Schomer agreed to pursue this matter.

The Commission's next meeting was set for Tuesday, June 17 at 2:30pm, in the Christian Education building of North Springfield Presbyterian Church, Akron.

Joyful notice was taken of Commission Member Joe Hrach's coming seminary graduation, set for June 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm with prayer by Joe Hrach.

Respectfully submitted:
Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Attest:
Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

**Report of the General Presbyter
Eastminster Presbytery
July 8, 2008**

The 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) convenes on June 21 in San Jose, California. Now that general assemblies are held biennially, the anticipation surrounding the Assembly seems to double. What decisions will the commissioners to the 218th General Assembly make? In our system, the task of commissioners is not to “decide,” but to “discern” the will of God. Worship and prayer frame everything that takes place at the assembly. To the outside observer, a meeting of General Assembly might look a bit like a political or business convention, but commissioners almost universally describe it as a spiritual experience. At the July meeting of presbytery, we will look forward to hearing from our G.A. commissioners--the Rev. Mark Phillips, the Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt, Elder Trella Johnson, and Elder Marilyn Stroble. I encourage the presbytery not to jump to conclusions about the implications of the decisions of the 218th General Assembly. Two years ago, the immediate mantra of a few relating to the adoption of the “P.U.P.” report was, “everything changed.” As a result of a recent Permanent Judicial Commission ruling, we now know, “no it didn’t.” Stated Clerk Meta Cramer and I will also be at the Assembly and will have opportunity to briefly share our impressions of the assembly as a part of our reports at the July meeting.

You received a gift and you probably didn’t know it. All presbytery staff, entities, and congregations have been gifted with access to Percept’s demographic tools “Vista” and “Link-to- Lead.” Who are the gift-givers? It is the Evangelism and Growth Commission. They have purchased a one-year subscription with Percept that provides basic custom made demographic information for the presbytery without additional fees. More detailed reports are also available at significantly reduced prices. Congregations are able to establish their own Link-to-Lead account and access the free services to print reports as often as you wish. The Evangelism and Growth Commission and I are committed to having persons trained in Percept so that we might assist staff, presbytery entities, and congregations to make the best possible use of Percept tools as we seek to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ within the bounds of Eastminster Presbytery.

I thank the presbytery for your unanimous vote at the June 10 special meeting to appeal the Hudson case to the Ohio State Court of Appeals. A significant number of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) of Hudson and their pastor, Sue Tinker, were in attendance and went away from that meeting feeling supported and affirmed. A wise friend from the Office of the General Assembly stated well the priorities of our appeal—“principle, people (the loyal Hudson members), and property, in that order. This is all about what will promote the mission of Eastminster Presbytery and the PC(USA) in Hudson, Ohio.”

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Social Justice and Peacemaking Ministry Team of the Congregational Resources Committee is sponsoring an event at the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church featuring the Rev. Carol Wickersham. “Being Faithful in a Time of Fear: Saying No to Torture,” doesn’t sound like a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon, but being Christian isn’t always “pleasant.” This is a real opportunity for us to think about the ethical implications of our faith and the teachings of Jesus as we reflect on one of the “front page” issues of our day.



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**THE EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CARE OF INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES
FOR THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Body of Christ, just like the human body, needs all of its parts. Each part has a different function, all necessary for the life of the whole body. Christian calling, or vocation, is to live as members of a redeemed and faithful community, making the fullest use of our individual gifts.

It is important that those who are to be ordained as ministers of the Word and Sacrament receive full preparation for their task under the direction of the committee on preparation for ministry. For this purpose, presbyteries shall enter into covenant relationship with those preparing to become ministers of the Word and Sacrament. This relationship shall be divided into the two phases of inquiry and candidacy.

During the phases of inquiry and candidacy, the individual continues to be an active member of his or her particular church and subject to the concern and discipline of the session. In matters relating to preparation for ministry, the individual is under the oversight of the presbytery through the committee on preparation for ministry.

1. The Presbytery

The presbytery shall exercise responsibility for the spiritual growth of inquirers and candidates, to support them with an understanding and sympathetic interest, and to give guidance in regard to courses of study, familiarity with the Bible and with the confessions, practical training and plans for education including the choice of institutions, field education, and the inquirer's or candidate's financial need. The presbytery shall also seek to give guidance and instruction to the inquirer or candidate in the faith and polity of the church.

2. The Session

The session shall function in a supportive role during the phases of inquiry and candidacy to ensure that care is provided on a continuous basis. The session shall appoint an elder from the church to be a liaison with the inquirer and candidate and the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The session should consider the provision of financial support for the inquirer or candidate.

II. INQUIRY PHASE

The purpose of the inquiry phase is to provide an opportunity for the church and for those who believe themselves called to ministry of the Word and Sacrament to explore that call together in such a way that a decision regarding the inquirer's suitability for ministry of the Word and Sacrament will be based on knowledge and experience of one another.

A. Process Steps

1. A person desiring to become an inquirer shall indicate to the session of the particular church to explore the personal implications of becoming a minister of the Word and Sacrament. The person shall have been an active member of that particular church for at least six months.
2. The session and/or the prospective inquirer shall contact the moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) for orientation to the process used in Eastminster Presbytery. Session orientation by a representative of the CPM shall occur prior to committee interview of the prospective inquirer.
3. The proposed inquirer shall complete Forms 1 (Applicant's Background Information), 2A (Application to be enrolled by the Presbytery as an Inquirer) The proposed inquirer shall submit

Form 1 to the Moderator of the Session, as well as a copy to the Moderator of the CPM, prior to meeting with them. Form 2A shall be sent by the Session with its recommendation concerning the applicant to the Moderator of the CPM who will then forward it to the Stated Clerk following approval by the Presbytery.

4. The session shall appoint an elder to serve as a liaison between the prospective inquirer and the session.
5. Upon receipt of the recommendation of the session, an initial meeting will be scheduled with the prospective inquirer and the CPM. The purpose for this meeting is to become acquainted, to begin to develop the covenant relationship, and to explain the process involved in becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament.
6. The committee will appoint a person to be liaison between the inquirer and the CPM.
7. Following this meeting, the CPM shall recommend to the presbytery whether to enroll the person as an inquirer. The date of the presbytery's action to enroll shall be the beginning of the covenant relationship. This period shall be at least two years, at least one year of which shall be as a candidate.
8. During the inquiry phase, the inquirer shall participate in the program at the Midwest Ministry Development Center or a similar agency agreed upon by the inquirer and the CPM. The findings shall be released to the Moderator of CPM by the inquirer. The presbytery shall be responsible for 1/3 of the cost of this program plus an additional \$100.00 for expenses. The local church is encouraged to pay 1/3 of the program cost and \$100 for expenses with all remaining costs to be paid by the inquirer.

Note: This program is **not** a test which the inquirer must pass. The purpose is to discuss and evaluate the vocational interests of the inquirer and to provide the committee with some material to discuss vocational interests and aptitudes.

9. The inquirer shall actively participate in the life of a church, either the sponsoring church or in the seminary setting. The inquirer shall communicate regularly with the sponsoring church through their liaison.
10. Communication between the inquirer and the CPM shall be facilitated and enhanced by the liaison. Communications from the inquirer shall include official grade transcripts and reports from the seminary, college, or university prior to the annual consultation. These shall be sent to the Moderator of the CPM.
11. Approval shall be obtained from Presbytery (through CPM) before serving in a church in any capacity, except for occasional pulpit supply or seminary-supervised field education.
12. Education requirements:
 - a) The inquirer shall present to the CPM an official transcript showing satisfactory grades at a regionally accredited college or university, together with a diploma or plans leading toward graduation with at least a bachelor's degree.

- b) The inquirer is strongly encouraged to attend a recognized Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These are: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Columbia Theological Seminary, Dubuque Theological Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education and by covenant agreement: Auburn Theological Seminary, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
 - c) If the inquirer wishes to attend another seminary, he or she shall have the **prior** approval of the presbytery. It is expected that the theological education received by the inquirer will be in harmony with the Presbyterian and Reformed traditions, show work equivalent to a MDiv. and evidence of acquainting the student with the program and polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - d) The inquirer is required to participate in some form of practical field education while in seminary.
13. The inquirer shall meet with the CPM or its representatives annually. In no case shall an inquirer be excused from these annual consultations. The inquirer shall complete Form 3 and submit it to the CPM at least 14 days prior to the annual consultation.
14. **Bible Content Examination**
If the inquirer is attending seminary, he or she is encouraged to take the Bible Content Standard Ordination Examination during the first year of seminary. The exam is given only in early February, and application may be made through the seminary. The CPM Moderator should be notified of the inquirer's intention to take the examination and will supply the inquirer with a signed registration form. If a proctored examination is needed, contact the CPM Moderator at least six weeks in advance.
15. There is no specific time requirement for the inquirer phase. The phase of inquiry shall be of sufficient length for the inquirer, the session, and the committee on preparation for ministry to decide whether the inquirer should apply to become a candidate. During this time, the committee on preparation for ministry shall make use of resources such as information provided by the inquirer, personal references, and reports from counseling services, the session, and the inquirer's institution of learning, if the inquirer is a student.

CANDIDACY

The purpose of the candidacy phase is to provide for the full preparation of persons to serve the church as minister of the Word and Sacrament. This shall be accomplished through the guidance and evaluation of candidates, using learning contracts within the context of supportive relationships.

I. TRANSITION TO CANDIDACY

A. Process Steps

1. An inquirer shall apply to the presbytery through the session of care, by use of Form 5A which will be supplied to the Session of Care by the CPM Moderator.
2. The session shall confer with the inquirer, review the evidence of the inquiry phase, and make recommendations to the presbytery through the moderator of the CPM with respect to the application.
3. The inquirer shall demonstrate adequate promise for ministry preparing a written document to include:
 - a) A statement of his or her understanding of Christian vocation in the Reformed tradition and how it relates to his or her sense of call.
 - b) A statement of personal faith which incorporates an understanding of the Reformed tradition.
 - c) An analysis of at least one concept from the personal faith statement regarding what it suggests about God, humanity, and their interrelationships.
 - d) a statement of what it means to be Presbyterian, indicating how that awareness grows out of participation in the life of a particular church.
 - e) a statement of self-understanding which reflects the inquirer's personal and cultural background and includes a concern of maintaining spiritual, physical, and mental health.
 - f) a statement of his or her understanding of the task minister of the Word and Sacrament perform, including an awareness of his or her specific gifts for ministry of the Word and Sacrament and of areas in which growth is needed.

This document is to be submitted to the moderator of the CPM. The document should be no less than one paragraph for each of the six items and no longer than six pages in total. A suggested format might be a paragraph about each statement with several additional paragraphs of explanation.

4. The CPM shall examine the inquirer for readiness to proceed to candidacy, using the document prepared by the inquirer (see #3) and review other evidence which indicates whether the inquirer is ready to proceed to candidacy.
5. The CPM shall make a definite recommendation to the presbytery with respect to whether the inquirer should be received as a candidate. Presbytery shall act on every committee recommendation regarding application for candidacy.
6. The presbytery shall receive the report and recommendation of its committee and shall examine the inquirer in person with respect to his or her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry.
7. If the examination is approved, the presbytery shall receive the inquirer as a candidate after the following manner. The moderator shall propose the following questions to the inquirer:
 - a) Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?
 - b.) Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?
 - c.) Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?
 - d) Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?
8. If these questions are answered in the affirmative, a brief charge shall be given, the candidate's name shall be recorded on the presbytery's roll of candidates, and the proceedings shall close with prayer.
9. A presbytery may provide, at the request of the candidate and her or his session, for the service of reception to be conducted by a commission of the presbytery in the presence of the candidate's congregation.

II. CANDIDACY PHASE

1. The candidate shall actively participate in the life of a church, either the sponsoring church or in the seminary setting. The candidate shall communicate regularly with the sponsoring church through their liaison.
2. Communication between the candidate and the CPM shall be facilitated and enhanced by the liaison. Communications from the candidate shall include official grade transcripts and reports from the seminary, prior to the annual consultation. These shall be sent to the Moderator of the CPM.
3. Approval shall be obtained from Presbytery (through CPM) before serving in a church in any capacity, except for occasional pulpit supply or seminary-supervised field education.
4. The candidate shall meet with the CPM or its representatives annually. In no case shall a candidate be excused from these annual consultations. The candidate shall complete Form 3 and submit it to the CPM at least 14 days prior to the annual consultation.
5. The other four examinations may be taken by inquirers and candidates after completion of two full years of theological education. These four examinations shall only be taken upon approval by the committee on preparation for ministry of the inquirer's or candidate's presbytery. Request to take the Standard Ordination Examinations must be sent to the CPM Moderator 60 days prior to the scheduled exams.
6. Prior to the final year of theological education, each candidate will be asked to present a preliminary Personal Information Form for advice and guidance to the CPM at the annual consultation. The PIF should be submitted to the Moderator along with Form 3 at least 14 days in advance of the consultation. The PIF may be circulated only after permission is given by the CPM.

III. EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR READINESS FOR ORDINATION

1. By the end of the candidacy phase, each candidate to be ordained shall demonstrate readiness to begin ministry of the Word and Sacrament. The candidate's presbytery shall require a candidate to fulfill the following requirements to be certified as to be ready for examination for ordination, pending a call:
 - a) demonstration of readiness to begin ministry of the Word and Sacrament.
 - b) presentation of a transcript showing satisfactory grades at regionally accredited college or university, together with a diploma.
 - c) presentation of a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, the transcript showing satisfactory grades, and presentation of a plan to complete the theological degree including Hebrew and Greek and exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek texts.
 - d) presentation of satisfactory grades together with the examination papers in the five areas covered by the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates: theology, Bible content, Biblical Exegesis, polity, and worship and Sacraments.
 - e) evidence of ministerial skill attested in the supervised practice of ministry.
 - f) presentation of evidence of readiness to participate in a calling presbytery's plan for transition and of plans for continuing study and growth.
 - g) expression of theological views compatible with the confessional documents of the church.
 - h) expression of an understanding of the questions required for ordination informed by knowledge of the church in a diverse settings.
 - i) commitment to the ministry of Word and Sacrament within the discipline of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with personal maturity, spiritual depth, and a capacity to respond to the needs of others, including colleagues in ministry.

- j) presenting a written sermon, together with a description of the contemporary need to which it was addressed and an exegetical interpretation of the biblical material out of which the sermon arose. This sermon shall be preached before the calling presbytery or a committee thereof.
2. The candidate will present a brief statement of personal faith and of commitment to the ministry of Word and Sacrament before the presbytery. Whenever possible this statement shall be sent in the call for the presbytery meeting at which the candidate will be examined.
 3. The presbytery will have the opportunity to examine the candidate for his or her Christian faith and views in theology, the bible, the Sacraments, and the government of this Church as it deems necessary.
 4. The floor shall be opened for questions by the rest of the presbytery commissioners.
 5. The examination will be arrested when there is a call to do so, or the moderator of the presbytery determines that the presbytery has completed what it was called to do.

TIME ELEMENTS

A candidate who does not receive a call to the ministry within one year after graduation from seminary, who is living outside the bounds of the presbytery, and has been certified ready to receive a call will be encouraged to transfer her/his candidacy to the presbytery of residence.

EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES

When choosing courses to meet the requirements of the seminary, it is expected that inquirers and candidates will select classes in order to become competent in the following

Biblical Studies

Greek and Hebrew Language and Exegesis

Church History (Including History of the Reformation and the History of the Presbyterian Church)

Practical Theology (including Polity of the PC(USA), Reformed Worship, Homiletics, Christian Education, Pastoral Counseling)

Field Education: At least one unit of field education in a congregation is required. The setting for supervised field education should not be the inquirer's/candidate's home church.

Clinical Pastoral Education: One unit of CPE in a supervised setting is required. Any alternative must be approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Forms used in this process:

- Form 1: APPLICATION FOR INQUIRY: BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR SESSION
- Form 2A: APPLICATION TO BE ENROLLED BY THE PRESBYTERY AS AN INQUIRER
- Form 2B: INQUIRER COVENANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE
- Form 3: PRE-INTERVIEW ANNUAL CONSULTATION REPORT
- Form 4: REPORT OF ANNUAL CONSULTATION
- Form 5A: APPLICATION TO BE RECEIVED AS A CANDIDATE
- Form 5B: CANDIDATE COVENANT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE
- Form 6: SUMMARY REPORT OF CANDIDATE'S FINAL ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO BE EXAMINED FOR ORDINATION
- Form 7: REPORT OF TRANSFER, WITHDRAWAL OR REMOVAL OF INQUIRER OR CANDIDATE OR ORDINATION OF A CANDIDATE

APPENDIX A - Annual Consultations

The presbytery shall require the inquirer or candidate to make an annual written report (using Form 3) concerning progress in studies and service to the church, including a report from the individual's institution of learning.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall provide for an annual consultation with each person on the rolls of inquirers and candidates. The purpose of the consultation shall be for the evaluation and nurture of inquirers and candidates. The content of these annual consultations shall include, but need not be limited to, assessment of the inquirer's or candidate's development.

In the years prior to entering theological education, discussion of the inquirer's or candidate's preparation for theological education and for personal growth. For annual consultations which cover the time period of the first year of theological education, a general assessment of her or his experience and the implications this has for future professional ministry. The primary focus of this consultation(s) shall not be one of formal examination but of guidance and counseling with the inquirer and candidate. For annual consultations which cover the time period of the second year of theological education, an assessment of the inquirer's or candidate's experience similar to that held in the previous year(s). In addition, the consultation(s) shall include a discussion with the individual on progress in preparation for ordination, including a preliminary statement of faith, a review of all grades, field education reports, and other appropriate evaluation.

Approved by the Committee on Preparation For Ministry, June 4, 2008

Eastminster Presbytery
Nominating Committee Report
July 8, 2008

Item for Information:

Resignation:

Rev. Donald Aull, Personnel, Class of 2009
Rev. Christine Ziem, SDOP, Class of 2009

Items for Action:

Nominations:

Personnel:

Rev. Tom Niccolls (WMC), Class of 2009

SDOP:

Armando Labra (HML)

Synod Commissioner:

Mary Beth Hedlund (WFL) (Hudson), Class of 2009

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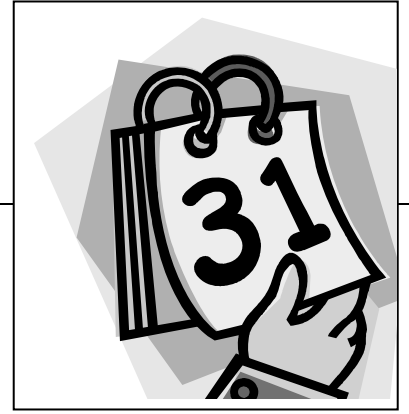
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Quick Calendar:

July 13	Small Church Ministry Sunday
July 27	Metropolitan/Urban Ministry Sunday
August 17	Higher Education Sunday
August 31	Christian Vocation Sunday

Summer is the time to.....

- **Reflect.** *Gather the leaders in your church to determine what worked and what needs improvement. Frequently, we move to the next event or program without learning what we can do to make it even better next time.*
- **Plan.** *Make plans for the fall. Summer will be over sooner than we realize. Make good plans for September and spend the rest of the summer telling everyone about the plans for fall.*
- **Visit.** *Spend time; relax with other people in your congregation. Renew old acquaintances or make new friends with the people who just moved into the neighborhood. Invite one and all to your church for worship and tell them about the plans your congregation has on the upcoming calendar. Share plans for now until December 2008.*
- **Catch up.** *Catch up with old friends sure, but also catch up with technology. Learn how to surf the web, blog, or create your own website.*
- **Learn.** *Learn something new this summer. Before you head for vacation, take an article, book or magazine that shares new ministry ideas.*

The Resource Center carries DVDs, videos, curriculum, books and magazines to help you make the most of summer.

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Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels (Zondervan, 2006) contains a DVD and Participants Guide that are designed to be used together as part of a 4 week small group course that will equip and inspire you to "take a simple walk" to extend care, compassion, and inclusiveness (just as Jesus did to people who might need a touch of God's love.



Saving Jesus (Living the Questions, 2006) is a 12 session small group DVD-based exploration of Jesus Christ. The kit contains 2 DVDs and a CD with a printable facilitator and participant guides. Each session features readings, a 20 minute DVD segment and discussion questions. Some of the speakers include Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, and Tex Sample.

You'll Love the Liquid DVD Series

When Jesus taught about life's toughest issues, he used short simple stories. Jeff Pries' modern "parables" on film follow his lead. Concise and to the point, each DVD contains five 10 - 15 minute episodes on a common theme. *Liquid* translates ancient stories into the language of today's culture and asks relevant questions to help you discover the truth. The DVD contains a modern "mini-drama." There are no preaching and no explanations on this DVD. Instead, the accompanying booklet contains relevant scripture passages and questions to help you reflect and determine how the story (scripture) applies to your life. You draw your own conclusions. The booklet also contains a leader guide with tips, observations about the scripture, and conversation starters. The Resource Center currently owns two of the DVDs in the *Liquid* series: Mirror Image (Thomas Nelson, 2007) contains five biblical parables that force us to look at life from a different perspective; and Crossing (Thomas Nelson, 2007) contains five dramas based on the book of Joshua that asks us to envision what life would look like if we let God lead the way in our lives. Either set is suitable for Bible study with teenagers to senior citizens.

Attention Christian Educators....

Karen Kaufman (the director of the Lutheran Resource Center of Northeast Ohio) and I are planning a workshop that will focus on methods of teacher education. You will have the opportunity to share ideas with other Presbyterian and Lutheran Christian educators as well as hear Cathy Bengson speak. Cathy is a retired representative for Augsburg Fortress Publishers where she taught teacher education for over 20 years. She has been a curriculum advisor for the Lutheran church and a Christian Educator for over 30 years. Please join us in Mineral Ridge on August 20th from 10 AM to noon. There is no cost but please e-mail me to let me know you are attending or if you know of anyone else that should be invited.

Report to Presbytery for July 2008 Meeting

Members of the Commission are as follows: Elder Robert Gillette (Secretary), Elder Joe Hrach, Elder Robert Moore, the Rev. Janet Lowery, the Rev. Mark Phillips, the Rev. Reford Nash (Moderator), Elder Dale Lyons, and Elder Ann Seich. The latter two members of the Commission are also members of the Hudson Presbyterian Church.

The Hudson Administrative Commission is happy to report that things continue to go well with the congregation meeting weekly and more at the “Church on the Green,” at the center of Hudson – One East Main St, Hudson, Ohio. Numbers are being maintained at 30 – 35 each week, and committees are now functioning to guide and direct the work of the congregation. The congregation meets under the provisional name of “The Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA).” The Rev. Sue Tinker serves as Stated Supply Pastor, and is now full-time. We have received grant funds from Synod and General Assembly.

Rev. Tinker is conducting a new member class in July. She has formed a coordinating council to direct the local work of the congregation.

The congregation also seeks to be active in mission. In June and July a special collection has been received for “Good Neighbors of Akron.” Plans for August and September are to send the collection to disadvantaged children in the Hudson School District.

The new mailing address for the congregation is as follows:

The Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA)
P.O. Box 577
Hudson, OH 44236.

The congregation and Commission wish to thank Presbytery for its unanimous support to enter into the appeals process in civil court, expressed at the special meeting in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reford Nash

The Rev. Reford B. Nash, Moderator
Hudson Presbyterian Church Commission of Eastminster Presbytery

With

Sue Tinker

The Rev. Sue Tinker, Stated Supply Pastor
The Presbyterian Church of Hudson – PC(USA)

**Financial Report on YTD Expenses
June 30, 2008**

	2008 Budget	YTD Expenses	- Balance
Mission Visioning Council	\$1,750	\$75	\$1,675
Communication & Nurture	2,000	307	1,693
Personnel	249,559	115,833	133,726
Committee on Mission	49,700	12,796	36,904
Committee on Ministry	4,190	1,005	3,185
Preparation for Ministry	1,350	363	987
Congregational Resources	5,451	1,824	3,627
Trustees	18,000	-6,800	24,800
Evangelism & Growth	3,600	1,752	1,848
Presbytery Auto	6,700	2,049	4,651
Presbytery Office	39,155	14,531	24,624
TOTAL	\$381,455	\$143,735	\$237,720
Operating Cash Balance - June 30, 2008			\$115,040

Eastminster Presbytery's Obligation to GA

June 30, 2008

2001				<i>2001 Balance - \$0 paid in 2002</i>
2002				<i>2002 Balance - \$137,713.30 paid in 2003</i>
2003				<i>2003 Balance - \$103,118.16 paid in 2004</i>
2004				<i>2004 Balance - \$104,945.79 paid in 2005</i>
2005	Jan.	\$18,712.98	Wired 7-08-05	
	Feb.	\$32,550.75	Wired 7-18-05	
	Mar.	\$19,109.95	Wired 7-18-05	
	Apr.	\$33,965.78	Wired 7-18-05	
	May	\$25,129.44	Wired 7-18-05	
	June	\$24,887.75	Wired 8-10-05	
	July	\$28,146.28	Wired 8-29-05	
	Aug.	\$14,119.76	Wired 9-27-05	
	Sept.	\$30,086.04	Wired 10-07-05	
	Oct.	\$33,095.73	Wired 1-12-06 & 2-14-06	
	Nov.	\$25,997.72	Wired 1-12-06 & 4-10-06	
	Dec.	\$31,085.87	Wired 1-12-06 & 5-1-06	<i>2005 Balance - \$44,806.38 paid in 2006</i>
2006	Jan.	\$23,727.41	Wired 5-10-06 & 9-5-06	
	Feb.	\$ 7,604.81	Wired 5-10-06 & 12-6-06	
	Mar.	\$15,742.48	Wired 5-10-06 & 2-06-07	
	Apr.	\$ 9,469.76	Wired 10-13-06 & 2-06-07	
	May	\$58,323.83	Wired 8-7-06, 11-3-06 & 2-06-07	
	June	\$16,115.56	Wired 11-16-06 & 2-06-07	
	July	\$19,950.57	Wired 11-16-06 & 3-16-07	
	Aug.	\$11,478.71	Wired 11-16-06 & 3-16-07	
	Sept.	\$ 6,211.46	Wired 11-16-06 & 3-16-07	
	Oct.	\$ 8,875.10	Wired 11-16-06 & 3-16-07	
	Nov.	\$19,203.24	Wired 12-6-06 & 3-21-07	
	Dec.	\$47,518.91	Wire 2-06-07 & sent 4-16-07	
2007	Jan.	\$13,756.45	Sent 2-07-07 & 5-2-07	
	Feb.	\$20,672.24	Sent 5-2-07	
	Mar.	\$ 9,316.88	Sent 5-2-07	
	Apr.	\$13,620.10	Sent 5-24-07	
	May	\$50,855.35	Owe \$6,398.11 sent on 8-30-07 & 9/30/07 & 10/23/07	
	June	\$12,907.06	Sent 11-1-07	
	July	\$ 7,964.23	Sent 11-26-07	
	Aug.	\$ 6,253.38	Sent 11-26-07	
	Sept.	\$ 9,021.22	Sent 12-4-07	
	Oct.	\$13,249.31	Sent 1-03-08	
	Nov.	\$15,716.04	Sent 1-21-08	
	Dec.	\$40,385.92	Sent 2-12-08	
2008	Jan.	\$ 7,845.88	Sent 2-29-08	
	Feb.	\$12,302.45	Sent 4-3-08	
	Mar.	\$12,443.23	Sent 5-5-08	
	Apr.	\$25,286.97	Sent 5-27-08	
	May	\$37,156.91	Owe	
	June	\$ 7,995.24	Owe	Total Owed TO GA - \$45,152.15

2008 Per Capita Payup thru June

CHURCH NAME	2008 Total Per Capita Due	Total Paid to Date	Balance Due	Percent Payup
AKRON ALLENSIDE	\$1,480.90	\$816.35	\$664.55	55.13%
AKRON FIRESTONE	\$4,919.60		\$4,919.60	0.00%
AKRON FIRST	\$5,722.80	\$3,500.00	\$2,222.80	61.16%
AKRON GOODYEAR HTS	\$6,601.30		\$6,601.30	0.00%
AKRON NEW COVENANT	\$1,531.10	\$1,531.10	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$2,986.90	\$746.75	\$2,240.15	25.00%
AKRON OAK HILL	\$11,194.60	\$3,433.52	\$7,761.08	30.67%
AKRON UNIVERSITY	\$1,556.20		\$1,556.20	0.00%
AKRON WESTMINSTER	\$14,859.20	\$5,898.52	\$8,960.68	39.70%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$6,526.00	\$6,525.96	\$0.04	100.00%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$13,503.80	\$3,503.80	\$10,000.00	25.95%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$5,321.20	\$2,888.30	\$2,432.90	54.28%
CUY. NORTHMINSTER	\$5,070.20	\$2,535.10	\$2,535.10	50.00%
CUY - UNITED	\$8,609.30	\$2,152.34	\$6,456.96	25.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$5,471.80	\$5,471.80	\$0.00	100.00%
ELLSWORTH	\$2,585.30	\$1,757.23	\$828.07	67.97%
GIRARD	\$1,631.50	\$953.30	\$678.20	58.43%
HUBBARD	\$6,977.80	\$3,480.00	\$3,497.80	49.87%
HUDSON PCUSA	\$0.00	\$879.95		
KENT	\$5,145.50	\$5,095.50	\$50.00	99.03%
KINSMAN	\$3,338.30	\$3,338.30	\$0.00	100.00%
LAKE MILTON	\$878.50	\$878.50	\$0.00	100.00%
LISBON	\$7,730.80	\$7,730.80	\$0.00	100.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$4,668.60	\$4,815.16	(\$146.56)	103.14%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,480.90	\$1,480.90	\$0.00	100.00%
NILES FIRST	\$3,589.30	\$1,495.55	\$2,093.75	41.67%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$1,004.00	\$1,040.00	(\$36.00)	103.59%
NORTH BENTON	\$4,643.50	\$30.00	\$4,613.50	0.65%
NORTH JACKSON	\$1,104.40	\$928.70	\$175.70	84.09%
N. LIMA-COMMON GROUND	\$1,782.10	\$1,782.10	\$0.00	100.00%
PETERSBURG	\$2,761.00	\$761.00	\$2,000.00	27.56%
POLAND	\$21,711.50	\$10,855.74	\$10,855.76	50.00%
POLAND/HERITAGE	\$4,693.70	\$3,499.00	\$1,194.70	74.55%
ROGERS CLARKSON	\$1,004.00	\$1,004.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM CONCORD	\$1,355.40	\$1,355.40	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$12,750.80	\$12,750.80	\$0.00	100.00%
SEBRING	\$5,998.90	\$1,500.00	\$4,498.90	25.00%
STRUTHERS	\$4,844.30	\$2,422.14	\$2,422.16	50.00%
VIENNA	\$2,058.20	\$2,058.20	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CALVARY	\$2,359.40	\$2,359.40	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CHAMPION	\$9,688.60	\$2,726.38	\$6,962.22	28.14%
WARREN COVENANT	\$1,305.20	\$652.60	\$652.60	50.00%
WARREN FIRST	\$8,534.00	\$8,534.00	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$627.50	\$627.50	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. CHRIST	\$3,790.10	\$2,367.30	\$1,422.80	62.46%
YO. COITSVILLE	\$1,455.80		\$1,455.80	0.00%
YO. FIRST	\$5,572.20	\$5,572.20	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$2,259.00	\$451.80	\$1,807.20	20.00%
YO. HUNGARIAN	\$2,986.90	\$1,075.05	\$1,911.85	35.99%
YO. JOHN KNOX	\$2,585.30	\$2,585.30	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. LIBERTY	\$1,807.20	\$422.91	\$1,384.29	23.40%
YO. PLEASANT GROVE	\$7,128.40		\$7,128.40	0.00%
YO. WESTMINSTER	\$11,797.00	\$5,898.51	\$5,898.49	50.00%
YO. WICKLIFFE	\$4,769.00	\$1,217.25	\$3,551.75	25.52%
TOTAL	\$265,758.80	\$145,386.01	\$121,252.74	54.71%

Mission Payup thru June

CHURCH NAME	2008 General Mission Pledge	2008 Payup	Balance	Percent Payup
AKRON/ALLENSIDE	\$200.00	\$91.00	\$109.00	45.5%
AK./FIRESTONE PARK				
AKRON/FIRST	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	33.3%
AK./GOODYEAR HTS	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	0.0%
AK./NEW COVENANT	\$1,525.00	\$750.00	\$775.00	49.2%
AK/NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$5,000.00	\$1,666.67	\$3,333.33	33.3%
AKRON/OAK HILL	\$13,000.00	\$8,240.00	\$4,760.00	63.4%
AK./UNIVERSITY			\$0.00	
AKRON/WESTMINSTER	\$22,060.00	\$14,180.00	\$7,880.00	64.3%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$16,715.00	\$16,714.92	\$0.08	100.0%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$19,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$5,000.00	74.4%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	0.0%
CUY. /NORTHMINSTER	\$2,000.00	\$1,416.67	\$583.33	70.8%
CUY. FALLS/UNITED	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00	25.0%
EAST PALESTINE	\$2,869.00	\$1,434.80	\$1,434.20	50.0%
ELLSWORTH	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	50.0%
GIRARD	\$3,670.00	\$1,834.98	\$1,835.02	50.0%
HUBBARD	\$2,000.00	\$990.00	\$1,010.00	49.5%
HUDSON PCUSA			\$0.00	
KENT	\$10,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.0%
KINSMAN	\$8,500.00	\$2,833.40	\$5,666.60	33.3%
LAKE MILTON	\$1,300.00	\$325.00	\$975.00	25.0%
LISBON	\$12,500.00	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00	50.0%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$8,495.00	\$4,247.51	\$4,247.49	50.0%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,000.00	\$587.00	\$413.00	58.7%
NILES FIRST	\$5,200.00	\$2,166.65	\$3,033.35	41.7%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$780.00	\$260.00	\$520.00	33.3%
NORTH BENTON		\$499.99	-\$499.99	
NORTH JACKSON	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH LIMA/CGCC	\$0.00		\$0.00	
PETERSBURG	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	16.7%
POLAND	\$21,500.00	\$10,749.99	\$10,750.01	50.0%
POLAND/HERITAGE	\$14,000.00	\$5,833.35	\$8,166.65	41.7%
ROGERS/CLARKSON	\$550.00		\$550.00	0.0%
SALEM/CONCORD	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	\$750.00	25.0%
SALEM FIRST	\$28,300.00	\$11,791.65	\$16,508.35	41.7%
SEBRING	\$6,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	41.7%
STRUTHERS	\$0.00			
VIENNA	\$4,550.00	\$3,412.50	\$1,137.50	75.0%
WARREN/CALVARY	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN/CHAMPION	\$6,532.00	\$3,143.74	\$3,388.26	48.1%
WARREN/COVENANT	\$200.00		\$200.00	0.0%
WARREN FIRST	\$1,375.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	100.0%
BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$750.00	\$361.48	\$388.52	48.2%
CHRIST	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	50.0%
COITSVILLE				
YOUNGSTOWN FIRST	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	50.0%
GIBSON HEIGHTS		\$222.00	-\$222.00	
HUNGARIAN			\$0.00	
JOHN KNOX	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	50.0%
LIBERTY	\$900.00	\$491.65	\$408.35	54.6%
PLEASANT GROVE	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	0.0%
WESTMINSTER YO	\$10,500.00	\$6,100.00	\$4,400.00	58.1%
WICKLIFFE	\$2,200.00	\$550.00	\$1,650.00	25.0%
TOTAL	\$307,221.00	\$150,919.95	\$156,301.05	49.1%

Press Release
(Immediate)

Day of Prayer at New Wilmington Mission Conference
July 19, 9 AM – 4 PM
Witherspoon Room, McKelvey Center
Westminster College

You are invited to join in the New Wilmington Mission Conference Day of Prayer on July 19, 9 AM – 4 PM. The Day of Prayer has been a long-standing tradition for the staff at NWMC. It is a standard part of our preparation for the week. This year we are expanding the Day of Prayer by **expanding our invitation to everyone** and by focusing our prayers more on the world.

This expanded Day of Prayer is in response to a new spark of mission fervor and commitment in the PC(USA). At a World Mission Consultation in Dallas in January an "Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God's Mission" was signed by all 64 mission leaders attending. In conjunction with this, the PC(USA) World Mission unit has retooled to be more responsive to grass roots mission efforts - <http://www.pcusa.org/worldmission/>. The plan is to increase the number of full-time missionaries from 196 to 215 in 2009.

The mission initiators at the Dallas meeting committed to help move the PC(USA) forward to greater mission involvement. The shared commitments in this statement begin "As we move forward together in God's mission, we commit ourselves to **calling the church to ongoing intercessory prayer** for God's mission..." This Day of Prayer is one of the efforts that NWMC has made as part of our commitment.

Moderator (former) Joan Gray has committed to help lead this Day of Prayer. Director Don Dawson and Rev. Linda Ruby will join her. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 11 AM.

Prayer is the most important thing we do in our service to God. Prayer prepares us to be used by God and opens the blessings of God upon all we do. Again and again NWMC leaders have seen the power of prayer and can testify to the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of individuals and the influence and vitality of the conference.

We hope you will join us this year to seek the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the conference and in all the world. We need your prayers joined with the NWMC staff to seek after a new day in Presbyterian mission involvement. Even if you will not be present, pray with us during this time for God's work in the world.

Any questions may be directed to Rev. Dr. Donald Dawson, Director of the New Wilmington Mission Conference - ddawson@pts.edu or 412-362-5610, x2149.)

To: Members of Eastminster Presbytery
From: Peace and Justice Ministry Team of
Congregational Resources Committee

We continue preparations for the upcoming event on October 5, 2008 "Being Faithful in a Time of Fear: Saying No to Torture" with the Rev. Carol Wickersham at the Wickliffe Presbyterian Church in Youngstown.

The following two quotations are representative of the reasons that we have chosen to invite the Rev. Wickersham to be with us. The first speaks to our concern for those most involved with the possible ramifications of policies of torture, our children who serve in the military forces. The second speaks to our relationship to one another and to God.

A sweet, normal day, one like so many others. I worked in the sun for a couple of hours, and then sat on the bench in front to gaze at the garden. So lucky to be here, to be well, to be alive. So lucky for the sun to be my welcome, gentle friend -- in Iraq, its parching heat is not a welcome break from a spate of annoyingly cloudy days. In Iraq, it is a furnace in the sky. I think of all of them every day, those young people in military fatigues, carrying their heavy packs, watchful and tense. Hot, tired and thirsty. Wishing they were home.

Increasingly, I see every blessing I have -- and there are so many! -- in the sobering light of what they do not have. Whose idea was it that some of us would be so comfortable and others would sacrifice so much? May we be worthy -- or become worthy, if we are not now -- of what we are accepting so off-handedly from them, day after day, year after year.

Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and author of many books as well as the celebrated: *The Almost Daily eMo* from GeraniumFarm.org

We who follow Jesus Christ know there are other rules of engagement. We are called to love even our enemies, for everyone, without exception is made in the image of God. Does this mean we won't have enemies? No. Does this mean we have to be naïve or weak, or that we must sacrifice the innocent and jeopardize security? No. It means we have to be brutally honest about what the real threats are, so that we can once again embrace what is best in our nation and our faith. If we do not say No! to torture, torture will destroy us.

Therefore, we say No! to torture, so that we may say Yes! to God's mercy.

We say No! to torture, so that we may say Yes! to God's hope.

We say No! to torture, so we may say Yes! to God's power.

We say No! to torture, so that we may say Yes! to God, and to God alone.

The Rev. Carol Wickersham

This is an opportunity for us

- to learn from one who has become informed about the subject of torture and its affects on who we are as Christians and citizens;
- to examine what the term "political" means from different perspectives;
- to listen with respect as we explore our own positions on this critical aspect of life;
- to support and accept support of our sisters and brothers who have loved ones who serve in the military.

Being Faithful in a Time of Fear: Saying No to Torture

Sunday, October 5, 2008

2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Wickliffe Presbyterian Church

45 Idlewood Rd.

Youngstown, OH 44515

The Rev. Carol Wickersham



- is a Presbyterian minister and currently teaches sociology at Beloit College,
- is a part-time, substitute pastor at Clinton Presbyterian Church. She graduated in 1978 from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and art;
- earned a master's of divinity from the Pacific School of Religion in 1982.

The Rev. Wickersham is National coordinator for “No to Torture” grassroots group within the Presbyterian church and a member of the board of the National Religious Coalition Against Torture. <http://www.nrcat.org/>

*A Gathering for
Presbyterians of Eastminster Presbytery*

*Sponsored by
The Peace and Justice Ministry Team of Congregational Resources Committee*

For further information contact:

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Lunch and Leadership



Ministers and Commissioned/Trained Lay Pastors:

Summer provides us all with a different pace. Greater flexibility of schedules and fewer meetings seem to invite those things that usually are discounted with the words, “I’m too busy to do that.”

For those in positions of leadership in the church, keeping up with the changes and challenges we face daily is a necessity. The good news is that it can also be *fun*.

Lunch and Leadership provides an opportunity to explore some of the best material written today for church leaders. The format is simple and enjoyable. We meet at the farm house at J.B.M. From 10:00 a.m. until noon we explore a resource. While participants are welcome to purchase the resource in advance and read it, it is not necessary. Dan Schomer will present a printed summary of the resource. From noon to 12:30 we’ll break for a picnic lunch. Then from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. we’ll discuss together how the resource we’ve explored applies to our own contexts for ministry.

Here are the dates and resources to be explored:

July 15: “The Missional Leader” by Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk (Jossey-Bass)

August 19: “Leading Change in the Congregation” by Gil Rendle (Alban Institute)

To register, send an email to danschomer@faithfulness.com indicating the date(s) you plan to attend. The only expense is \$5.00 to defray the cost of lunch payable the day of the gathering.

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Eastminster Presbytery Ministers get 1 free night if redeemed by May 1, 2009

Reservations are now being accepted for May 15th and beyond. Call JBM at 330-772-3931





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Situation Report Update Midwest Flooding –Illinois

After weeks of steady rain in Illinois and up-river, the Mississippi River crested over flood stage and threatens several small rural towns and villages in Central Western Illinois.

Two members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT), Rick Turner and Doug Macdonald, were deployed and arrived late on the evening of June 17, 2008, at Great Rivers Presbytery in Peoria, Illinois.

Each community in the area has taken on the responsibility for securing and sand bagging the levee in their community. Local Presbyterian churches have joined with other churches in the community in organizing and providing food and hydration to the volunteers bagging sand.

Central Western Illinois is extremely rural, and counties and villages have very limited resources. The expense of sand bagging has been a great strain on the local budgets.

Many people, including pastors, have been working almost around the clock at the levee sites. In addition to physical assistance for the community, debriefing and spiritual and emotional care were identified as a need in the communities. Resources to help meet this need are being sent to the presbytery, and One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds are immediately available.

Situation Report Update Midwest Flooding –Iowa

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continues its response to the Iowa flooding with financial support and personnel.

Three additional members of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team, Marian MacNeill, Joe Bishop and Rob Moreland have joined Don Hampton to help with the disaster response in Iowa.

Iowa has received abnormal moisture over the last seven months, with a difficult winter bringing above-average amounts of snow followed by a very wet spring. Following the tornadoes that struck North Central Iowa on May 25, the state began to receive very heavy wide spread rains. The floods that have resulted are historical in several areas of Iowa. Flooding has begun to recede in Des Moines, Mason City, Cedar Falls, Waterloo, Waverly, Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Southeastern Iowa is still to receive the full impact as the water flows toward the Mississippi River.

Major flooding has occurred in many smaller cities along the Raccoon, Skunk, Des Moines, Cedar, Iowa and Wapsipinicon Rivers. Thousands of homes and businesses have been impacted; 83 of Iowa's 99 counties have been declared state disaster areas, and 23 counties have been declared federal disaster areas. Loss to homes, businesses and agriculture will be counted in the billions of dollars.

Some communities have begun to clean up; for others, it will be weeks before they can start the process. Long Term Recovery Committees will begin to organize within the next couple of weeks.

NRT members are working with the three presbyteries officed in Iowa — Des Moines, North Central Iowa and East Iowa — and with the surrounding presbyteries of John Knox, Missouri River Valley and Prospect Hill, as they work in helping affected communities meet the staggering needs of finances, volunteers, clean up items, personal care items and emotional and spiritual care.

Situation Report Update Midwest Flooding –Indiana

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response members David Legg, Carol Legg, and Vern Farnum are helping Ohio Valley Presbytery and Whitewater Presbytery in the presbyteries' response to severe flooding that affected many parts of Indiana. A state of emergency was declared for 44 counties in central and southern Indiana impacted by high winds, severe storms and flash flooding.

As the flood waters in Indiana recede, NRT members have been helping the Presbyterian efforts to become more coordinated with the efforts of other churches and non-governmental organizations such as the Red Cross and United Way. They have also worked with Richard Swartwood, director of the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Brownstown, Indiana (PYOCA). PYOCA is supporting the local Red Cross efforts by supplying mattresses and limited food for the immediate needs. The camp is also serving as a collection point for clean-up buckets for residents of Jackson County, Indiana.

Both David and Carol have stressed that as Presbyterians we need to help take care of all in our communities and to be especially mindful of groups of people who may not know how to file with FEMA or get other kinds of aid. Some people affected by the flood may not trust the government and so may not want to file with FEMA. They may be undocumented workers who are afraid of dealing with the government.

NRT members have suggested how long-term efforts could get started. On Tuesday, June 16, they attended a meeting to initiate formation of a community-based Long Term Recovery Organization for the purpose of administering and coordinating financial contributions, local faith-based and other volunteers and incoming faith-based work teams through the term of the recovery effort.

Vern Farnum and the Leggs have attended several meetings that have been held to discuss issues impacting affected communities. Topics included specialties of different relief groups, reaching out beyond the church to help others in the community, effects flooding has on companies that employ many people and how widespread unemployment would affect the community.

NRT members have helped both presbyteries submit requests for One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds; these funds will be provided to assist in relief and recovery efforts.

Dear Pastor/Church leader,

We, Angela Gianakos, Mike Jones, and Les Double, members of Champion Presbyterian Church, recently took the study program Perspectives which is a ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission. Each week, a different instructor enhances what you have learned from the assigned reading. Looking at the world through God's eyes enables us to find where we can join Him in his plan instead of living for our own plan. For us, it brings even more life and meaning to what God says in Habakuk 1:5 "Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe even if you were told."

Les, Mike, and Angela are serving as coordinators for Perspectives this fall at Champion Presbyterian Church, and are excited about this class being offered locally in the Mahoning Valley. We hope you are excited also. But maybe you still don't understand what Perspectives really is. More information about Perspectives can be found at www.perspectives.org. The core ideas, history of Perspectives, class information, and endorsements for the course can all be found there. Also for those living in the Akron area check the web site for information about when it will be offered again in your area.

If you have any further questions about Perspectives or are interested in registering, feel free to contact Mike Jones at (330) 876-5581 or mikej@nlc.net, Les Double at (330) 847-7304 or Luminaless@aol.com or Angela Gianakos at (330) 847-6005 or ASG7Star@aol.com. You can also register at the Perspectives.org web site. Still not decided? Come check out the first class for free!

Sincerely,
Angela, Les, and Mike

Perspectives Program

Week of:	FOCUS	SPEAKERS -	HOMEWORK DUE
Sept 7	The Living God is a Missionary God	Rev. Jen Haddox, World Mission Initiative Associate Director	Welcome to Perspectives
Sept 14	The Story of His Glory	Dr. Gerald Robison, UnveilinGlory Ministries	Lessons 1 & 2
Sept 21	Thy Kingdom Come	Dr. Kang Na, Assoc. Prof. Westminster College	Lesson 3
Sept 28	Mandate for the Nations	TBA	Lesson 4
Oct. 5	Unleashing the Gospel	Dr. Scott Sunquist, W. Don McClure Associate Professor of World Mission and Evangelism	Lesson 5
Oct 12	History of World Christian Expansion	Rev. Fran Pratt, U.S. Center for World Missions Eastern Regional Office	Lesson 6 & Personal Response
Oct 19	Eras & Pioneers of the Movement	TBA	Lesson 7 & 8
Oct 26	The Unfinished Task	Rev. Dr. David Dawson, Executive Presbyter, Shenango Presbytery	Take-home Midterm & Personal Response
Nov 2	Building Bridges of Love	Scott Boyd, Director of Pittsburgh Region International Student Ministries	Lesson 9 and 10
Nov 9	How shall they hear?	Sharon Steinmiller, Director of Anglican New Wineskins Missionary Network	Lessons 11 & Personal response
Nov 16	Christian Community Development	Ray Lucas, U.S. Center for World Mission (and former missionary to Central & South America)	Lesson 12 & Personal Response
Nov 30	Spontaneous Church Multiplication	TBA	Lesson 13
Dec 7	Pioneer Church Planting	TBA	Lesson 14
Dec 14	World Christian Partnership	Rev. Dr. Don Dawson, World Mission Initiative	Lesson 15 & Personal Response
Dec 31	FINAL WORK DUE Absolutely no work will be accepted after 12/31	Please email to jhaddox@pts.edu or postmark by this date. World Mission Initiative, 616 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206	Take-home final Exam & Integrative Project

*****This is a preliminary list, likely to change due to availability of the instructors**

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