

Eastminster Presbytery
 March 11, 2008
Presbytery Meeting

MARCH CALENDAR

6	-	9:30 am 2:00 pm	COM Executive meeting @ Presbyter Center Coaches @ Presbytery Center
7	-	9:00-4:00	Acts 16:5 workshop @ First Presbyterian Church, Warren
10	-	2:00 pm	Hudson Commission Meeting @ Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church
11	-	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	COM, Trustees, & Preparation for Ministry Committee @ First Presbyterian Church of Barberton Pre-presbytery seminar with Rev. Tom Taylor, Deputy Executive Director for Mission, General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) Presbytery Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church of Barberton
12	-	12:30pm	West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University
13	-	1:00 pm	CLP meeting @ Presbytery Center
14	-	12:00 pm	West Area Clergy Brown Bag lunch @ Goodyear Height Presbyterian Church, Akron
14-15	-	*****	Senior High Retreat @ JBM Camp & Conference Center
21	-	*****	Good Friday – Presbytery Office Closed
27	-	12:30 pm	Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ Wickliffe Presbyterian Church

APRIL CALENDAR

8	-	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	COM Training @ John Knox Presbyterian Church, Youngstown Committee Night @ John Knox Presbyterian Church, Youngstown
9	-	***** 12:30 pm	Margaret Park Scholarship application due to Lucille Clay West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University
16	-	1:00 pm	Margaret Park Scholarship Committee meeting @ Presbytery Center
24	-	12:30 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ Poland Presbyterian Church, Youngstown Coordinating Council Meeting @ First United Presbyterian Congregational Society, Ellsworth MVC @ First United Presbyterian Congregational Society, Ellsworth
25-26	-	*****	Exploring the Spiritual Practices of Women of the Bible Retreat @JBM
28	-	9:00 am	Presbytery Women’s Spring Gathering @ Rockynol Retirement Community

DIRECTIONS TO:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

636 Park Ave.

Barberton, Ohio 44203

Phone: 330-745-2161

First Presbyterian Church is located in central Barberton, just west of Lake Anna Park, a few miles west of Akron.

From the NORTH: Follow I-77 or Ohio Rt. 8 to westbound I-76. Continue to Exit 16/Barber Rd. At the end of the exit ramp turn RIGHT (south) and go south about 2 miles (there is a slight jog just past Barberton Stadium, and Barber Road becomes 4th Street). When this street ends at Lake Avenue, turn right and go 2 blocks to 6th Street. Turn left and go 2 blocks to Park Avenue. The church building is on the SW corner of this intersection.

From the EAST: Take I-76 through Akron and continue as described in the preceding paragraph.

From the SOUTH: Take I-77 to the I-277/Rt. 224 interchange. Go west until 224 and I-76 merge. Continue west to the Barber Rd. exit and continue as described in the second preceding paragraph.

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Eastminster Presbytery News & Notes

Prayers requested for:

Molly Halter, a member of Petersburg Presbyterian Church and an active member of Eastminster Presbytery. She is currently in room 5208 at St. Elizabeth Hospital where she underwent surgery to relieve pressure from a tumor wrapped around her spine which is malignant and may have spread. She will be undergoing radiation and chemotherapy.

Roxanne Bowers, the 15 year old daughter of the Deanne Bowers. Deanne is the secretary of First United Presbyterian Church in East Palestine. Roxanne is fighting Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Kristin Stroble, a member of the Young Adult Volunteers of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) serving in the Philipians, asks for prayers for her community. She writes, *"In the city that I am living in, Calamba, it has jus been declared that there is a Typhoid and Dengue fever epidemic. All the hospitals in Calamba and the surrounding towns are completely full. It is believed that there was water contamination the caused all of the this. Please keep my pastor, Joel and his 2 daughters who all have typhoid in your prayers."*

The Eastminster Presbytery directories are being passed out tonight for anyone who did not receive theirs at Committee Night. If you need additional copies, please let the office know.

Tonight we will bid farewell and give our gratitude to **Tom and Karen Riley**, Directors of JBM Camp & Conference who have conclude their services at Eastminster Presbytery. They have both started new jobs in Cincinnati which allows them to be closer to their family. We wish the Riley's God's richest blessings.

Covenant Net group of Eastminster is planning an event for April 13, 2-5 pm at First Presbyterian, Warren. It will feature showing the award-winning film *"For The Bible Tells Me So"*, that documents four Christian families who have a son or daughter who is gay. All are welcome to attend.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Boardman, OH is seeking a **Director of Christian Discipleship** to provide oversight, direction and vision in the education and discipleship of children, adults and families of Westminster Church and outreach to children of our community, combining time-tested and innovative ideas and venues. Position is 20 hours/week. Interested individuals may send resume to the attention of Lynn Smith at Westminster Church, 119 Stadium Drive, Boardman OH 44512, or e-mail to westch@zoominternet.net - subject: Discipleship. Visit our web-site at www.westminsterboardman.com.

SYNOD NEWS

The Covenant Gathering 2008 called, *"In the Beginning: Creation and Recreation"*, will be held June 29 – July 4 at the Michindoh Conference Center in Hillsdale, Michigan. Please visit www.covenantgathering.com for expanded class and instructor information, schedules and costs.

The 2008 Synod's Mobile Health Fair has set aside July 18 – 28 for Eastminster and Western Reserve Presbyteries. This is an outreach program sponsored by the Presbyterian Church where they travel throughout Ohio and Michigan for nine weeks in the summer months providing health screening and health education for many underserved and uninsured members of the community. If any participants requiring further medical attention are referred to free or low cost clinics within our communities. Some dates have already been booked so get you time reserved by Coordinator Tammy Scheuermann at 419-704-4041 or visit www.synodofthecovenant.org.

Also, the MHF team is looking for college students in good standing to travel with them this summer. This would be a 10 week commitment and the pay would be \$3,000 for the summer. Please check the Synod of the Covenant website for the job description and application.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND EVENTS

The 2008 World Mission Initiative Conference will be held March 28-29 at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Keynotes speaker are Rev. Dr. William Carl, III; Nard Puyao; Rev. Hunter Farrell and the Rev. Dr. Ken Bailey along with 16 workshops to choose. More information can be found at www.worldmissioninitiative.org.

The 2008 Multicultural Conference called “...Gather All Nations and Tongues” will be held in San Antonio, Texas on April 10-13, 2008. There will be a Pre-Conference Presbyter Church/Team Training on April 9-10. Registration fee are \$250 if registered by Feb. 15 and \$285 if registering up to March 14. Conference Speakers include the Rev. Ruben, the Rev. Joan Gray, the Rev. Cyprian Guchienda, The Rev. Dr. Rhasell Hunter, the Rev. James Kim, the Rev. Jin Kim, the Rev. James Lee, the Rev. Buddy Monahan, and Linda Valentine.

The 29th Annual North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy Conference called, “*Faith, Life, and Philanthropy*” will be held April 23-25 at the Crowne Plaza, Cleveland City Centre in Cleveland, OH. The keynote speakers are Frank Minton, Pam Klziner, David Miller and Malcolm Sinclair. Workshops include Clergy, Laity and Church; Development & Planned Giving; and Stewardship Theology. The 2008 North American Conference on Christian Philanthropy (NACCP) is designed for local church pastors, lay leaders and planned giving professionals. Application and information can be found at: www.stewardshipresources.org/Portals/1/Documents/NACCP%20Brochure%202008.pdf

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network present their conference called, “Leaving a Living Legacy on April 22-25, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. Some of the workshops include: The Basics of OAM; Chaplains Roundtable; Leaving a Legacy the Hospice Way; An Insiders’ View of a Retirement Community; Memories in the Making - Building a Life Story; Spirituality: The Anchor of Hope for Those Who Grow Older and more. Online registration is available at www.poamn.org.

The Christian Life Conference called “*Made to be a Kingdom*” will be held June 28 – July 1, 2008 at the Montreat Conference Center. The conference is a renewal experience of Christians of all “ages and stages and sponsored by Presbyterians for Renewal. More information can be found at www.pfrenewal.org. Conference leaders include Rev. Scott Dudley, Rev. John Akers, and Rev. Marnie Crumpler

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

Pre-Presbytery Mission Groups Meet

- 4:00 Committee on Ministry
Trustees
Preparation for Ministry
Pre-Presbytery gathering with The Rev. Dr. Thomas Taylor, Deputy Director for Mission,
General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- 5:00 Gathering of God's People: Registration and Refreshments Assembly of Commissioners/Visitors & Convening
Moderatorial Welcome and Comments, Remarks of the Host Pastor
Opening Worship and Prayer of Constitution
- 5:03 Assembly Formalities
Business of the Clerk; Docket Presentation; Referrals; Correspondence; Recognition of
Corresponding Members; Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2008
- 5:05 Presbytery Family Remembrances and Celebrations
- Sharing and Supporting Our Ministries
- 5:11 Consent Agenda p. 6-18
5:15 General Presbyter's Report – Dan Schomer p. 19-22
5:20 Resource Center Coordinator – Lorraine Jones p. 23-25
5:25 Mission Committee p. 26
6:10 Evening Prayer
6:30 Fellowship at the Dinner Table
- Sharing and Supporting Our Ministries (cont'd)
- 7:15 Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Mark Phillips p. 27-29
8:15 Committee on Ministry – Debby Dockstader p.30
8:25 Mission Visioning Council – Debby Dockstader
8:30 Trustees – Bonnie Dutton and Rusty Cowden p.31-34, 45-51
8:45 Hudson Commission – Reford Nash
8:50 Committee on Nominations – Bob Forsythe p. 35
8:52 Synod Commissioners – Ruth Cole and Harold Walker p. 36-37
8:57 Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council – Ruth Cole p.38
9:07 Stow Commission – Trella Johnson
9:09 Joseph Badger Meadows – Marilyn Stroble and Rileys
9:16 Communication and Nurture – Burt McGlawn p.39-40
9:19 Self-Development of People – Bob Offerdahl
9:24 Miscellaneous Business
9:29 Evaluation
9:34 Report on Leave and Absence – Stan Christensen
9:39 Adjournment

Eastminster Presbytery
Consent Agenda
March 11, 2008

1. To append the Minutes of the December 10, 2007 Eastminster Presbytery Coordinating Council to the Minutes of the November 29, 2007 meeting.
2. To append the Minutes of the November 29, 2007 Mission Visioning Council to the Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting.
3. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council the offering of the March 11 Stated Meeting be designated to One Great Hour of Sharing.
4. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Dr. Peter Lawson as the Pastor of the Heritage Presbyterian Church in Poland.
5. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Rusty Cowden as Designated Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Warren.
6. That upon the recommendation of the Mission Visioning Council, Cindy Weis (Akron Westminster) be Co-opted to the Committee on Ministry for 2008.
7. That upon the recommendation of the Mission Visioning Council, Rev. Bob Offerdahl be Co-opted to the Self Development of People for 2008.
8. That upon the recommendation of the Mission Visioning Council that the Manual of Operations section 7.106d be set aside to allow Rev. Robert Offerdahl to become the Vice-Moderator of the Self-Development of People Committee.
9. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Hudson Commission.
10. The Committee on Ministry recommends approving John Gruneich serving outside the ecclesiastical bounds of Eastminster Presbytery to accept a position as Interim Minister at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Salem, Ohio.
11. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Eastminster Presbytery waive the Book of Order requirement for rotation of Elders for a period of three years for the Hungarian Presbyterian Church.
12. The Committee on Ministry recommends that Carole Harrison be allowed to labor within the bounds of Eastminster Presbytery to serve as Chaplain at Children's Hospital in Akron. She is a member of Mid Kentucky Presbytery.
13. The Board of Trustees recommends concurring with Liberty Presbyterian Church's session and congregational action regarding the sale of their manse located at 1447 Churchill-Hubbard Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44505 for the amount of \$71,000. Funds will be used to replace heater/boiler system.

Draft: Not yet approved by the Presbytery Coordinating Council

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL

February 28, 2008

The Eastminster Presbytery Coordinating Council met at 3 p.m. on February 28, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

Present: Elder Ruth Cole, Elder Lucille Clay, the Rev. Reford Nash, the Rev. Mark Phillips, Elder Robert Gillette

Staff: Dan Schomer, Meta Cramer, Marianne Lidstone

Absent: Stan Christensen

The Rev. Derek Starr Redwine and the Rev. Mark Phillips were welcomed as new members of the Council.

The Rev. Mark Phillips opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting were approved.

PRESBYTERY MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2008

DOCKET

The proposed docket of the March 11, 2008 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery was discussed.

It was decided by consensus to docket 20 minutes for worship.

OFFERING

Motion prevailed to recommend that the offering collected at the March 11, 2008 Stated Meeting be designated for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

SECOND READING AND VOTE ON MANUAL CHANGES

By consensus, it was decided that the second proposed amendment to the *Manual of Operations* be presented in the following form:

- (1) add a new section 3.107, which will read, "To facilitate educated and informed discussion, substitute motions, whenever possible, shall be distributed at least 24 hours before the Stated meeting of Presbytery"
- and (2) renumber the current section 3.107 as 3.108.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS DURING MARCH MEETING

Motion prevailed to permit the Rev. David Joachim to distribute a flyer pertaining to a World Mission Initiative Conference being held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on March 28-29, 2008.

Motion prevailed to permit the Rev. Reford Nash to distribute materials from the Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship if they are ready by March 11.

ADDITION OF MEMBER TO WORSHIP TEAM - Lucille Clay will seek to recruit another member for the worship team. [The Rev. Derek Redwine agreed to serve immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.]

POLICY ON SALES AT PRESBYTERY MEETING - Derek Redwine and Mark Phillips agreed to study the existing policy on sales at Presbytery meetings, and to bring a recommendation to the Council.

REPRESENTATIVE TO MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL - Mark Phillips agreed to attend meetings of the Mission Visioning Council when they are held within the city limits of Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

CHANGE OF JUNE MEETING – It was decided to hold the June meeting of the Council on June 19 in order to avoid conflict with General Assembly.

The Council was reminded that the December meeting will be held on December 11 and that Committee Night will be moved to December 2.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTION/LEARNING TEAM - Dan Schomer asked for 20 minutes on the May 13 docket for a presentation by the Leadership Development Action/Learning Team.

MODERATOR ELECTION - A new moderator is needed since the Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt has resigned in order to serve on the Committee on Ministry.

Motion prevailed to elect Elder Ruth Cole as Moderator of the Council for 2008.

JANE STOFFER RE PEACE AND JUSTICE PRESENTATION - The Council welcomed Jane Stoffer of the Peace and Justice Ministry Team, who reported that a gathering is being planned for October 5, World Communion Sunday. The Rev. Carol Wickersham, who has been a leader in the “Say No to Torture” witness in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has been invited to present the keynote address. She discussed the Team’s desire to involve more of the Presbytery in the planning of this event. The Team would like to have 20 minutes docketed at the May meeting so that those in attendance may vote for the workshops they would prefer to have offered at the October gathering. There might be a possibility of sending a short DVD presentation to Sessions so that they can discuss the choices prior to the Presbytery meeting.

Motion prevailed to allow for 20 minutes on the May agenda to honor the request of the Peace and Justice Ministry Team.

It was assumed in granting these docket requests that they will be re-evaluated in light of other docket requests for the May Stated Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Concern was expressed about the location and length of the July Presbytery meeting.

Dan Schomer suggested that we meet somewhere other than Joseph Badger Meadow this July given that there will be interim staff in place this summer.

Motion prevailed to seek a location other than Joseph Badger Meadows for a July meeting. It is noted that the Council had previously discussed holding picnics only in the years when the General Assembly has not met.

ADJOURNMENT

The Rev. Derek Redwine closed the meeting with prayer at 4:43 p.m. Intercessions were offered for Molly Halter and for Ruth Cole’s cousin Doug.

Elder Ruth Cole, Moderator

The Rev. Meta Cramer, Stated Clerk

DRAFT:

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

March 1, 2008

The Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met for a brief business meeting at the outset of its retreat with the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council on March 1, 2008, beginning at 8:45 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, Ohio.

Present: Rev. Debby Dockstader, Moderator; Elder Peggy Richmond; Elder John Schippert; Elder Bob Gillette, Elder Dale Riley; Rev. Don Aull; Rev. Bonnie Dutton

Excused: Rev. Jeanine Haven, Rev. Elmarie Parker, Rev. Scott Parker

Staff: Rev. Dan Schomer

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Elder Peggy Richmond, Spiritual Discernment Advisor.

Motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2007 meeting of the Mission Visioning Council.

Motion prevailed to approve the creation of a Mission Visioning Study Task Force for the Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center during this time of staff transition, said Task Force to consist of the following personnel:

Elder Sharon Woods

One other member of the Joseph Badger Meadows Committee

A Trustee

A member of the Committee on Mission

A member of the Commission on Evangelism and Church Growth

A youth, to be chosen by the Joseph Badger Meadows Committee

A Christian Educator, to be chosen by the Committee on Congregational Resources

A member of the Mission Visioning Council

The next meeting of the Council will be held on March 27, 2008 at a location to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 9 a.m.

Rev. Debby Dockstader, Moderator

Rev. Meta Cramer, Stated Clerk

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTMINSTER
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. RUSSELL L. COWDEN, JR.
DESIGNATED PASTOR FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WARREN, OHIO
JANUARY 13, 2008

The Commission of the Presbytery of Eastminster, established to install on behalf of the Presbytery, Russell L. Cowden, Jr. as Designated Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Ohio, convened in the Parlor on Sunday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. in order to carry out its responsibilities in the context of public worship.

Present were ministers: the Rev. Rusty Cowden, the Rev. Deborah Dockstader, and the Rev. Carolyn Griffeth.

Present were elders: Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler and Elder Robert Gillette. Elder Gillette was Moderator of the Commission and Rev. Griffeth was appointed Clerk.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Rev. Dockstader.

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

Motion prevailed that upon the pronouncement of the Benediction by the newly installed Designated Pastor, and the adoption of the Minutes of the Commission, the Commission stand adjourned.

Motion prevailed to waive the reading of the minutes of the Commission.

Motion prevailed that the minutes be presented to the March 11, 2008 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery to become part of its records, with the request that the Commission be dissolved upon their acceptance.

The Commission proceeded into the sanctuary at 1:55 p.m. for the service of Installation, with the Moderator presiding. The order proceeded as follows:

PRELUDE	Melanie Vlad Schubert
INTROIT	The Motet Choir
WELCOME	Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler
CALL TO WORSHIP	Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler
THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY	Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler
*HYMN NO. 442 "The Church's One Foundation"	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler
*KYRIE	
THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11	Elder Tracy McLean Ehrler
ANTHEM "Alleluia"	The Motet Choir
THE NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:23-38	
SERMON	Rev. Deborah Dockstader
*HYMN NO. 220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"	
THE INSTALLATION	
A Litany of Gifts	Elder Robert Gillette
Statement on the Ministry of the Church	
Constitutional Questions to the Designated Pastor-Elect	
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation	
Prayer of Installation	

Declaration of Installation	
Welcome	
Charge to the Designated Pastor	Rev. Scott Parker
Charge to the Congregation	Rev. Carolyn Griffeth
CALL TO OFFERING	Rev. Elmarie Parker
OFFERTORY "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"	The Motet Choir
<i>Offering was divided equally between Eastminster Presbytery and the Warren First Youth Mission Trip.</i>	
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Rev. Elmarie Parker
*HYMN NO. 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"	
*CHARGE AND BLESSING	Rev. Rusty Cowden
*BENEDICTION "The Grace of God"	Melanie Vlad Schubert
*POSTLUDE "Postlude in C"	Melanie Vlad Schubert

A reception for the newly-installed Designated Pastor was held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Installation Service.

The closing prayer for the meeting of the Commission was led by Rev. Rusty Cowden.

Clerk of the Commission
Rev. Carolyn Griffeth

Moderator
Elder Robert Gillette

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EASTMINSTER
For the Installation of Rev. Peter Lawson as Designated Pasto
Heritage Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio
Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 10:45 AM

The Commission of the Presbytery of Eastminster, established to install on behalf of the Presbytery the Rev. Peter Lawson as Designated Pastor for Heritage Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio, convened on the Pastor's Study of that church on Sunday, February 3, 2008 at 10:15 AM in order to carry out its responsibility in the context of public worship.

Present were commission members: the Rev. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter, Eastminster Presbytery; Elder Ruth Brayer, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Elder Linda Evans, Heritage Presbyterian Church; Elder Robert Gillette, Poland Presbyterian Church, Moderator. It was noted that the Rev. Alan Hutchison, Chaplain at Park Vista Retirement Community, will participate in the service as a Presbytery representative as the Rev. John Sharick was excused.

Linda Evans was appointed Clerk of the Commission.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dan Schomer.

A motion prevailed to seat the Rev. Doug Etter, Executive Officer for the Bureau of Veterans Affairs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Chaplain of the 55th Brigade, Pennsylvania National Guard; the Rev. Joyce Lawson, Pastor of the Mahoning United Methodist Church, Youngstown; and the Rev. William Myers, Associate Pastor of Heritage Church and former Pastor of the John Calvin-St. Paul United Church of Christ as corresponding members of the Commission.

All in attendance were welcomed and introduced themselves.

A motion prevailed to approve the order of service as printed in the bulletin for today's service.

A motion prevailed that this Commission shall stand adjourned upon pronouncement of the Benediction by Rev. Lawson at the conclusion of this morning's service.

A motion prevailed that the reading of the minutes of this Commission, as they will be prepared by Linda Evans, will be waived.

A motion prevailed that these minutes be sent to Eastminster Presbytery in time for them to be considered at the March 2008 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery.

A motion prevailed that upon approval of the minutes at the March 2008 meeting of Presbytery, the Commission will be dissolved.

Rev. Lawson reviewed this morning's order of worship.

After the closing prayer by Rev. Myers, the Commission proceeded into the sanctuary.
The order of the service proceeded as follows:

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

David Stiver, Music Director

Mr. Ken Brayer

Hymn “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”	
Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Assurance of Pardon	
Congregational Response	
Passing of the Peace	
Children’s Message	Ms. Jeannette Williams
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer	Rev. William Myers
Morning Offering	
Flute Solo: “Lord, Be Glorified”	Rev. Joyce Lawson
Offertory Response	
Prayer of Dedication	
Old Testament Reading Psalm 100	Ms. Ruth Brayer
Anthem Adult Choir	David Stiver, Music Director
“Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb”	
New Testament Reading Deut.31:1-8	
Sermon “The Koala Bear Syndrome”	Rev. Doug Etter
Hymn “What Does the Lord Require?”	
Recognition of the first officers of the Heritage Presbyterian Church	
Service of Installation	Mr. Robert Gillette
Statement on the Ministry of the Church	
Constitutional Questions	
Questions to the Congregation	Mrs. Linda Evans
Prayer of Installation	
Declaration of Installation	
Welcome	
Charge to the Pastor	Rev. Dan Schomer
Charge to the Congregation	Rev. Alan Hutchison
Hymn “Let All Things Now Living”	
Benediction	Rev. Peter Lawson

A reception for Rev. Lawson was held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Installation service.

Linda Evans, Clerk of the Commission

Bob Gillette, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES -- NOVEMBER 1, 2007

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Eastminster Presbytery Center on November 1, 2007, beginning at 2:30pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Joe Hrach, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Bob Moore, Reford Nash and Mark Phillips. General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bob Gillette. The minutes of the previous meeting on October 2, 2007 were approved as distributed.

Dale Lyons reported that arrangements were almost complete for weekly Sunday morning worship services of the True Hudson Presbyterian Church at the Church on The Green in Hudson.

There was extensive discussion of the recently announced magistrate's decision in the lawsuit brought against Eastminster Presbytery by the dissident pastor and session of Hudson Presbyterian Church. This decision fully supported the position of the dissidents. Numerous misstatements of fact in the published decision were noted and discussed, and there was consensus that objections and appeals of this decision must be pursued vigorously. Dan Schomer reported that the first steps of that process are beginning in a timely manner.

There was discussion of the post-worship dialogue, involving members of the loyalist congregation and of the Commission, following the worship service at Laurel Lake on the afternoon of October 28. After lengthy consideration of the options open in response to the magistrate's decision, there was a strongly supportive hand vote by the Hudson members in favor of beginning weekly Sunday morning worship services in the Church on The Green, with only one dissenting vote.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed by unanimous vote that weekly Sunday morning worship services of the True Hudson Presbyterian Church will commence on November 11, 2007 at the Church on The Green and will continue for an indefinite time, with periodic reviews by the Commission. Dan Schomer was authorized to recruit pastors to serve as short-term pulpit supply and to provide pastoral services as needed. They will be paid \$200 per week plus vehicle mileage. A local person will be sought to help with details such as preparation of worship bulletins.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed by unanimous vote authorizing Dan Schomer to then take the next step of recruiting a temporary supply pastor to work an estimated 25 hours per week. Responsibilities will include weekly Sunday morning services; a midweek study program; pastoral care as needed; and developing ministry teams in areas such as worship, Christian education and management of the congregation's funds. The pastor will be responsible for needed office and communication services including worship bulletins, correspondence and reports. The presbytery office staff will provide additional services including management of receipts and disbursements.

Dan Schomer agreed to arrange liability insurance and other insurance services that may be needed.

Arrangements for the aforementioned November 11 worship service were worked out by consensus. Dale Lyons will make arrangements for music. Dan Schomer will preach. A banner will be prepared announcing a service of the "Presbyterian Church of Hudson (P.C.U.S.A.)" There will be a post-service dialogue, with a review of the litigation and its expected future course. There will also be a review of the financial outlook, noting that litigation costs and congregational redevelopment funding are completely separate, and that substantial redevelopment funds are already in hand or firmly committed.

Arrangements for the Commission's report to the November 13 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery were worked out by consensus. Reford Nash and Dan Schomer will give the report. A motion was moved,

seconded, discussed and passed unanimously that the Commission recommends that objections to and appeals of the magistrate's decision be pursued vigorously, under oversight of the appropriate body within the presbytery. Dan Schomer will work with the Committee on Ministry before the presbytery meeting as to who will report on the magistrate's decision and the Commission's recommendations for appropriate response thereto. Reford Nash will report on the Commission's plan to move forward with weekly Sunday morning services and pastoral care in Hudson, beginning on November 11. Dan Schomer will report on the status of funding for long-term redevelopment of the Hudson congregation and propose appropriate financial support by the presbytery for this endeavor, to be budgeted under the Mission committee. Such funding will be projected for five years, subject to annual review.

The Commission's next meeting was set for Monday, December 3, beginning at 2:30pm at Eastminster Presbytery Center. Joe Hrach will give the opening prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm with prayer by Reford Nash.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES -- DECEMBER 3, 2007

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, on December 3, 2007, beginning at 3:00pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Joe Hrach, Janet Lowery, Dale Lyons, Bob Moore, Reford Nash and Ann Seich. Ann was welcomed as a new member of the Commission. General Presbyter Dan Schomer also attended. The meeting was opened with prayer by Joe Hrach.

The usual order of business was suspended, and the group focused on matters related to the candidacy of Sue Tinker for the position of part-time temporary supply for the Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA). The following position description was proposed, discussed and adopted by unanimous consent:

**Position Description
Part Time Pastoral Leadership
Presbyterian Church of Hudson, PCUSA**

The following responsibilities will be carried out by part-time (20-25 hours per week) pastoral supply leadership for the Presbyterian Church of Hudson:

- Preparing for and leading one service of worship each Sunday morning, and providing for no-less-than-monthly celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- Preparing and delivering a sermon at each Sunday service of worship.
- Contacting all Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA) members and meeting (over time) with all who are willing.

- Providing for pastoral care as needed, including: hospital visitation of the sick, home visitation of the homebound, and counseling as the need may arise.
- Preparing for and leading a mid-week Bible Study or other activity, using this as a way to strengthen the members while also using it as a vehicle to bring visitors into the fellowship.
- Developing Ministry Teams as needed (examples: Worship, Christian Education, Finance)
- Providing for correspondence and reports as needed. The part-time leader will provide his/her own secretarial services, or will recruit a volunteer to do so. Supplies will be provided for in a budget.
- Attend all meetings of the Hudson Administrative Commission, with voice but not with vote.

Sue Tinker then joined the group. Her educational background and field experience were reviewed. She was questioned about matters of motivation toward a clergy career and various matters of theology and polity. She expressed a strong interest in the position and said that she was free to begin work on short notice. She indicated that she would supply the Commission with a copy of her PIF and was comfortable with having Commission members make telephone contact with the persons given as references thereon.

Following Sue Tinker's departure from the meeting, there was discussion during which consensus quickly emerged that she is an excellent candidate for the position of part time temporary supply and that it should be offered to her if review of her PIF and telephone contacts with references are all favorable. It was agreed that a final vote will be taken by email at the earliest appropriate time.

It was agreed by consensus that the salary for 20-25 hours per week will be at an annual rate of \$26,000, plus \$2,000 for expense reimbursement, plus one-half of her Social Security cost (about \$1,950), plus Workers Compensation coverage.

There was discussion, initiated by Dale Lyons, about outside signage for the loyalist congregation's services. It was agreed by unanimous voice vote that the wording should be "Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA)" and that use of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) logo was approved as appropriate.

Dan Schomer provided copies of the financial record of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson congregation, from its beginning on November 24, 2006 through November 27, 2007.

The Commission's next meeting was set for Monday, January 7, 2008 at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, beginning at 2:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

HUDSON COMMISSION MINUTES – JANUARY 7, 2008

The Hudson Administrative Commission of Eastminster Presbytery met at Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church, Akron, on January 7, 2008, beginning at 2:30pm. Members present were Bob Gillette, Joe Hrach, Dale Lyons, Bob Moore, Reford Nash, Mark Phillips and Ann Seich. Sue Tinker, the new “elder supply” at the Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA) was welcomed as a new *ex officio* member of the Commission. Janet Lowery was out of town. Dan Schomer was recovering from illness. The meeting was opened with prayer.

The usual order of business was suspended to allow time for dialogue with Rev. Bonnie Dutton and Jim Cochran, members of the presbytery Trustees. Their purpose in attending the meeting was to share information about a letter recently sent to the Trustees by the session of the dissident Hudson congregation, and to request guidance from the Commission in preparing a response to that letter. Commission members had received copies of the letter by email before the meeting. The two trustees gave their information, expressed their concerns, received assurance that the Commission would discuss the matter and give them a timely reply, and then left the meeting.

The Commission then discussed the matter at length and arrived at the following consensus: The motivation of the Trustees to move toward compromise and conciliation was deemed sincere and admirable. However, most members felt comfortable with the Commission’s position that a successful conclusion of the Hudson-initiated lawsuit continues to merit first priority because of its potential adverse impact on long-established PCUSA polity. It was noted that the Commission’s charter allows it to request authority to negotiate with the dissident congregation, but that the Commission has intentionally not chosen to seek permission to enter into such negotiations.

It was then moved that the Commission should inform the Trustees, through Rev. Dutton by email, that the presbytery has previously indicated that the Hudson Administrative Commission is the appropriate body for negotiation, if and when desirable, and that negotiation is not appropriate at the present time. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. There was consensus that it would be appropriate for the Trustees to simply acknowledge receipt of the letter and to say that they are not authorized to negotiate as requested.

The usual order of business was then resumed. The next Commission meeting was set for February 11, 2008 at 2:30pm. Minutes of the November 1, 2007 meeting were approved with deletion of one paragraph from the draft version previously distributed by email. Minutes of the December 3, 2007 meeting were approved as distributed.

Bob Moore (an attorney) reported on multiple areas of concern about the legal services provided to the presbytery in relation to the Hudson lawsuit, and Ann Seich expressed additional areas of concern that she and her husband John (an attorney) had observed. After extensive discussion, a motion was made to seek presbytery approval that Bob Moore, John Seich and Dan Schomer (or his designee) be designated as a task group to oversee the presbytery’s attorneys and the lawsuit and to report periodically to the Commission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

In response to a request sent to the Commission by Dan Schomer, a motion was made that Ann Seich and Dale Lyons be asked to meet with Dan, Sue Tinker and Bob Bidwell (the latter representing the Synod), to write and check a new application for a Synod grant. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ann Seich and Dale Lyons reported on recent activity of the Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA). They stated that morale is high, attendance is increasing and people are well pleased with Sue Tinker's service to the congregation.

It was moved that Rev. Harold Walker be asked to officiate at Communion on Sunday, January 13, 2008 and that, under his auspices, Dale and Sue Tinker be authorized to offer Communion to multiple shut-in communicants. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Sue Tinker expressed a need to have a Hudson Presbyterian Church membership list for administrative purposes. It was moved that she be authorized to send a letter requesting a copy of that information. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. At Sue Tinker's request, a motion was made that she be authorized to establish a budget task group for the congregation. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dale Lyons reported on the fruits of his work to make the Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA) more visible in the Hudson community.

Responding to an advisory letter from John Seich, a motion was made that he be asked to work with Terry Seeberger to reserve the name "Presbyterian Church of Hudson (PCUSA)" with the Ohio Secretary of State. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote.

It was agreed by consensus that Sue Tinker will be introduced to the presbytery at its January 8, 2008 meeting (as part of the Commission's report) and that she will have an opportunity to speak. The Commission's report will also include information about the above-described dialogue with the Trustees and about the creation of a task group for oversight of legal services.

The meeting was closed with prayer at about 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Attest:

Robert D. Gillette, Secretary

Rev. Reford Nash, Moderator

Report of the General Presbyter
Eastminster Presbytery
March 11, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for the get well cards that numbered nearly 100. Thank you for your concern and kind words as I recuperated from heart by-pass surgery. Thank you for being patient and understanding as I have returned to the office and sought to resume my regular routine. Although I still have some catching up to do, it's good to be back!

I am thrilled that the Rev. Tom Taylor will be our guest at the March 11 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery. He will be in conversation with the presbytery during a 4:00 p.m. pre-presbytery gathering and will address the presbytery during the meeting. As a member of the General Assembly Council, I have had the privilege of working with Tom. I have been most impressed with his leadership as he has helped the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) rediscover the priority of mission for our denomination. It is a real privilege and opportunity to have Tom with us.

We have included in this presbytery packet a report from the Presbyterian Outlook on recent General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC) decisions. These decisions have clarified the implications of the authoritative interpretation included in the report of the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church, and approved by the 2006 General Assembly. The GAPJC decisions affirm that a candidate for ordination as a minister, elder, or deacon, may disagree with an ordination standard, but must abide by that standard nonetheless. Thus, conduct must be in conformity to Book of Order standards.

We have also included instructions on how to prepare for a conversation that will take place at the May 13 meeting of Eastminster Presbytery. In January, members of the Wickliffe Church session and the Rev. Elmarie Parker demonstrated a process for reflecting on biblical themes as a form of visioning. Your session is encouraged to share in the experience described in the report of the Leadership Development Action Learning Team. At the May 13 presbytery meeting, we ask commissions to come prepared to share their experience of this visioning process with their sessions.

Top court prohibits scrupling fidelity-chastity standard
Leslie Scanlon, Outlook national reporter
02/13/2008

LOUISVILLE – The General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC) has ruled that candidates for ordination must comply with the sexual behavior standards of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), even if they disagree in conscience with them.

The GAPJC, in a landmark ruling dated Feb. 11 on a case from Pittsburgh presbytery, declared that the authoritative interpretation that the General Assembly approved in 2006 does not permit exceptions to the requirement in the PC(USA)'s ordination standards, which say that candidates must practice fidelity if they are married or chastity if they are single.

It described the “fidelity and chastity” provision as “a mandatory standard that cannot be waived.” And it upheld language from a prior Synod of the Trinity PJC ruling that made a distinction between allowing departures from the church’s standards related to belief – but not departures related to behavior.

The GAPJC – the highest court in the PC(USA) – supported language from the synod PJC’s ruling. It states that the authoritative interpretation the General Assembly approved “allows candidates to express disagreement with the wording or meaning of provisions of the constitution, but does not permit disobedience to those behavioral standards.”

The GAPJC went on to say, “the fidelity and chastity standard may only be changed by a constitutional amendment. Until that occurs, individual candidates, officers, examining and governing bodies must adhere to it.”

In another ruling issued on the same day, the GAPJC overturned a decision of the PJC of the Synod of Alaska-Northwest related to whether a presbytery could pass a resolution declaring every mandate in the *Book of Order* to be an essential of Reformed polity.

In discussing such policies, the GAPJC declared one unconstitutional and stated that “it is not permissible for a presbytery or a session to define ‘essentials of Reformed faith and polity’ outside of the examination of any candidate for office. Such a determination must be made only in the context of a specific examination of an individual candidate.”

These GAPJC rulings – a set of three – mark the first time the church’s highest court has considered cases resulting from the assembly’s adoption in 2006 of the recommendations of the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the PC(USA).

In the Pittsburgh case, the parties who won a favorable ruling from the Synod of the Trinity PJC appealed some language of that ruling, particularly raising the question of whether departures of conscience can be declared from the church’s standards on matters that relate to behavior as well as those of belief.

The GAPJC stated that the theological task force, which presented the controversial authoritative interpretation to the 2006 Assembly, stated in its rationale that the authoritative interpretation was a “manner of life standard” that “requires ordaining and installing bodies to examine carefully both the doctrinal views and the manner of life of those elected to office.”

The examining body then would determine whether that departure based on conscience – known as a “scruple” – would be permitted, or would rise to such a level that it would be considered a departure from an essential of Reformed faith and polity and so could not be allowed.

The theological task force, in its rationale, stated that the PC(USA) constitution “puts ‘faith and polity’ – belief and behavior – on an equal footing, as they were in 1729, when scruples were permitted in matters of ‘doctrine, discipline, and government.’ ”

But, the GAPJC ruled that the General Assembly did not adopt that rationale section, so “as finally adopted by the General Assembly, the Authoritative Interpretation does not equate ‘polity’ with ‘behavior.’ ”

And, it stated that the church has required those being ordained “to conform their actions, though not necessarily their beliefs or opinions, to certain standards, in those contexts in which the church has deemed conformity to be necessary or essential.”

The GAPJC ruled that departures based on conscience would not be permitted from the “fidelity and chastity standard.” It agreed with the Synod of the Trinity PJC that “no presbytery may grant an exception to any mandatory church-wide behavioral ordination standard” and that “under our polity, violations of behavioral standards are to be addressed through repentance and reconciliation, not by exception or exemption.”

The GAPJC also dispelled the idea that presbyteries could pass resolutions stating they would enforce all mandatory provisions of the *Book of Order*. “Adopting statements about mandatory provisions of the *Book of Order* for ordination and installation of officers falsely implies that other governing bodies might not be similarly bound; that is, that they might choose to restate or interpret the provisions differently, fail to adopt such statements, or possess some flexibility with respect to such provisions,” the GAPJC stated.

In a third case, an appeal by Washington Presbytery of portions of a ruling by the Synod of the Trinity PJC, the GAPJC ruled that a permanent judicial commission is not compelled to require or even encourage parties in a dispute to engage in efforts at biblical peacemaking, based on the model described in the 18th chapter of the gospel of Matthew.

It’s likely to be the ruling in the Pittsburgh case that gains the strongest scrutiny by the church – particularly as two cases of candidates declaring scruples regarding the “fidelity and chastity” language already have emerged from the presbyteries.

On January 15, San Francisco presbytery voted 167 to 151 to approve as “ready for examination” Lisa Larges, a lesbian who works for the advocacy group, That All May Freely Serve.

And the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area voted 196 to 79 on Jan. 26 to restore the ordination of Paul Capetz, a gay seminary professor who voluntarily set aside his ordination in 2000 in protest over the PC(USA)’s ordination standards.

Capetz has said he would not promise to be celibate, but his objections are theological, not because he’s currently involved in a relationship.

Any decisions church courts might make in individual cases such as theirs would have to take into account the GAPJC rulings just issued.

Leadership Development Action Learning Team
Eastminster Presbytery
March 11, 2008

Which biblical story describing the experience of God's people best resonates with the themes, experiences, or questions currently facing your congregation, session, committee, or other group? How might this story open new ways for understanding your group's experience? In what ways does this story provide encouragement, comfort, and/or challenge to you as a group and as individual members of that group? How might this story become woven into the experience and practice of your group?

Here are a few of the many stories in scripture (use one of these or another story from scripture):

Adam & Eve expelled from the Garden

Noah building the Ark (or Mrs. Noah hearing that Noah is building an Ark)

The people of Babel building the tower

Abraham hearing that he was to move

Sarah upon hearing that she will have a child

Jonah in the whale or just out of the whale

Joseph in the well

Joseph in Egypt

The people of Israel while Moses is on the mountain

Moses returning from the mountain

The people of Israel wandering in the desert

Joshua & Caleb scout out the Promised Land

Israel in captivity in Babylon or returning from exile

Disciples sent out to fish again after a tiring fruitless time of fishing

Thomas having heard about the resurrection but not believing

Possible ways in which the session might share the use of this process in answering the questions that are posed above:

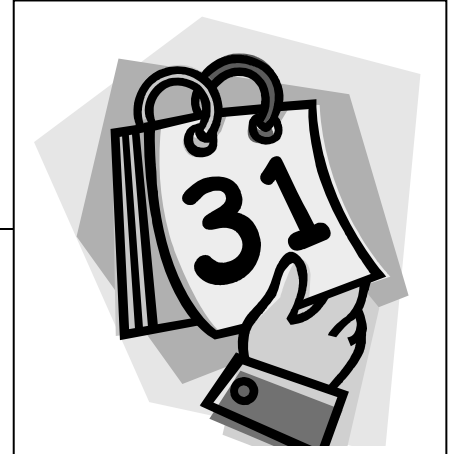
1. The session might ask one of the session committees to conduct a one time exercise using this process to explore the question at one of their meetings. It would be most helpful if the pastor and/or presbytery commissioner could be present to help in the process. The moderator/chair of that committee would report to session about the experience.
2. The session as a whole could use this process to explore the question and then decide if this question should also be asked at one or more of the session committee meetings.
3. The session could appoint a small group (either existing or appointed for the purpose) to use this process to explore the question and report back to the session. The report would form the basis for further discussion at the session meeting.

At the May presbytery meeting, small clusters (3-4 persons from at least two churches) will be asked to discuss the process used at their church, name the biblical story selected, and explain how the story selected is relevant to their church's situation. Each commissioner will be asked to evaluate their experience with this process.

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS
Eastminster Presbytery Office

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Lorraine Jones, coordinator

Resource Center Hours:
Mon 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.
Wed 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.
Thurs 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.



Quick Calendar:

Mar 16	Palm Sunday*
Mar 23	Easter
April 13	Health Awareness Sunday**
April 22	Earth Day

* The Resource Center carries many resources suitable for Holy Week including dramas, readers' theatre, ideas for art activities, Bible studies, ideas for intergenerational events, and worship services. Come to the Resource Center and browse some of the titles available, including:

Holy Week: Experiencing the Events through Art Activities by Phyllis Vos Wezeman (Educational Ministries, 1992) outlines 13 events which took place during Holy Week, lists the passages that record them, and details art activities to help youth experience the story.

Five Who Knew Jesus by Vernon Schmid (Meriwether Publishing, 1994) features five fictional monologs that may be used as Readers' Theatre pieces for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter.

Beneath the Cross by Scott Bryte (CSS Publishing, 2008) presents seven pieces of correspondence from the hearts of those who were closest to the crucifixion, who did not know that Easter was coming.

**The Presbyterian National Health ministries has a great internet site! Visit www.pcusa.org/health/usa to obtain a number of free resources. You will find articles on the effects of cold weather, starting a walking program in your church, information about various conditions or diseases, eliminating health disparities among different population groups in the US, parish nursing, etc. If you do not have internet access, visit the Resource Center for help downloading these helpful articles.

Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous by Joy Jordan-Lake (Paraclete Press, 2008)

assumes you have heard these ten words in church: resurrection, community, abundance, wisdom, holiness, peace, blessedness, worship, forgiveness, hope. The author asserts that if you truly know what Jesus meant by these things, you would be very uncomfortable. Each chapter discusses one of the words. The book includes a group discussion guide and a foreword by Tony Campolo. **Available now at the Resource Center.**

New Dramatic Resources for Holy Week

Living in the Light by Joe Barone, Joseph M. Beer, et al (CSS Publishing Co, 2008)

This anthology contains monologues, skits, litanies, and meditations.

You will find resources for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday. There are even meditations, litanies, and services for the Easter Vigil.

Gathering at Golgotha by Katherine Bailey Babb (CSS Publishing Co, 2008)

This Reader's Theatre for Good Friday presents the drama surrounding Jesus' trial and crucifixion as experienced by John, Peter, Mary, and Mary Magdalene. The presentation ends with Jesus' death on the cross. The congregation is asked to sing "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" and to depart in silence.

Getting Our Feet Wet by Gary William Bell (CSS Publishing Co, 2001)

This resource contains 14 dramas that can be used for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Some are lighthearted, like the skit of man talking to his wife who has just had her feet washed by Jesus. Other dramas are more serious such as the scene of the two Marys at the foot of the cross waiting for that last breath.

Artisans of the Crucifixion by Jeffrey R. Ingold (CSS Publishing Co, 1999)

Five monologues detail the events of Jesus' crucifixion. The congregation will hear from the tanner that crafted the whip, the basket maker who wove the crown of thorns, the blacksmith who forged the nails, the carpenter who built the cross, and the stonemason who chiseled out the tomb.

New and Noteworthy.....

Looking for a small-group study that uses both video and printed word to explore some challenging topics? Confronting the Controversies by Adam Hamilton (Abingdon Press, 2005) looks at the separation of church and state, creation and evolution, the death penalty, euthanasia, prayer in public schools, abortion and homosexuality from a biblical perspective. Adam Hamilton is a pastor in the United Methodist Church. He always includes both sides of the issues before stating his own thoughtful opinion and frequently cites statements and positions of the Methodist church to support his opinion. It is clear that Mr. Hamilton struggles with these issues just as we do. He has added a 10 page postscript (written in September 2004) to his chapter on homosexuality to communicate how his views have changed since he originally wrote the piece in 2000. It is worth reading. The kit that is available at the Resource Center contains the book, a pastor's guide with CD-ROM, a leader's guide, a DVD and a video. The DVD and video contain a segment (each is 15 minutes long) for each of the seven topics.



Eastminster Presbytery Resource Center

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.

Eastminster Presbytery and the Mission Committee Welcomes

Rev. Dr. Tom Taylor



The Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Taylor is Deputy Executive Director for Mission, General Assembly Council of The Presbyterian Church (USA). He oversees the six General Assembly Council Mission Ministries; Evangelism and Church Growth, Peace and Justice, Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women, Relief and Development, Theology Worship & Education and World Mission.

Taylor is a member of San Gabriel Presbytery. He was ordained to the ministry in 1995 and served as senior minister of the 1,400 member Glenkirk Presbyterian Church in Glendora, California.

He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also earned a law degree. Tom received his Masters of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and his Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Intercultural Studies, where he also teaches a social justice course. In

2006 Fuller's faculty honored him with its annual Theology Award for his doctoral studies on how concepts of modern jurisprudence affect the church at large.

Tom is professionally active in both law and ministry. He has published numerous academic and popular articles on the interaction of Christian faith and culture. In 1996, he authored an award-winning book, *Seven Deadly Lawsuits: How Ministers can Avoid Litigation and Regulation* (Abingdon Press). His most recent book, *Paradoxy: Coming to Grips with the Contradictions of Jesus*, published by Baker Books, will be available in the summer of 2006. Tom has been or is currently a member of the American Bar Association and the Utah State Bar,

Tom is married to Jan Taylor who works as a Delta Airline Flight Attendant, the proud father of two sons, Aaron and Ryan.

Preparation for Ministry
Statement of Faith
Amy Starr Redwine

We are all children of God, the triune God who created the world, redeemed it through the life and death of Jesus Christ, and sustains it now through the work of the Holy Spirit. God longs to be in relationship with each of God's children and relentlessly pursues us so that this relationship may develop. God's love is unconditional – we are each loved completely, just as we are – but the awareness of God's love inspires us to seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from God and to turn toward God, reflecting God's justice and mercy in our own lives.

The fullest expression of our relationship to God is in worship, when God's people have the opportunity to honor God, remember the words and work of Jesus, and discern the calling of the Holy Spirit in the church community and in our individual lives.

Jesus Christ is God incarnate. With the birth of Jesus, God demonstrated a passionate desire to be with God's people. In Jesus, God chose to become human and walk among us. Jesus taught his followers about God's sovereignty and prepared them for God's coming kingdom.

In the death of Jesus on the cross, God redeemed humanity and the world. Jesus' suffering and death was necessary so that we need not be eternally separated from God because of our inevitable turning away from God in sin. All that is required to receive forgiveness is sincere repentance.

Jesus' resurrection represents God's victory over death. In death we are not separated from God but joined with God and all the saints in a new and profound way.

Baptism is a sign of God's love for us and of our dying to sin and rebirth to new life as disciples of Christ. Infant baptism is acceptable as an expression of God's love for and call to each human being even before that being is able to respond. Communion is a remembrance of Jesus' sacrificial death and a celebration of the promise that Christ will come again. In partaking the bread and wine of communion we are joined with the church eternal and receive spiritual nourishment for our bodies and souls.

I believe the Bible is authoritative and that its compilation occurred under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we read and study the Bible, we have the opportunity to deepen our understanding of God and of how God's people have demonstrated their faith (and sometimes their lack thereof!). By continually interpreting the Bible, we faithfully struggle to understand our relationship to God and our discipleship to Jesus as contemporary Christians.

I have always loved the final declaration of the Apostle's Creed. For me, it is a concise expression of my most significant beliefs: "I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

Personal statement of faith
Henry Pearce
February 19, 2008

As a Presbyterian elder, I have stood before a congregation of God's people and affirmed my acceptance of the essential tenets of the Reformed faith. After thinking about this matter and considering many suggestions of what these might be, I have come to believe that the following list is a fair summary of those essential tenets, and I offer them as my statement of faith. I believe:

1. God is beyond our imagining. God has revealed a nature that is holy, righteous, loving, creative, free to act, and known to us as "the Triune God, One God in Three Persons." This triune nature implies that relationship-in-community is an essential aspect of God's character, and that faithfully serving God must also be done communally.
2. God created all things good, and humankind in God's image. The disorder and darkness in the created order is a result of human sinfulness. The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments communicate to us both the nature and extent of human sinfulness and the higher standards God intends for humankind. These standards are beyond human attainment and we inevitably sin against God and one another, but the faithful pursuit of the higher way is incumbent on those who would serve God.
3. Jesus is God's answer to the disorder and darkness of creation, God in human form. He proclaimed the nearness of God's kingdom as good news to the poor, healed the sick, fed the hungry, befriended sinners, and drove out demons. His crucifixion paid the penalty for human sinfulness, and effectively rescued humankind from its alienation from God in a direct and intentional act of God. He was raised from the dead as a sign of the truth of God's promises of resurrection and eternal life. His role is unique in history, and no one comes to God except by Jesus.
4. The Holy Spirit is the continuing presence of God in the world today. The Spirit continues the work of God which was performed on earth by Jesus, makes us God's adopted children, shows us our sins and by this process transforms us slowly into the image of the Christ, binds us to one another and to God, helps us to understand scripture and other forms of divine revelation, comforts and encourages us in times of trouble, and empowers us to Christian ministry and mission.
5. By the Holy Spirit, God elects and calls a covenant people (the church), calling us to service as well as to salvation, commanding us and equipping us to make disciples and to serve others, especially those in great need. Covenant life is meant to be marked by discipline and order and by faithful stewardship. We have been given the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper as physical manifestations of God's promises. These sacraments are not empty rituals; God participates in them when we do, and through them communicates divine grace to the disciples of Jesus.
6. Human sinfulness includes the tendencies toward tyranny and idolatry; sinfulness infects societies as well as individuals. Since the formation of the covenant, God has been calling the people to establish a just and compassionate society, but this commandment has not been obeyed fully in any time or place. Therefore, faithfulness to God in the Christ includes opposition to injustice of all kinds.
7. Jesus is our highest authority, with the Bible second, our confessions third, and the Book of Order fourth. I believe that all of the Bible is true and of value for the Christian life, but I do not believe that all parts of it represent (or were intended to represent) historic fact. I believe that every disciple of the Christ is called to thoughtful study of the Bible, and that the Holy Spirit most effectively guides us into greater understanding when this study is done in the fellowship of other believers.
8. I believe that at the end of time, God will be victorious in Jesus, liberating creation, judging the living and the dead, and establishing an everlasting kingdom. I believe that the disciples of Jesus will be resurrected to share in that kingdom, and that our sufferings in this life can always be understood as temporary and unable to separate us from the hope we have as God's people.

Esther Sue Tinker
Statement of Faith
February 19, 2008

I believe that faith is a gift and that as a priesthood of believers all believers are called to share in Christ's ministry. We are placed in communities of faith in order to build each other up as we learn, comfort, support and rejoice with each other.

I believe in the mystery of the one Triune God. I believe that God is the creator and we are God's children called to be faithful stewards of all God's creation. I believe that God is sovereign and active in our world today giving providential care creating, sustaining, ruling and redeeming the world. I believe we are called to service and salvation. I believe that God alone is worthy of our worship and that worship is a response to God's love for us.

I believe Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, head of the Church. He is the only begotten Son of God, fully God and fully human. Jesus Christ, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin birth, lived a fully human life on earth. He is the perfect example of what humanity was designed to be. He was crucified for the sins of the world, buried but rose claiming victory over death. I believe that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and intercedes for His Church. Obedient to death, Jesus acted as the divine agent for the salvation of the world. I believe that salvation is a grace of God received by faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is active in our lives and empowers us to accomplish God's will. The Holy Spirit gives us strength in time of weakness and guides us in all truth. At our Baptism, the Holy Spirit draws and binds us to Christ so that we may share in Christ's communion with God. In Baptism of children we see God's love claiming us before we know faith. In Baptism of believers we trust that by faith through grace we share in Christ's atonement of our sins and believe that we are forgiven of our sins. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, by the work of the Holy Spirit we share in the life of our living Lord as our spiritual relationship is renewed and strengthened, we are transformed to be more Christ-like. In sharing the Lord's Supper we proclaim the assurance that as Christ lives eternally, so shall we.

I believe that Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is the primary source of revelation into the person and work of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the object of our faith, and it is in that revelation we begin to understand God and God's interaction with us. Scripture tells us of God's story of redemption of humankind as we see witness of how others responded in faith or in self-service. As we study Scripture, the Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and one another.

I believe we are called to lead a covenant life as faithful and participating member of the Church by which we share in obedience; growing and ministering for the transformation of the world around us.

Eastminster Presbytery
Committee on Ministry

Items for Information:

1. COM approved the Church Information Form of Christ Church Presbyterian.
2. COM approved the extension of Rev. Jeanne Haven as Temporary Supply at the Liberty Presbyterian Church for one year to 2/7/09.
3. COM approved the Church Information Form of Rockynol Presbyterian Home.
4. COM approved Rev. Harry Van Fleet to serve as Moderator of the Firestone Presbyterian Church.
5. COM approved extending the Interim Covenant between Rev. Don Aull and First U.P. Church of East Palestine Session through March 31, 2008.
6. COM approved an updated Pulpit Supply List.
7. COM approved Elder Dale Riley moderating the Congregational Meeting at Vienna on March 9, 2008.

Item for Presbytery Action:

1. Recommend that Henry Pearce be commissioned to serve as a Commissioned Lay Pastor at the Vienna Presbyterian Church at 40% time beginning March 1, 2008 and that he be allowed to moderate the session and officiate at the sacraments. This action will enable him to serve at Vienna until he is ordained and installed in mid April pending the call of the congregation.

2. Recommend that Elder Pete Macaulay be renewed in his position as Commissioned Lay Pastor at the Allenside Presbyterian Church with the same functions as currently authorized by the Presbytery.

Eastminster Presbytery's Obligation to GA

February 29, 2008

2001			2001 Balance - \$0 paid in 2002
2002			2002 Balance - \$137,713.30 paid in 2003
2003			2003 Balance - \$103,118.16 paid in 2004
2004			2004 Balance - \$104,945.79 paid in 2005
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
			2005 Balance - \$44,806.38 paid in 2006
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
			Total Owed TO GA - \$0

**The Board of Trustees would like to recognize
the following churches that have increased their mission giving pledge for 2008.**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Increase from 2007</u>
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, Akron	4%
First Presbyterian Church, Columbiana	50%
United Presbyterian Church, Cuyahoga Falls	6%
First United Presbyterian Church, East Palestine	23%
Kinsman Presbyterian Church	21%
Lake Milton Presbyterian Church	4%
New Lisbon Presbyterian Church, Lisbon	25%
First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge	5%
Petersburg Presbyterian Church	3%
Clarkson Presbyterian Church, Rogers	5%
Heritage Presbyterian Church, Poland	86%
First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown	4%
Christ Church, Youngstown	100%

2007 Per Capita Payups

CHURCH NAME	2007 Total Per Capita Due	Total Paid to Date	Balance Due	Percent Payup
AKRON ALLENSIDE	\$1,586.65	\$825.50	\$761.15	52.03%
AKRON FIRESTONE	\$4,686.72	\$4,686.72	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON FIRST	\$6,126.91	\$6,126.91	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON GOODYEAR HTS	\$6,444.24	\$6,444.24	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON NEW COVENANT	\$1,588.60	\$1,588.60	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$3,100.07	\$3,100.07	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON OAK HILL	\$10,618.35	\$3,594.96	\$7,023.39	33.86%
AKRON UNIVERSITY	\$1,513.42	\$0.00	\$1,513.42	0.00%
AKRON WESTMINSTER	\$16,452.34	\$16,476.42	(\$24.08)	100.15%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$6,541.88	\$6,541.92	(\$0.04)	100.00%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$12,888.48	\$12,888.48	\$0.00	100.00%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$5,321.38	\$3,543.45	\$1,777.93	66.59%
CUY. NORTHMINSTER	\$5,443.43	\$5,443.42	\$0.01	100.00%
CUY - UNITED	\$8,787.60	\$8,787.60	\$0.00	100.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$5,223.74	\$5,223.74	\$0.00	100.00%
ELLSWORTH	\$2,465.41	\$2,465.41	\$0.00	100.00%
GIRARD	\$1,806.34	\$1,806.34	\$0.00	100.00%
HUBBARD	\$6,566.29	\$6,565.00	\$1.29	99.98%
HUDSON	\$12,253.82	\$0.00	\$12,253.82	0.00%
KENT	\$5,004.05	\$5,004.05	\$0.00	100.00%
KINSMAN	\$3,392.99	\$3,392.99	\$0.00	100.00%
LAKE MILTON	829.94	\$829.94	\$0.00	100.00%
LISBON	\$7,445.05	\$7,445.05	\$0.00	100.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$4,979.64	\$4,979.64	\$0.00	100.00%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,391.37	\$1,391.37	\$0.00	100.00%
NILES FIRST	\$3,344.17	\$3,344.15	\$0.02	100.00%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$976.40	\$976.40	\$0.00	100.00%
NORTH BENTON	\$4,515.85	\$86.06	\$4,429.79	1.91%
NORTH JACKSON	\$1,074.04	\$1,074.04	\$0.00	100.00%
N. LIMA-COMMON GROUND	\$1,757.52	\$1,757.52	\$0.00	100.00%
PETERSBURG	\$2,611.87	\$2,611.87	\$0.00	100.00%
POLAND	\$20,943.78	\$20,943.79	(\$0.01)	100.00%
ROGERS CLARKSON	\$976.40	\$976.40	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM CONCORD	\$1,171.68	\$1,171.68	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$12,668.79	\$12,668.79	\$0.00	100.00%
SEBRING	\$6,810.39	\$6,810.39	\$0.00	100.00%
STOW	\$6,395.42	\$0.00	\$6,395.42	0.00%
STRUTHERS	\$5,321.38	\$5,321.38	\$0.00	100.00%
VIENNA	\$1,806.34	\$1,806.34	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CALVARY	\$2,392.18	\$2,392.18	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CHAMPION	\$10,008.10	\$10,008.10	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN COVENANT	\$1,269.32	\$1,269.32	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN FIRST	\$8,055.30	\$8,055.30	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. HERITAGE	\$4,564.67	\$4,173.84	\$390.83	91.44%
YO. BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$610.25	\$610.25	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. CHRIST	\$3,734.73	\$3,734.73	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. COITSVILLE	\$1,415.78	\$152.64	\$1,263.14	10.78%
YO. FIRST	\$5,296.97	\$5,296.97	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$2,196.90	\$711.52	\$1,485.38	32.39%
YO. HUNGARIAN	\$3,124.48	\$1,526.57	\$1,597.91	48.86%
YO. JOHN KNOX	\$2,636.28	\$2,636.28	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. LIBERTY	\$1,806.34	\$513.43	\$1,292.91	28.42%
YO. PLEASANT GROVE	\$7,176.54	\$6,900.00	\$276.54	96.15%
YO. WESTMINSTER	\$11,521.52	\$11,521.52	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. WICKLIFFE	\$4,759.95	\$4,759.95	\$0.00	100.00%
TOTAL	\$283,402.05	\$242,963.23	\$40,438.82	85.73%

2007 Mission Payups

CHURCH NAME	2007 General Mission	2007 Payup	Balance	Percent Payup
	PLEDGE			
AKRON/ALLENSIDE	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AK./FIRESTONE PARK		\$1,000.00		
AKRON/FIRST	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AK./GOODYEAR HTS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AK./NEW COVENANT		\$2,500.00		
AK/NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AKRON/OAK HILL	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AK./UNIVERSITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
AKRON/WESTMINSTER	\$25,750.00	\$26,000.00	-\$250.00	101.0%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$16,715.00	\$16,715.04	-\$0.04	100.0%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$2,000.00	\$11,000.00	-\$9,000.00	550.0%
CUY. /NORTHMINSTER	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
CUY. FALLS/UNITED	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
EAST PALESTINE	\$2,333.15	\$1,149.40	\$1,183.75	49.3%
ELLSWORTH	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
GIRARD	\$3,670.00	\$3,670.00	\$0.00	100.0%
HUBBARD	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
HUDSON	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
KENT	\$10,000.00	\$9,999.67	\$0.33	100.0%
KINSMAN	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LAKE MILTON	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LISBON	\$10,000.00	\$11,100.00	-\$1,100.00	111.0%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$8,089.80	\$8,089.80	\$0.00	100.0%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,000.00	\$1,072.50	-\$72.50	107.3%
NILES FIRST	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH BENTON	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.07	-\$0.07	100.0%
NORTH JACKSON	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH LIMA/CGCC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
PETERSBURG	\$2,904.00	\$2,904.00	\$0.00	100.0%
POLAND	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
ROGERS/CLARKSON	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	100.0%
SALEM/CONCORD	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	75.0%
SALEM FIRST	\$28,600.00	\$28,300.00	\$300.00	99.0%
SEBRING	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
STOW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
STRUTHERS	\$0.00	\$0.00		
VIENNA	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN/CALVARY	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN/CHAMPION	\$7,890.00	\$7,422.00	\$468.00	94.1%
WARREN/COVENANT	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN FIRST	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
BROWNLEE WOODS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	100.0%
CHRIST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
COITSVILLE	\$0.00	\$0.00		
YOUNGSTOWN FIRST	\$14,400.00	\$14,400.00	\$0.00	100.0%
GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$0.00	\$851.58	-\$851.58	
HUNGARIAN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
JOHN KNOX	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LIBERTY	\$1,100.00	\$1,173.52	-\$73.52	106.7%
PLEASANT GROVE	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WESTMINSTER YO	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WICKLIFFE	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
TOTAL	\$307,156.95	\$319,802.58	-\$9,145.63	104.1%

Eastminster Presbytery
Nominating Committee Report
March 11, 2008

For information:

Resignations:

Carole Rummell, Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2008
Carmen Ferris, Committee on Ministry Class of 2010

For Action:

Nominees:

Permanent Judicial Commission
Class of 2008
Rev. Ross Jackson, WMC

Synod Commissioner
Class of 2009
Rev. Joseph Atkins, WMC

Enrolling Clerk:

A: The Enrolling Clerk Position for 2008 shall be split into two positions:

- 1) An Enrolling Clerk, East, North and South
- 2) An Enrolling Clerk West

B: The following nominations are offered for those respective positions:

Enrolling Clerk East, North and South: Art Stratiff
Enrolling Clerk West: Stan Christensen

SYNOD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Background

At the Synod Assembly held October 5-6, 2007, the Assembly adopted new Bylaws for the Synod. The Bylaws include two provisions which require the concurrence of a majority of the Synod's presbyteries before they can become effective. Those two provisions deal with the membership of the Synod Assembly.

The Synod Assembly directed the stated clerk to send Articles IV, B, 1 and 3 to the presbyteries with the request that they determine whether they do or do not concur with the proposed portions of Article IV, and inform the synod stated clerk of their determination no later than July 1, 2008.

The current Bylaws in "Article VII – Participants" contain the following two provisions:

Article VII – Participants in the Synod Assembly will include the following:

A. Commissioners

Four commissioners from each of the 11 presbyteries with equal numbers of elders and clergy; altogether, the elected commissioners shall represent a diversity of gender, racial ethnicity, age and experience.

- Voice and vote
- Two-year terms in classes
- Elected by presbyteries
- May be re-elected for a maximum of six years

D. Each year the Committee on Representation, with the support of CECA, shall designate a presbytery to elect two racial-ethnic persons, one clergy and one elder, to be commissioners-at-large to Synod Assembly. The commissioners-at-large shall serve two-year terms in two classes, for a total of four commissioners-at-large who shall have voice and vote and may be elected to serve a maximum of four years.

Recommendation

To replace the provisions noted above with the following two provisions which are found in Article IV – Synod Assembly:

Article IV

B. Participants

1. Commissioners

Two commissioners from each of the 11 presbyteries with equal numbers of elders and clergy; altogether, the elected commissioners shall represent a diversity of gender, racial ethnicity, age, disability, and experience.

- Voice and vote
- Elected by presbyteries
- Three-year terms in three classes
- May serve for a maximum of six consecutive years

3. Officers of Designated Synod Organizations

a) The moderators or their designees of the following organizations

Presbyterian Women
Synod Asian Caucus
Synod Black Caucus
Synod Hispanic Caucus
Synod Native American Consulting Committee

b) Terms of participation

- Voice and vote
- Three-year terms
- May serve for a maximum of six consecutive years.

Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

March 11, 2008

Motion: The Eastminster Presbytery Coordinating Council presents as a second reading that the *Manual of Operations* be amended at 6.300 to add the words “the Board of Trustees” to the list of committees/commissions that have a representative to the Mission Visioning Council.

Motion: The Eastminster Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council presents for a second reading a proposed amendment to the *Manual of Operations* as follows: (1) add a new section 3.107, which will read, “To facilitate educated and informed discussion, substitute motions, whenever possible, shall be distributed at least 24 hours before the Stated meeting of Presbytery” and (2) renumber the current section 3.107 as 3.108.



EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

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It is our purpose as a presbytery consisting of inter-related congregations, to be places of worship and faith where you can experience and caring for one another. It is which is given to us through the use by receiving communion. We believe in a God who has called us to give much community and compassion! So, browse around; see who we are, what we believe, and what we understand our ministry to be. and, if you are moved to do so, BE IN TOUCH!

Additional Items of Information

- ◆ [2007 PEACEMAKING FLYER](#)
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Adobe vs. Microsoft???

Rev. Christy Ramsey ponders "Why Pdf?"


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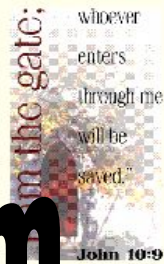
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Senior High Retreat**
March 14-15, 2008
 JBM Conference Center
- ◆ **WMI Conference (World Mission Initiative)**
"A New Day in Mission"
March 28-29, 2008
 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- ◆ **Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant**
"Empowering Presbyterian Women"
April 5-6, 2008
 Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
 Columbus, OH
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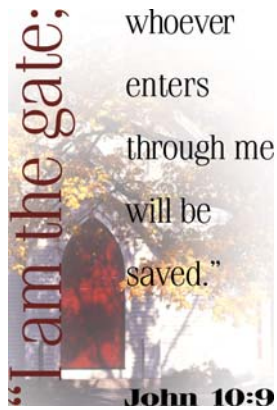
THE EVANGEL INFORMATION

Themes for the upcoming issues:

Summer - LEADERSHIP, due June 10,2008

Fall - STEWARDSHIP, due October 14 , 2008

Winter - MISSION, due February 13 ,2009



Share the Good News of what's happening in your Congregation in 200 words or less, a picture included is appreciated.

A copy of The Evangel will be included in the Presbytery Packet, starting with the May 2008 Packet. Your Church's Commissioner to Presbytery will share in the responsibility of making a copy available to all "persons in the pews."

Please mark the above DATES and THEMES on your calendar!!

Questions, etc. contact Trella Johnson, 330.792.5318 or E-mail: johnsontjp@aol.com.

APPLICATION FOR MARGARET PARK SCHOLARSHIP

Please print in ink

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SEMINARY _____ YEAR: MIDDLE _____ SENIOR _____

AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

EST. EXPENSES FOR SCHOOL YEAR \$ _____ EST. INCOME FOR SCHOOL YEAR \$ _____

Tuition \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Housing \$ _____

Food \$ _____

Clothing \$ _____

Transportation \$ _____

Contribution to local church \$ _____

Other (Itemize) \$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Seminary Scholarships / Grants \$ _____

Other Scholarships/Grants/Awards _____

Loans Outstanding \$ _____

Personal Earnings \$ _____

Spouses Earnings \$ _____

Aid from Family \$ _____

Savings \$ _____

Aid from Home Church \$ _____

Other (Itemize) \$ _____

\$ _____

Total \$ _____

MARRIED (YES _____ No _____)

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN _____

IF A FIRST-CALL PASTOR: DATE OF GRADUATION _____ LOCATION OF CALL _____

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By signing below, you certify that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of your knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please Return to: Northminster Presbyterian Church Attn: Lucille Clay
104 West Portage Trail Extension
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY April 9, 2008

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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant

Offers.....TWO OPPORTUNITIES

OHIO GATHERING

April 4-5, 2008 OR
Crowne Plaza, Columbus North
6500 Doubletree Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43229
800-996-8916

MICHIGAN GATHERING

May 17-18, 2008
Doherty Hotel & Conference Center
604 North McEwan
Clare, MI 48617
8770236-4378

Cost: \$55 plus hotel (PW Rates available)

Noon (Saturday) to Noon (Sunday) Gatherings include: For 24 hours Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant will come together for a time of community, leadership training and spiritual renewal. There is something for everyone! Make your own experience by the choices you make during the 24 hours.

Training Leaders.... Presbytery Coordinating Team Leaders and others interested in leadership will attend specific training sessions.

Experiencing Spiritual Renewal..... Every women needs time for prayer, reflection and spiritual renewal. This gathering offers just that. All women will experience spiritual renewal.

Building Community..... Regardless of what YOU CHOOSE during the 24 hours, there will be time for community. Also....Introduction to the HORIZONS Bible Study on Luke coming out early April, 2008.

The time is NOW to register for one of these gatherings

CHOOSE the date and location to attend PW Gathering

CLIP & SEND registration form along with \$55 fee to Presbyterian Women in Synod Registrar, Goldie Burrier. (Available from PWP Moderators and www.pwsoc.org)

CALL a friend to SHARE a hotel room

CALL the hotel and MAKE your OWN reservation. (PW will NOT make hotel reservations for you!)

REGISTRATION: Goldie Burrier
1101 E. 10th Street
Salem, OH 44460
330-332-5548

QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE GATHERING: Carol Winkler
GatheringCoordinator

Eastminster Presbytery PW Spring Gathering

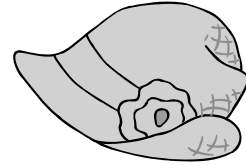
April 28, 2008

at

Rockynol Retirement Community

1150 West market St.

Akron, OH 44313



Registration begins at 9 AM

In addition to learning a little about preparing for retirement, we will have a program on the hats of World War II

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR A HAT!

Please send your reservation (with luncheon choice of chicken or salmon) and \$5.00 by Monday, April 21, 2008 to:

Irene Sams

935 N. 12th St.

Sebring, OH 44672

PH: 330-938-6378

Make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women

(Registration can be paid at the door but please let us know you are coming by Monday, April 21, so we can plan accordingly)

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Eastminster Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering Reservation Form

Please fill out a registration form for each person attending.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ City _____

Luncheon choice: Chicken Salmon

Please enclose a check (\$5.00 for each woman's lunch) – payable to Presbyterian Women
859-781-7662

A proposal and request for collaboration from
Congregational Resource Committee's
Peace and Justice Ministry Team



"Peacemaking and Tortured Humanity: Learning Nonviolent Skills"

A Peacemaking Gathering for our Presbytery
Sunday, October 5, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The peace and justice ministry of Eastminster Presbytery honors our common faith in the unconditional loving God through Jesus, the Prince of peace. We also acknowledge our gratitude for the privilege and responsibility of living in a free and open society that provides security for practicing that faith.

Our 2006 peacemaking gathering asked, "Can Peace Break Out?" in contrast to "War breaking out." Violence still breaks out around our world, and justice remains elusive to a vast proportion of God's people. Yet Christ calls us to be peacemakers who attend to justice and nonviolence in the context of our spiritual disciplines.

At our 2006 gathering a number of Eastminster churches provided various workshops showing ways that Presbyterians are engaging in nonviolent actions to advance God's realm. Therefore, as we, the Peace and Justice Ministry Team, continue plans for another presbytery-wide gathering on World Communion Sunday this year, we are seeking your involvement in the structure of the gathering.

We have invited Carol Wickersham, a Presbyterian minister, a leader in the "Say No to Torture" witness in the Presbyterian Church USA. Her keynote talk will spell out Biblical and theological themes that energize this witness. She will also point to ethical issues related to the theme of "tortured humanity," e.g., that children need help in dealing with the violence in bullying. She will also note that torture is a critical issue in the persecution of Christians and other human rights activists in Columbia, Sudan, the Philippines and many other countries. At the May meeting of Presbytery we'll ask commissioners to suggest specific workshops to help their churches.

In April a DVD on Biblical and theological reflections will be available to introduce the October gathering to your church. If your congregation is interested in hosting the Peacemaking Gathering this fall or if your church will assist in helping us shape the event, please contact Jane Stoffer, bastoffer@sbcglobal.net 330-332-5570 or Tom Niccolls, niccolls29@yahoo.com 330-938-7644.

Peacemaking is the Believers' Calling

JBM Budget 2008

Acct. Name & Number	2008 Budget
CAMPER FEES/SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 49,400.00
8410 Camper Fees	\$ 40,700.00
8422 Retreat Fees	\$ 6,200.00
8427 Scholarships	\$ 2,500.00
CONFERENCE/RETREAT USER FEES	\$ 71,700.00
8411 Camp	\$ 36,500.00
8412 Boyd Farm House	\$ 9,200.00
8421 Haynam House	\$ 26,000.00
SERVICES	\$ 37,200.00
8413 Camping/RV/Sabbath House	\$ 2,000.00
8414 Pool	\$ 3,000.00
8416 Programs (Wagon rides, Teams)	\$ 5,000.00
8419 Picnic Pavilion/Barn	\$ 200.00
8420 Meals	\$ 27,000.00
FRIENDS/GIFTS	\$ 1,385.00
8415 Friends of JBM	\$ 1,385.00
OTHER	\$ 3,650.00
8417 Sales (T-shirts, etc.)	\$ 4,000.00
8423 Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00
8424 Interest	\$ 50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 163,335.00
EXPENSES	
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$ 43,245.00
6410 Mileage	\$ 2,500.00
6411 Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
6459 Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 1,200.00
6416 Office Equipment/Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
6417 Membership	\$ 1,100.00
6418 Licenses/Legal Fees	\$ 1,250.00
6425 Property Taxes	\$ 30.00
6426 Property Insurance	\$ 15,000.00
6427 Vehicle Insurance	\$ 840.00
6429 Payroll Fees	\$ 575.00
6460 Financial Review	\$ 2,500.00
6430 Workshops/PCCCA/CCI	\$ 1,950.00
6431 Office Rental	\$ 2,050.00
6453 Miscellaneous	\$ 400.00
6455 Advertising/Promotions	\$ 2,100.00
Loan Payback (USDA)	\$ 9,750.00
Endowment payback	\$ -
UTILITIES	\$ 28,900.00
6419 Gas	\$ 5,500.00
6420 Telephone	\$ 3,500.00
6421 Electric	\$ 17,400.00
6422 Propane	\$ 1,500.00
6423 Trash	\$ 1,000.00

PROPERTY/GROUNDS	\$	41,950.00
6412 Service Staff Salaries	\$	16,000.00
6413 FICA	\$	2,700.00
6414 Stipends	\$	900.00
6415 Workman's Comp	\$	300.00
6424 Grounds Maintenance	\$	300.00
6428 Fire & Safety	\$	500.00
6432 Boyd Farm House	\$	900.00
6433 Back Camp	\$	2,000.00
6434 Pool/Bathhouse	\$	1,050.00
6435 Pool Chemicals	\$	1,100.00
6436 Director's Residence	\$	600.00
6437 Barn	\$	500.00
6438 Roads/Trails	\$	700.00
6439 R/Varea/Camping/Sabbath House	\$	150.00
6440 Mobile Equipment	\$	2,000.00
6441 Utiliy Maintenance	\$	4,000.00
6442 Tools/Small Equipment	\$	800.00
6443 Fluids/Lubes	\$	3,500.00
6444 Maintenance Supplies	\$	350.00
6451 Camp Supplies	\$	3,000.00
6457 Haynam House	\$	600.00
PROGRAM/SUMMER CAMP	\$	49,000.00
6445 Summer Staff	\$	19,500.00
6446 Lifeguards	\$	1,800.00
6447 Curriculum/Resources/Library	\$	500.00
6448 Sports/Games	\$	200.00
6449 Crafts	\$	700.00
6450 Program Miscellaneous	\$	2,500.00
6452 Food	\$	18,500.00
6454 Camp Store (T-shirts, etc)	\$	3,300.00
6462 Retreat Staff	\$	1,500.00
6463 Adventure Program	\$	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	163,095.00

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Eastminster Presbytery Budget 2008				
ACCT NUMBER	Title	Administrative Budget 2008	Mission Budget 2008	Total
Mission Visioning Council				
5251.22	Combined Councils Retreat		\$250	Provides an annual planning retreat for the Mission Visioning and Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council
5252.22	Leadership Development		\$750	Funding for participation in events that promote leadership development of Eastminster's ministers & elders
5253.22	Congregation Transformation		\$750	Funding for participation in events that equip leaders to foster congregational transformation
Total Mission Visioning Council		\$0	\$1,750	\$1,750
Communication and Nurture				
5201.22	Nurture		\$500	Communication is the plumbing and wiring of the Presbytery. We light up the web site and work to make the news flow into churches via the quarterly newsletter. We nurture the common life of the Presbytery by forward to holding a retreat for pastors and spouses.
5205.22	Presby Media Prod, Congreg Media Use		\$300	
5206.22	WebSite Licensing Fees		\$100	
5207.11.22	Website Hosting and ISP	\$200	\$750	
5210.22	Quarterly Presbytery Newsletter		\$0	
5211.11	Presbyterian Communicators Louisville Event	\$150		
Total Communication and Nurture		\$350	\$1,650	\$2,000
Personnel				
STATED CLERK				
5301.11	Salary	\$2,989		
5302.11	Board of Pensions Dues	\$1,883		
5368.11	Housing Allowance	\$2,989		
5311.11	Expense Account	\$200		
5106.11	St Clerk Annual Conf	\$500		
5110.11	Stated Clerk to GA	\$1,500		
Total		\$10,061	\$0	\$10,061
FINANCIAL/CLERICAL ASSISTANT				
5310.11	Salary	\$12,854		
Total		\$12,854	\$0	\$12,854
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT				
5307.11.22	Salary (65/45)	\$16,311	\$13,399	
5308.11.22	Board of Pension Dues	\$5,367	\$4,409	
5318.11.22	Medical Deductible (2%)	\$326	\$268	
5309.11.22	Continuing Education	\$165	\$135	
Total		\$22,169	\$18,211	\$40,380
TREASURER				
5315.11	Treasurer Stipend	\$7,060		
Total		\$7,060	\$0	\$7,060

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	GENERAL PRESBYTER			
5321.11.22	Salary (45/55)	\$19,673	\$24,044	
5322.11.22	Housing Allowance	\$12,193	\$15,029	
5324.11.22	Continuing Education	\$540	\$660	
5325.11.22	Library Allowance	\$270	\$330	
5326.11.22	Medical Deductible (2%)	\$639	\$780	
5327.11.22	Expense Account	\$1,170	\$1,430	
5333.11.22	Board of Pension Dues	\$10,257	\$12,536	
	Total	\$44,742	\$54,809	\$99,551
	RESOURCE CENTER COORD.			
5335.22	Salary		\$9,015	
5336.22	Continuing Education		\$250	
	Total	\$0	\$9,265	\$9,265
	JBM CAMP DIRECTOR/PROPERTY			
5360.22	Salary		\$20,505	
5361.22	Pension/Health Care		\$8,671	
5364.22	Continuing Education		\$500	
	Total	\$0	\$29,676	\$29,676
	CAMP DIRECTOR/PROGRAM COORD.			
5365.22	Salary		\$20,505	\$29,176
5366.22	Board of Pension Dues		\$8,671	\$1,216
5367.22	Continuing Education		\$500	\$7,294
	Total	\$0	\$29,676	\$29,676
5370.11.22	Personnel FICA/Medicare	\$2,546	\$5,077	
5372.11.22	Personnel Workers' Comp.	\$525	\$849	
	Total	\$3,071	\$5,926	\$8,997
5375.11	Enrolling Clerk Stipend	\$214		
5376.11	Travel Expenses/Staff	\$750		
5377.11	Moderator's Expense	\$900		
5378.22	Staff Appreciation	\$0	\$175	
	Total	\$1,864	\$175	\$2,039
	Personnel Total	\$101,821	\$147,738	\$249,559
	Presbytery Auto			
5401.11.22	Auto Expenses (45/55)	\$900	\$1,100	
5402.11.22	Auto Insurance	\$850	\$850	
5403.11.22	Auto Purchase Supplement	\$1,500	\$1,500	
	Total Presbytery Auto	\$3,250	\$3,450	\$6,700

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Presbytery Office					
5501.11	Office Equipment	\$2,000			
5503.11	Office Equipment Maintenance	\$3,500			
5504.11	Office Insurance	\$2,650			
5505.11	Bank Fees	\$100			
5506.11	Office Supplies	\$3,000			
5508.11	Office Telephone	\$2,600			
5510.11	Office Postage	\$2,000			
5512.11	Office Facility Maintenance	\$4,400			
5515.11	Office Utilities	\$4,300			
5516.11	Payroll Service	\$1,700			
5517.11	Property Taxes	\$3,300			
5518.11	Office Mortgage Payment (800.42 x 12)	\$9,605			
Total Presbytery Office		\$39,155	\$0	\$39,155	
Committee on Mission					
5602.22	Protestant Campus Ministry, YSU		\$500		Supports ministry of Ecumenical Campus Ministry of Chaplain Kathryn Adams
5613.22	1st Barberton Headstart		\$700		Support of supplemental educational program for poverty level 3-5 year old children
5617.22	Barberton Area Comm. Ministry		\$3,000		Provides food, emergency assistance, information, and counseling to area poor
5618.22	Barberton Health Clinic		\$2,000		Provides free medical primary healthcare to under served people in the area
5624.22	1st Akron Community Fund		\$3,400		Emergency assistance and walk-in meals in high poverty area
5625.22	Dakota Presbytery Mission		\$1,000		Partnership with Native American presbytery providing mutual understanding & hands on ministry opportunities
5626.22	Southside Ministries, Youngstown		\$12,000		Christian ministry including tutoring, literacy classes, rehab, spiritual nurture, & material assistance for all ages in
5629.22	International Mission Partnership - Spain		\$5,500		Funding for international partnership of understanding between Eastminster & Levante Presbyteries
5636.22	Kent Church Campus Ministry		\$7,200		Assistance with Kent Church ministry to students at Kent State University
5637.22	1st Akron Comm. Development		\$3,400		Serves the poor through community programs, projects, and practical acts of service
	Ethiopian Endowment Fund		\$1,000		
6211.22	Hudson Church Redevelopment/Transformation		\$10,000		Congregational Transformational Grant
Total Committee on Mission		\$0	\$49,700	\$49,700	
Committee on Ministry					
5701.11	Transformational Ministry Training	\$1,000			Resource pastors in the practice of ministry to create missional congregations
5701.22	Session Leadership Training		\$500		Assist Sessions in gaining the skills to lead the congregation
5704.11	Travel/Training	\$1,000			Provide training and travel expenses for COM members
5705.11	Triennial Pastor / Session	\$150			Provide for COM expenses for triennial visits with pastors and session
5707.11	Continuing Ed/Clergy Start Up	\$500			Provide continuing education for COM members and an orientation for new pastors to the presbytery
5710.11	Lay Minister Development	\$200			Provide training and an annual retreat for elders serving as lay pastors
5711.22	Retired Clergy Support		\$100		Provide for fellowship gatherings of retired ministers and their spouses
5709.11.22	Sexual Misconduct Response	\$120	\$120		Assist COM with strategies to prevent or address cases of sexual misconduct
5710.22	Candidate Screening		\$500		Assisting Pastor Nominating Committees
Total Committee on Ministry		\$2,970	\$1,220	\$4,190	
Committee on Preparation for Ministry					
5802.11	CPM Synod Event Travel/Training	\$300			Annual event sponsored by the Synod providing training for committee members
5803.22	Annual Consultation Day/Travel		\$300		To cover costs of annual consultation with inquirers and candidates
5804.22	Midwest Career Center Expenses		\$750		To cover a portion of the cost of psychological evaluation and career counseling for inquirers
Total Preparation for Ministry		\$300	\$1,050	\$1,350	

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Committee on Congregational Resources					
5902.22	Youth Triennium Supplement		\$1,650		Accrued financial support for triennial participation in nationwide youth event
5903.22	Resource Center Purchases		\$1,700		Provides online catalog, updated books, curriculum, and other media for congregations to use for ministry
5909.22	Sexuality Retreat for Youth		\$250		Presbytery sponsored event for youth of the churches of the presbytery
5912.22	Equipping the Saints		\$0		Funding for presbytery events that provide training & resources to congregational leaders
6003.22	Resourcing Congregations in Peacemaking/Hunger/Restoring		\$1,751		Presbytery's portion of Peacemaking Offering to promote justice & peace through congregations
6006.22	Ohio Presbyterians for Public Policy Advocacy		\$100		Financial support for Ohio Council of churches keeping churches informed on public policy issues
Total Congregational Resources		\$0	\$5,451	\$5,451	
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Trustees					
6103.11	Auditor	\$8,000			For required annual audit
6106.11	Presbytery Legal Fees	\$10,000			To protect our congregations/properties as required and necessary
Total Trustees		\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000	
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Evangelism and Growth					
6209.22	Evangelism Administration		\$300		Covers administrative costs for commission training and expenses
6210.22	Acts 16:5 Seminars		\$3,300		Provides for travel/housing expenses of consultant and partial scholarships for churches
Total Evangelism and Growth		\$0	\$3,600	\$3,600	
Self-Development of People					
6351.22	SDP Administrative Expenses	\$700	\$0		Expenses for Eastminster SDOP Committee
Total for SDOP		\$700		\$700	
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES		\$166,546	\$215,609	\$382,155	\$382,155

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RECEIPTS			
PER CAPITA MEMBERS X \$16.18	\$170,586		\$170,586
MISSION PLEDGES		\$184,330	\$184,330
INCOME FROM LEETONIA CHURCH (est)		\$1,500	\$1,500
DONATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (est)		\$2,000	\$2,000
GRANTS			
SYNOD:			
ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES IN HIGHER ED		\$5,344	\$5,344
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING		\$1,851	\$1,851
SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE	\$700		\$700
Richard Braun Memorial Fund		\$2,345	
JBM Salary Adjustment - One Year Only		\$6,000	
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$171,286	\$203,370	\$366,311
DIFFERENCE	\$4,740	(\$12,239)	(\$15,844)