

Eastminster Presbytery
November 14, 2006
Presbytery Night

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

8	-	12:30pm	West Area Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University
12	-	3:00 pm	West Area Reading of the Minutes @ Oak Hill Presbyterian Church
14	-	4:00 pm	Pre-presbytery meeting @ Petersburg Presbyterian Church
	-	4:00 pm	COM meeting @ Petersburg Presbyterian Church
	-	4:00 pm	JBM Committee Meeting @ Petersburg Presbyterian Church
	-	5:00 pm	Presbytery Meeting @ Petersburg Presbyterian Church
16	-	1-2:30 pm	Interim Pastors Group @ Presbytery Center
	-	7:00 pm	Mission Visioning Council @ First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge
23-24	-	*****	Thanksgiving Day – Offices Closed

DECEMBER CALENDAR

6	-	12:00 pm	COM West Area Subcommittee @Erie Station Grill
7	-	9:30 am	COM Executive Committee @ Presbytery Center
	-	12:30 pm	Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown
12	-	5:00 pm	Committee Night @ First Presbyterian Church, Warren
13	-	12:30 pm	West Area Clergy Luncheon for clergy, spouses and survivors @ Martin Center, Akron University
14	-	5:00 pm	Coordinating Council Meeting @ Vienna Presbyterian Church followed by dinner
	-	6:30 pm	Mission Visioning Council meeting @ Vienna Presbyterian Church
25-26	-	*****	Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday
31	-	*****	Mission Pledges Due from Churches

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

DIRECTIONS TO:

PETERSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

13996 Youngstown-Pittsburgh Rd.
Petersburg, OH 44454
Phone: 330.542-3534

Petersburg Presbyterian Church is located on the southwest side of Rt. 170 in Petersburg.

From the NORTH: Take I-680 south to the Western Reserve Rd. exit. Turn left and go about 2 ½ miles east to Rt. 170. Turn right and go about 6 miles into Petersburg. The church is on the right less than a half mile after you cross over the Ohio Turnpike.

From the SOUTH: Approach Petersburg on Rt. 170. At the first stop sign, turn right. At the second stop sign, just a few yards later, turn left. Go less than a city block to the church, on the left.

From the WEST (Akron, etc.): Take I-76 east past the Ohio Turnpike interchange, and continue east on I-80. After crossing Rt. 46, bear right on I-680 through Youngstown to the Western Reserve Rd. exit. From that point, proceed as described in the second paragraph above.

From the WEST (Salem, etc.): Take Rt. 14 east to Rt. 170. Take 170 north as directed in the second paragraph above.

Parking on right (northwest) side of the church building. They are planning on having extra parking across the street at the fire station and then shuttling folks to the church.

Petersburg Presbyterian Church is handicapped assessable to sanctuary only. They have made plans to put tables up in the back of the church for those who find it difficult to go downstairs for dinner. There are handicapped parking spaces.

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2006 DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please update you 2006 Eastminster Presbytery Directory with the following changes. Remember much of the directory can be found at www.eastminsterpresbytery.com under “members” area and using your password sent to all pastors. Please call the office if you are having any problems accessing this information.

PAGE	CHANGE
3	Change Resource Center Hours to Monday and Wednesday 9-2 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 am 50 3:00 p.m.
14	Change New Covenant Community Church’s email address to office@covenantakron.org
14	Remove Rev. Anne Hagler as Designated Pastor to New Church Community Church
16, 48	Change Columbiana’s Rev. Scott Parker’s cell phone to 330-277-6887 and address to 916 Fairfield School Rd.
17	Add Rev. Meta Cramer as Interim Pastor of Northminster Church
20	Change New Lisbon Presbyterian Church’s email address to nlpc1807@sbcglobal.net
20, 22, 23	Delete Revs. Steve and Meta Cramer as Co-Pastors of New Waterford; Rogers, Clarkson; and Salem Concord.
22	Delete Rev. Rein Krone as Pastor of Petersburg Presbyterian Church.
39, 48	Change Rev. Moss Rutan’s email address to morut3@hotmail.com and add his wife name, Deborah
47	Change Rein Krone’s email address to rkrone@ameritech.net Phone: 330-423-0265

Eastminster Presbytery News & Notes

Prayer Concerns and Best Wishes:

Prayers for Rev Paul Johnston who will be having surgery for an aortic aneurysm on November 9, 2006.

Prayers for Ruth Cole who will be going through hip surgery on November 15.

Continued prayers for Bernie Christensen, Co-Moderator of Nominating Committee who is healing from hip surgery last month.

Best wishes to Rev. Steve Cramer as he starts his new ministry at Trinity Presbyterian Church in East Liverpool.

Mission Yearbooks of Prayer and Study has arrived for anyone who placed an order. These will be distributed at the November presbytery meeting. We ordered these in bulk and therefore have just a few extras still available. Please contact the presbyter office if interested. The Children's books usually run a few weeks behind in shipping and we have not received those yet.

Upcoming November Pre-presbytery event - Rev. Christy Ramsey, pastor of Goodyear Heights Presbyterian Church in Akron, will present a pre-presbytery information session at the November Meeting at 4:00 p.m. in Petersburg on Media relations. Christy has been a volunteer with the Office of Communication at General Assembly for several years and is on the board of Presbyterian Media Mission. He has led workshops at the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery level and presented at the latest Presbyterian Communications Network meeting. During his ministry he has produced local radio shows, edited the Presbytery newsletter and has been featured on PresbyTel's Infoline. He is quoted in this September's issue of *Presbyterians Today*. His writing has appeared in the General Assembly News and the Joyful Noiseletter. Christy recently attended the Presbyterian Communicators Network meeting and is coming to share this information. Media relations or publicity is a powerful way for organizations of all sizes to increase their visibility, enhance their reputation and influence key stakeholders. It can be particularly powerful for congregations because it offers low cost and high credibility, compared to other types of advertising and marketing. This session will give you a greater understanding of news criteria, reveal how reporters think, and list media relations 'do's and don'ts'.

Rev. Rein Krone, former pastor of Petersburg Presbyterian Church, and his wife, Susan have settled in on the island of Nevis in the West Indies. He can be reached at 330-423-0265 or emailed through reinkrone@sisterisles.kn. Rein has several possible irons in the fire already including doing a radio show, teaching an ethics class at the school of medicine or doing counseling. He is already starting a Bible study class on the island with other Presbyterians. His wife, Susan has started her teaching position at the school of medicine.

The Board of Pensions is presenting its annual **Benefit Talk event** on Tax Tips for Ministers and Church from the comfort of your home or office. Visit www.pensions.org/register to call 800-355-4487 to register for the teleconference. Registration is limited and ends on November 15, 2006.

The Presbytery of Mississippi continues to need your help in the disaster recovery on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. If you are a skilled laborer (builder, plumber, electrician, drywaller, etc.) or not so skilled (but willing to help and work hard) or can bring a ministry of prayer, caring support and encouragement, please contact Linda Bates at 222-604-2424 or email presbyrecovery@bellsouth.net

When Rev. Anne Hagler was cleaning out her office she found **3 clergy pulpit robes**, one in white and 2 in black. They will be on the display table for presbytery for anyone interested.

If you are in need of a praise band then Rev. Debby Dockstader highly recommends "**The Bridge.**" They are a group that consists of northeaster Ohio rock music legends performing contemporary and traditional gospel as well as spiritual classic rock and pop music. One member of the group is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Niles. More information can be found by calling 330-538-2039.

Susan Downy, member of Boardman Westminster Presbyterian Church, is donating a 25 year old **Baldwin organ** with 2 keyboards and 8 pedals to anyone interested. Please call Susan for more information at 330-757-7808.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Bibles - After cleaning house for Church School, I have found an amazing amount of Bibles at CPC that we are NOT using. (I realize that doesn't sound good, but in reality we have new study Bibles, etc.). We have 50+ of burgundy/red soft leather covered RSV Bibles and 60+ of the Gold "Good News" Bibles. Most are in excellent shape, some have tears - but not many. I have been given permission to see if any of the churches in Eastminster would like to come look at them and/or take them. Anyone interested can let me know. Liz Weingart, DCE of the Canfield Presbyterian Church, Phone: 330-533-5509, ext. 13

First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard is looking for a Choir Director and an Accompanist. Job Descriptions, salary and responsibilities will be developed and determined in consultation with the chosen applicant. Both position are Part Time. TO APPLY: Contact Pastor Stewart, First Presbyterian Church, 22 Westview Avenue, Hubbard, OH 44425, 330-534-9721, E-MAIL revstew@sbcglobal.net

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND EVENTS

National Stewardship Conference will be March 12-14 in Denver. Titled "Transformational Stewardship," the conference will feature Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly, as the keynote speaker. Synod Executive Marie Cross and Karl Travis, pastor at Grosse Ill (MI) Presbyterian Church, are among the workshop presenters. For more information, contact Presbytery office or PC (USA) Office of Stewardship, 888-728-7228, ext. 5676.

The 2007 PHEWA Social Justice Biennial Conference will be held in New Orleans Jan. 11–14, 2007. For more information and a conference registration booklet visit www.pcusa.org/phewa. Explore, using New Orleans as our reference point, the inequities and realities of failed systems — political, social, economic; learn from local persons and organizations by visiting the neighborhoods; hear the voices of resistance, resilience and hope; and experience the spirit and soul of New Orleans through its music and art. Conference leadership will be with Bill Quigley, law professor and Director of the Law Clinic and the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center at Loyola University; Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer Oget, Assistant Professor of the New Testament at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and Dr. Robert C. Linthicum, president of Partner in Urban Transformation, a Christian ministry equipping the church for engagement in public life.

National Pastor's Sabbath for pastors who are actively serving in parish ministry will take place on June 28 through July 2, 2007 at the Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort outside Salt Lake City, UT. The retreat will be led by an outstanding group of inspirational speaker and preachers. The Rev. Cynthia Rigby will lead a study and reflection on the Isaiah text. The retreat will include worship with notable preachers like the Rev. Drs. Justo and Catherine Gonzalez, the Rev. Dr. Craig Barners and the Rev. Robert Burkins. Early registration will be open December 4, 2006 for pastors actively serving PC (USA) churches, including pastors, associate pastors, interims, designated pastors, stated supply pastors and commissioned lay pastors. More information available at www.pcusa.org/pastorsabbath.

The 2007 Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held at Purdue University July 17-22. The Youth Triennium is an international event for youth ages 15-19. More information and registration forms are in the back of this packet. For more information contact Marilyn Stroble at United Presbyterian Church, Cuyahoga Falls at 330-923-9735 or email at dce@CFUPC.org

Seeking to be Faithful Together:

Guidelines for Presbyterians during times of Disagreement

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

Give them a hearing...
listen before we answer

*John 7:51 and Proverbs
18:13*

Speak the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15

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

Ephesians 4:3

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

Adopted by the 2004th General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for use by sessions and congregations.

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

Pre-Presbytery Mission Groups Meet

- 4:00 Pre-Presbytery Presentation on “Media relations”
Committee on Ministry
JBM Committee
- 5:00 Gathering of God's People: Registration and Refreshments Assembly of Commissioners/Visitors & Convening
Moderatorial Welcome and Comments
Opening Worship and Prayer of Constitution
- 5:03 Assembly Formalities
Business of the Clerk; Docket Presentation; Referrals; Correspondence; Recognition of Corresponding Members; Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2006 and Special Meeting on October 6, 2006.
- 5:05 Presbytery Family Remembrances and Celebrations

Sharing and Supporting Our Ministries

- 5:11 Consent Agenda p.8
- 5:15 Report of the General Presbyter – Dan Schomer p. 17
- 5:25 Committee on Nominations – Carole Rummell p. 18-20
- 5:30 Committee on Ministry – Nick Mager & David Joachim p. 21
- 5:35 Presbyterian Women – Wanda Marland-Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church p. 22
- 5:40 Committee on Personnel – Alice Jackson p. 23-27
- 5:50 Trustees –Rusty Cowden, Ross Jackson p. 28-39
- 6:10 Resource Center – Lorraine Jones p. 40-41
- 6:14 Margaret Park Scholarship – Lucille Clay p. 42
- 6:17 Communication and Nurture – Christy Ramsey
- 6:20 Committee on Mission – David Joachim, Elmarie Parker, Donna McCollum p. 43-46
- 6:25 Remarks of the Host Pastor
- 6:30 Fellowship at the Dinner Table
- 7:15 Presbytery at Worship

Sharing and Supporting Our Ministries (cont'd)

- 8:05 Committee on Ministry – Nick Mager
- 8:10 Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Mark Phillips p. 47
- 8:25 Evangelism and Church Growth
- 8:28 Congregational Resources – Tom & Jane, Scott Mentzer p. 48-51
- 8:39 Coordinating Council – Sue Ann Schmidt p. 52-53
- 9:09 Miscellaneous Business
- 9:14 Evaluation
- 9:19 Report on Leave and Absence
- 9:24 Adjournment

Eastminster Presbytery
Consent Agenda
November 14, 2006

1. To append the Minutes of the August 24, 2006 Presbytery Coordinating Council to the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting.
2. To append the Minutes of the August 24, 2006 Mission Visioning to the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting.
3. To append the Minutes of the September 28, 2006 Mission Visioning to the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting.
4. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Derek Starr Redwine as Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Akron.
6. The Trustees recommend that the Presbytery concur with the action of the congregation of Hungarian Presbyterian Church, on October 8, 2006 to sell the property known as Calvin Center, 755 Mahoning Ave. Youngstown, OH 44502 to End Time Ministries, Inc., Chapter II, P.O. Box 184, Freeport, NY 11520, per Bishop Al T. Henry, Sr., for \$235,000.
7. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Coordinating Council, the offering of the November 14, 2006 stated meeting be divided between the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches & Akron Area Association of Churches
8. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Coordinating Council, the December 2006 Council Night for the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council and Mission Visioning Council meeting date be moved ahead one week to December 14, 2006 due to the holidays.
9. That upon the recommendation of the Presbytery Coordinating Council, that both the December 2007 Committee Night and Council Night be moved one week earlier making 2007 Committee Night on December 4, 2007 and Council Night on December 13, 2007.

Draft: Not yet approved by the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

MINUTES OF PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL

October 26, 2006

The Eastminster Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council met on October 26, 2006 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, beginning at 5 p.m.

Present: Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt, Moderator; Elder Stan Christensen; Elder Lucille Clay; Rev. Reford Nash; Elder Ruth Cole; Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant

Staff: Marianne Lidstone, Meta Cramer, Dan Schomer

In response to Elder Robert Gillette's request for docket time, it was decided that he could request the floor during Miscellaneous Business.

Motion prevailed to designate the November 14 offering to be divided equally between the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches and the Akron Association of Churches.

Motion prevailed to retain December 12 as the Committee Night for December, and to hold the next meeting of the Coordinating Council on December 14. Committee Moderators will have to be urged to make their requests for January docket time to the office immediately.

Motion prevailed to recommend to the Presbytery that in 2007 Committee Night be held on December 4 and Council meetings on December 13.

It was announced that because of the smaller physical plant of the Girard and Niles-South Side Churches, the November 2007 will be held at the First Church of Niles at the request of Moderator-presumptive Debby Dockstader.

Motion prevailed to nominate the Rev. Peter Lawson to fill the unexpired term on the Committee on Nominations vacated by the Rev. Steve Cramer.

It was suggested that we re-examine guidelines for services of installation. Motion prevailed to make the installation service in the *Book of Occasional Services* the guideline for the installation of Ministers of Word and Sacrament within Eastminster Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dan Schomer at 6:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Meeting Coordinating Council will be held on December 14 at 5 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Sue Ann Schmidt, Moderator

The Rev. Meta Shoup Cramer

Draft: Not yet approved by the Mission Visioning Council

MINUTES OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL
October 26, 2006

The Eastminster Presbytery Mission Visioning Council met on October 26, 2006 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge, beginning at 7:18 p.m.

Present: Elder Peggy Richmond, Moderator; Elder Cal Bennett; Elder Molly Halter, Elder Carole Rummell; Rev. Richard Ferris; the Rev. Ross Jackson; Elder Alice Jackson; Rev. Bonnie Dutton; Elder Robert Gillette; Rev. Debby Dockstader; Rev. Paul Johnson; Rev. Harold Walker

Excused: Rev. Carolyn Griffeth

Staff: Rev. Dan Schomer, Rev. Meta Cramer

Spiritual Discernment Advisor Molly Halter opened with the lighting of the Trinity candle and the reading of 1 Peter 5:6-10. She shared the story of a discus thrower who benefited from training under a heavy burden.

Report from Coordinating Council

Sue Ann reported that December 21 had been set as meeting time for the Councils and requested that the Council meetings be moved to December 14 at Vienna. The Mission Visioning Council had already made this change.

Minutes of September Meeting

Two corrections were offered to the September 28 minutes:

- 1) In the second paragraph under Support of Pastors, strike the words "Bob Gillette" and insert "It was. . ."
- 2) Include the times of Area Budget Consultations:
Insert "3 p.m." before "at Canfield" and before "at Akron-Oak Hill", and
Insert "6:30 p.m." before "at Salem-First" and before "at Warren-First."

Moderator Peggy Richmond announced that a meeting place is needed for November. Mineral Ridge was volunteered. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with no meal served.

There is a volunteer needed for the Area Budget Consultation at Warren-First, as Debby Dockstader cannot do that. Bob Gillette volunteered to participate in that consultation.

The Moderator shared that, at the conclusion of Budget Negotiations earlier this evening, there was some frustration shared, and that the Mission Visioning Council should be aware that many are hoping for changes in membership numbers and in stewardship.

Report of the General Presbyter

Dan made several recommendations which had been presented in September for a first reading. All were approved by the Council:

- 1) That the General Presbyter be authorized to design a Leadership Retreat for Ministers of Word and Sacrament to be held at the Haynam House, Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center, either in January-February 2007 (prior to Lent) or in April 2007 (after Easter).

Possible resources might be “A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix” by Edwin Friedman or “Leadership on the Line” by Ronald Heifetz and Mary Linsky.

If this recommendation is approved, the General Presbyter will provide a proposed outline of the retreat based upon each resource.

The Mission Visioning Council must give final approval of plans for the retreat prior to it being implemented.

2) That the Mission Visioning Council create an Action Learning Team to develop an event or series of events in 2007 on the topic of Congregational Transformation and that there be exploration of “Level 3” funding from the Synod of the Covenant. The work of the Action Learning Team requires final approval by the Mission Visioning Council.

3) That the Mission Visioning Council create an Action Learning Team to develop an event or series of events in 2007 on the topic of Leadership Development for Pastors. The work of the Action Learning Team requires final approval by the Mission Visioning Council.

Dan Schomer stated that there is \$2000 each for #2 and #3 in the 2007 budget.

Pastoral Support

Bob Gillette mentioned that some pastors who attended the Pastors’ Retreat had expressed interest in continuing to meet together. The Rev. Jeanine Haven will take on this responsibility from Communication and Nurture.

Bob reported that conversations about the Presbytery website have taken place with the Rev. Christy Ramsey, who has the skills to progress in this area.

Dick Ferris reported that some pre-presbytery meetings with Acts 16:5 participants are being considered.

Connecting with Our Churches

Motion prevailed to refer to the Committee on Mission the Moderator’s proposal that a process of “Connecting with Our Churches” be implemented as follows:

Form two groups of three persons in each area to work with individual churches or possibly two churches at a time. Each group would commit to two years of service and would be trained either at a weekend retreat or through a series of classes to be held over a two-three week period. The focus would change to how to help the church use its gifts and to address its needs.

Peggy announced that the administrative commission formed by the action of the October 6 Special Presbytery Meeting is still not full. She is open to further suggestions.

Presbytery Concerns

Dan updated the Council on the Hudson and Stow situations.

There was considerable discussion pertaining to the general situation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Peacemaking Committee

Harold Walker announced that the Peacemaking Committee will again hold a retreat at Haynam House with telecast speakers from Trinity Church in Manhattan. This retreat will take place January. 22-24 (Monday-Wednesday). Jurgen Moltmann and Peter Gomes will be the speakers. The cost will be \$80 for room and board and to contribute toward cost of the program.

Harold also raised the question of how the Peacemaking group connects with the congregations. He noted that the “2 Cents for Hunger” offering has been amazingly durable, yet the Presbytery no longer determines the recipients each year as used to be done. Dan Schomer suggested that the Committee on Congregational Resources could pursue an update of this.

Dates for 2007 Council Retreat: February 2-3 or 9-10 (Friday evening to Saturday afternoon) at Joseph Badger Meadows.

Review of October 22 Dialogue - Dan said he thought it was a good “first step.”

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Paul Johnson at 9:25 p.m. Special concern was expressed for Paul Johnson, Ruth and Wendell Cole, and Molly Halter.

The next meeting of the Mission Visioning Council will be held on November 16 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge.

Elder Peggy Richmond, Moderator

The Rev. Meta Shoup Cramer, Stated Clerk

MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

September 28, 2006

The Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on September 28, 2006, at the South Side Presbyterian Church of Niles, Ohio, beginning at 7 p.m.

Present were: Elder Peggy Richmond, Moderator; the Rev. Debby Dockstader; the Rev. Ross Jackson; the Rev. Paul Johnson, Elder Cal Bennett; the Rev. Bonnie Dutton; Elder Carole Rummell; and Elder Bob Gillette

Absent: Carolyn Griffeth, Harold Walker, Richard Ferrris, Alice Jackson, Molly Halter

Staff: The Rev. Dan Schomer, the Rev. Meta Cramer

The meeting was convened with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Peggy Richmond (Petersburg).

Support of Pastors

Concerns were shared regarding the end of the Acts 16:5: Would the groups that exist continue to meet and support each other? How will the churches now participating continue to be nurtured?

There was continued concern about helping pastors to build relationships with their colleagues. It was suggested making some contacts so the pastors who attended the Pastors' Retreat this month would be encouraged to continue to meet for a time including Bible study and prayer.

Area Budget Consultations

It was noted that the following persons have agreed to serve at the Area Budget Consultations:

November 5: at 3 p.m. Canfield, Paul Johnson and Bonnie Dutton; at 6:30 p.m. Salem-First, Alice and Ross Jackson

November 12: at 3 p.m. Akron-Oak Hill, Cal Bennett and Bob Gillette
at 6:30 p.m. Warren First, Debby Dockstader and Carole Rummell

Dan Schomer plans to be present at all four presentations. Information on the budget will be provided.

Those attending will understand how our Presbytery's priorities are being funded.

Paul Johnson requested that Rusty Cowden's presentation to the September 12 Presbytery meeting be made available, along with a list of funded mission projects.

It was stated that mission giving by congregations to causes other than those funded by general PCUSA mission giving is still largely unknown.

Report of the General Presbyter

Dan presented three recommendations for discussion in October.

Recommendation 1: That the General Presbyter be authorized to design a Leadership Retreat for Ministers of Word and Sacrament in Eastminster Presbytery to be held at the Haynam House, Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center either in Jan.-Feb. 2007 (prior to Lent) or in April, 2007 (after Easter).

Possible resources upon which the retreat would be based are "A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix" by Edwin Friedman (book and video) or "Leadership on the Line" by Ronald Heifetz and Mary Linsky.

If this recommendation is approved, the General Presbyter will provide a proposed outline of the retreat based upon each resource at the October 26 meeting of Council.

The Mission Visioning Council must give final approval of plans for the retreat prior to it being implemented.

Recommendation 2: That the Mission Visioning Council creates an Action Learning Team to develop an event or series of events in 2007 on the topic of Congregational Transformation and that the Action Learning Explore the possibility of “Level 3” funding from the Synod of the Covenant. The work of the Action Learning Team requires final approval by the Mission Visioning Council.

Recommendation 3: That the Mission Visioning Council creates an Action Learning Team to develop an event or series of events in 2007 on the topic of Leadership Development for Pastors. The work of the Action Learning Team requires final approval by the Mission Visioning Council.

Miscellaneous

Paul Johnson announced that the Vienna Session made the decision to invest \$11,000 with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and commended PILP’s website.

There was discussion of the need to upgrade the Presbytery’s website. Dan Schomer will be talking to Christy Ramsey, who has extensive experience in that area.

There was further discussion of coaching our congregations, perhaps utilizing the pastors who will have completed the Acts 16:5 program.

Debby Dockstader shared materials about a musical group “The Bridge,” which is able to provide various kinds of musical experiences for worship.

The meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m. with prayer offered by Meta Cramer

The next meeting will be held on October 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge. The November meeting will be held on November 16 at the Lake Milton Presbyterian Church.

Elder Peggy Richmond, Moderator

The Rev. Meta Shoup Cramer, Stated Clerk

**Minutes of the Commission of Eastminster Presbytery
For the Installation of Derek Starr Redwine As Pastor
October 8, 2006
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Akron, Ohio**

The Commission of Eastminster Presbytery, established to install on behalf of the Presbytery Derek Starr Redwine as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church convened in the Ebert's Chapel on October 8, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in order to carry out it's responsibility in the context of public worship.

Present were commission members: Elder Peggy Richmond (Petersburg), the Rev. Reford Nash, Elder Dale Riley (Kent), the Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant, and Elder Don Rearick (Westminster, Akron).

Elder Dale Riley was appointed clerk of the commission.

The Commission was constituted with prayer by Moderator Peggy Richmond.

Motion prevailed to seat Reverend Rev. Mark Ramsey and Rev. Jennifer Kates Witten as corresponding members.

Motion prevailed to approve the Order of Service as printed in the program as the plan to follow.

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

The Commission proceeded into the Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. for the Service of Installation. The order proceeded as follows:

VOLUNTARY "PRAYER"

Westminster Bell Choir

Ronald Hazlett, Director

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Elder Dale Riley

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant

KYRIE #574

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE #579

ANTHEM *This Is the Day*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 7:36-50

SERMON

Rev. Mark Ramsey

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION:

OPENING WORDS

Elder Peggy Richmond

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Elder Peggy Richmond

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

Elder Don Rearick

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Lynn Thompson Bryant

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

Elder Peggy Richmond

CHARGE TO NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Rev. Jennifer Kates Witten

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION

Rev. Reford Nash

CALL TO OFFERING

Elder Dale Riley

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Dale Riley

HYMN *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Voluntary "Toccatà from *Suite Gothique*"

The reception for the newly installed Derek Redwine and family was held following the service in Wright Herband Hall and was cared for by the church family.

Motion prevailed to adjourn. Rev. Reford Nash led the Commission in the closing prayer.

Elder Dale Riley, Clerk of the Commission

**The Report of the General Presbyter
Eastminster Presbytery
November 14, 2006**

I am a Presbyterian by choice, not by birth. I chose to become a Presbyterian primarily because of the polity of the Presbyterian Church. I believe that our connectional, constitutional system of church government strikes a critical balance between mutual responsibility/accountability and individual conscience. I value that we are a church that holds the right of dissent as a core value, but rejects the destructive forces of defiance.

The actions of the Hudson Presbyterian Church and the Stow Presbyterian Church to attempt to sever ties with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) strikes at the very heart of our denomination. Both congregations, with the support of their pastors, have acted in ways that are contrary (the technical term is “irregular”) to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They have acted in defiance. The lawsuit brought against Eastminster Presbytery by the session of the Hudson Presbyterian Church seeks to effectively rewrite the Book of Order by denying Eastminster Presbytery its rights and responsibilities in dealing with congregational schism.

Then there is the emotional impact all of this has had on Eastminster Presbytery. This is a family dispute. Sisters and brothers in Christ seek to divorce themselves from us. That hurts. We do not cease to care for those who wish to separate from us. We do not cease to pray for those who wish to separate from us. As we work for resolution of these painful matters, may we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God is faithful all the time.

Now let's focus on the other 53 congregations of Eastminster Presbytery! There are promising signs on the horizon. The proposed 2007 Preliminary Budget includes new funding for leadership development of pastors and resourcing of congregations. These new funds will be used to equip pastors and congregational leaders to carry out vital ministry within our rapidly changing culture. We can “turn around” Eastminster Presbytery only by turning around our congregations. In addition, funds are being set aside to explore the development of our next new congregation. Where in Eastminster Presbytery would our Lord have us develop a new congregation to witness to and serve Jesus Christ?

A final encouraging note: After two years under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Stan Ott of the Vital Churches Institute, the Acts 16:5 pastors and point persons representing 13 of our churches have agreed that a year 3 is needed. Year 3 will be open to all the churches of Eastminster Presbytery and, in 2007, will focus on the topics of “Stewardship” and “Discipleship.” Expect to hear more soon about Acts 16:5 Year 3. I hope you and your congregation will feel called to be a part of it.

As my third year as your General Presbyter moves toward conclusion and my fourth year begins (January 1, 2007), my sense of call to this ministry is stronger than ever. Thank you for the privilege of serving you in this special way.

In Christ's service together,
Dan Schomer

Eastminster Presbytery
Nominating Committee Report
November 14, 2006

For information

Resignations:

Rein Krone Communications & Nurture Class of 2007

John Graves Communication & Nurture Class of 2008

Anne Hagler Congregational Resources Class of 2007

Jon Kraynck Evangelism & Growth Class of 2008

Mark Ruppert Evangelism & Growth Class of 2008 (at the request of Nominating Committee in order to be nominated for Committee on Ministry)

Nominees

For 2007:

Moderator of Presbytery

Deborah Dockstader WFC (north)

Vice Moderator of Presbytery

Robert Gillette WML (east)

Enrolling Clerk

Art Straitiff WML (north)

Spiritual Discernment Advisor (MVC)

Molly Halter WFL (south)

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2009

Mark Ruppert WMC (west)

Mark Wilds WMC (south)

Mary Louise Forsythe WFL (west)

Donna McCullum WFL (east)

Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

Class of 2009

Stan Christensen WML (west)

Reford Nash WMC (west)

Congregational Resources Committee

Class of 2009

Kay Roberts WFC (west)

Kerry Price WFL (east)

Joe Hrach WML (west)

Class of 2007

Nick Cammarata WMC (east)

Communication and Nurture Committee

Class of 2009

Brian Nutt WMC (west)
Shirley Bullis WFL (south)
Robert Gillette WML (east)

Class of 2008

Class of 2007

Burt McGlawn WMC (north)

Commission on Evangelism and Growth

Class of 2009

Edie English (WFL)
Steve Fortenberry WMC (east)
Bob Offerdahl WMC (east)

Class of 2008

Joanne Rubrake WFL (north)
Scott Parker WMC (south)

Joseph Badger Meadows Committee

Class of 2009

Marilyn Stroble WFL (west)
Brenda Obernauf WFL (east)
Frank Mills WML (north)

Committee on Mission

Class of 2009

David Joachim WMC (east)
Monte York WML (west)
Elmarie Parker WFC (south)

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2012

Elmarie Parker WFC (south)
Jeanine Havens WFC (east)

Personnel Committee

Class of 2009

Don Aull WMC (south)
Nancy Finch WFL (south)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2009

Aaron Meadows WMC (west)
Irene Sams WFL (south)

Committee on Representation

Class of 2009

Patty O'Malia WFL (north)
Victor Wan-Tatah BMC (east)
Kelsey Francis WFL (south)

Trustees

Class of 2009

Jim Cochran WML (west)
Cal Bennett WML (west)

Self Development of People

Class of 2009

Don Binkley WML (west)
Jim Ray WMC (east)
Rose Marie Roth WFL (east)
Christine Ziem WFC (south)

Eastminster Presbytery
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
November 14, 2006

Items For Information:

1. COM approved the Interim Pastor Covenant between Rev. Meta Cramer and the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cuyahoga Falls for 6 months beginning October 16, 2006.
2. COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. Meta Cramer and the Good News Parish effective October 15, 2006.
3. COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. Steve Cramer and the Good News Parish effective October 31, 2006, pending the vote of the congregations on October 29, 2006, in order that he might accept a call as Designated Pastor of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of East Liverpool, Ohio effective November 1, 2006.
4. COM approved the transfer of Rev. Steve Cramer's credentials to the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley upon request of the same from the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley.
5. COM approved the appointment of Rev. Donald Aull as Moderator of the Clarkson and New Waterford Sessions.
6. COM approved the appointment of Rev. John Besore as Moderator of the Concord Session.
7. Rev. Dan Schomer led the workshop on Sexual Boundaries and Misconduct on Thursday, October 26th, at the Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church.
8. The COM Sub-Committee for Lay Pastors held a retreat for Lay Pastors on October 27th-28th, at the Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church.



Comfort Blanket Ministry

**“As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you.” Isaiah 66:13**

In September, 2005 Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church started the ***Comfort Blanket Ministry***. The thought of this ministry was inspired by trying to think of a tangible and creative way to minister to a person’s heart, body, mind and soul. The reward of this ministry has been overwhelming. Letters were written that described how people could feel the warm embrace of their church family when receiving these blankets. The result of this ministry is that it is expanding in new directions we didn’t anticipate, touching people in ways we couldn’t calculate, and challenging us to make more blankets that we didn’t estimate.

Every member of the congregation was encouraged to help. At our first workshop individuals worked on squares doing cross stitch, painting, quilting, etc. Some blankets were very creative with themes such as Noah’s Ark, angels, creation, etc. For those individuals who didn’t sew, we added (no-sew) fleece blankets. These blankets were cut and then tied. Labels were sewed on the back of each blanket and a pamphlet provided to the recipient. Three workshops were set up. In two months a total of 90 blankets were made! We displayed the blankets in our sanctuary during the Thanksgiving holiday. This ministry has been extremely successful. Blankets were given throughout the year to people going through difficult times as well as joyous occasions.

This year we wanted to expand our ***Comfort Blanket Ministry*** with local area churches. In October, 2006 seven Presbyterian churches decided to become part of this ministry. Some representatives of the churches attended a workshop to find out how the blankets were made. How many individuals can eight churches or more touch with a ministry such as this?

At the next Presbytery meeting on November 14, I will be telling you more about this ministry. A display will also be set up. ***The Comfort Blanket Ministry*** may be a ministry you may like to see started at your church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the church office or speak with me at the next Presbytery meeting.

In Christ,

Wanda Marland
Administrative Assistant
Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church
3919 Southern Boulevard
Youngstown, OH 44512
Church office: (330) 783-0513
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Position Description

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Eastminster Presbytery

- I. TITLE: Administrative Assistant of Eastminster Presbytery

- II. PURPOSE: The Administrative Assistant (AA) is to carry out an administrative and clerical role as an exempt member of the office staff of Eastminster Presbytery. The function of the Administrative Assistant is to resource and to be responsive.

- III. POSITION RELATIONSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY: The AA is primarily accountable to the General Presbyter and work performance is evaluated annually by the Personnel Committee. The AA has secondary accountability to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

- IV. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE: The Administrative Assistant shall have knowledge, skills, and commitment that enable her/him to:
 - A. administrate and manage the office;
 - B. show a strong Christian faith;
 - C. work compatibly with staff and members of the Presbytery and its units as well as the church at large;
 - D. take initiative in matters assigned;
 - E. work within the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Eastminster Presbytery's polity/system with competence and ease;
 - F. communicate well in writing and verbally;
 - G. operate computer hardware and software applicable to the particular needs of this position including word processing, desktop publishing, and data bases;
 - H. provide a filing and record retention schedule;
 - I. process and route mail;
 - J. answer the telephone and respond to inquiries as needed;
 - K. log in all checks and take deposits to the bank;
 - L. act as executive secretary to the General Presbyter.

- V. MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN
 - A. Manage the Presbytery Office
 - B. Managing the reception, compilation, and reproduction of reports, minutes, newsletters, special mailings, and other written material.
 - C. Ascertaining matters to which the General Presbyter should devote his/her time and efforts (mail, telephone calls, personal matters, etc.).
 - D. Upon request, resource units of the Presbytery.

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. With the Office

1. Maintain a filing system and record retention schedule.
File all records relating to churches, ministers, commissioned lay pastors, committee/commission structure.
2. Manage the process and mailing of all packets and materials to the Presbytery and Presbytery units. Be responsible for organizing the content and means of distribution of the presbytery and committee night packets.
3. Maintain and produce a Presbytery Directory.
4. Maintain and update all computerized mailing and email lists.
5. Research and update software needed for email communication, website projects, word processing, and any other applications.
All computer hardware and software decisions will go through the A.A.
6. Work cooperatively with the Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant in greeting visitors to the Presbytery Center.

B. With the General Presbyter

1. Share in the management of the ongoing work of the Presbytery Office along with the General Presbyter.
2. Help provide materials for meetings of the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council, Mission Visioning Council, Committees/Commissions, and special Task Groups of Presbytery as requested.
3. Provide Synod and General Assembly with requested reports.
4. Screen all mail and route to appropriate staff or committee moderators.
5. Maintain an accurate calendar of all Presbytery meetings, events, etc.
6. Keep an accurate appointment and travel schedule for the General Presbyter as requested.
7. Provide secretarial support such as correspondence, fielding phone inquiries, and organizational assistance.
8. The AA will serve as office manager in consultation with the General Presbyter. All decisions related to the physical building, its layout and its furnishings will go through the AA.

C. With the Stated Clerk

1. Enable reports and correspondence of the Stated Clerk.
2. Process all necessary paperwork for ministers entering and exiting the Presbytery.

D. With the Presbytery and its Units

1. Attend meetings of Presbytery.
2. Attend meetings of committees/commissions of Presbytery upon request.
3. Manage the development and distribution of the Presbytery docket and packet.
4. Keep an accurate and up to date roster of committee/commission/task group members.
5. Maintain updates to procedural material.
6. Provide secretarial and/or clerical assistance to committees of Presbytery as time permits and upon request of the committee/commission moderator.
7. Communicate and resource churches hosting Presbytery meetings and events.

Position Description

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Eastminster Presbytery

- I. TITLE: Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant of Eastminster Presbytery
- II. PURPOSE: The Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant will be a part time exempt member of the Presbytery Office Staff providing bookkeeping expertise and a working knowledge of the computerized financial system; and, as time permits, provide secretarial skills—including but not limited to the use of word processing, transcription, and operation of the risograph duplicator for the fulfillment of Presbytery office duties and functions. This staff position requires 20 hours per week.

II. POSITION RELATIONSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant is accountable to the General Presbyter as Head of Staff and the Treasurer. It is expected that the Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant will work collegially with the Administrative Assistant, showing willingness to go beyond specific tasks for the benefit of Eastminster Presbytery and its operations.

In accordance with Presbytery practice regarding staff persons, the Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant shall not be a member of the Presbytery's Councils or a Committee that has policy-making authority over the work administered. In all matters of Presbytery finances, every effort shall be made to comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures. This may require some flexibility in terms of actual job responsibilities.

The office of the Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant shall be in the Presbytery Office where all accounting and bookkeeping work shall be done and where the ledgers, reports, and other records shall be maintained and housed. The person holding the office of Financial and Clerical Assistant must be bondable.

III. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

The Financial and Clerical Assistant shall have knowledge, skills and commitment that enable him/her to:

- A. show a strong Christian faith;
- B. demonstrate a high degree of competency and accuracy in data entry and skills in accounting and bookkeeping as well as word processing and the ability to produce error-free work;
- C. take initiative and be able to work independently;
- D. exhibit integrity and motivation toward full and constructive use of working hours;
- E. be able to work within a multiple support staff situation with flexibility and in the best interest of the organization;
- F. demonstrate discretion relative to information used in work;
- G. have an aptitude for learning; have an interest in continuing education and expansion of working skills.

IV. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Be responsible for the following accounting/bookkeeping work in consultation with the Treasurer:
1. journalizes cash receipts (which are first logged by the Administrative Assistant) and disbursements;
 2. maintains general ledger and accounts for all funds and committee budget items;
 3. prepares bank deposits, which will be made by the Administrative Assistant;
 4. receives and validates vouchers for payments of Presbytery Committee expenses;
 5. writes all checks;
 6. calls in or prepares payroll after it is verified by the Administrative Assistant; journalizes payroll expenses and tax obligations;
 7. assists Presbytery and Committees as necessary in the preparations of budgets;
 8. attends meeting of Trustees and Coordinating Council as requested by the Treasurer or General Presbyter;
 9. prepares month-end closing entries and distributes reports to Trustees, Committee Moderators, and Staff;
 10. presents checks for authorized signatures;
 11. maintains chart of accounts, distributes year-end 1099's if necessary, and other tasks as requested by the Treasurer or General Presbyter.
 12. file all records relating to Presbytery finances.
 13. prepare financial reports for committees/commissions and attach yellow copies of vouchers.
 14. prepare financial reports for committees/commissions/organizations as requested.
 15. to work cooperatively with the Administrative Assistant in greeting visitors to the Presbytery Center.
- B. As time permits, to assist the Administrative Assistant with tasks related to the presbytery.

Approved by Personnel Committee

10/2/06

**Personnel Committee
Eastminster Presbytery
November 14, 2006**

Position Available

Eastminster Presbytery is currently seeking to fill the new part time position of Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant.

The Financial Secretary and Clerical Assistant will be a part time exempt member of the Presbytery Office Staff providing bookkeeping expertise and a working knowledge of the computerized financial system; and, as time permits, provide secretarial skills including but not limited to the use of word processing, transcription, and operation of the office equipment for the fulfillment of Presbytery office duties and functions. This staff position requires 20 hours per week (five hours per day Monday through Thursday).

For more information about this presbytery staff position, please send a resume to Mrs. Alice Jackson, 606 North Union Avenue, Salem, OH 44460 or awilson14@neo.rr.com.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

August 21, 2006

Board of Directors Eastminster Presbytery
Youngstown, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Eastminster Presbytery (a non-profit organization), as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eastminster Presbytery as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary schedules of financial position and activities by program on pages 10 - 13 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



BODINE, PERRY, FLAUTO & ASSOCIATES, LLC
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

Eastminster Presbytery
Profit & Loss Prior Year Comparison
January through September 2006

	Jan - Sep 05	Jan - Sep 06	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Total 3000 · Eastminster Presbytery - Rev	300,759	279,693	(21,066)	-7%
Total 3100 · Revenue - Other	442,743	274,384	(168,359)	-38%
Total Income	743,502	554,077	(189,425)	-25%
Expense				
Total 4000 · Eastminster Presbytery Oblig	0	37	37	100%
Total 4100 · Governing Body Obligations	438,345	208,309	(230,035)	-52%
Total 5100 · Presbytery Meeting Coord Council	450	1,904	1,454	323%
Total 5200 · Communications and Nurture	4,890	2,959	(1,931)	-39%
Total 5250.22 · Mission Visioning Council	174	130	(45)	-26%
Total 5300 · Personnel	263,928	205,786	(58,142)	-22%
Total 5400 · Presbytery Auto	3,589	2,382	(1,207)	-34%
Total 5500 · Presbytery Office	30,826	27,457	(3,370)	-11%
Total 5600 · Mission Committee	84,633	39,098	(45,536)	-54%
Total 5700 · Committee on Ministry	432	260	(172)	-40%
Total 5800 · Preparation for Ministry	844	0	(844)	-100%
Total 5900 · Congregational Resources	6,419	1,917	(4,502)	-70%
Total 6100 · Trustees	6,434	5,536	(899)	-14%
Total 6200 · Evangelism & Church Growth	676	0	(676)	-100%
Total 6300 · Self Development of People	(460)	0	460	100%
Total 6400 · Commom Ground Church Comm	35,435	0	(35,435)	-100%
Total Expense	876,615	495,773	(380,842)	-43%
Total 8000 · Other Receipts	138,662	(7,374)	(146,036)	-105%
Total Other Income	138,662	(7,374)	(146,036)	-105%
Total 9000 · Other Disbursements	33,907	0	(33,907)	-100%
Total 9900 · Other Non-operating Inc & Exp	5,231	6,449	1,218	23%
Total Other Expense	39,138	6,449	(32,689)	-84%
Net Other Income	99,524	(13,822)	(113,347)	-114%
	(33,589)	44,481	78,070	-232%

Eastminster Presbytery's Obligation to GA

Nov. 3, 2006

2001			<i>2001 Balance - \$0 paid in 2002</i>
2002			<i>2002 Balance - \$137,713.30 paid in 2003</i>
2003			<i>2003 Balance - \$103,118.16 paid in 2004</i>
2004	Jan.	\$ 8,235.51	Wired 7-13-04
	Feb.	\$17,196.10	Wired 7-13-04
	Mar.	\$ 8,176.71	Wired 8-25-04
	April	\$32,395.08	Wired 10-13-04
	May	\$26,835.88	Wired 12-17-04
	June	\$37,833.59	Wired 1-12-05
	July	\$22,801.62	Wired 1-12-05
	Aug.	\$12,080.75	Wired 1-12-05
	Sept.	\$17,854.44	Wired 3-4-05
	Oct.	\$21,620.39	Wired 4-18-05
	Nov.	\$17,609.78	Wired 4-18-05
	Dec.	\$47,861.18	Wired 5-20-05
			<i>2004 Balance - \$104,945.79 paid in 2005</i>
2005	Jan.	\$18,712.98	Wired 7-08-05
	Feb.	\$32,550.75	Wired 7-18-05
	Mar.	\$19,109.95	Wired 7-18-05
	Apr.	\$33,965.78	Wired 7-18-05
	May	\$25,129.44	Wired 7-18-05
	June	\$24,887.75	Wired 8-10-05
	July	\$28,146.28	Wired 8-29-05
	Aug.	\$14,119.76	Wired 9-27-05
	Sept.	\$30,086.04	Wired 10-07-05
	Oct.	\$33,095.73	Wired 1-12-06 & 2-14-06
	Nov.	\$25,997.72	Wired 1-12-06 & 4-10-06
	Dec.	\$31,085.87	Wired 1-12-06 & 5-1-06
			<i>2005 Balance - \$44,806.38 paid in 2006</i>
2006	Jan.	\$23,727.41	Wired 5-10-06 & 9-5-06
	Feb.	\$ 7,604.81	Wired 5-10-06 (still owe \$3,975.00)
	Mar.	\$15,882.84	Wired 5-10-06 (still owe \$12,820.85)
	Apr.	\$ 9,469.76	Wired 10-13-06 (still owe \$7,147.76)
	May	\$58,323.83	Wired 8-7-06, 11-3-06 (still owe \$6,891.89)
	June	\$16,115.56	Owe
	July	\$19,950.57	Owe
	Aug.	\$11,478.71	Owe
	Sept.	\$ 6,211.46	Owe
	Oct.	\$ 7,798.37	Owe

TOTAL OWED TO GA - \$92,390.17

2006 Per Capita Payup

CHURCH NAME	2006 Total Per Capita Due	Total Paid to Date	Balance Due	Percent Payup
AKRON ALLENSIDE	\$1,473.12	\$768.10	\$705.02	52.14%
AKRON FIRESTONE	\$5,468.40	\$5,468.40	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON FIRST	\$6,785.28	\$4,785.28	\$2,000.00	70.52%
AKRON GOODYEAR HTS	\$6,450.48	\$3,260.11	\$3,190.37	50.54%
AKRON NEW COVENANT	\$2,343.60	\$1,942.00	\$401.60	82.86%
AK. NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$2,990.88	\$2,991.00	(\$0.12)	100.00%
AKRON OAK HILL	\$9,664.56	\$4,113.81	\$5,550.75	42.57%
AKRON UNIVERSITY	\$892.80		\$892.80	0.00%
AKRON WESTMINSTER	\$15,088.32	\$11,316.24	\$3,772.08	75.00%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$6,004.08	\$4,987.06	\$1,017.02	83.06%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$14,530.32	\$7,530.32	\$7,000.00	51.82%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$7,209.36	\$2,925.44	\$4,283.92	40.58%
CUY. NORTHMINSTER	\$4,977.36	\$4,147.80	\$829.56	83.33%
CUY - UNITED	\$8,035.20	\$8,035.20	\$0.00	100.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$4,910.40	\$4,834.28	\$76.12	98.45%
ELLSWORTH	\$2,165.04	\$2,165.04	\$0.00	100.00%
GIRARD	\$1,696.32	\$1,696.32	\$0.00	100.00%
HUBBARD	\$5,914.80	\$4,437.00	\$1,477.80	75.02%
HUDSON	\$10,936.80	\$1,554.12	\$9,382.68	14.21%
KENT	\$6,405.84	\$6,405.84	\$0.00	100.00%
KINSMAN	\$3,013.20	\$3,013.20	\$0.00	100.00%
LAKE MILTON	\$915.12	\$915.12	\$0.00	100.00%
LISBON	\$6,852.24	\$6,852.24	\$0.00	100.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$4,419.36	\$3,977.46	\$441.90	90.00%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,205.28	\$1,205.28	\$0.00	100.00%
NILES FIRST	\$3,169.44	\$2,377.08	\$792.36	75.00%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$1,049.04	\$1,049.04	\$0.00	100.00%
NORTH BENTON	\$4,575.60	\$424.12	\$4,151.48	9.27%
NORTH JACKSON	\$1,316.88	\$1,316.88	\$0.00	100.00%
PETERSBURG	\$2,388.24	\$1,916.84	\$471.40	80.26%
POLAND	\$24,239.52	\$20,199.60	\$4,039.92	83.33%
ROGERS CLARKSON	\$848.16	\$848.16	(\$0.00)	100.00%
SALEM CONCORD	\$1,093.68		\$1,093.68	0.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$12,588.48	\$12,588.48	\$0.00	100.00%
SEBRING	\$6,383.52	\$3,191.50	\$3,192.02	50.00%
STOW	\$5,825.52		\$5,825.52	0.00%
STRUTHERS	\$5,022.00	\$5,022.00	\$0.00	100.00%
VIENNA	\$2,098.08	\$2,098.08	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CALVARY	\$2,276.64	\$2,276.64	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CHAMPION	\$9,218.16	\$3,121.46	\$6,096.70	33.86%
WARREN COVENANT	\$1,249.92	\$416.64	\$833.28	33.33%
WARREN FIRST	\$7,611.12	\$7,611.12	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. BROWNLEE WOODS	\$4,173.84	\$3,000.00	\$1,173.84	71.88%
YO. BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$580.32	\$137.64	\$442.68	23.72%
YO. CHRIST	\$4,464.00		\$4,464.00	0.00%
YO. COITSVILLE	\$1,428.48		\$1,428.48	0.00%
YO. FIRST	\$5,066.64	\$5,066.64	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$2,232.00	\$1,210.29	\$1,021.71	54.22%
YO. HUNGARIAN	\$3,080.16	\$1,294.56	\$1,785.60	42.03%
YO. JOHN KNOX	\$2,499.84	\$2,499.84	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. LIBERTY	\$1,874.88	\$647.02	\$1,227.86	34.51%
YO. PLEASANT GROVE	\$6,874.56	\$2,166.67	\$4,707.89	31.52%
YO. WESTMINSTER	\$10,378.80	\$10,318.80	\$60.00	99.42%
YO. WICKLIFFE	\$4,285.44	\$3,216.00	\$1,069.44	75.04%
TOTAL	\$278,241.12	\$193,341.76	\$84,899.36	69.49%

Eastminster Presbytery Mission Payup

CHURCH NAME	2006 Pledged	2006	Balance	Percent
	General Mission	Payup		Payup
AKRON/ALLENSIDE		\$425.00	-\$425.00	
AK./FIRESTONE PARK	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	100.0%
AKRON/FIRST	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	66.7%
AK./GOODYEAR HTS	\$10,000.00	\$2,666.66	\$7,333.34	26.7%
AK./NEW COVENANT	\$2,220.00	\$1,534.00	\$686.00	69.1%
AK/NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$6,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,500.00	75.0%
AKRON/OAK HILL	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.21	\$2,499.79	75.0%
AK./UNIVERSITY			\$0.00	
AKRON/WESTMINSTER	\$25,375.00	\$18,749.35	\$6,625.65	73.9%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$16,715.00	\$13,929.20	\$2,785.80	83.3%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$1,000.00	\$958.33	\$41.67	95.8%
CUY. /NORTHMINSTER	\$2,000.00	\$215.00	\$1,785.00	10.8%
CUY. FALLS/UNITED	\$15,000.00	\$10,387.50	\$4,612.50	69.3%
EAST PALESTINE	\$1,417.71	\$1,423.32	-\$5.61	100.4%
ELLSWORTH	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	83.3%
GIRARD	\$3,670.00	\$3,058.30	\$611.70	83.3%
HUBBARD	\$10,000.00	\$7,470.00	\$2,530.00	74.7%
HUDSON	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	0.0%
KENT	\$10,000.00	\$7,499.97	\$2,500.03	75.0%
KINSMAN	\$7,000.00	\$5,250.15	\$1,749.85	75.0%
LAKE MILTON	\$1,125.00	\$900.00	\$225.00	80.0%
LISBON	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	75.0%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$7,704.00	\$5,778.00	\$1,926.00	75.0%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,000.00	\$485.00	\$515.00	48.5%
NILES FIRST	\$5,200.00	\$3,899.97	\$1,300.03	75.0%
SOUTH SIDE	\$780.00	\$585.00	\$195.00	75.0%
NORTH BENTON	\$3,000.00	\$1,998.64	\$1,001.36	66.6%
NORTH JACKSON	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
NORTH LIMA/CGCC				
PETERSBURG	\$3,990.00	\$2,527.00	\$1,463.00	63.3%
POLAND	\$6,886.00	\$5,738.31	\$1,147.69	83.3%
ROGERS/CLARKSON	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$0.00	100.0%
SALEM/CONCORD	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	0.0%
SALEM FIRST	\$28,300.00	\$28,300.00	\$0.00	100.0%
SEBRING	\$9,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$2,250.00	75.0%
STOW	\$19,250.00	\$19,250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
STRUTHERS				
VIENNA	\$5,225.00	\$3,918.75	\$1,306.25	75.0%
WARREN/CALVARY	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN/CHAMPION	\$7,890.00	\$2,359.04	\$5,530.96	29.9%
WARREN/COVENANT	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	100.0%
WARREN FIRST	\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	66.7%
BROWNLEE WOODS	\$8,000.00	\$5,804.22	\$2,195.78	72.6%
BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$1,500.00	\$5.00	\$1,495.00	0.3%
CHRIST	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	0.0%
COITSVILLE				
YOUNGSTOWN FIRST	\$13,600.00	\$11,335.00	\$2,265.00	83.3%
GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$0.00	\$1,002.04	-\$1,002.04	
HUNGARIAN	\$0.00		\$0.00	
JOHN KNOX	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	100.0%
LIBERTY	\$1,100.00	\$875.54	\$224.46	79.6%
PLEASANT GROVE	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	33.3%
WESTMINSTER YO	\$10,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$3,000.00	71.4%
WICKLIFFE	\$2,200.00	\$1,650.00	\$550.00	75.0%
TOTAL	\$340,622.71	\$248,703.50	\$91,919.21	73.0%

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2007					
ACCT	Title	Administrative	Mission	JBM	Total
NUMBER		Budget 2007	Budget 2007	Budget 2007	
	Presbytery Mtg Coordinating Council				
5106.11	Stated Clerk Annual Conference	\$0			
5105.22	Presbytery Self Study				
5108.22	Resources for Presby Worship				
5109.22	Congregation Worship Training		\$0		
5110	Stated Clerk to GA	\$0			
	Total Presbytery Mtg. Coordinating Council	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Mission Visioning Council				
5251.22	Combined Councils Retreat		\$200		
5252.22	Leadership Development		\$1,000		
5253.22	Congregation Transf		\$1,000		
	Total Mission Visioning Council	\$0	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200
	Communication and Nurture				
5201.22	Nurture		\$500		
5202.22	Publicity		\$300		
5205.22	Presby Media Prod. Congreg Media Use		\$200		
5206.22	WebSite Licensing Fees		\$340		
5207.22	Website Hosting and ISP		\$200		
5208.22	Multimedia Development		\$4,100		
5209.22	Website Design		\$500		
5210.22	Quarterly Presbytery Newsletter		\$2,500		
	Total Communication and Nurture	\$0	\$8,640	\$0	\$8,640
	Personnel				
	STATED CLERK				
5301.11	Salary	\$2,902			
5302.11	Board of Pensions Dues	\$1,828			
5368.11	Housing Allowance	\$2,902			
5311.11	Expense Account	\$200			
5106.11	Stated Clerk Annual Conference	\$500			
	Total	\$8,332	\$0	\$0	\$8,332
	FINANCIAL/CLERICAL ASSISTANT				
5310.11	Salary	\$12,480			
	Total	\$12,480	\$0	\$0	\$12,480
	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT				
5307.11.22	Salary (45/55)	\$12,980	\$15,865		
5308.11.22	Board of Pension Dues	\$4,319	\$5,279		
5318.11.22	Medical Deductible (2%)	\$260	\$317		
5309.11.22	Continuing Education	\$135	\$165		
	Total	\$17,694	\$21,626	\$0	\$39,320
	TREASURER				
5315.11	Treasurer Stipend (40 x12 x 14.00)	\$6,854			
	Total	\$6,854	\$0	\$0	\$6,854
	GENERAL PRESBYTER				
5321.11.22	Salary (45/55)	\$19,100	\$23,344		
5322.11.22	Housing Allowance	\$11,838	\$14,591		
5324.11.22	Continuing Education	\$540	\$660		
5325.11.22	Library Allowance	\$270	\$330		
5326.11.22	Medical Deductible (2%)	\$620	\$758		
5327.11.22	Expense Account	\$1,170	\$1,430		
5333.11.22	Board of Pension Dues	\$9,958	\$12,171		
	Total	\$43,496	\$53,284	\$0	\$96,780

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	RESOURCE CENTER COORD.				
5335.22	Salary (15 x 52 x 11.00)		\$8,752		
	Continuing Education		\$250		
	Total	\$0	\$9,002	\$0	\$9,002
	JBM CAMP DIRECTOR/PROPERTY				
5360.22	Salary		\$19,908		
5361.22	Pension/Health Care		\$8,413		
5364.22	Continuing Education		\$500		
	Total	\$0	\$28,821	\$0	\$28,821
	CAMP DIRECTOR/PROGRAM COORD.				
5365.22	Salary		\$19,908		
5366.22	Board of Pension Dues		\$8,413		
5367.22	Continuing Education		\$500		
	Total	\$0	\$28,821	\$0	\$28,821
5370.11.22	Personnel FICA/Medicare	\$3,491	\$4,841		
5372.11.22	Personnel Workers' Comp.	\$532	\$682		
	Total	\$4,024	\$5,523	\$0	\$9,546
5375.11	Enrolling Clerk Stipend	\$208			
5376.11	Travel Expenses/Staff	\$750			
5377.11	Moderator's Expense	\$150			
5378.22	Staff Appreciation		\$175		
	Total	\$1,108	\$175	\$0	\$1,283
	Personnel Total	\$93,989	\$147,251	\$0	\$241,240
	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	\$0	\$6,700
	Presbytery Office				
5501.11	Office Equipment	\$2,000			
5503.11	Office Equipment Maintenance	\$3,000			
5504.11	Office Insurance	\$2,650			
5505.11	Bank Fees	\$225			
5506.11	Office Supplies	\$3,000			
5508.11	Office Telephone	\$3,000			
5510.11	Office Postage	\$2,500			
5512.11	Office Facility Maintenance	\$4,500			
5515.11	Office Utilities	\$4,300			
5516.11	Payroll Service	\$1,125			
5518.11	Office Mortgage Payment (874.04 x 12)	\$11,605			
	Total Presbytery Office	\$37,905	\$0	\$0	\$37,905

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ACCT NUMBER	Title	Administrative Budget 2007	Mission Budget 2007	JBM Budget 2007	Total
	Committee on Mission				
5602.22	Protestant Campus Ministry, YSU		\$617		
5605.22	Clarkson Presbyterian Church		\$2,000		
5606.22	New Waterford Presbyterian Church		\$2,500		
5607.22	Concord Presbyterian Church		\$2,500		
5613.22	1st Barberton Headstart		\$700		
5617.22	Barberton Area Comm. Ministry		\$5,000		
5618.22	Barberton Health Clinic		\$3,000		
5624.22	1st Akron Community Fund		\$8,600		
5625.22	Dakota Presbytery Mission		\$5,000		
5626.22	Southside Ministries, Youngstown		\$24,000		
5629.22	Funds for International Mission Exploration		\$9,000		
5636.22	Kent Church Campus Ministry		\$10,500		
5637.22	1st Akron Comm. Development		\$3,400		
	Total Committee on Mission	\$0	\$76,817	\$0	\$76,817
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	Committee on Ministry				
5701.11	Leadership Develop Ministry	\$1,000			
5701.22	Leadership Develop Congregational		\$1,000		
5704.11	Travel/Training	\$1,000			
5707.11	Continuing Ed/Clergy Start Up	\$500			
5710.11	Lay Minister Development	\$200			
5711.22	Retired Clergy Support		\$150		
5712.11	APIMS Membership	\$100			
5709.11.22	Sexual Misconduct Response	\$120	\$120		
	Total Committee on Ministry	\$2,920	\$1,270	\$0	\$4,190
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	Committee on Preparation for Ministry				
5802.11	CPM Synod Event Travel/Training	\$300			
5803.22	Annual Consultation Day/Travel		\$240		
5804.22	Midwest Career Center Expenses		\$500		
	Total Preparation for Ministry	\$300	\$740	\$0	\$1,040
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	Joseph Badger Meadows Camp & Conference Center				
	General Support/Camp & Conf Ctr			\$43,130	
	Utilities			\$28,500	
	Property/Grounds			\$41,605	
	Program			\$49,300	
	Total Joseph Badger Meadows Camp & Conf. Center	\$0	\$0	\$162,535	\$162,535
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Eastminster Presbytery 2007 Preliminary Budget

ACCT NUMBER	Title	Administrative Budget 2007	Mission Budget 2007	JBM Budget 2007	Total
	Committee on Congregational Resources				
5902.22	Youth Triennium Supplement		\$1,650		
5903.22	Resource Center Purchases		\$1,200		
5909.22	Sexuality Retreat for Youth		\$200		
5910.22	Confirmation Retreat		\$100		
5912.22	Equipping the Saints		\$1,500		
6003.22	Hunger/Peace Program Materials		\$1,000		
6004.22	Restoring Creation Program Materials		\$600		
6006.22	Ohio Presbyterians for Public Policy Advocacy		\$100		
	Total Congregational Resources	\$0	\$6,350	\$0	\$6,350
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	Trustees				
6103.11	Auditor	\$8,000			
6106.11	Presbytery Legal Fees	\$10,000			
	Total Trustees	\$18,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,000
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	Evangelism and Growth				
6209.22	Evangelism Administration		\$300		
6210.22	Funds for NCD		\$8,000		
2114.99	Acts 16:5 Seminars		\$3,300		
	Total Evangelism and Growth	\$0	\$11,600	\$0	\$11,600
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	GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	\$156,364	\$258,318	\$162,535	\$577,217
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Eastminster Presbytery 2007 Preliminary Budget

	Administrative	Mission	JBM	Total
	Budget 2007	Budget 2007	Budget 2007	
RECEIPTS				
PER CAPITA (10,886 X ??????)	\$0			
MISSION PLEDGES		\$0		
MISC				
INCOME FROM LEETONIA CHURCH (est)				
DONATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (est)				
GRANTS				
SYNOD:				
ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES IN HIGHER ED		\$0		
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING				
GENERAL ASSEMBLY:				
		\$0		
JBM CAMP AND CONFERENCE RECEIPTS			\$162,535	
Grand Total Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$162,535	\$162,535
DIFFERENCE	\$156,364	\$258,318	\$0	\$414,682

2007
Per Capita

GA	\$ 5.79
Synod	\$ 3.08
Eastminster	\$15.54
Total	\$24.41

Based on 10,886 members



What does the 2007 Preliminary Budget of Eastminster Presbytery cost per member?

Let's try to make sense of it all in dollars and cents:

Category	Per capita dollars	Mission dollars	Total dollars
General Presbyter compensation and benefits	\$4.32	\$4.89	\$9.23
Other Presbytery Staff compensation and benefits	\$5.01	\$8.63	\$13.66
Presbytery Auto	\$.33	\$.32	\$.65
Presbytery Office	\$3.77		\$3.78
Communication and Nurture Committee		\$.79	\$.79
Mission Committee		\$7.06	\$7.06
Committee on Ministry	\$.29	\$.12	\$.41
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	\$.03	\$.07	\$.10
Congregational Resources Comm.		\$.58	\$.58
Trustees	\$1.79		\$1.80
Evangelism & Church Growth		\$1.07	\$1.07
TOTALS	\$15.54	\$23.53	\$39.13

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

Eastminster Presbytery Office

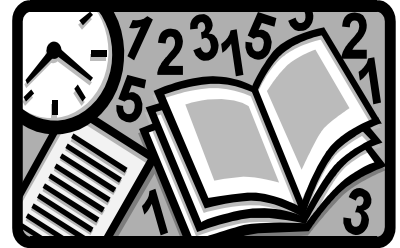
Email: lorrainejones@faithfulness.com
330-505-2167 or toll free 1-800-215-2416
Lorraine Jones, coordinator

Resource Center Hours:

Mon 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Wed 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sat 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



Too much stuff and not enough space? Running out of money?

Come to the Resource Center! We have resources for children, youth, and adults. We have Bible studies, Advent resources, pictures, maps, curriculum, Sunday school resources, videos, and many more items. Best of all, you don't need money to use our resources and when you are finished using them, you don't have to store them! We will do that for you. If you absolutely must buy something or need something we don't carry, we even carry catalogs to help you find what you are looking for.



For Sunday School Teachers Only

The Resource Center carries the most recent year of the Presbyterian curriculum. This includes: The Present Word, We Believe, and Bible Quest. We do not throw away the material that is older than a year though; we give it away to Sunday school teachers who need sample curriculum, pictures, maps, bulletin board and flannel board figures. I have begun to sort some of the old curriculum and you can now browse files for Advent pictures, maps, etc. These items will be available for you to take home at the Presbytery meeting also. Look for the "mini" resource center there.

Advent Resources Available at the Resource Center

Living More with Less by Doris Janzen Longacre (Herald Press, 1980) will help you simplify your life and free your time for the things that are more important. We also carry back issues of Whose Birthday Is It Anyway? (from Alternatives) for those who wish to simplify their Advent and Christmas celebrations.



Holy Land Adventure Bethlehem Village Kit (Group, 2006) will help you transform your church into a certain village where rumors of a special birth are making the rounds. This adaptable kit may be used for an elaborate or simple event for big or small churches during Advent.



Destination Bethlehem: Seven Christmas Plays for Young People by Steve Trott (Baker Books, 1993) presents dramas that are not your “run-of-the-mill” Christmas programs but seven new spins on the timeless story of Christmas.

Mouse Tales: Things Hoped For by Ruth L. Boling (Westminster John Knox Press, 2005) contains stories for children that take place during the Christmas season at the Church of the Least of These.



The characters in this book reflect a community living out its faith by choosing to hope.

Faces at the Manger by J. Barrie Shepherd (Upper Room Books, 1992) is a sampler of poems, prayers, and meditations for Advent and Christmas. See the faces that gathered around the manger with

new eyes.



Many other Advent resources are available at the Resource Center. Browse the contents of our Advent collection in the online resource center catalog at www.eastminsterpresbytery.com.

Margaret Park Scholarship Committee
November 14, 2006

In accordance with the Award Requirements established for the Margaret Park Presbyterian Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund, the Committee, meeting October 26, 2006, approved to provide assistance to the following seminarians under care of Eastminster Presbytery.

Henry Pearce
Adam Marquette

The next scheduled meeting will be April 25, 2007 at the Presbytery Center where they will be awarding the next scholarships. Those applications need to be turned into Lucille Clay at Northminster Church, 104 W. Portage Trail Ext., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223 by April 18, 2007. Applications are accepted twice a year.

WHY A “MISSION PARTNERSHIP? ...AND WHY SPAIN ?

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Rev Elmarie Parker (Columbiana), Donna McCollum (Youngstown), Rev David Joachim (Boardman)

A Ministry of Mutual Encouragement - I Thessalonians 3:6-10 (T.E.V.)

Now Timothy has come back and he has brought us the welcome news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always think well of us and that you want to see us just as much as we want to see you. So in all our trouble and suffering we have been encouraged about you, friends. It was your faith that encouraged us, because now we really live if you stand firm in your life in union with the Lord. Now we can give thanks to our God for you...for the joy we have in his presence because of you.

Our new Mission Partnership is a mission of ***mutual encouragement*** between Levante Presbytery on the southeast coast of Spain, and Eastminster Presbytery on the edge of the mid-west of the USA.

- both Eastminster & Levante churches faces many challenges from the culture around us, struggles with financial realities, and the need to reach out with the Good News to new groups of people in our communities;
- this Partnership is more ***relationship-driven*** rather than project-oriented; this is different for Eastminster than our partnerships in the past with Ghana, Egypt and Mexico which were more project-oriented;
- with Levante it is more a ministry of encouragement that happens through a sharing of faith stories and experiences (living under the dictatorship of Franco, living in the shadow of a dominant Roman Catholic Church), rather than a ministry of encouragement that happens through giving and receiving (donations and building projects);

What we offered to Levante Presbytery on our recent trip (10/6-16/06)

1. Seminars/discussions in all 4 churches: Cartagena, Torrevieja, Alicante, Valencia; “Leadership Development” (3 churches), “Prison Ministry” (Alicante);
2. Elmarie preached in Torrevieja and Cartagena; Donna in Valencia;
3. David played led songs with guitar in worship and at the seminars;
4. Continued to build trust among the elders and church members and with the 2 pastors of Levante, **David Manzanos** and **Daniel Reyes-Martin**;
5. Laid plans for the Levante team’s visit here for 2 weeks in February ’07;
6. Shared our faith-stories and listened to theirs;
7. Visited historical sites and learned all we could about their culture...and improved our Spanish (somewhat!);
8. Took a lot of digital photos which we will share with Eastminster at the January meeting!

People of Levante we ask you to pray for:

Pastors David and wife Terri (Alicante/Valencia) sons Samuel and Irena

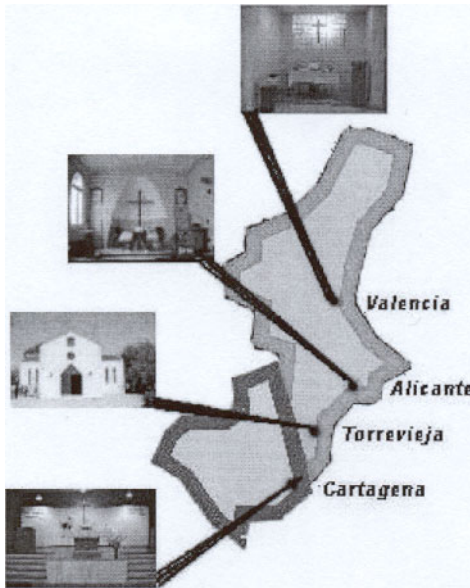
and Daniel and wife Ruth, toddler son David (Cartagena/Torrevieja)

Enrique & Ruth Mota, elders (Valencia) and son Danny, daughter Isabel

Fiona & Howard Cook, Betty & Walter Hamilton, Megan, Sandra, Wendy (Torrevieja)

Leon (Congo), Idalmis & son Kevin (Guatemala) immigrant-members of Valencia church

Juan (an old man with cancer), Juan Carlos/Marisa/Abiel (Chile) of the Cartagena church



Filía

Boletín Interno del
Presbiterio de Levante
de la Iglesia Evangelica
Española

ABRIL 2005

Este es el primer número del Boletín del Presbiterio de Levante. Ha sido tiempo que deseábamos disponer de una herramienta que nos ayudara a sentirnos más juntos. Ahora la tenemos.

Lo hemos llamado "*Filía*" porque queremos que sea un instrumento que estreche nuestra amistad, que nos haga sentirnos más unidos por el amor fraternal. Es una palabra griega, muy utilizada en las cartas del Nuevo Testamento, que significa amor entre hermanos o amigos muy íntimos. Con este nombre proclamamos nuestra hermandad como Iglesias del mismo Presbiterio; y al mismo tiempo expresamos nuestro deseo de profundizar cada día más en los lazos que nos unen.

Como todo lo que nace, nace pequeño, pero tendrá que ir desarrollándose. Esperamos que, con el cariño y el calor de todos, nuestro boletín crezca y cumpla su cometido.

Cada primer domingo de mes, *Filía* estará en tu iglesia, donde lo podrás recibir. Si lo prefieres, podrás recibirlo directamente en tu dirección electrónica (comunícalo a tu pastor o miembro del Consejo de tu Iglesia para que te incluyamos en la lista de envíos electrónicos). Si no lo recibieras, por favor, no dudes en reclamarnoslo; si ha habido algún problema coyuntural recibirás la oportuna explicación, si el retraso se debe a un error, lo podremos corregir, y si se debiera a falta de ánimo o negligencia nuestra, tu reclamación seguro que nos alentará.

¡Ah! , tampoco dudes en hacer propuestas que ayuden a *Filía* a crecer y a mejorar.

2007 MISSION PROJECTS OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY

Project: *Kent Church Campus Ministries (Aaron Meadows, Campus Minister)*

Project Description: The Kent Prez University Ministry is formed to reach out and serve the Kent State University Community through the love of Christ, to invite students, faculty and staff to join the Presbyterian Church of Kent in worship, service, Christian Education and fellowship. We attempt to serve the whole person – spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually.

Preliminary Budget: \$10,500

Project: *Southside Ministries*

Project Description: Southside Ministries seeks to arrest the very social ills that cause drug addiction and sales, economic depravity, and sexual promiscuity within the area in which we are located and throughout the city. Our approach is biblically based and focuses on the following primary areas:

Counseling and Treatment

A Drug Prevention Ministry

After Care Program

Tutorial Program

Preliminary Budget: \$24,000

Project: *Good News Parish*

Project Description: The Good News Parish exists as the church of Jesus Christ to help its members and their communities enjoy God and glorify God always. Each of the member churches – Clarkson, Concord and New Waterford – has its own unique identity and brings its own gifts to our common ministry to worship and serve God in our lives. Together we can accomplish things that individually we cannot do – such as, youth ministry, mission projects, special worship services and Bible studies. Each church is involved in its own community and does its own mission projects, but there are some we do together – such as the youth summer mission trip, CROP Walk, Thanksgiving mission dinner, and special programming for children.

Preliminary Budget: \$7,000

Project: *First Presbyterian Church of Akron Community Development Ministry*

Project Description: The community development ministry at First Presbyterian Church seeks to address social justice issues in Akron in the neighborhood surrounding our church. The larger scale of this commitment has been possible through the hiring of a full-time Director of Community Development beginning in 2004. It is for this position that we are seeking support from Eastminster Presbytery. FPC seeks to reach out to those in our area that are in need of social, emotional, or financial assistance, as well as those with spiritual needs, through outreach programs and services. Through our summer day camp program (Summer's Best Two Weeks) and our tutoring program, we hope to reach 50 families in the neighborhood and connect them with our church in some capacity. We are also seeking to address the issues in the area that specifically have to do with housing, which is something we are focusing on as a new part of our program.

Preliminary Budget: \$3,400

Project: *First Presbyterian Church of Akron Community Fund*

Project Description: This fund provides emergency assistance to assist persons in the inner city of Akron with electric bills, rent, and other basic human needs.

Preliminary Budget: \$8,600

Project: *First Presbyterian Church Outreach Program for Barberton Head Start*

Project Description: The Barberton Head Start Program provides educational opportunities for children ages three and four who live in the City of Barberton. Ninety percent of the children enrolled in this program must come from families whose income is at or below the poverty level. As a result of this requirement, many of the children who attend this program are undernourished and lack adequate clothing. The children often attend with clothing in various stages of disarray and some do not have underwear or socks to wear.

Preliminary Budget: \$700

Project: *Barberton Area Community Ministries*

Project Description: Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM) is a partnership of churches and civic groups to provide a Food Pantry and Financial Assistance to low-income residents of Barberton, Norton and Doylestown, OH. BACM provides referrals to related services, advocacy and community education to local churches for awareness and involvement. The Financial Assistance program prevents currently housed families from becoming homeless by assisting with past-due rent or mortgage payments, utility aid, encouragement to find more affordable housing, and referrals to other programs. Community education assists clientele in understanding budgeting, setting priorities, and management of life crises. It also educates our affiliated churches and civic groups on issues (such as government budget priorities or housing affordability) that affect our clientele and their ability to become self-sufficient. BACM's goal is to soften prejudice against the poor and help activate those less fortunate and their advocates. Quarterly newsletters go to over 800 households. Periodic workshops or gatherings, a weekly newspaper column, and speaking engagements complete the program.

Preliminary Budget: \$5,000

Project: *Barberton Community Health Clinic*

Project Description: The Health Clinic provides medical service for people of all ages who are uninsured or underinsured.

Preliminary Budget: \$3,000

Project: *Protestant Campus Ministries (Rev. Kathryn Adams, Campus Minister)*

Project Description: Protestant Campus Ministry is an ecumenical Christian ministry which represents the presence of Christ by serving the spiritual, intellectual and social justice needs of the students, faculty, staff and administration of Youngstown State University. Our mission is to "keep the faith, share the faith, and creatively challenge students to live the faith".

Preliminary Budget: \$617

Project: *Dakota Mission Project*

Project Description: The Dakota Mission Project is first and foremost a *ministry of presence*, encouraging Eastminster members and congregations to invest time to develop personal relationships with Native American brothers and sisters in Dakota Presbytery—a non-geographic Native American presbytery is Minnesota, Montana, and the Dakotas. Through these relationships, hands-on mission and ministry are identified and carried out. The goal is to work with them, seeing how we might support them in their ministry and mission while at the same time inviting them to come to Eastminster Presbytery to share with us the unique gifts and graces of their culture and their own experiences of walking the Jesus Way.

Preliminary Budget: \$5,000

Project: *Funds for International Mission Partnership*

Project Description: Eastminster Presbytery has entered into an International Mission Partnership with Levante Presbytery of the Spanish Evangelical Church. With just two pastors and four small congregations, this tiny presbytery is providing a vital Christian witness along the southern coast of Spain. Funds will be used to help defray the cost of sending small teams of persons from Eastminster Presbytery to Levante Presbytery and welcoming small teams of persons from Levante Presbytery to Eastminster Presbytery.

Preliminary Budget: \$9,000

TOTAL SUPPORT FOR MISSION CAUSES IN 2007: \$76,817

STATEMENT OF FAITH - Adam Marquette

I believe in the one true God who is eternally existent in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe God is revealed to us through Scripture and that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Written by man, “All Scripture is God-breathed” (2Timothy 3:16, NIV).

I believe that God is the creator of all things. I believe God made the world and everything in it. Through His eternal love, God created man in His image and holds everyone as equals in His eyes. I believe that He sacrificed His one and only true son, Jesus Christ, who was fully human and fully God. Jesus Christ died and rose again for the sins of the world, “that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16b, NIV). I believe Christ also provides for us the ultimate example of how we are to live our lives. Christ gave us the greatest commandment which is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” as well as the second, “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22, NIV).

I believe in the past and present ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit inspired the prophets and the apostles after Christ’s death and resurrection. I believe the Holy Spirit is active in our lives today. The Spirit continues to guide and lead us today as the “Counselor” and the “Spirit of truth” sent by Jesus from the Father (NIV). I believe “by faith we (might) receive the promise of the Spirit” (Galatians 3:14b, NIV). The Spirit claims us in baptism and we are to live with the Spirit so that we will bear the fruits of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness” (Galatians 5:22, NIV).

I believe in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Through Baptism, we are claimed by Jesus and our sins are covered and remitted. Through Communion, we are joined with Jesus, just as the disciples were when he first broke the bread and commanded them to “Take and eat; this is my body,” and when he took the cup and said to them “Drink from it, all of you” (Matthew 26, NIV). When doing this, we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

I believe that my relationship with God is an ever reforming relationship which continually grows through daily worship, study, and prayer. Amidst my efforts in attempting to lead a disciplined life of worship, study, and prayer there will be times of disconnect, but through all of this, nothing “will be able to separate me (us) from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39, NIV).



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DAN K. SCHOMER
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October 9, 2006

Dear Pastors, Christian Educators and Youth Coordinators,

Plans are being made for the **2007 Eastminster Presbytery Youth Triennium delegation**. The Youth Triennium is an exciting International event for approximately 6000 youth and adults from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. This event will be held **July 17 –22, 2007** at Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Our Presbytery hopes to send a delegation of approximately 60 youth and adults.

Youth Participants must be at least **15 years old and no older than 19 on July 17, 2007**. Anyone interested in being an adult advisor needs to be at **least 25 years old**.

This is a fun, growing, exhausting, and memorable experience for youth and adults alike. We encourage you to talk to your youth about this event. The cost of the event is \$375, and \$175 for adult leaders. The Presbytery will pick up the cost for the transportation and the “Get on Board” retreat at JBM on June 1 & 2.

Please encourage interested youth and adults to send their registration forms in as soon as possible. You may send youth without sending adults. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at 330-923-9735 or dce@cfupc.org.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Stroble
Eastminster Presbytery’s Triennium Registrar

**Presbyterian Youth Triennium Registration Form
July 17 - 22, 2007
Purdue University**

Eastminster Presbytery Delegation

Name: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade Spring '07: ____ Home Church: _____

List any leadership positions you have held in your church:

Why do you want to attend Triennium?

What do you expect to get from Triennium?

**Registrations will be accepted on a first come basis with a \$100 deposit.
The cost is \$375 per youth.**

OVER

TRIENNIUM COVENANT

I agree to be a responsible member of the Eastminster delegation, participating in the scheduled programs and cooperating with group leaders. I also agree to attend our delegation's retreat on June 1 & 2 at JBM. I volunteer to share the skills and information I receive with persons in my home congregation and the Presbytery as requested.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Send this registration form to:
Marilyn Stroble
United Presbyterian Church
2819 Hudson Drive
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Send a check for \$100 (payable to Eastminster Presbytery) to:
Eastminster Presbytery
P.O. Box 316
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2007

Registration accepted on a first come basis with the \$100 deposit. Transportation costs will be negotiated with those who register after the 35nd person.

For office use: Date Received _____

WHERE DOES YOUR YOUNGER YOUTH GET HIS/HER INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUALITY?

It is TV?
It is Movies?

It is Music? Eastminster Presbytery is offering a Younger Youth Sexuality Retreat to present a Christian view of Sexuality. This will be on January 12, 13 and 14 at Joseph Badger Meadows.

Read below to see what one parent, who later became a team leader had to say about the retreat.

This retreat weekend was NOT for the fainthearted; oh no, not by a long shot! The title of the retreat itself was enough to scare off lesser folk:

God's Gift of Sexuality.
But look, here it is in the Bible: Genesis 1:26-31a (!!)

On this basis we discussed such topics as, "It is good to be a woman because..." and "It is good to be a man because..."

Other discussions included: friendship, infatuation, and love; community and relationships (with God, our church, and each other); individual responsibility; self-esteem, and anatomically correct names for body parts. God's children are beloved and entitled to accurate health information. How is a young person to distinguish accurate facts from myths and outright lies? Who can be trusted to give such information? Even though our parents love us best, it is sometimes easier for a trusted outsider to teach this sensitive information. Lots of information was presented and discussed, all in the atmosphere of love, safety, and confidentiality. It was a very focused time, intense and sometimes quite loud!

Teaching methods included group discussion, small group discussion, role playing, improvisational acting skits, group builders, and games. Plenty of time was built in for questions and impromptu discussions plus a place for anonymous questions. We had short educational movies, we wrote in our workbooks, we took quizzes and made sure of the right answers. We prayed often. We prayed together and separately. We gave thanks in prayer, we asked for guidance in prayer.

In all, quite an experience! I would like to express sincere thanks to Presbytery for providing this learning opportunity for our young people and for sponsoring this event each year. Most of all, thanks to all the parents who entrusted their precious children to our care and teaching.

"God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good."

Kathryn Infante, Parent, of attendee, who later became a team leader.
Brochures will be sent to your church. For more information call Carole Rummell 330-652-4603.

Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council presents for Second Reading

A RESOLUTION TO EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
CONCERNING ORDINATION STANDARDS

Whereas the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has standards for ordination to church office in the Form of Government; and

Whereas these standards include educational requirements, a definite set of examinations, willingness to make certain vows, and a commitment to limit sexual expression to heterosexual marriage; and

Whereas the church has judged each of these standards necessary for good and sufficient reasons; and

Whereas the 217th General Assembly (2006) has issued an Authoritative Interpretation of G-6.0108, to the effect that ordaining bodies may decide whether a departure from one or more of our Constitutional standards touches something essential in our faith and polity,

THEREFORE, the Sessions of Calvary, Champion, Covenant, Hudson, North Benton, and Stow Presbyterian Churches respectfully overture the Presbytery of Eastminster to take the following actions:

1. Establish as the policy of Eastminster Presbytery that in every particular case all the standards for ordination and installation to church office in the *Form of Government*, including the requirement that deacons, elders, and ministers “live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or in chastity in singleness”(G-6.0106b) shall be treated as essential.

2. Establish as the policy of Eastminster Presbytery that this body shall neither offer nor accept any scruple about or exception to the constitutional standards for ordination and installation within its jurisdiction, except as provided in the Book of Order G-14.0313; and,

3. To direct the stated clerk of Eastminster Presbytery to communicate the above policies to the sessions with the following instruction: Within the bounds of Eastminster Presbytery all who participate in examinations of candidates for ordination or installation, including the candidates themselves, shall be made aware of Eastminster Presbytery’s policy that each and every requirement for ordination and installation in the *Form of Government* is essential and the Presbytery does not offer or accept any scruple about or exception to them, except as provided in the *Book of Order* G-14.0313.

FURTHER, immediately upon the approval of the above actions, the above Sessions respectfully overture the Presbytery of Eastminster to receive the following amendments to the Presbytery’s *Manual of Operations* on first reading, with the second reading and motion to approve to be placed on the docket of the November, 2006, Stated Meeting:

1. To add the following entry to the Presbytery’s *Manual of Operations* paragraph 7.300 as letter d, and to re-letter the remaining items accordingly:

d. Advise all transferring ministers and candidates for ordination of Eastminster Presbytery’s policy that each and every requirement for ordination and installation in the *Form of Government* is essential and the Presbytery does not offer or accept any scruple about or exception to them, except as provided in the *Book of Order* G-14.0313.

2. To add the following wording to the current paragraph d. (which shall become paragraph e. upon the approval of these amendments), added text shown in *italics*:

d (e.) Acting with the authority of presbytery to: find in order calls issued by churches; to approve and present calls for services of ministers; to conduct and *recommend approval of the examination of candidates for ordination and* of ministers transferring from other presbyteries as required by the Book of Order (G-11.0402), *and in accordance with Eastminster Presbytery's policy that each and every requirement for ordination and installation in the Form of Government is essential and the Presbytery does not offer or accept any scruple about or exception to them, except as provided in the Book of Order G-14.0313*; to dissolve . . . (balance unchanged).

Rationale: The above amendments codify the approved policy of Eastminster Presbytery that in every particular case all the standards for ordination and installation to church office in the *Form of Government*, including the requirement that deacons, elders, and ministers “live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or in chastity in singleness”(G-6.0106b) shall be treated as essential; that this body will neither offer nor accept any scruple about or exception to the constitutional standards for ordination and installation within its jurisdiction, except as provided in the Book of Order G-14.0313; and that all who participate in examinations of candidates for ordination or installation, including the candidates themselves, shall be made aware of Eastminster Presbytery’s policy that each and every requirement for ordination and installation in the *Form of Government* is essential and the Presbytery does not offer or accept any scruple about or exception to them, except as provided in the *Book of Order* G-14.0313.

The proposed wording for current paragraph d. (paragraph e. upon approval) also reserves to the Presbytery the right to approve examinations of transferring ministers and candidates for ordination. The Committee on Ministry may recommend approval, but the last word on a particular examination is granted to the body as a whole.

Annual Assembly of the SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

Convened October 4-6, 2006 at the Synod of the Covenant offices
1911 Indianwood Circle
Maumee, Ohio

Delegates and Representatives of Eastminster Presbytery in attendance:

Rev. Larry Stewart	Delegate
Rev. Dan Schomer	General Presbyter
Rev. Joe Atkins	Moderator of Synod Personnel Services
Elder Lynn Doyle – Pebworth	Delegate
Chelsey Francis	Youth Advisory Delegate

Moderator, Elder Dorothy Siebers, Delegate, Presbytery of Lake Michigan, convened the Annual 2006 meeting of the Synod of the Covenant by welcoming all in attendance. George Baird, Stated Clerk, declared that a quorum was present, (quorum for Synod of the Covenant meetings consists of 6 Clergy and 6 Elders from 4 out of 11 Presbyteries). Mr. Baird presented the minutes of the 2005 annual meeting and docket for this 2006 annual meeting. Both items were approved.

The Rev. Dr. Marie T. Cross, Synod Executive, also greeted those in attendance. Rev. Cross is currently serving alone in the position of Synod Executive due to the ill health and subsequent resignation of Co Executive, The Rev. Dr. Richard Brownlee.

Janet Chapman was introduced as Executive Assistant of the Synod.

Treasurer, Kim Williams, presented the Financial Reports for 2006 which included Income and Expense report of the Operating Fund, Fund Balances Report by Committee, and Loan Fund and outstanding Loan Balances through August, 2006.

Rev. George Mehaffey, Chairperson of Trustees presented a 21 page document “Policies of the Trustees” which was adopted by the Assembly. (Included in the document are the Code of Regulations, Articles of Incorporation, Board Position Description, Audits, Management of Investments and Synod Loans plus 8 appendixes).

Rev. David Bartley, Moderator of the Operations Committee, presented Committee recommendations for the Per Capita Apportionment for 2007 and 2008. Assembly approved a per capita increase for 2007 to \$3.98 and for 2008 an amount of \$3.13. The proposed Budget for 2007 was approved as presented by Mr. Bartley. The 2007 budget represents a 3% increase.

All of the reports listed and the meeting agenda may be obtained from any of Eastminster Presbytery Delegates.

In Summary, this two day Assembly was very productive and informative, covering all aspects of involvement by the Synod on behalf of all Presbyterians in Ohio and Michigan. (Did you know that all 11 Presbyteries responded to Hurricane Disaster Relief and additionally, the Synod sent \$10,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Agency this year?) Synod highlights for me were the worship services, the opportunity to meet diverse, involved and concerned Presbyterians from all over Ohio and Michigan. I learned about Ministries in Higher Education, the Synod at work through the General Assembly and the work of the Mobile Health Fair. We met newly arrived partners in ministry from North India and enjoyed fellowship together!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Doyle-Pebworth