

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
May 10, 2011
Presbytery Meeting

MAY CALENDAR

4	-	9:00 am	East Area COM Meeting @ Presbytery Center
6	-	9:30 am	COM Area Chairs Meeting @ Presbytery Center
	-	*****	Deadline to register for Pastor's Retreat to be held on May 17-18
10	-	4:00 pm	COM Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Salem
	-	5:00 pm	Presbytery Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Salem
11	-	12:30 pm	West Area Retired Clergy Luncheon @ Martin Center, Akron University
12	-	7:00-8:30 pm	Open Dialogue with the Committee on Ministry @ Kent Presbyterian Church
15	-	2:30-4:00 pm	Open Dialogue with the Committee on Ministry @ Mineral Ridge, First Church
17-18	-	noon	EP Pastors Retreat @ JBM Camp & Conference Center
19	-	noon	Peacemaking Ministry Team Meeting @ Kent Presbyterian Church
	-	noon	COM luncheon for retired pastors, spouse and widows @Lake Vista
26	-	noon	West Area Pastor's Brown Bag Luncheon @ Goodyear Heights Church
	-	12:30 pm	Youngstown Clergy Luncheon @ First Presbyterian Church, Girard
	-	6:30 pm	Mission Visioning Council @ Lake Milton Presbyterian Church
30	-	****	Memorial Day – Office closed
31	-	noon	South Area COM Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Salem

JUNE CALENDAR

1	-	9:00 am	East Area COM meeting @ Presbytery Center
	-	noon	West Area COM meeting @ Presbytery Center
6	-	9:30 am	North Area COM meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Warren
14	-	4:30 pm	COM Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown
	-	5:00 pm	Committee Night Meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown
16	-	noon	Peacemaking Ministry Team Meeting @ Kent Presbyterian Church
21	-	4:30 pm	Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council @ phone conference
23	-	6:30 pm	Mission Visioning Council @ First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge
27	-	9:30 am	North Area COM meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Warren
28	-	noon	South Area COM meeting @ First Presbyterian Church, Salem

Directions to:

**First Presbyterian Church
436 East Second Street
Salem, Ohio 44460
Phone: 330.337.9555**

First Presbyterian Church is at the corner of East Second St. and North Lundy in Salem, one block north of State Street (Rt. 14) and one block west of North Lincoln Ave. (Rt. 9).

From the NORTH (Warren): Take Rt. 45 through Lordstown and continue straight south. When Rt. 45 turns west to bypass Salem, continue south on Ellsworth Ave. Watch numbered streets, and turn left (east) at Second St. Go two blocks to the church on the left. (Or, turn left at Third St., go 1 ½ blocks, and turn right into the church parking lot.)

From the NORTHEAST (Youngstown, etc.): Take Rt. 11 and/or 224 to the center of Canfield. Turn left on Rt. 62 and take it southwest. A short distance south of the Rt. 165 intersection, Rt. 62 turns west to bypass Salem. At this point, continue straight south into Salem. Watch numbered streets, and turn right (west) at Second St. Go one block to the church on the right. (Or, turn right at Third St., go 1 ½ blocks, and turn left into the church parking lot.)

From the EAST (Columbiana, etc.): Take Rt. 14 straight west into Salem. Continue 1 block after crossing Lincoln Ave. (Rt. 9). Turn right (north) and go 1 block to the church, on the left.

From the SOUTH (Lisbon): Approach Salem on Rt. 45. When that route turns west to bypass Salem, continue north on South Lincoln Ave. Cross State St. (Rt. 14) and continue one block to Second St. Turn left (west) and go one block to the church, on the right side.

From the WEST: Take I-76 east to Exit 43/Rt. 14. Go southeast straight into downtown Salem. At Ellsworth Ave., the third street to the left after you traverse the railroad overpass, turn left for one block to Second St. Then turn right and take Second St. 2 blocks to the church. (Or, go two blocks on Ellsworth to Third St., turn right, and go 1 ½ block to the back of the church.)

Parking behind the church, accessible from either Second or Third St.

First Presbyterian Church in Salem is fully handicapped accessible.

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OUR COMMITTEES AT WORK

- The Evangelism & Church Growth Commission is studying, preparing and planning for a fall workshop that will highlight some of the work and resources out of General Assembly's Office of Evangelism & Church Growth.
- The Mission committee reports, “What’s the next step in our “Spain Partnership with Levante Presbytery?”
- The Mission Committee wants to hear from you if your church is sending out a mission team this year. Please let Rev. Elmarie Parker at reveparker@comcast.net or Rev. David Joachim at revdbj@zoominternet.net know.
- Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council is preparing to implement changes to the Presbytery meeting schedule to make the meetings more user friendly for working people, easier for churches to host, and shorter in length. Changes will include a later start time, worship happening first, and the removal of the meal.

The Church of Jesus Christ
Assembles as a
Stated Meeting of Eastminster Presbytery
May 9, 2011
First Presbyterian Church, Salem

5:00 p.m.	Call to Order Constituting Prayer Moderator's Welcome Recognition of First-Time Commissioners Family Remembrances and Celebrations Host's Welcome	
5:10 p.m.	Business of the Clerk Declaration of Quorum Adoption of Docket Adoption of Consent Agenda Correspondence Referrals Distribution of Papers	p. 5-15
5:15 p.m.	Debate and vote on Ethical Conduct Covenant – Rev. Matt Medford	p.16-19
5:30 p.m.	Resource Center – Lorraine Jones	p. 20-21
5:35 p.m.	Debate and Vote on the Belhar Confession	p. 22-25
5:55 p.m.	Nominations – Peggy Richmond	p. 26-37
5:57 p.m.	Worship	
6:27 p.m.	Dinner	
7:12 p.m.	GA Commissioners	p. 38-39
7:42 p.m.	Announce Vote on the Ethical Conduct Covenant and the Belhar Confession	
7:43 p.m.	Coordination Council – Rev. Derek Starr Redwine	p. 40
7:45 p.m.	Board of Pensions – Rev. Ernesto Badillo	
8:00 p.m.	Joseph Badger Meadows and Conference Center – Marilyn Stroble, Sara Bender	p. 41-46
8:03 p.m.	Mission Committee – Rev. Elmarie Parker & Virginia Wepfer	p. 47-53
8:11 p.m.	Committee on Ministry – Rev. Debby Dockstader	p. 54
8:25 p.m.	Closing Prayer / Adjournment	

Eastminster Presbytery
Consent Agenda
May 10, 2011

1. To approve the minutes of the Presbytery Stated Meeting on March 8, 2011.
2. To append the minutes of the February 24, 2011 Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council to the March 8, 2011 minutes.
3. To append the minutes of the March 24, 2011 Mission Visioning Council to the March 8, 2011 minutes.
4. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the minutes of the Administrative Commission to Ordain/install the Rev. R. Joseph Hrach as the Eastminster Presbytery Associate (Page 10-11).
5. That upon the recommendation of the Congregational Resources Committee, the Session minutes and records of the churches of Eastminster Presbytery be approved as listed (Page 12-13).
6. That Eastminster Presbytery receives for record the 2010 Statistics of Eastminster Presbytery. (Page 14-15)
7. That upon the recommendation of the Eastminster Presbytery Coordinating Council that the offering of the July 12, 2011 stated meeting be designated to the Joseph Badger Meadows.

Draft: Not Yet Approved by the Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council

PRESBYTERY MEETING COORDINATING COUNCIL

Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge, OH

April 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

The Presbytery Meeting Coordinating Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on April 28, 2011 at the First Presbyterian Church in Mineral Ridge at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Revs. Derek Starr-Redwine, David Black, Elders Brad Dutton and Peggy Richmond

Ex. Officio: Rev. Carolyn Griffeth- *Mod. Of Presbytery*, Robert “Bo” Schneider - *Vice-Mod of Presbytery*

Members Excused: Rev. Jan Douglass

Staff Present: The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter; Elder Marianne Lidstone, Administrative Assistant; Elder Dale Riley Stated Clerk

The meeting was opened with scripture reading and prayer by Rev. Derek Starr Redwine at 4:58 p.m.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes from February 24, 2011

A motion prevailed Adopt Agenda the agenda as presented.

A motion prevailed July Presbytery Offering Joseph Badger Meadows. The May meeting’s offering was already approved to be designated to the Resource Center at the presbytery office.

Planning Calendar - Looking ahead adding items for the future presbytery meetings several we know will be needed.

Discussion of May Presbytery Worship

Identifying and placing of big picture items for the May Presbytery meeting.

Setting and Approval of Presbytery docket

A motion prevailed to adopt the docket for the presbytery meeting as adjusted.

Discuss logistics of Worship before Presbytery and no dinner. Derek Starr Redwine will have a paper in the May packet and will also draw attention to it during the meeting.

The next meeting will be June 21th by GotoMeeting.com at 4:30 pm.

Dan Schomer closed the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Derek Star-Redwine Moderator

Elder Dale Riley Stated Clerk

MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

Kent Presbyterian Church, Kent OH
March 24, 2011 6:30 p.m.

The Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on February 24, 2011 the Kent Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Rev's. Debby Dockstader, Ross Slaughter, Cindy Carlisle, Stephanie Crossland, Elder's, Cal Bennett, Marilyn Stroble, Bob Gillette, Nancy Finch, Carmen Ferris, Marian Bauer

Ex. Officio: Rev. Carolyn Griffeth- *Mod. Of Presbytery*, Robert "Bo" Schneider *Vice-Mod of Presbytery*

Staff Present: The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter; Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

Peggy Richmond opened the meeting with a reading and prayer.

The members introduced themselves, gave their church affiliation with and Presbytery position.

Reviewed the report of the Task Group looking at the restricting of the presbytery.

A motion prevailed to bring the proposed changes to the September Meeting of Presbytery.

A writing team will be needed to write a proposed new Manual of Operations.

The strategy to fulfill the mission priority was shared using the George Bullard Jr 'Exploring the Spiritual Strategic Journey'. We would start with four churches with interest to participate in the journey. There is Grant money available from the Presbyterian Church (USA) of up to \$50,000 to support presbyteries in their work of continually transforming existing congregations. Ross Slaughter will help in refining the process along with at least two others.

Steve Fortenberry brought to the MVC the using JBM facilities for the potential farming, job training and social justice areas. Possible grants for this project are available from GA. There may be a need for capital outlay for this to happen. This would or could be very helpful in promoting the camp to our churches.

Debbie Dockstader closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50 pm.

The next meeting will be April 28th at the Mineral Ridge church.

Elder Marilyn Stroble, Moderator

Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

Draft: Not Yet Approved by the Mission Visioning Council

MISSION VISIONING COUNCIL

First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge, OH

April 28, 2011 6:30 p.m.

The Mission Visioning Council of Eastminster Presbytery met on April 28, 2011 the Mineral Ridge Church at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Revs. Debby Dockstader, Ross Slaughter, Cindy Carlisle, Elders, Marilyn Stroble, Bob Gillette, Carmen Ferris, Peggy Richmond and Marian Bauer.

Ex. Officio: Robert "Bo" Schneider *Vice-Mod of Presbytery*

Excused: Rev. Stephanie Crossland, Cal Bennett, Nancy Finch, Rev. Carolyn Griffeth- *Mod. Of Presbytery*

Staff Present: The Rev. Dr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter; Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

Bo opened the meeting with prayer.

A letter and questions were distributed to the council from the Mission Committee concerning mission funding and we discussed the questions that were part of the letter. Our responses will be provided to the Mission Committee.

An update on the report Spiritual Strategic Journey was provided by Dan Schomer. A team consisting of Revs. Dave Gilbert, Stephanie Crossland, Ross Slaughter, and Elmarie Parker will meet with Dan to determine how we might implement the Spiritual Strategic Journey in Eastminster Presbytery.

A discussion to ok place about the voting on Amendment 10-A which is close to passing. A paper on Ordination Standards Questions and Answers prepared by the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk was shared.

The council was asked if the General Presbyter and the Stated Clerk could prepare a letter to the churches and pastors regarding this issue including the paper 'Ordination Standards Questions and Answers'.

A motion prevailed to have the General Presbyter and the Stated Clerk to write a letter to the sessions and enclose the Q and A paper should Amendment 10-A pass. Rev. Ross Slaughter asked that his vote be recorded as an absentia.

A paper 'Process for Congregations Considering Disaffiliation' was distributed and discussed. Recommended changes should be provided to Debby Dockstader and Carolyn Griffeth.

JBM has hired Sarah Bender to run Summer Camp. We are still looking for someone to be the onsite coordinator and will be interviewing someone soon.

Informational gatherings will be held through out the presbytery on the new proposed structure. It was asked if they could be held the same time as Committee night and/or Presbytery?

Peggy Richmond read a devotional and Marilyn closed the meeting with prayer at 8:08.

The next meeting will be June 23rd at the Kent Church at 6:30 p.m.

Elder Marilyn Stroble, Moderator

Elder Dale Riley, Stated Clerk

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY
For the Ordination/Installation of R. Joseph Hrach
March 8, 2011 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Cuyahoga Falls

The commission of the Presbytery of Eastminster, established to ordain on behalf of the Eastminster Presbytery R. Joseph Hrach, convened in the Lounge on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in order to carry out its responsibility in the context of public worship.

Present were: Rev. Dan Schomer, General Presbytery; Rev. Aaron Meadows (Kent); Rev. Carolyn Griffeth (Poland, Heritage); Rev. Derek Starr Redwine (Akron, Westminster); Rev. E. Sue Tinker (Hudson, First); Elder Carole Rummell (Mineral Ridge, First); Elder Harriet Chapman (Akron, Westminster); Elder Gerald Young (Akron, Westminster) and Elder Marianne Lidstone (Poland).

The Commission was called to order and constituted with prayer by Rev. Carolyn Griffeth, Moderator of the Presbyter.

Motion prevailed to Elder Marianne Lidstone as clerk of the commission.

Motion prevailed to seat the following guests as Corresponding Members of the Commission: Rev. Douglas Patton, Honorably Retired as Sr. Pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church in North Canton, Ohio (Muskingum Valley) and Rev. Joann Watson, PhD., Professor of Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary (Muskingum Valley).

Motion prevailed to approve and to follow the order of service, as prepared in the printed bulletin presented to the Commission, as the plan to be followed.

Motion prevailed that the minutes of this Commission, as the Clerk composes them, be presented to the Presbytery for approval, and that, upon the pronouncement of the Benediction by the newly installed pastor the Commission shall be dissolved.

The Commission proceeded to the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. for the Service of Installation, with the moderator of the Commission presiding. The Order of Worship Service proceeded as follows:

Call to Worship	Rev. Aaron Meadows
Prayer of Adoration	
Hymn #48 <i>“To God be the Glory”</i>	
Prayer of Confession	Rev. Sue Tinker
Assurance of Pardon	
Gloria Patri #579	
Peace	
Prayer of Illumination	Elder Harriet Chapman

Scripture Reading	Ephesians 4:1-16	
Sermon		Rev. Derek Starr Redwine
Affirmation of Faith		
Call of Offering		Elder Carole Rummell
Offertory		
Doxology	#592	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Lord's Prayer		
Ordination & Installation		
Statement of Ordination & Installation		Rev. Carolyn Griffeth
Presentation of Candidate		Elder Gerald Young
Constitutional Questions		Rev. Carolyn Griffeth
Questions for the Presbytery		Elder Marianne Lidstone
Laying on of Hands, Prayer of Ordination/Installation		Rev. Carolyn Griffeth, Rev, Doug Patton, Rev. Dr. JoAnn Watson
Charge		Rev. Dan Schomer
Presentation of Symbol of Ministry		Rev. Douglas Patton
Closing Hymn	#341 " <i>Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!</i> "	
Benediction		Rev. Joe Hrach

Motion prevailed to adjourn. Rev. Derek Starr Redwine led in the closing prayer.

Carolyn Griffeth, Moderator

Marianne Lidstone, Clerk of the Commission

Date: April 4, 2011

To: Congregational Resources Committee

Subject: Report of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Reading of Session Minutes,
and Rolls and Registers of the churches in Eastminster Presbytery

Minutes were read and Roll Books were checked on February 27, March 6 and March 13, 2011 at Kent, Canfield, and Mineral Ridge Presbyterian Churches.

The scoring method is as follows:

70-100 points Received and Approved
50-69 points Received and Approved with Exception
0-49 points Received and Reviewed

Session Minute Books Received and Approved:

Mineral Ridge, Akron First, Cuyahoga Falls Northminster, Poland, Cuyahoga Falls United, North Springfield, Warren First, Champion, Petersburg, Liberty, Hubbard, Wickliffe, Pleasant Grove, Youngstown First, Westminster Boardman, New Lisbon, Canfield, Salem First, Common Ground, Sebring, Christ, Oak Hill.

Session Minute Books Received and Approved with Exception:

Kent, Allenside, Rogers/Clarkson, New Waterford, Niles South Side, Barberton First, John Knox, Westminster Akron, East Palestine, Poland Heritage, Niles First, Girard.

Session Minute Books Received and Reviewed:

Good Year Heights, Warren Calvary

Session Books not presented, therefore not approved:

Butler Memorial***, Firestone Park**, University***, Kinsman*, Lake Milton, Vienna, Columbiana, Ellsworth, Hudson.

We are working with the following churches to update their session minute books:

Coitsville***, North Benton***, Gibson Heights/Second**, Warren Covenant** and Hungarian,

* Books were not presented in 2010

** Books were not presented in 2009, 2010

***Books were not presented in 2008, 2009, 2010

New Covenant and North Jackson did not present their books stating that they do not have Sessions.

Rolls and Register Books Received and Approved:

Allenside, Akron First, Goodyear Heights, North Springfield, Oak Hill, Westminster Akron, Barberton First, Canfield, Northminster, Cuyahoga Falls United, East Palestine, Hubbard, Kent, New Lisbon, Mineral Ridge, Common Ground, New Waterford, Niles First, Niles Southside, Petersburg, Poland,

Salem First, Sebring, Warren Champion, Warren First, Christ, John Knox, Liberty, Pleasant Grove, Westminster Boardman, Wickliffe, Poland Heritage.

Rolls and Register Books Received and Approved with Exception:

Rogers/Clarkson, Warren Calvary

Rolls and Register Books Received and Reviewed:

Oak Hill Akron

Rolls and Register Books not presented therefore not approved:

Firestone Park, New Covenant, University, Columbiana, Ellsworth, Hudson, Kinsman, Lake Milton, North Jackson, Vienna, Butler Memorial, Youngstown First, Girard.

We are working with the following churches to update their Rolls and Register books:

Coitsville***, North Benton***, Gibson Heights/Second**, Warren Covenant**, Hungarian,

We would also like to thank Marcia Shepard, Salem First and Pat Ewald, Cuyahoga Falls United for their help.

Carole Rummell, Alice Jackson and Ray Rubrake



PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR 2010

Presbytery # 192
Presbytery Eastminster

Address 3833 Main St
City Mineral Ridge , OH 44440
Phone # 330 505-2167
Fax # 330 505-1545

Membership

Prior Active Members: 9,284

Gains

Profession 17 & Under: 88

Profession 18 & Over: 103

Certificate: 55

Other: 10

Total Gains: 256

Losses

Certificate: 58

Death: 215

Other: 595

Total Losses: 868

Total Active Membership: 8,672

Female Members: 4,531

Inactive Members: 2,539

Baptized Members: 1,153

Total Adherents: 12,364

Average Church Attendance: 3,901

Affiliate Members: 183

Baptisms

Children: 82

Adult: 8

Officers

Male Elders: 225

Female Elders: 252

Male Deacons: 97

Female Deacons: 339

Age Distributions

25 & Under: 937

26 - 35: 1,425

36 - 55: 1,323

56 - 64: 1,363

65 & Over: 2,970

People with Disabilities

Hearing: 397

Mobility: 302

Sight: 110
Other: 238

Christian Education

Birth 3:	142	Grade 7:	82
Age 4:	76	Grade 8:	80
Kindergarten:	85	Grade 9:	92
Grade 1:	69	Grade 10:	75
Grade 2:	83	Grade 11:	78
Grade 3:	86	Grade 12:	93
Grade 4:	90	Young Adults:	144
Grade 5:	76	Over 25:	1,004
Grade 6:	80	Teacher/Officer:	347
Total:	2,782		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons
Asian	17	0	1
Black	42	8	0
Native American	3	1	0
Hispanic	4	0	0
White	7,554	431	388
Other	10	1	0
Totals	7,630	441	389

Potential Giving Units: 5,309
Budgeted Income: 7,915,055
Budget Expense: 8,598,058

Receipts

Regular Contribution: 6,803,565
Capital Building Fund: 800,074
Investment Income: 990,004
Bequests: 563,045
Other Income: 879,113
Subsidy or Aid: 109,545

Expenditures

Local Program: 6,920,221

Local Mission: 331,620
Capital Expenditure: 1,445,304
Investment Expense: 40,997
Per Capita Aprt: 219,763
Validated Mission: 351,396
Theological Fund: 47,643
Other Mission: 145,224

COVENANT OF ETHICAL CONDUCT
FOR PASTORS AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS
AND OTHER CLERGY SERVING WITHIN ITS BOUNDS

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERY, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

This document has been prepared by the Committee on Ministry of Eastminster Presbytery, drawing upon a document with the same title that was approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It has been further edited by a task group authorized by Eastminster Presbytery and approved in final form by vote of Eastminster Presbytery in (insert month) 2011.

It is intended to provide clarity concerning the expected personal conduct of those who fill the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament or Commissioned Lay Pastor within Eastminster Presbytery. It encourages ministers to follow a style of public and private life that honors God, relies upon God's grace, and reflects the example of Jesus Christ.

In the following document items marked with an (*) are from "Standards of Ethical Conduct," in the section beginning, "Life Together in the Community of Faith: Standards of Ethical Conduct for Ordained Officers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." It can be accessed in its entirety at <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/standards-ethical-conduct-ministers-and-others/>. Items marked with an (+) are additional recommendations specifically for Eastminster Presbytery.

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COVENANT OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

PART I

We will conduct our private lives and our public ministries in a manner that is faithful to the gospel. We covenant to:

1. Practice the disciplines of study, prayer, reflection, worship, stewardship and service.*
2. Be honest and truthful in our relationships with others.*
3. Be faithful in keeping the covenants we make.*
4. Treat all persons with equal respect and concern.*
5. Maintain a healthy balance among the responsibilities of our office of ministry, our commitments to family and other primary relationships, and our personal need for spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual renewal.* We intend to take the equivalent of two days off per week, seeking Sabbath renewal and time with family and friends. We intend to use our full vacation time each year, turning to colleagues to provide care for pastoral needs in our congregations while we are away.+
6. Refrain from abusive, addictive, exploitative or manipulative behavior and to seek help in overcoming such behavior if it occurs.*
7. Refrain from gossip and abusive speech that dehumanizes, demeans and marginalizes people.*
8. Maintain an attitude of repentance, humility and forgiveness, responsive to God's reconciling will.*

PART II

We will conduct our ministries so that nothing need be hidden from our governing bodies or colleagues in ministry. We covenant to:

1. Preach, teach and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ with courage, speaking the truth in love.*
2. Honor the sacred trust of relationships within the covenant community and to observe appropriate boundaries.*
3. Be judicious in the exercise of the power and privileges of ministerial office and positions of responsibility,* including all presbytery responsibilities. +
4. Avoid conflicts of interest that might compromise the effectiveness of our ministries.*
5. Refrain from relationships that might exploit others for the satisfaction of our own emotional or sexual needs or desires, including sexual harassment and misconduct as defined by Eastminster Presbytery and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) policy. +
6. Respect the privacy of individuals and not divulge information obtained in confidence without express permission, unless an individual* poses a threat to self or others or child abuse is involved. +
7. Recognize the limits of our own gifts and training, referring persons and tasks to others as appropriate.*
8. Claim only those credentials and qualifications actually attained, giving appropriate credit for all sources used in sermons, papers, music and presentations, and observing copyrights.*
9. Refrain from incurring indebtedness that might compromise our ministries.*
10. Be faithful stewards of and fully account for funds and property entrusted to us,* including appropriate vouchering for reimbursable items. +

11. Observe limits set by the appropriate governing body for honoraria, personal business endeavors and gifts or loans. * We will not engage in non-parish work in which parishioners may be exploited as customers or clients. We will accept no personal loans from parishioners. We will remember that any assistance with a down payment for housing must be secured by a second mortgage and approved in advance by the Committee on Ministry.+
12. Accept the discipline of the church and the appropriate guidance of those to whom we are accountable for our ministries.*
13. Participate in continuing education, seeking counsel from our sessions, mentors and professional advisors.* We intend to use the full continuing education time allotted by our calls, with the majority of that time being spent in appropriate, intentional study and/or the enhancement of ministry skills.+
14. Deal honorably with the service of predecessors, and upon leaving any ministry or office speak and act in ways that support successors.*
15. Participate in the life of ministerial settings that we have left, or from which we have retired, only as authorized by the presbytery,* in accordance with a covenant of separation approved by the Committee on Ministry. +
16. Provide pastoral services for congregations previously served only as authorized by the presbytery, and provide pastoral services to members of other congregations only with the invitation and consent of their pastors.* We understand that the responsibility to maintain appropriate boundaries rests with the pastor who has left or retired.+
17. Consult with the Committee on Ministry in the presbytery of residence regarding our involvement in any ministry setting during retirement.*
18. Be willing to consult with the General Presbyter or Committee on Ministry regarding the application of any ethical standards for ministry.+
19. When sharing leadership of a particular event with another pastor (such as weddings, funerals, pastoral visitation, membership, etc.) we covenant to communicate and share openly and collegially. +

PART III

We will participate as partners with others in the ministry and mission of the Church Universal. We covenant to:

1. Participate in the mission and governance of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and also to respect and work for the unity of the holy catholic church.*
2. Attend meetings or workshops deemed mandatory by the Committee on Ministry. +
3. Willingly serve throughout our time of membership in Eastminster Presbytery on a committee, council or commission of the presbytery; regularly attend meetings of the presbytery, and avoid scheduling meetings within the local church that conflict with Committee Night or with stated presbytery meetings. +
4. Consistently show respect for and provide encouragement to our colleagues in ministry.*

The Committee on Ministry shall review this Covenant of Ethical Conduct with all incoming members of Eastminster Presbytery, asking for a signed statement by these persons that they have received this covenant.

The Committee on Ministry will sponsor biennially a workshop for current and incoming ministers to explore this covenant's content and implications. All ministers of Eastminster Presbytery will be expected to attend this workshop at least once. On alternate years, the Committee on Ministry will sponsor a workshop on boundary issues.

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I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Covenant of Ethical Conduct of Eastminster Presbytery.

Date _____

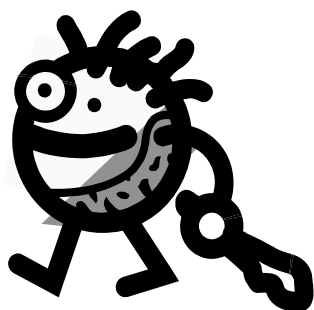
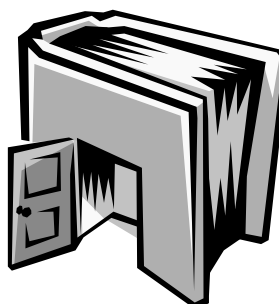
Signed _____

RESOURCE CENTER NEWS Eastminster Presbytery Office

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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.
Thurs 9:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.



*Easter greetings! Now is the time to spread the good news.
Tell everyone you know.*

If you need some help with that task (who doesn't?) consider showing "*The Gods Aren't Angry*," a new DVD available at the Resource Center. This 2008 DVD from Flannel was recorded live on location on Rob Bell's "The Gods Aren't Angry Tour." Rob Bell, who teaches in the short NOOMA films, blends historical narrative, Christian and Jewish literature, and contemporary questions about faith to explain how religion began and possibly to explain why we still feel the need to "do something" to earn God's grace. He ends the 89-minute presentation with the good news: there is nothing you can do to make God love you more. Everything has already been done for you! This DVD has received high ratings wherever it is shown across several different denominations and is recommended for seekers' classes as well as those who just need a reminder that yes, God loves us.

A quick quiz.....

Decide if each statement is "R" for reformed, "N" for not reformed, or "B" for borderline.

God speaks when you are still enough to listen. R N B

The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it. R N B

If you're going to talk the talk, you have to walk the walk. R N B

We've always done it that way before. R N B

These questions were taken from a quiz in **The Roots of Who We Are** (Bridge Resources, 1997) by Rodger Nishioka and according to him, the answers are: N, N, R, N. (Please see pages 18-21 of the book for an explanation of Rodger's responses.) Read the entire book to discover five theological purposes essential for any youth ministry, the roles of evangelism and the Bible in a meaningful youth ministry, how to respond to the attitudes, needs, and behavior of youth, and much more. Professional and volunteer Christian educators will find valuable information and inspiration in this classic book. Anyone who wants a brief, straightforward explanation of what it means to be reformed will want to read the first two chapters. For more "reformed" resources, read on.

Author and editor Donald K. McKim provides concise explanations on theological questions from a Presbyterian point of view in **Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers** (Geneva Press, 2003). New members, confirmation classes, and all those interested in Presbyterian theology will learn what it means to be reformed, what predestination means and why the word is associated with Presbyterians, why Presbyterian churches don't have altars, and so much more. The book is arranged in question and answer format with chapters on Presbyterian history and heritage, God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, humanity, salvation, church, worship, sacraments, Christian life, reign of God, and polity. Donald McKim was speaker at the Point (Presbyterians Organized in Nurture & Teaching) Conference this year in February; he has made available a one-page description of what it means to be reformed. You can pick up a copy at the Resource Center.

What does it mean to be "Reformed" in today's society and what is the value of tradition in a society that is changing so rapidly? In his book, **To Be Reformed** (Witherspoon Press, 2010), author Joseph Small explores the Reformed perspectives on Christian life and faith for today's culture.



Just out from Sparkhouse, **re:form Traditions**. Re:form can be used for confirmation curriculum for youth, for retreats, for new member classes; it is flexible. The best thing about re:form though, is the newest edition which offers four lessons on the Reformed tradition. Begin each session with a fifteen-minute animated video in which youth encounter the question they will be exploring for the session. Some people (adults, mainly) will see the video (with the bizarre sound effects and a duck) and think of Monty Python; youth will just enjoy them. Youth will then determine what the Bible has to say about the topic. In addition to the re:form Traditions DVD, this curriculum uses a leader book which includes background information and psychological facts about youth that will help leaders connect to the students. Youth will also enjoy the activities in the re:form Traditions Anti-Workbook. For example, while learning about Calvin and the Placard Affair, students will cut out placards that say "keep," "drop," and "create." Everyone goes through the sanctuary and posts them in the appropriate places.

re:form

The 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study is **Confessing the Beatitudes** by Margaret Aymer with **Suggestions for Leaders** by Rita Boyer. Both are available at the Resource Center. To help you get started in your study of the beatitudes, **The Beatitudes for Today** (Westminster John Knox Press, 2006) is also available for signout at the Resource Center. In this 112 page text, the author provides new insight into the things that Jesus did *not* say as well as the things that he did say. What does it mean to be blessed? What do peacemakers do? How do you show mercy? What did these things mean when Jesus first said them? What do they mean today?



Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
--Matthew 5:7

CONFESSION OF BELHAR

September 1986*

- 11.1 We believe** in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
- 11.2. We believe** in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;¹
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;²
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted³
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;⁴ that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;⁵
- that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;⁶
- that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;
- which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;
- which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;
- which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

11.3. We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.⁷
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;⁸
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

11.4. We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;⁹
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;¹⁰
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;¹¹
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology
- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

11.5. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence. ¹²

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Endnote

This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Section numbers are OGA suggestions based on the document's five original sections and the numbering from *The Book of Confessions*.

SCRIPTURAL ALLUSIONS

Section 11.2.

1. Eph. 2: 11-22
2. Eph. 4:1-16
3. Jn. 17:20-23
4. Phil. 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:4-31
5. Jn. 13:1-17; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6; Eph. 3:14-20; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Gal. 6:2;
2 Cor. 1:3-4
6. Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Eph. 4:7-13; Gal. 3:27-28; Jas. 2:1-13

Section 11.3.

- 7.2 Cor. 5:17-21; Mt. 5:13-16; Mt. 5:9; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21-22
8. Eph. 4:17-6:23; Rom. 6; Col. 1:9-14; Col. 2:13-19; Col. 3:1-4:6

Section 11.4.

9. Deut. 32:4; Lk. 2:14; In.14:27
10. Eph. 2:14; Isa. 1:16-17; Jas. 1:27; Jas. 5:1-6; Lk. 1:46-55; Lk. 6:20-26; Lk. 7:22; Lk. 16:19-31
11. Ps. 146; Lk. 4:16-19; Rom. 6:13-18; Am. 5

Section 11.5.

12. Eph. 4:15-16; Acts. 5:29-33; 1 Pet. 2:18-25; 1 Pet. 3:15-18

Nominating Committee
May 10, 2011

Information:

Resignations:

Rev. Steve Fortenberry, Congregational Resources, Class of 2013

Deaths:

Cecil Monroe, Self Development of People, Class of 2012

Cecil Monroe, Committee on Representation, Class of 2011

For Action:

JBM Committee

Rev. Steve Fortenberry, Class of 2012

Eastminster Presbytery Nominating Committee

General Assembly Commissioners Policy

For Nomination of Clergy Commissioners:

1) A list of Minister Members of Eastminster Presbytery will be included in the May and July issues of News and Notes the year before the GA is scheduled to meet. The list will include columns for Ordination Date and Commissioner to GA Date, and will be in order of ordination date (the earliest date being at the top of the list). The Nominating Committee will give strong consideration to Ordination Date when considering potential nominees. Any Minister Member who has served as Commissioner ~~to one of the last 10 General Assemblies~~ **to General Assembly in the last 10 years** will not be considered for nomination.

2) Applications will be requested from Minister Members of Eastminster Presbytery. The application will ask, but will not be limited to, questions on how the applicant will serve GA, how they have served other governing bodies within the Presbyterian Church, and how they have served other organizations, particularly in leadership positions. Strong consideration will be given to participation and leadership in Presbytery, Presbytery Committees, Commissions and Task Groups. The application will also include a statement, which indicates that the applicant agrees to participate in orientation, **a commissioning service**, ~~and~~ training prior to General Assembly, and conduct training for commissioners to the next GA. The applicant will also be asked to indicate that no known health problem will prevent their full participation in the hectic pace and long hours of General Assembly. No applicant shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

3) The Nominating Committee will submit a nomination ~~at the~~ **no later than** the January Presbytery meeting.

For Nomination of Elder Commissioners:

1) A list of Churches will be included in the May and July issues of News and Notes the year before the GA is scheduled to meet. The list will include a column for the date an elder member of that church last served as Commissioner to General Assembly. The list will be in order of those dates, with the earliest date being at the top. In the cases where elders from two different churches were commissioners to the same GA, the church organized earliest will be higher on the list.

2) All eligible sessions will be asked to offer applications to elder members, both those currently serving on session and those not currently on session, who would be interested in serving as an Elder Commissioner to GA. Elders who ~~have served as~~ **are members of churches that have sent a** Commissioner to ~~one of the last 10 General Assemblies~~ **General Assembly in the last 10 years** will not be considered for nomination. The application will ask, but will not be limited to, questions on how the applicant will serve GA, how they have served other governing bodies within the Presbyterian Church, and how they have served other organizations, particularly in leadership positions. Strong consideration will be given to participation and leadership in Presbytery, Presbytery Committees, Commissions and Task Groups. The application will also include a statement that indicates that the applicant agrees to participate in orientation, **a commissioning service**, ~~and~~ training prior to General Assembly, and conduct training for commissioners to the next GA. The applicant will also be asked to indicate that no known health problem will prevent their full participation in the hectic pace and long hours of General Assembly. No applicant shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability.

3) The Nominating Committee will submit a nomination ~~at~~ **no later than** the January Presbytery meeting.

Revised May 10, 2005; May 8, 2007; **May 10, 2011**

GA CLERGY COMMISSIONERS FOR 2012

Clergy Name	Ordination Date	Date as GA Commissioner
Harold Walker	07-1949	1981
Harry Eberts	07-29-1951	
Harry Van Fleet	05-01-1952	2000
Albert Shakely	06-19-1955	1993
Alice Whitecomb	08-01-1955	
Moss Rutan	06-01-1957	1981
Richard Hasler	06-30-1957	1970
Richard Ross	10-13-1957	
Richard Fruit	03-02-1959	1986
Joseph Atkins	05-28-1960	1970, 1980
James Ray	06-01-1960	1979
John Sharick	06-26-1960	
Donald Spear	06-25-1961	1984
Ross Jackson	09-18-1966	2000
Reford Nash	06-01-1969	
Nick Mager	07-01-1969	2006
Ray Banner	6-27-1971	
Robert Offerdahl	02-21-1972	1992
Mark Wilds	07-08-1973	
Sue Ann Schmidt	07-07-1974	2008
Pamela Flower	04-13-1975	1995
Victor Wan-Tatah	09-10-1975	
Dan Schomer	02-10-1975	1994
David Black	09-28-1975	
Gerald Fennell	01-04-1976	
William Betteridge	06-06-1976	
Alan Hutchison	09-25-1977	
David Joachim	10-13-1977	1999
Deborah Dockstader	12-11-1977	1989
Marvin Barney	03-19-1978	
Meta Cramer	11-12-1978	1998
In-Kyu Park	1978	1999
Rusty Cowden	06-30-1981	2000
Matt Medford	09-15-1981	
Christy Ramsey	6-12-1983	2004

Clergy Name	Ordination Date	Date as GA Commissioner
Mark Ruppert	06-12-1983	2010
David Shriver	07-17-1983	1990
Jan Douglas	11-27-1983	
Richard Ferris	02-08-1984	1987
Roman Garrison	05-15-1985	
Ross Slaughter	09-08-1985	
Janet Lowery	09-15-1985	2004
Peter Lawson	12-29-1985	
David Gilbert	08-05-1990	2002
Brian Nutt	01-20-1991	
Burt McGlawn	03-14-1993	
Larry Bowald	07-25-1993	
Bruce Ballantine	06-12-1994	
Steve Fortenberry	08-07-1994	
Juliann Joy	09-18-1994	
Carolyn Griffeth	04-13-1996	
Scott Parker	04-28-1996	
Stephanie Crossland	09-06-1998	
Christine Ziem	08-12-2000	
Elmarie Parker	04-19-2001	2010
Derek S. Redwine	09-29-2001	
Rein Krone	06-16-2002	
Jeanine Haven	06-30-2002	
Bonnie Dutton	01-30-2005	
Aaron Meadows	06-11-2006	
Cindy Carlisle	10-14-2007	
Henry Pearce	03-11-2008	
Sue Tinker	04-24-2008	
Amy Starr Redwine	05-25-2008	
Ben Graves	11-28-2009	
Joe Hrach	03-08-2011	

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION AS CLERGY COMMISSIONER
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

220th General Assembly, June 30 – July 7, 2012, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Please type or print neatly

Name _____ **Home phone** _____

Church _____ **Work phone** _____

Address _____ **City** _____, OH **Zip** _____

Date of Ordination _____

Have you previously served as Commissioner to the General Assembly? _____

If you have served, in what capacity did you serve? (Clergy Commissioner, Youth Advisory Delegate, Elder Commissioner) _____

If you have served, when did you serve? If you have served one of the ten most recent General Assemblies, your application will not be considered. _____

Age: _____ under 24 _____ 24-39 _____ 40-55 _____ 56-65 _____ over 65

(For the following questions, feel free to use an additional sheet)

How do you anticipate serving General Assembly?

How have you served other governing bodies within the Presbyterian Church (includes Session, Presbytery, Presbytery Committees, Task Groups, Synod, etc)?

How have you served other organizations, particularly in leadership positions?

Is there anything else that you would like for the Nominating Committee to know in considering your application?

By signing this application, I commit myself, if elected, to being a full participant in the General Assembly, which I understand will include a hectic pace and long hours. I also pledge to participate in training prior to the 220th General Assembly, and to actively contribute to the training of the Commissioners to the 221st General Assembly (2014) and to be available for the commissioning service on May 8, 2012 and report to the next Presbytery Meeting following the assembly.

Applicant

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE BY JULY 28, 2011

CHURCHES FOR 2012 GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS

CHURCH	Last date attended GA as Commissioner
Common Ground Church	Never
Poland, Heritage	Never
Akron New Covenant	Never
North Jackson	1962
Rogers	1964
Warren-Covenant	1964
Young-Gibson Heights	1965
Niles-South Side	1967
Niles-First	1969
Young-Butler	1974
Young Christ	1974
Warren-Champion	1978
Poland	1980
Struthers	1982
Young-Coitsville	1982
Young-Liberty	1982
Akron Oak Hill	1983
Ellsworth	1983
Girard	1983
Young-Wickliffe	1984
Young-Hungarian	1985
Salem-First	1986
Akron-First	1987
East Palestine	1987
Petersburg	1988
Young-John Knox	1989
Akron Goodyear Heights	1990

CHURCH	Last date attended GA as Commissioner
Youngstown, First	1990
Columbiana	1991
Akron-Allenside	1992
Warren-First	1992
Akron University Park	1993
Cuy Falls-Northminster	1993
Canfield	1994
North Benton	1994
Kent	1995
Lisbon	1995
Akron North Springfield	1996
Kinsman	1996
New Waterford	1997
Warren-Calvary	1999
Hudson	2000
Young-Pleasant Grove	2000
Mineral Ridge	2001
Young-Westminster	2001
Hubbard	2002
Barberton	2003
Lake Milton	2004
Akron, Westminster	2006
Cuy. Falls, United	2008
Vienna	2008
Akron-Firestone Park	2010

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION AS ELDER COMMISSIONER
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

220th General Assembly, June 30 - July 7, 2012, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Please type or print neatly

Name _____

Address _____ City _____, OH Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Church _____

Date of Ordination (as Elder) _____

Have you previously served as Commissioner to the General Assembly? _____

If you have served, in what capacity did you serve? (Elder Commissioner, Youth Advisory Delegate, Clergy Commissioner) _____

If you have served, when did you serve? (if you have served one of the ten most recent General Assemblies, your application will not be considered) _____

Age: _____ under 24 _____ 24-39 _____ 40-55 _____ 56-65 _____ over 65

(For the following questions, feel free to use an additional sheet)

How do you anticipate serving General Assembly?

How have you served other governing bodies within the Presbyterian Church (includes Session, Presbytery, Presbytery Committees, Task Groups, Synod, etc)?

How have you served other organizations, particularly in leadership positions?

Is there anything else that you would like for the Nominating Committee to know in considering your application?

By signing this application, I commit myself, if elected, to being a full participant in the General Assembly, which I understand will include a hectic pace and long hours. I also pledge to participate in training prior to the 220th General Assembly, and to actively contribute to the training of the Commissioners to the 221st. General Assembly (2014) and to participate in the commissioning service on May 8, 2012 and to report at the next Presbytery meeting following the assembly.

Applicant

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE BY JULY 28, 2011.

April 25, 2011

Dear Pastor or Clerk of Session,

On June 30, 2012 the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will convene in Pittsburgh, PA. Eastminster Presbytery has the opportunity to send one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 220th General Assembly, to experience the excitement, joy and passion that comes from working, exchanging views, worshiping and seeking the guidance of the spirit with other Presbyterians. As Eastminster's YAAD meets other Presbyterians there will be a fuller understanding of the diversity that defines us as Presbyterian. We come from different racial ethnic backgrounds, different understanding of Reform theology, different geographical locations, and different maturity as Christians. The General Assembly experience can be life changing for the young person who is mature and seeks to become a leader among God's people.

Attached you will find an application form which includes the criteria developed by the Office of the General Assembly for selection of YAADS. Please consider asking any of the young people (ages 17 – 23) in your congregation who you feel would fit the criteria, and would be spiritually enlightened by the experience of the 220th General Assembly, to complete the application form.

In Christ's service,
Peggy Richmond
Moderator of Eastminster's Nominating Committee

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION AS YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

220th General Assembly, June 30 – July 7 2012, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Eastminster Presbytery's Nominating Committee is asking sessions to consider submitting names to be considered for election as Eastminster's Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 220th General Assembly, June 30 – July 7, 2012 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Young Adult Advisory Delegates may speak on the floor of General Assembly, serve on committees of the Assembly with full voice and vote, and vote in an advisory capacity on the floor of the Assembly. The YAAD will be expected to relate his/her Assembly experience to the Presbytery, and to groups and churches within the Presbytery, schedule permitting. Any young person, age 17-23, who is a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) within the bounds of Eastminster Presbytery may apply. It is expected that the YAAD will attend the entire Assembly. Costs, including travel, housing and meals are covered by General Assembly. Any "spending money" will be the responsibility of the YAAD.

The Nominating Committee plans to interview prospective YAADs on or prior to August 9, 2011 Committee Night so that a nominee may be presented to the Presbytery Meeting prior to January 2012. We are inviting every pastor and Session to assist us in this process choosing young person(s) and having them complete the application form, returning it to the Presbytery Office by **July 28, 2011**.

The Office of the General Assembly has developed the following guidelines for nominating committees to use when selecting a youth advisory delegate nominee:

- The young adult advisory delegate should be mature since the demands of the General Assembly require responsible decision-making. Reference checks should be made with their pastor or other local congregation leader.
- The potential young adult advisory delegate should be active in their local congregation and presbytery or campus youth ministry.
- It is important that they be able to attend all of GA meeting.
- The potential YAAD should verify the dates that the school semester ends and when they may be home and available for orientation.
- The potential YAAD should have medical insurance. Insurance bought through school systems often ends at the end of the school year.
- The potential YAAD and their parents should be informed that the presbytery staff person in attendance at General Assembly will be called upon to deal with emergencies

It is hoped that these guidelines will assist pastors and sessions as they seek to recommend potential YAADs to the Nominating Committee.

4) Why do you want to be a Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

5) How have you served Christ?

6) Would you be available in August to be interviewed by the Nominating Committee?
_____ If yes, when would you be available? _____
If No, please suggest a time for a phone interview _____

7) Do you anticipate being available to attend the entire General Assembly? _____

By signing this application, I commit myself, if elected, to being a full participant in the General Assembly, which I understand will include a hectic pace and long hours. I also pledge to participate in training prior to the 220th General Assembly, which, if necessary, can be by phone, and IF I AM AVAILABLE to participate in the commissioning service on May 8, 2012 and report to the next Presbytery meeting and actively contribute to the training of the Commissioners for the 221st. General Assembly (2014).

Applicant

Date

NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE BY JULY 28, 2011.

219th. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010

Actions regarding the Middle East

Questions and Answers



What did the Assembly do?

The General Assembly approved a comprehensive report on the Middle East – its first since 1997. The paper calls for:

- An immediate cessation of all violence, whether perpetrated by Israelis or Palestinians;
- The reaffirmation of Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation within secure and internationally recognized borders in accordance with United Nations resolutions;
- The end of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories;
- An immediate freeze on the establishment and expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and on the Israeli acquisition of Palestinian land and buildings in East Jerusalem;
- And many other steps toward peace in the region.
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The General Assembly also approved the report of the Mission Responsibility through Investment (MRTI) committee, which:

- Provides an update on all corporations that MRTI has engaged as a result of the 2004, 2006 and 2008 General Assemblies;
- Acknowledges that “Caterpillar has in many ways provided positive leadership to its community, its state, and the nation. It has donated considerable resources and equipment in support of local development and disaster relief at home and overseas. It has significantly improved workplace safety, acted aggressively to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and pursued environmental conservation within its production processes. In recognition of these accomplishments, Caterpillar has been listed for seven consecutive years in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index”;
- Strongly denounces Caterpillar's continued profit-making from non-peaceful uses of a number of its products on the basis of Christian principles and as a matter of social witness;
- Calls upon Caterpillar to carefully review its involvement in obstacles to a just and lasting peace in Israel-Palestine, and to take affirmative steps to end its complicity in the violation of human rights.

What does this mean?

Coming into the 219th General Assembly (2010), few thought that agreement on issues relating to the Middle East would be possible. Diverse perspectives divided Presbyterians from each other, and from the Jewish community. However, during the committee deliberations and again in the plenary session, through God's grace, a place of broad consensus was found -- common ground for continued peacemaking work in Israel/Palestine.

The General Assembly rejected immediate divestment from Caterpillar in favor of continued corporate engagement with Caterpillar and other companies profiting from the sale and use of their products for non-peaceful purposes and/or the violation of human rights.

What's next?

A Monitoring Group for the Middle East will be formed to assist the appropriate General Assembly Mission Council offices and the Middle East staff team in monitoring progress and guiding actions to ensure adequate implementation of policy directions approved by this General Assembly. MRTI will continue to engage Caterpillar, and other companies, in relation to particular actions whereby the company profits from “non-peaceful action” of their products.

Where can I find out more?

<http://www.pcusa.org/middleeastpeace>

<http://www.pcusa.org/mrti>

219th. GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2010

Civil Union and Marriage Issues

Questions and Answers



What did the General Assembly do? What has changed?

The General Assembly approved both the Final Report and the Minority Report of the Special Committee to Study Issues of Civil Union and Christian Marriage and ordered they be sent out for study by the wider church. The vote was 439 in favor, 208 against, with 6 abstentions.

By this action (sending both reports for study) the Assembly maintained the definition of marriage as "a man and a woman." With the action to send the reports for study, no change has occurred, or is pending.

What does it mean?

The Special Committee Report provides descriptive material on the historical and theological aspects of marriage, as well as a look at current laws on same-gender partnerships and their children, and the place of same-gender covenanted relationships in the Christian community. They commend to the church their covenant, "Those Whom God Has Joined, Let No One Separate" as a guide for Presbyterians to come together to discuss difficult issues when there is disagreement. The Minority Report, also approved for study by the Assembly, concludes that Scripture is clear that marriage is between a man and a woman only and does not support any kind of sexual behavior outside marriage. The minority report also contains a covenant for the wider church to use.

What next?

The Special Committee Report and the Minority Report will be prepared for distribution as one document to the wider church.

By sending both reports to the wider church, it is the hope of the Assembly that Presbyterians will find helpful background information on civil unions and marriage, as well as material to help individuals and groups remain together as they work through these difficult issues.

Where can you learn more?

Special Committee report: <http://www.pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx?id=3333&promoID=168>

Minority report: <http://www.pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx?id=3335&promoID=169>

Changes in the Presbytery Meeting Schedule

The Presbytery Cord Council, after much prayerful discernment, will be implementing the following schedule for Presbytery meetings, beginning in September of 2011:

1. Presbytery will begin with the worship of God promptly at 6:00 p.m.
2. The business of the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., following the conclusion of worship, with the hope of ending the meeting by 8:30 p.m.
3. In place of a formal dinner, snacks and drinks will be provided by the host church before and during the meeting.

The Coordinating Council is implementing these changes as part of a larger goal of being better stewards of your time. The later start time will make it easier for working people to attend the meetings, and removing dinner from the docket will both shorten the length of the meetings, while making it easier for churches to host them.

In conclusion, it is Coordinating Council's hope that this new schedule will encourage all of us to engage in the important work of the church in a more efficient manner. If you have any questions about these changes, please speak to any member of the Coordinating Council.

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine, Moderator; Rev. Jan Douglass; Rev. David Black; Peggy Richmond; Brad Dutton

~JBM CAMP 2011~

June 19-24 Night Owl: Entering grades 3-5 and 6-8

Cost: \$275

Stay up late and sleep in later! Night Owl Camp gives a whole new perspective on camp. We'll go on night hikes, play outdoor games, go watch bats in the barn, tell camp fire stories, and so much more!



June 26-July 1 Ecology Camp: Entering grades 4-6

Cost: \$250

God the creator of the world asks us to take care of creation. Join us we get down and dirty learning about the beauty of and how we can care for the world around us. We will enjoy the bugs and animals and helping care for some of the beautiful JBM land.



June 26-28 Kids Camp: Entering grades 1-3

Cost: \$185

Kids camp is for younger campers that want an overnight camp experience, but in a shortened format. Campers will get all the best parts of camp such as Bible study, swimming, arts and crafts, games, hiking, and worship! These few days will be packed with excitement and camp fun! Feel free to bring a special adult with you to share your time at JBM with!



July 10-15 Sunshine Camp

Cost: \$285

This camp is designed for mentally challenged, self-sufficient people who are attending DH classes in public schools, or a sheltered workshop. Bible lessons, crafts, games, swimming, campfires round out the summer camp experience!



July 10-15 Back to the Basics: Entering grades 7-12

Cost: \$270

LOVE-the most overused word in our society. We love pizza, music, sports teams (at least when they win) but what about God's love? Join us as we hike, swim, have campfires, play games and learn about God's love for each of us.



REGISTRATION FORM 2011

To register: Send completed registration form with a \$50 non-refundable deposit to:

Eastminster Presbytery
3833 Main Street
Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

Campers Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Birth date: _____

Gender: _____ Grade completed in June: _____

Home Church: _____ Pastor: _____

City: _____

Parents or Guardian's Name: _____

Work Number: _____

Alternate phone: or contact information:

Camp session desired:

_____ Dates _____
_____ Dates _____

Roommate preference:

(1) _____

(2) _____

The following information is designed to assist the camp director and counselors to do the most constructive job of grouping, program planning, and counseling with your camper. Only those directly responsible for your camper will have access to this information

1. Has your camper ever been away from home overnight? Y N

2. How many sisters? _____ Brothers? _____

3. Are either parents deceased? Y N Are parents divorced? Y N Any custody issues?

4. Has your camper ever been to JBM before? Y N If yes, how many times? _____

Last year attended? _____

5. Is bedwetting a problem for your camper? Y N, If yes, how often? _____

6. Any physical disabilities or medical conditions? _____

7. Food restrictions? _____

8. Hobbies/Activities: _____

Campership Fund Donation: We ask those who are able to consider a small contribution to our Campership Fund to help offer the JBM camp experience to campers who could not otherwise afford to attend. Amount you would like to give? _____

Statement of Responsibility for Camper: I promise to participate in the activities with enthusiasm, trying to give my best in the Spirit of Christ. I promise to obey the rules, which the camp has made for the best interest and safety of all.

Signature of Camper: _____

Statement of Parent or Guardian: In signing this application, I hereby certify that the information given is correct and give permission for the use of photographs and video including my campers in camp publicity, including the JBM website, for my camper to be transported in private vehicles for approved out-of-camp activities, and for the release of medical records for insurance purposes in case of illness or accident.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

My church will pay \$ _____ toward my camper's expenses.
Signature of Pastor or Officer (only if church is providing funding)

-----Office Use Only-----

Date received _____ Registered in _____
Amt _____
Deposit amount and check # _____ / _____
Parent Balance _____
Med Form Rec'd _____
Church Balance _____
Parent amount and check # _____ / _____
Church amount and check # _____ / _____
Confirmation sent _____ Pack list sent _____
Confirm update _____

JBM Medical Form 2011

All campers and staff are required to present this form, fully completed, before participating in the JBM camp program. Please write in blue or black ink. This form may be turned in with the registration form or at a later date. Please have it turned in at least 2 weeks before the camp date.

Camp Session Attending: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: (if different from above) _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

If parent/guardian named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone: _____

Name of family physician: _____

Office phone: _____

Insurance information:

Is this camper covered by medical insurance? Y N If yes, name of insured member

Policy or Group # _____

Provider/Carrier _____

Describe any medical problems for which treatment is or might be necessary while at camp, including any prescription or over-the-counter medications to be taken (please state dosages required):

Describe any previous serious illness, operations, or injuries:

Any specific activities to be restricted? _____

~~Important! Please notify JBM if your child has been exposed to any communicable disease during the three weeks prior to his/her coming to camp.~~

Check any of the following problems the camper/staff has now or has had in the past:

Allergies_____ Convulsions_____ Bleeding problem_____ Heart problem_____ Asthma_____
Pneumonia_____ Bowel problem_____ Sleeping disorder_____
Insect sting reaction_____ Concussion_____ Diabetes_____ Frequent Nosebleeds_____

Explanation of any items checked above: _____

Date of last tetanus immunization: _____

I hereby authorize the staff or directors of JBM to dispense Tylenol or Benedryl, if needed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Only if permission is given):_____

In Case of Emergency: I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of a camper or minor staff, or the next of kin of an adult staff member, in case of a medical emergency. In the event that such attempts are unsuccessful, I hereby authorize the staff of Joseph Badger Meadows Camp and Conference Center, to obtain emergency medical care for the person identified in this form, and I hereby authorize the physician and/or hospital selected to provide emergency treatment (including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections or medicine) for the person identified in this form.

Signature_____

Relationship to Camper:_____

Date_____

Camper Social Security Number_____

The Next Steps ? ! Of Eastminster Presbytery's
Dakota (American Indian) Presbytery Mission Project

Dakota is a non-geographical Native American Presbytery [consisting of 21 congregations] located in the Northern Plains States of Minnesota, North & South Dakota, and Montana

In September, 2010, 21 representatives of the national **Presbyterian Women's Organization** visited Dakota Presbytery, spending time visiting at least three reservations and meeting members of Dakota Presbytery's Presbyterian Women. The current issue of *Horizons* tells the story of their experiences as they met with sisters (and brothers) in Christ. At this (May 10) meeting of Eastminster Presbytery, every commissioner (pastors and elders) **plus** guests and visitors will receive a complementary copy of the publication, which has been paid for from the Dakota (Native American) Presbytery Mission funds.

Friday, April 1 – Sunday, April 3, twelve members of the Cedar and Greenwood Presbyterian Congregations visited the Stow Presbyterian Church. Stow has been sending mission teams to these two congregations every year since 2006, and a VBS team will be going again this June. There was a potluck fellowship meal on Friday evening. Saturday the Dakota Visitors were taken on a sightseeing trip. Sunday morning, the Dakota visitors sang hymns in Dakota, and one of the elders (Mike Horned Eagle) spoke at each of their three services.

Up Next ! ?

Thursday, May 5 – Sunday May 8, I (Bob Offerdahl) will be on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in north-east South Dakota. This is the home of the Sisseton / Wahpeton Dakota Oyate (People). Thursday, noon, I will take part in the local **National Day of Prayer Service** at the Old Agency Village Community Center. The Community Center is located just across the way from the *Tawacin Wa'ste (Good Will) Presbyterian Church*. This is the location of **Dakota Presbytery's Spring Meeting**. The meeting will begin Friday evening with a meal and worship service. It concludes on Sunday, after the Communion Service and noon meal. The **Dakota Presbyterian Women** have one of their biannual meetings during this Presbytery Meeting. Four members from **Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery** will also be attending this meeting.

For those who have, and use, the **2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study**, you should have already found an excellent article on page 102 (Tuesday, April 12), about exceptional summer mission projects being provided to Dakota Congregations by a sister presbytery (Baltimore). A couple of years ago, several members of First Presbyterian Church in Hubbard joined with brothers and sisters from this sister presbytery in one of these projects. If you are interested in more information about these projects, I can get you contact information.

I had been invited by Pastor Asa Wilson, of the *Makasan Presbyterian Church (Oglala, SD)*, located on the Pine Ridge Lakota Indian Reservation (in south-west South Dakota), to lead an **Officer Training - Leadership Development Event** the last Friday and Saturday of April for officers from the *Makasan, Pine Ridge and Porcupine Presbyterian Churches*. That event will be rescheduled to some time in the fall so that some of Dakota's Presbyterian Women can attend South Dakota Presbytery's (the white congregations) Presbyterian Women's event Saturday, April 30 in Sturgis, SD.

I am also in conversation with the elders of *Cedar, Greenwood, Ft. Thompson and Mniska* congregations about a similar training event.

Recent conversations with pastors and/or members of First Presbyterian and Oak Hill Presbyterian, Akron; **and** from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, we may finally be able to put together a crew to travel to ***Pahin Sinte (Porcupine) Presbyterian Church*** to install the chain-link fence around the cemetery where Rev. Sidney Byrd's grandparents (who raised him) are buried. Once the crew has been finalized and the dates chosen – Rev. Simon Looking Elk said he would begin to round up the necessary equipment we would need in order to complete the project. What a 93rd birthday present that would be for Rev. Byrd!! If you are interested in being a part of this fencing crew ... please get in touch with me.

Dakota's 139th annual summer **Ptaya Owoglake (Mission Meeting)**, which also includes pastors and members of the **Dakota Association** (Native American United Churches of Christ) will also be held at ***Tawacin Was'te***. It begins on **Thursday, August 11**, with an evening meal and worship service. It concludes **Sunday, August 14**, after the Communion Service and noon meal. The Mission Meeting is a more relaxed time of fellowship, worship, Bible study, great food, fellowship, worship, Bible study, more great food The **Dakota Presbyterian Women** have their other biannual meeting during this gathering. I believe that there are going to be 35 (!!) representatives from the Presbyterian Women's organizations from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies in attendance at this meeting..

Dakota's **Fall Presbytery Meeting** will be held at ***Wakpaipaksan Okodakiciye (First Presbyterian, Flandreau, SD)***. This church is located on the Santee Dakota Indian Reservation (south-east South Dakota). This is **Rev. Sidney Byrd's** home congregation. The meeting begins **Friday, October 7**, with an evening meal and worship service. It concludes after the Communion Service and noon meal **on Sunday, October 9**. I hope to have some people from Eastminster make the trip so that we can assist the congregation with some of the logistical arrangements needed. We are also discussing the possibility of providing one of the meals at this meeting in honor of Rev. Sidney Byrd.

For further information on these or other opportunities for mission work to / with / for our American Indian brothers and sisters in Christ OR to indicate your interest in participating, contact Bob Offerdahl (cell) 330-207-6233) or pastorbobccp@yahoo.com

Others' Trips to Dakota

June 10-19 ... Stow VBS Mission to Cedar and Greenwood

Baltimore Presbytery's Hau Kola/Koda Learning Camps

June 25 – July 3 ... Cedar and Greenwood – Elementary Program

July 9 – 16 ... Sisseton – K thru Grade 12 Program

July 9 – 16 ... Pine Ridge – Primary Program

July 16 – 23 ... Pine Ridge – Elementary Program

July 15 – 22 ... Makasan – Teen Program

July 22 – 29 ... Makasan – Elementary Program

July 30 – August 6 ... Makasan – Pre-School Program

No camp at Porcupine this summer

July 23 – 29 ... Christ Presbyterian, Canton, OH ...

A Definition of Health Ministry

- Health Ministry is the intentional reaching out to others by a church that promotes health.
- Health is understood as harmony with self, others, the environment and God.
- The motivation for health ministry comes from a shared understanding of the call to wholeness as illuminated in the Christian tradition.
- Health ministry includes the intrinsically health promoting qualities of a congregation and health services provided with the support of a health professional, the parish nurse.
- Health ministry respects the culture in which it is expressed, recognizing individual and community responsibility for health among those it serves.

Virginia M. Depfer, MSN, RN

PARISH NURSING

What is a Parish Nurse?

The idea of a parish nurse was born out of the understanding of the healing ministry of the church and the need to return to health care that focuses on the whole person. Wholeness is a dynamic process of working toward integration and harmony with oneself, with family and others and with God.

A parish nurse ministry emphasizes the harmony of body, mind and spirit in persons of all ages in the faith community. A parish nurse ministry also involves spiritual and emotional healing which can occur during illness even when curing is not present

The Parish Nurse facilitates the use of available resources in the congregation and the community rather than providing direct “hands on” health care services. The nurse does not duplicate other available nursing or medical services, but seeks to creatively bridge gaps identified in the health education and care delivery system, and to promote the integration of faith and health.

Who are parish nurses?

Nurses in congregations who promote health and wholeness within their faith community using the disciplines of worship, service and education. A parish nurse ministry is a way for nurses to use their gifts in the life of the congregation.

What is the role of the parish nurse?

There are five areas of ministry that define the role of the parish nurse.

Health Educator

Provides education through health screening, educational presentations, health-related articles, events focused on health.

Personal Health Counselor

Discusses health concerns with individuals in a variety of locations: at church, in homes, in institutions. Makes joint visits with the pastor and other representatives of the faith community.

Advocate, interpreter and communication link

Advocates and interprets for the parishioner in the complex medical care process.

Acts as a liaison to community resources and services.

Facilitator

Recruits and coordinates volunteers from the congregation to assist with the health ministry.

Educates and coordinates activities of other church groups, such as the Elders and Deacons.

Integrator of faith and health

In all activities, seeks to promote an understanding of the relationship between life-style, attitudes, relationships, wellbeing, and faith.

Whichever activities are needed in a particular congregation, the nurse facilitates the use of available resources in the congregation and the community rather than providing direct “hands on” health care services. The nurse does not duplicate other available nursing or medical services, but seek to creatively bridge gaps identified in the health education and care delivery system, and to promote the integration of faith and health

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COMMON GROUND CHURCH COMMUNITY

**HEALTH MINISTRY/ PARISH NURSING
ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

Virginia M. Wepfer, MSN, RN
Parish Nurse

Health ministry seeks to promote the integration of faith, health and wholeness, and works closely with the pastors. Through Jesus Christ, the great healer, parish nurses and health ministers help parishioners deal with the health and wellness issues of life. Parish nurses and health ministers act as health educators, personal health counselors, advocates in the health care system, communication links between parishioners and community resources and services, and integrators of faith and health. Parish nurses do not duplicate other available nursing or medical services. The ministry provides easy access to a qualified parish nurse of our church. Confidentiality of parishioner information is respected

This is the second year to have a Health Ministry at our church. It has been a year filled with an awareness of the evidence of God’s interaction in our lives as we prayerfully respond to God’s call and are there when people need the ministry. It is truly humbling, and I feel blessed to be able to provide such a ministry to members and friends of our congregation.

During the year of 2009, I have provided health ministry to parishioners in a number of ways.

Physician referrals	9
Health Agency referrals	5
Social agency/group referrals	9

A Blood Pressure Screening/ Health Clinic was held one Sunday a month for our congregation on an irregular basis. A Parish Nurse was usually available after worship services.

Blood pressures taken at church	11
Parishioners instructed (2- other concerns)	4
Parishioners referred to their physician.	1

	Parish Nurse
Interactions at Church	15
Home and asst. living visits	11
Nursing Home visits	1
Hospital visits	9
Respite care	0
Telephone contacts	21
Transportation provided/arranged	2
Grand Total	59

The Health Cabinet is the professional advisory group for the ministry, and has met once during the year to review the activities of the ministry and parishioner satisfaction questionnaires, letters of appreciation, and to provide performance improvement suggestions. The interest and support given by the members of the Health Cabinet has been deeply appreciated.

Members of the Health Cabinet include:

Dr. Pat Shannon Diane Nichols, RN Marney Broderick, RN (as available)

The Health Ministry and activities of the parish nurse has made a significant difference in the lives of many parishioners, as evidenced by their stories. Some examples of this ministry include: (Note: "P" = parishioner)

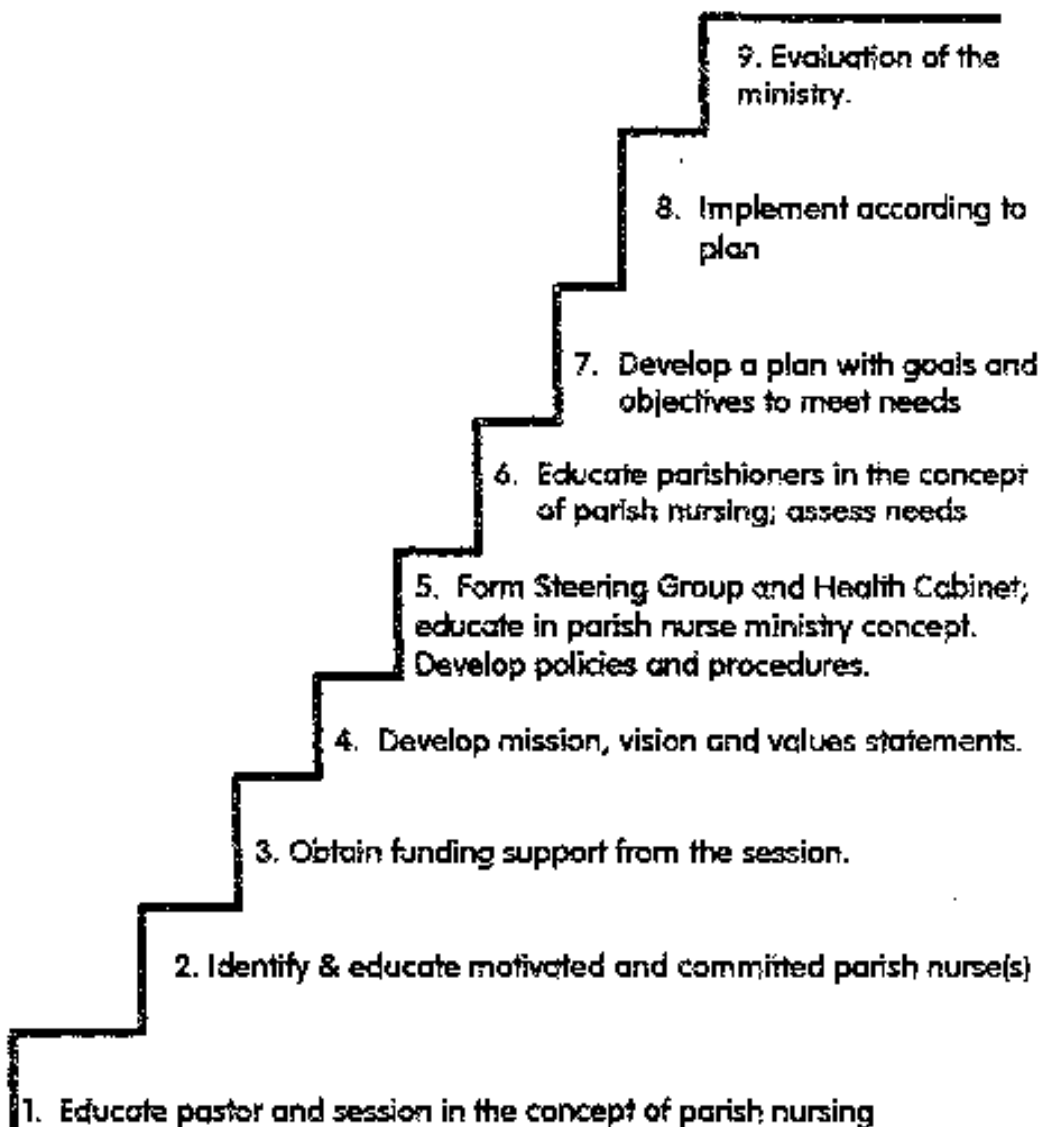
- Instruction in sleep promotion for a P.
- Support, advocacy for P. in hospital; support and information for family.
- Instruction in strengthening exercises
- Pre-surgery conference with P. and spouse; information and spiritual support given.
- Stayed with family while P. was in surgery; information, encouragement, support and advocacy provided. Extensive follow-up with P. after surgery; information, encouragement, Dr. referrals and spiritual support.
- Assessed P. with abdominal pain (no insurance.) Sent to ER; follow-up calls, etc.
- Assistance related to surgery: took P., provided spiritual support and advocacy to decrease anxiety; follow-up visits, etc.
- Freq. hospital visits for P. who was in ICU and seriously injured; support for mother
- Information, self-care for P. who fell on coccyx (no insurance).
- Extensive information, advocacy and spiritual support for P. with CA diagnosis and family; before, during and after surgery.

Additional Activities

- 6 week Sunday morning class: "The Jesus Prescription for a Healthy Life."
- November: A service of blessings for a parishioner
- December 23: Held a "Blue Christmas" Service
- Virginia is a member of the American Nurses Association, the local Ohio Nurses Association and the National Health Ministries Association. She continues to serve on the Advisory Boards for Park Vista Home Care and the Youngstown Senior Center. She has attended a number of educational events this year, including those provided by the Nurses Association and the Parish Nurse Group at Robinson Memorial Hospital.

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STEPS TO ESTABLISH A PARISH NURSE MINISTRY



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Open Dialogue with Committee on Ministry

*I wish that when we were calling a pastor,
C.O.M. could have been more helpful!*

*Why does C.O.M. set minimum requirements
for compensating our pastor?*

*What's with all these visits from C.O.M.?
What's going on?*

*Just how much power
does C.O.M. have anyway?*

*We all know that when push comes to shove,
C.O.M. always sides with the pastor.*

Ever heard any of those comments or some like them? Ever made comments like this or wish you had? The Committee on Ministry (C.O.M.) invites all Elders (active or resting) and all pastors to a one and a half hour meeting to consider and address any mysteries or concerns that may exist concerning what C.O.M. is and how it works with Sessions, Pastors, PNCs, and congregations on behalf of the Presbytery.

C.O.M. wants to hear your questions, comments, misgivings, and/or concerns regarding C.O.M.'s work, policies and procedures. All attendees are asked to bring at least one question, comment or concern that s/he would like to "air." These questions, comments and concerns will be the basis for our discussion and dialogue.

The first series of meetings is intended to be located most conveniently for Elders and Pastors from all areas. (Additional meetings will be scheduled in September.) Any Elder or Pastor is welcome at either date or location.

May 12, Thursday 7 pm to 8:30 pm
The Presbyterian Church of Kent

May 15, Sunday 2:30 pm to 4 pm
First Presbyterian Church, Mineral Ridge

The Committee on Ministry looks forward to your attendance, questions, comments, and the dialogue we may have together.

Questions? Please e-mail or call Debby Dockstader
Moderator, Committee on Ministry, Eastminster Presbytery
drdockstader@sbcglobal.net or 330-505-1192

**The Report of the General Presbyter
Eastminster Presbytery
First Presbyterian Church, Salem
May 10, 2011**

I was leafing through Phyllis Tickle's intriguing book *The Great Emergence*, rereading the sentences I had previously highlighted. For those not familiar with Tickle's book, she contends that the Church has undergone a period of radical change (she calls it a giant rummage sale) every 500 years. The last rummage sale was the Protestant Reformation. That means we are in the midst of the next "giant rummage sale." The good news, according to Tickle, is that each rummage sale has been the prelude to a new age of vitality and creativity for the Church. Could God be doing a new thing in our midst?

Every Presbyterian from the member in the pew to the Executive Director of the General Assembly Mission Council and everyone in between knows that we are in the midst of a period of radical change in the church. Where will these changes lead? We have no more idea than Martin Luther did when he nailed his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg or as Calvin penned his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. But this much we do know: the resurrected Christ declared, "I am with you always..." (Matthew 28:20a).

At this writing, we are closer to two significant changes in our church than we were the last time we gathered as a presbytery. It appears probable that Amendment 10-A which would alter G-6.0106b by removing "the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness" and replacing it with "standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life." Also, a majority of presbyteries continue to support the passage of the New Form of Government which would simplify the Form of Government found in the Book of Order and provide greater flexibility for congregations, presbyteries and synods.

What will result from these changes? Some will likely celebrate these changes as the best of news and others will lament them as the worst news possible. My guess is that they are neither. We will not know what these changes will make until we begin living into these changes.

I suggest that these changes are a part of a larger trend we are seeing within the church—the tendency to move away from centralization and mandated uniformity to networking and a multiplicity of expressions of what it means to be the church. As Presbyterians, we are finding that a growing number of people are unwilling to conform to a structure that appears to them to be rigid and archaic. Quoting the Book of Order does not elicit an automatic "amen" from the sisters and brothers. Thus, we can no longer look to our structure to bring us together. So what does bring us together? The answer is found at the center of our faith in the person of Jesus Christ. When we turn to issues of polity these days, we are likely to end in debate and maybe even a vote of 47-46. When we focus on our faith in Jesus Christ and call to discipleship, we are moved to doxology. Our salvation as congregations, presbyteries, synods, and a denomination will not be found in our polity. It will be found in our shared sense of mission grounded in the Reformed tradition and expressed in ways that are limited only by the imagination of the Holy Spirit.

MARGARET PARK SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
May 10, 2011

In accordance with the Award Requirements established for the Margaret Park Presbyterian Church Ministerial Scholarship Fund, the Committee, meeting April 14, 2009, voted to provide assistance to the following applicants under care of Eastminster Presbytery.

Rev. Benjamin Graves (Christ Church, Youngstown) - \$5000
Candidate Courtney "Kyle" Joachim (Westminster, Boardman) - \$400
Inquirer Drew Himes (Vienna Presbyterian Church) - \$5000

The Margaret Park Ministerial Scholarship Fund was set up by the former Margaret Park Presbyterian Church in the work of Jesus Christ in Eastminster Presbytery to provide a mechanism for the continued celebration of the Ministry of the former church. A scholarship fund was established for individual(s) who are pursuing a career in ministry and (1) are attending an accredited Seminary or (2) acting as first-call pastors, in order to assist with the reduction, or to prevent the incurring, of educational debt. This is the third time assistance was provided to Ben Graves and Kyle Joachim and the second time for Drew Himes.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 11, 2011, at the Poland Presbytery Church at 4:00 p.m. where they will be awarding the next scholarships. Those applications need to be turned into the Presbytery Center, at 3833 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440 by October 4, 2011. Applications are accepted twice a year.



Mission and Ministry

Mission to the USA

This fall the Synod of the Covenant is inviting church leaders from Cuba and Mexico to spend six (6) weeks as staff members of particular congregations. As participants in the Mission to the U.S.A. Program, these ecumenical partners will preach, teach and become a part of a host congregation, celebrating oneness in Christ as they share their stories of faith and teach us about life in their home countries and the ongoing issues there. Visit www.synodofthecovenant.org/musa to find out how your church can host one of our mission partners!

Mobile Health Fair

38 health fairs are scheduled thus far with only a few open days remaining. Wayne County Health Authority will be present at Detroit health fairs and will provide free sport physicals for students, immediate enrollment in available services when applicable and information on all of the services available. United Healthcare Great Lakes Health Plan will be bringing Elmo (of Sesame Street) to as many of the Detroit health fairs as possible to share educational information on nutrition. Great Lakes has also committed almost 500 health kits to the Detroit health fairs!! The van will be visiting migrant work camps in the evenings and migrant schools during the days. Last year over 1,674 were screened. Free training is available to *anyone* interested in helping to volunteer with this ministry. Dates and locations of all fairs will be available soon. For more info visit www.synodofthecovenant.org/mhf

Changes in Leadership

Stated Clerk Retiring

Rev. Dr. George Baird, having served his maximum of 3 terms of 3 years as Stated Clerk is retiring in the Fall. Synod Assembly has approved 'Transitional' Stated Clerk Position Description and Terms of Call, these can be found at www.synodofthecovenant.org. Please give names of possible candidates to the Nominating Committee.

Installation

PCUSA Stated Clerk, Gradye Parsons, gave charge at Transitional Synod Executive's, Rev. Raafat Zaki, installation service.

- Go wide, Galatians 3:28
- Go Deep, Ephesians 1:17-19
- Go Long, Isaiah 58:6-9

Combined choirs from Bethany PC, Columbus, and Grace PC, Toledo inspire all.

Worship was followed by a presentation by Gradye Parsons entitled "Where are we Going?" Download presentation from the website by searching for "Gradye"

Committee moderators:

- Raphael Francis, Church Development and Transformation
- Frances Jenkins, Multicultural, Racial/Ethnic, and Justice (MRJ)
- Ruth Dunn, Ministries in Higher Education
- Doris Evans, Covenants and Connections
- Russ Brandt, Personnel Services

Equipping

Training Videos

The videos during the assembly can be found at on the Synod website under the Assembly tab. The Roberts Rules video may be helpful for congregational, Elder and/or presbytery commissioner training as well.

Ignite. Inspire. Equip

The 21st century church is navigating uncharted waters - don't miss the Transformation/Small Church Conference, May 5-7 in Perrysburg Ohio. More information, visit www.synodofthecovenant.org

If you have any feedback, please contact the Synod office, soc@synodofthecovenant.org or call 800-848-1030

2011 Mission Payup Thru April

CHURCH NAME	2011 GENERAL MISSION PLEGDED	2010 PAYUP	BALANCE	PERCENT PAYUP
ALLENSIDE	\$200.00		\$200.00	0.00%
FIRESTONE PARK	\$0.00		\$0.00	
FIRST AKRON	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	0.00%
GOODYEAR HTS	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	0.00%
NEW COVENANT	\$0.00	\$225.00	(\$225.00)	
NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	16.67%
OAK HILL	\$13,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$10,000.00	25.93%
UNIVERSITY	\$0.00		\$0.00	
WESTMINSTER	\$14,060.00		\$14,060.00	0.00%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$8,800.00	\$2,933.32	\$5,866.68	33.33%
CANFIELD	\$13,650.00		\$13,650.00	0.00%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
NORTHMINSTER	\$2,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$750.00	62.50%
UNITED-CUY. FALLS	\$16,500.00		\$16,500.00	0.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$600.00		\$600.00	0.00%
ELLSWORTH	\$3,000.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00	25.00%
GIRARD	\$3,670.00	\$1,334.00	\$2,336.00	36.35%
HUBBARD	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	0.00%
HUDSON	\$7,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	14.29%
KENT	\$7,000.00	\$3,173.72	\$3,826.28	45.34%
KINSMAN	\$0.00		\$0.00	
LAKE MILTON	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	0.00%
LISBON	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	25.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$9,450.00	\$3,150.00	\$6,300.00	33.33%
NORTH BENTON	\$0.00		\$0.00	
NORTH JACKSON	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	
NORTH LIMA/CGCC	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	100.00%
NEW WATERFORD	\$500.00		\$500.00	0.00%
NILES FIRST	\$5,200.00	\$884.00	\$4,316.00	17.00%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$780.00	\$195.00	\$585.00	25.00%
PETERSBURG	\$3,278.00	\$750.00	\$2,528.00	22.88%
POLAND	\$13,545.00	\$4,515.00	\$9,030.00	33.33%
POLAND/HERITAGE	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	0.00%
CLARKSON ROGERS	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$10,000.00	\$2,499.99	\$7,500.01	25.00%
SEBRING	\$7,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$5,700.00	20.83%
VIENNA	\$4,550.00	\$1,137.50	\$3,412.50	25.00%
CALVARY WARREN	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	100.00%
CHAMPION WARREN	\$6,950.00	\$1,309.00	\$5,641.00	18.83%
COVENANT WARREN	\$200.00		\$200.00	0.00%
WARREN FIRST	\$500.00		\$500.00	0.00%
BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$750.00	\$275.73	\$474.27	36.76%
CHRIST	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$900.00	10.00%
COITSVILLE	\$0.00		\$0.00	
YOUNGSTOWN FIRST	\$16,200.00	\$5,400.00	\$10,800.00	33.33%
GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$0.00		\$0.00	
HUNGARIAN	\$0.00		\$0.00	
JOHN KNOX	\$3,500.00	\$2,075.00	\$1,425.00	59.29%
LIBERTY	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	60.00%
PLEASANT GROVE	\$3,300.00	\$875.00	\$2,425.00	26.52%
WESTMINSTER YO	\$11,500.00	\$1,900.00	\$9,600.00	16.52%
WICKLIFFE	\$2,266.00	\$566.50	\$1,699.50	25.00%
TOTAL	\$231,249.00	\$47,448.76	\$183,800.24	20.52%

Per Capita Payup Thru April 2011

CHURCH NAME	2011 Total Per Capita Due	Total Paid to Date	Balance Due	Percent Payup
AKRON ALLENSIDE	\$1,914.00		\$1,914.00	0.00%
AKRON FIRESTONE	\$4,118.00		\$4,118.00	0.00%
AKRON FIRST	\$6,322.00		\$6,322.00	0.00%
AKRON GOODYEAR HTS	\$5,365.00	\$1,783.00	\$3,582.00	33.23%
AKRON NEW COVENANT	\$1,769.00	\$1,769.00	\$0.00	100.00%
AKRON NORTH SPRINGFIELD	\$2,784.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,784.00	35.92%
AKRON OAK HILL	\$11,281.00	\$2,029.00	\$9,252.00	17.99%
AKRON UNIVERSITY	\$1,798.00		\$1,798.00	0.00%
AKRON WESTMINSTER	\$15,399.00		\$15,399.00	0.00%
BARBERTON FIRST	\$6,090.00	\$2,030.00	\$4,060.00	33.33%
CANFIELD FIRST	\$12,644.00	\$3,200.00	\$9,444.00	25.31%
COLUMBIANA FIRST	\$5,336.00	\$1,664.00	\$3,672.00	31.18%
CUY. NORTHMINSTER	\$5,162.00	\$2,581.00	\$2,581.00	50.00%
CUY - UNITED	\$8,961.00	\$8,961.00	\$0.00	100.00%
EAST PALESTINE	\$4,930.00	\$1,643.36	\$3,286.64	33.33%
ELLSWORTH	\$2,320.00	\$1,218.00	\$1,102.00	52.50%
GIRARD	\$1,334.00	\$1,334.00	\$0.00	100.00%
HUBBARD	\$6,844.00	\$2,887.85	\$3,956.15	42.20%
HUDSON	\$1,914.00	\$963.00	\$951.00	50.31%
KENT	\$6,119.00	\$4,080.00	\$2,039.00	66.68%
KINSMAN	\$3,799.00	\$1,168.00	\$2,631.00	30.74%
LAKE MILTON	\$986.00	\$986.00	\$0.00	100.00%
LISBON	\$7,627.00	\$7,627.00	\$0.00	100.00%
MINERAL RIDGE	\$4,901.00	\$4,901.00	\$0.00	100.00%
NEW WATERFORD	\$1,305.00		\$1,305.00	0.00%
NILES FIRST	\$3,364.00	\$840.99	\$2,523.01	25.00%
NILES SOUTH SIDE	\$783.00	\$783.00	\$0.00	100.00%
NORTH BENTON	\$4,553.00	\$117.00	\$4,436.00	2.57%
NORTH JACKSON	\$754.00	\$754.00	\$0.00	100.00%
N. LIMA-COMMON GROUND	\$1,711.00	\$1,711.00	\$0.00	100.00%
PETERSBURG	\$3,190.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,190.00	31.35%
POLAND	\$24,998.00	\$8,332.68	\$16,665.32	33.33%
POLAND/HERITAGE	\$7,337.00	\$3,071.00	\$4,266.00	41.86%
ROGERS CLARKSON	\$899.00	\$899.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SALEM FIRST	\$12,963.00	\$12,963.00	\$0.00	100.00%
SEBRING	\$5,104.00	\$5,104.00	\$0.00	100.00%
VIENNA	\$1,914.00	\$1,914.00	\$0.00	100.00%
WARREN CALVARY	\$2,117.00	\$1,062.00	\$1,055.00	50.17%
WARREN CHAMPION	\$9,309.00	\$3,127.00	\$6,182.00	33.59%
WARREN COVENANT	\$1,392.00	\$696.00	\$696.00	50.00%
WARREN FIRST	\$8,352.00	\$8,352.00	\$0.00	100.00%
YO. BUTLER MEMORIAL	\$725.00	\$304.73	\$420.27	42.03%
YO. CHRIST	\$4,089.00	\$408.90	\$3,680.10	10.00%
YO. COITSVILLE	\$580.00		\$580.00	0.00%
YO. FIRST	\$5,539.00		\$5,539.00	0.00%
YO. GIBSON HEIGHTS	\$1,711.00	\$204.00	\$1,507.00	11.92%
YO. HUNGARIAN	\$2,784.00		\$2,784.00	0.00%
YO. JOHN KNOX	\$2,697.00		\$2,697.00	0.00%
YO. LIBERTY	\$1,508.00		\$1,508.00	0.00%
YO. PLEASANT GROVE	\$6,496.00	\$1,675.50	\$4,820.50	25.79%
YO. WESTMINSTER	\$13,514.00	\$6,757.00	\$6,757.00	50.00%
YO. WICKLIFFE	\$3,799.00	\$1,458.00	\$2,341.00	38.38%
TOTAL	\$263,204.00	\$113,360.01	\$149,843.99	43.07%

**Eastminster Presbytery
Committee Expenditure Report
4/30/2011**

Committee	2011 Budget	YTD Expenses	Budget Balance
Coordinating Council	\$ 490.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 340.00
Mission Visioning Council	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 932.20	\$ 167.80
Communication & Nurture	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
Personnel	\$ 223,932.00	\$ 72,229.02	\$ 151,702.98
Presbytery Auto	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 1,698.27	\$ 3,401.73
Presbytery Office	\$ 38,100.00	\$ 10,547.16	\$ 27,552.84
Committee on Mission	\$ 27,581.00	\$ 5,906.80	\$ 21,674.20
Committee on Ministry	\$ 3,690.00	\$ 612.98	\$ 3,077.02
Preparation for Ministry	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 340.25	\$ 1,759.75
Congregational Resources	\$ 3,903.00	\$ 601.26	\$ 3,301.74
Trustees	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 15,900.00
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL:	\$ 325,046.00	\$ 93,317.94	\$ 231,728.06