

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

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— a summary of what we did

WELCOMED new minister members of the presbytery: the Rev. Ron Fritts (interim pastor, Wyoming), the Rev. L. P. Jones (pastor, Mt. Washington) and the Rev. Drew Smith (pastor, College Hill)

EXAMINED Inquirer Kevin Ward (Winton Wills Community) on his sense of call and enrolled him as a Candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

CELEBRATED the ministry of the Rev. Jean Holmes upon her retirement. She had served as stated supply at Christ Church and pastor of Eastminster.

WERE ENCOURAGED to support the Young Adult Volunteer Program by urging young adults to participate in it.

ACTED on proposed policies: Personnel Policy – 2007 revision (received as a first reading); Background Checks (asked task force to develop detailed guidelines concerning confidentiality before the presbytery reconsiders the policy at a future meeting); and Sexual Misconduct Prevention & Response – 2007 revision (received as a first reading).

WORSHIPED through song, scripture reading and prayer. The theme of “peace within self” was manifested through the opportunity for individual prayer and anointing. The offering was collected for hunger ministries designated by Ft. Thomas First and Northminster churches.

HELD small group discussions concerning the Transformation Team’s five recommendations to: transform presbytery meetings, adopt a new process for budget formation, re-form presbytery committees, provide for spiritual formation & care for ministers; and rename the presbytery.

APPROVED a proposed amendment to the *Book of Order* that deals with a new General Assembly Council structure.

ELECTED members to committees, the Rev. Daniel Watson as chairperson of the Personnel Committee, the Rev. Ruth Dunn (HR) to the Synod Council, and Elder Barry Harrison as Interim Treasurer. In March the Nominating Committee will nominate the Rev. Tom York (pastor, Knox) for election as presbytery Vice Moderator to assume office in September.

APPROVED new agreements for ministers to serve with congregations: the Rev. Kevin Murphy as interim pastor, Union; the Rev. Barbara Tesorero as parish associate, Heritage; and the Rev. Ruth Dunn (HR) as interim pastor, Georgetown.

HEARD updates about the presbytery’s mission in Katrina hurricane recovery work and with the K’anhab’al Presbytery in Guatemala. Teams for both are being formed for 2007 mission trips.

SUSPENDED the Standing Rules so that elections could be held in September instead of July. The Presbytery Council is planning to have a presbytery mission day in lieu of a stated meeting in July.

DISMISSED administrative commissions that installed the Rev. Nathaniel Manzo as pastor of Cherry Fork & Seaman United and the Rev. Jerry Pitman as associate pastor of Sycamore.

AUTHORIZED Elder Keith Harms to administer the Lord’s Supper at North church while its pastor is out of the country in February. Keith was trained in the theology and administration of the Sacraments by the presbytery in its lay preachers class.

DISMISSED an investigating committee upon the conclusion of its consideration of accusations against a minister member of the presbytery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 3 – Encouraging Healthy Congregations day-long workshop at First Church in Middletown

Feb 3 – Financial Planning Seminar at Northminster Church

Feb 10 – Art Fair at Northminster, 10am – 4pm

Jun 22-24 -- Synod Gathering for Women at Bowling Green State University

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant to Director, Campus Ministry Board – part-time, paid Member, Katrina hurricane recovery team – one week, volunteer

For information about these events and opportunities, visit www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org or contact the presbytery office at 513-221-4850 or 1-888-221-4238.