

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on Tuesday, February 10, 2009,
at Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

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a summary of what we did

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DISMISSED the administrative commission that installed Holly Robertson as associate pastor, Mt. Washington Church.

LEARNED that Presbytery Council has appointed a presbytery staffing model task force: Ron Cowgill (elder, College Hill), Cinda Gorman (member at-large), Doris Nell (elder, Pleasant Run), Lynwood Battle (elder, Kennedy Heights), Patsy Gaines (elder, Wyoming), Jim Steiner (interim pastor, Calvin) and Robert Sullivan (West Cincinnati).

DISSOLVED the co-pastoral relationship between Cinda Gorman and Westwood First Church, eliminated the position she held and designated her as a member at-large.

GRANTED permission for Richard McNeill (member at-large) to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery in the Presbytery of Charlotte.

ENROLLED new minister members of the presbytery: James Brazell (at-large) and Jerry Hill (United Methodist) for the duration of his service as stated supply, Oak Hills Church.

ELECTED committee members.

RECEIVED information about, and were invited to send children to, camp at Kirkmont Center in the Presbytery of Miami Valley.

LEARNED that the Transformation Team plans to conduct its final survey about the presbytery's view of the transformation process.

WORSHIPED. In his sermon Jim DiEgidio (General Presbyter) exhorted those present to live boldly. The offering was designated to help with the post-fire recovery of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

SHARED an extended time of fellowship and food.

HEARD a presentation from Pastor Brian Tome of Crossroads Community Church in Cincinnati. He encouraged congregations to be relevant to their communities.

APPOINTED an administrative commission to work with Aurora First Church: George Betz (elder, Union), David Ealy (associate pastor, Lakeside), Renee Kreisa (St. John's Westminster), Kevin Murphy (interim pastor, Williamsburg), Denise Pass (associate pastor, Crestview), Alice Petersen (honorably retired) and Lois Whitney (elder, Northminster).

AMENDED Presbytery Bylaws to eliminate the associate presbyter staff position.

CONSIDERED proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*:

08-B that would change ordination standards in G-6.0106b failed to receive a majority of votes. 83 yes / 83 no / 6 abstentions

08-C that would change the word "sympathy" to compassion" in the definition of the office of deacon was approved by acclamation.

08-E that would modify the provision for non-geographic presbyteries was approved by acclamation.

08-J that would clarify the provisions for using alternative dispute resolutions in judicial cases was approved by acclamation.

A majority of presbyteries must approve an amendment for it to take effect.

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NEW CALLS approved by the Committee on Ministry on behalf of the presbytery between presbytery meetings:

Roberta Bella (pastor, Pleasant Run)

Thomas Burlison (pastor, Union)

Cheryl Edmonds (pastor, Grace Community)

Hart Edmonds (interim pastor, Kennedy Heights)

Kevin Murphy (interim pastor, Williamsburg)

Marsha Webster (interim pastor, Greenhills Community)

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