

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on Tuesday, September 9, 2008
at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Your Presbytery Link -- highlights of what we did

Prior to the meeting...

HEARD reports from this year's General Assembly commissioners: elders George Betz (Union), Barbara Harrison (Sycamore), and Susan Ingmire (Mt. Auburn); ministers Cinda Gorman (co-pastor, Westwood First), and Maurice Mitchell (pastor, Hillsboro First).

LEARNED about "link2lead.com" resources from the Percept Group. Bob Clary (HR), a member of the presbytery presented the information and is available to assist churches who wish to use it.

During the meeting...

ELECTED committee members and chairpersons: Ecclesiastical Affairs – Jim Steiner (interim pastor, Calvin); Ministry – L.P. Jones (pastor, Mt. Washington) and Rhonda O'Reilly (member at-large); Nominating – Mary Ann Jacobs (St. John's Westminster); Personnel – Daniel Watson (member at-large); Preparation for Ministry – Kathy Barlow Westmoreland (pastor, St. John's Westminster).

LEARNED about the services, resources and programs of Llanfair

Retirement Community from Executive Director Sheena Parton. She encouraged congregations to partner with Llanfair.

MET Ben Darby, who will be working this year with St. John's Westminster as part of General Assembly's Young Adult Volunteer program. He is a graduate of Hanover College and a member of Harvey Brown Presbyterian Church in Louisville.

WORSHIPED. The service included the installation of Moderator Tom York (pastor, Knox) and Vice Moderator Bill Brown (elder, Kennedy Heights).

SHARED an extended period of fellowship and refreshment.

EXAMINED and approved individuals in different phases of becoming Presbyterian ministers.

Michelle McSwain Bacon (Glendale First) was approved for ordination. The session of Heritage Church has called her to serve as interim associate pastor.

Lydia Balmos Casey (Mt. Washington) became a candidate. She is a student at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Abby King Kaiser (Northminster) became a candidate. She is a student at Pacific School of Religions

The presbytery recognized the ordination of Chip Hall (stated supply, Winton Hills Community) by the American Baptist Church and enrolled him as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

APPROVED new calls:

Holly Robertson, associate pastor, Mt. Washington

Nicholas Yoda, pastor, Pleasant Ridge
Kris Moore, chaplain, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Kimberly Warwick, pastor, Presbytery Campus Ministries

DISSOLVED pastoral relationships:
Christena Alcorn, associate pastor, Knox

Lloyd Dunavant, pastor, Salem
Mark Wright, pastor, Kennedy Heights

DESIGNATED Robert League (former pastor, Mowrystown) as honorably retired.

AUTHORIZED elders Reggie Roberts and Rodney Christian to preside at the Lord's Supper at Third Church.

APPROVED the 2009 minimum terms of call for ministers and commissioned lay pastors.

HEARD about the work of the Committee on Representation and its emphasis on COR values.

RECEIVED the schedule for the presbytery's considering proposed amendments to the PCUSA constitution and of ecumenical statements.

GRANTED permission for Crestview Church to refinance its existing mortgage and for Venice Church to purchase property.

TOOK a first look at the preliminary budget for 2009.

COMPLETED a survey about the presbytery's name.

LEARNED that Council is forming a "Vital Church Vision Mission Team."

APPROVED new By-laws.

DISMISSED commissions that ordained and installed Nathan Wright (associate pastor, Covenant-First) and ordained Robert Lippert (former member, College Hill) as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

CHANGED the name of Sharonville Presbyterian Church to Church by the Woods (PCUSA).

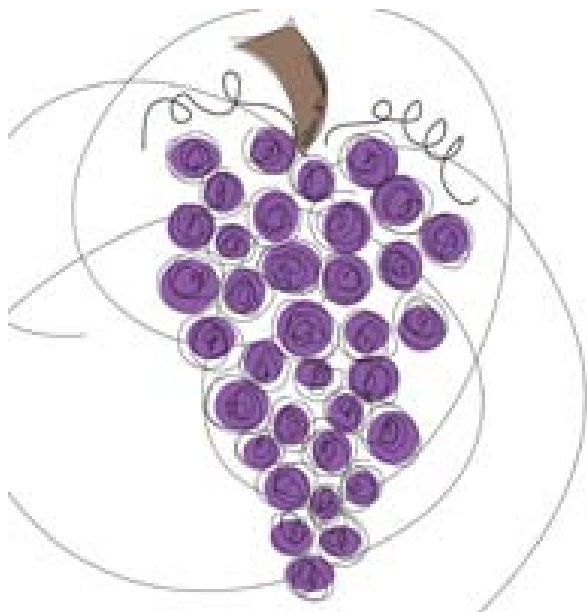
DISSOLVED the Salem and White Oak churches for the purpose of merging them into Northwest Community Church, Salem White Oak Presbyterian.

POSTPONED until November the discussion of a proposed resolution from Mt. Auburn regarding the death penalty in Ohio.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14 – Cluster Gatherings
October 27-29 – Ministers Retreat
November 9 – Presbyterian Youth Connection Extended Coffee House

For more information about the presbytery, visit
www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org



CLUSTER GATHERINGS

October 14 6-9 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!
pastors, staff, elders –
church members of all ages

Join with folks from neighboring churches for a simple meal, worship with the sharing of prayer needs, news from the other churches in your cluster and a biblically grounded discussion about mission, including the chance to connect with other people/churches who share your particular passion.

Don't miss this chance to act on you mission dreams.

Locations:

Far East – Winchester
North – Northminster
Northeast – Kennedy Heights
South – Immanuel
Southeast – Calvin
West – St. John's Westminster

Not sure which cluster is yours?
Visit

www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org/ClusterGatherings.htm