

***Your Presbytery Link* -- highlights of what we did**

RECEIVED greetings from Marie Cross (Executive, Synod of the Covenant), who exhorted us to be mindful of connections with others throughout the synod.

MET Tu'akulau Tu'ipulotu, a Roman Catholic priest from Fiji. Westwood First Church hosted him as a synod-sponsored Ecumenical Mission Partner for six weeks.

LEARNED more about presbytery networks:
- Heifer Azerbaijan Project
- Congregational Health Ministries Network
- SIFT (Seeking in Faithfulness Together)

ENCOURAGED churches to receive the Christmas Joy Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing.

INVITED those who are interested to form a stewardship of creation network.

WORSHIPED. We thanked God for the lives and service of elders and a minister whose earthly lives ended during the past year.

SHARED an extended time of fellowship.

APPROVED an overture from Mt. Auburn's Session asking the legislatures of Ohio and Kentucky to establish commissions to study the death penalty and asking the governor of each state to systematically grant reprieves to all persons sentenced to death, pending the report of the commission.

EXAMINED and approved Richard Jones (Northminster) as a candidate for ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

APPROVED new calls:
Shirley Hutchins, associate pastor, Sycamore
Ion Jong Koh, pastor, Korean
Thom Shuman, temporary supply, Glendale First
Howard Smith, interim pastor, Northwest Community
Dan Watson, interim pastor, Montgomery

CONCURRED with the decision of Heritage Church to designate former pastor Ron Trapp as pastor emeritus and former associate pastor Florence Beaujon as pastor emerita.

VOTED "no" on the proposed *Book of Order* amendment that would require new members to publically profess their faith, even if they had previously done so at another church.

VOTED "yes" on ecumenical statements between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Roman Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church, the Korean Presbyterian Church in America and the Moravian Church (Northern and Southern Provinces).

ELECTED committee members.

APPROVED the 2009 Presbytery Budget.

HELD the first reading of a motion that proposes amending the Presbytery Bylaws to eliminate the Associate Presbyter staff position. The presbytery will consider the motion at its February meeting.

DISSOLVED the Associate Presbyter relationship between the Rev. Yvette Dalton and the presbytery.

LEARNED that the property of the former Delhi First Church was auctioned for \$60,000.

HEARD Treasurer Ev Landen's annual report.

AUTHORIZED the celebration of the Lord's Supper in 2009 by several presbytery groups.

DISMISSED commissions that ordained Michelle McSwain Bacon (interim associate pastor, Heritage) and Thomas Emery (interim pastor, Mowrystown) and installed Nicholas Yoda (pastor, Pleasant Ridge).

RECEIVED a written report from commissioners to this fall's Synod Assembly.

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