

# Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. This is a summary of what we did.

## APPROVED CHANGES IN CALLS

Dawne Sarchet from Stated Supply, Wilson Memorial to Associate Pastor, Heritage

Gary Brose to Interim Pastor, Williamsburg First

Bill Westmoreland from Stated Supply, Williamsburg First to Stated Supply, Wilson Memorial

Rick Kranzley from Interim Pastor to Stated Supply, Grace Community

George Reed from Pastor, Reading-Lockland to Honorably Retired

GRANTED a vote in presbytery meetings to each of the elders currently serving as a Commissioned Lay Pastor: Vicki Abend, Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UC; Norine Behm, Manchester First; Meg Doerzbacher, Cleves; Barbara Jean Havens, Cherry Fork; Sandy Fox, Eastminster; Kevin Jodrey, Decatur; Charles Jones, Bantam; Matthew Long, Georgetown; Charles Poston, Hopewell; Deborah Ramey, Elmwood-Carthage; Dale Roush, Winchester; Kevin Waters, Pleasant Plain; Lynne Wells, Bond Hills; and Lewis Wittman, Red Oak.

WORSHIPPED and celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Before collecting the offering for hunger ministries designated by Community of Faith and Oak Hills, we reflected upon our individual and corporate need to seek reconciliation with others and one another. Basing his sermon on the story of Zaccheus, Markus Watson (associate pastor, Union) encouraged us to identify and overcome the things that keep us from fully seeing and following Jesus.

SHARED, as is the presbytery's custom during Lent, a Simple Meal to show our solidarity with the world's hungry.

CELEBRATED the ministry of the Rev. George Reed upon his retirement.

AMENDED the presbytery's educational requirements for inquirers and candidates preparing to become Ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

ELECTED people to serve on presbytery committees.

Jean Holmes (stated supply, Christ), Ministry; Cinda Gorman (co-pastor, Westwood First) and Alison Sheridan Bebeau, Representation; Barry Stare (College Hill), Mission & Mission Interpretation; Susan Ingmire (Mt. Auburn), Board of Trustees.

ELECTED representatives to the Synod of the Covenant: Anita Reed (Reading-Lockland) and George Reed (HR), Commissioners; Sabrina Smith (Reading-Lockland), Youth Advisory Delegate.

VOTED "Yes" on proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*: 04-D, clarifying time limits on decisions made by PJC moderators and clerks; 04-E1abc, requiring church officers to report suspected abuse of children or adults with limited mental capacity; and 04-E2, allowing pastoral inquiries into accusations when disciplinary inquiries end due to the accused person's leaving the Presbyterian Church through renunciation or by death.

HEARD that the Presbytery Council made appointments: Markus Watson (associate pastor, Union) to the Outdoor Education Task Force; Yong Kim (Mt. Washington) and James Wuenker (Knox) to the Campus Ministry Board

DISMISSED the Administrative Commission that installed Susan Duker as Designated Pastor of Oak Hills.

ENCOURAGED sessions to develop child protection policies.

REDRESSED the imbalance of ministers and elders eligible to vote at presbytery meetings. We requested the following churches to send one more elder commissioner than is required of churches their size: Blue Ash, Indian Hill, and Union (to balance installed ministerial staff); Bond Hill, Carmel, Kennedy Heights, Korean, Third, West Cincinnati, and Winton Hills (to redress racial ethnic imbalance).

## Upcoming Events

APR 4 – Summer Camp & Conference Scholarship Request Deadline

APR 16 – GET A CLUE! A PYC Jr. High Retreat

WEEK OF JUL 31 – MOBILE HEALTH FAIR – volunteers needed.

Please consider becoming one.

THIS FALL – Presbytery Campus Ministries to open TRINITY HOUSE student housing at UC

Young Adult Volunteers to begin work with two congregations, TBA

OCT 21-31 – MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA – you are invited to go!

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