

## Your Presbytery Link – a summary of what we did

Examined and approved Frank Rupnik for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament and called him as pastor of Bethel Murdoch Church.

Elected standard ordination examination readers: Janis Alling Adams (Mt. Auburn), Christena Alcorn (associate pastor, Knox), Tom Brackbill (pastor, Venice), and Nancy Schmidt (Pleasant Ridge).

Heard that the Committee on Preparation for Ministry has enrolled the following as Inquirers: Brenda Bene (Pleasant Ridge) and Tom Emery (Madeira-Silverwood).

Approved changes in the terms of call for ministers who serve in permanent pastoral relationships (i.e., pastor, co-pastor, associate pastor).

Shared joys and concerns.

Elected Paul Jordan (St. John's Westminster) to the Committee on Representation and Jack Plattner (Knox), Mary Ann Jacobs (St. John's Westminster), and Ethan Raath (minister member at-large) to the Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee.

Heard that the Nominating Committee plans to recommend that the presbytery elect at its July meeting the following officers: Steve Gorman (co-pastor, Westwood First) as Chair of Council, Becky Lindsay (Community of Faith) as Moderator, and Erwin Goedicke (pastor, North) as Vice Moderator. If elected, they will assume office in September.

Dismissed the administrative commission that installed Dawne Sarchet as associate pastor of Heritage Church.

Voted YES on proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*:

04-E.3. Adding to the Rules of Discipline Preface

04-E.4. Imposing Administrative Leave

04-E.5. Rights of Accuser

04-E.6. Disclosure in Alternative Forms of Resolution

04-E.7. Providing for Victim Impact Statement

04-E.8. Voluntary Acts of Repentance

04-E.9. Initiation of Appeal in a Disciplinary Case

WORSHIPPED. Dale Andrews (associate professor of homiletics, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary) preached on Mark 7:24-30 and posed the question *Measuring Grace?* Special music and hymns were from African and African American traditions.

Learned that the Council has appointed a Transformation Team: Melanie Alexander (Providence), Bernie Bernardino (Mt. Auburn), Erwin Goedicke (pastor, North), Jeff Hosmer (pastor, Northminster), Patrick Limbach (Mt. Washington), Alice Petersen (interim pastor, Crestview), and Tom York (pastor, Knox).

Discussed with one another and featured speaker Dale Andrews the topics: preaching from privileged pulpits, mega-churches, and the use of various forms of technology in worship.

Approved the sale of a house owned by Norwood Church.

Heard that the General Presbyter Search Committee is receiving dossiers and plans to issue its next report in September.

## Upcoming Presbytery Events

MAY 14 – “Salt of the Earth: Christians in the West Bank” At Mt. Auburn Church, 10am-2pm.  
Sponsored by the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee

MAY 19 – “How to Interpret the US Congregational Survey” Featuring Deborah Bruce. At Community of Faith Church.  
Sponsored by the Transformation Team

MAY 21 -- Pastor Nominating Committee Consultant Training. At the presbytery office, 8:30am-noon.  
Sponsored by the Committee on Ministry

MAY 23 – “Marking Time, Making Time, Celebrating Time” An Equipping the Saints seminar. At Crestview Church, 8:30am- 3:30pm.

Sponsored by the Equipping & Pastoral Care Committee and Miami Presbytery

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