

Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on November 9, 2004 at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING

The Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee sponsored a presentation by Dr. Irvin "Dusty" Anderson entitled "Al Qaeda: a Radical Islamic Insurgency."

DURING THE MEETING, WE

Shared joys and concerns in prayer.

Elected members to presbytery committees and the Board of Trustees. The Nominating Committee issued a call for ministers of the Word and sacrament to consider serving as the presbytery's Vice Moderator in 2005-06, Moderator in 2006-07, and Council Chair in 2007-08.

Approved changes in the Standing Rules with regard to the Board of Trustees.

Worshipped as we thanked God for the saints who have helped nourish our faith and for elders and ministers whose earthly lives ended during the past year.

Elected Elder Mattie Cockrell (Winton Hills) and Elder Jim Naramore (Knox) to the Nominating Committee.

Granted voice at presbytery meetings to Elder Carol Winkler (Ft. Thomas First) for the duration of her service on the presbytery staff. She serves as Coordinator of Administration and Finance.

Broke into groups to talk about trust and to list specific ways it could be improved in the presbytery. This is the latest step in the presbytery's Transformation Process.

Approved the Covenant of Partnership between the Presbytery of Cincinnati and the K'anhab'al Presbytery of Guatemala.

Approved budgetary items for 2005. The total per capita apportionment will be \$22.13 (no increase by the presbytery or synod; \$0.06 increase by General Assembly). The presbytery will retain 70% of mission dollars given to it for its own mission and forward 25% to General Assembly and 5% to the Synod of the Covenant. The presbytery's total budget will be \$1,204,308.

Approved the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendation to establish a designated fund for underwriting Outdoor Education and Christian Education.

Heard a report from Youth Advisory Delegate Sabrina Smith (Reading-Lockland) and received a written report from commissioners about this year's synod meeting.

Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the Winter Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery on December 7th at Blue Ash Church.

Dismissed administrative commissions that installed the Rev. Larry Kent as Pastor of Sycamore Church and the Rev. James Steiner as Associate Pastor of Madeira-Silverwood Church.

Heard a report from the Pleasant Ridge Administrative Commission indicating its dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Robert Keefer and Pleasant Ridge Church.

Approved changes in pastoral calls:
The Rev. Frank Bean (HR) to Interim Pastor, Aurora First
The Rev. Gil Fauber to Temp Supply, Pleasant Ridge
The Rev. Andrew Meeker from Associate Pastor, Wyoming to Pastor, Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah, GA

Encouraged one another to collect the Christmas Joy Offering for support of church workers and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Upcoming Events

Theology & Worship Committee's
WEDNESDAY MORNING ADVENT WORSHIP
for Everyone

9 am

Dec 1 Blue Ash Church
Dec 8 Westwood First Church
Dec 15 Pleasant Run Church
Dec 22 Knox Church

Dec 3 **CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE** at the Presbytery Office, 1323 Myrtle Ave, Cincinnati, noon – 6pm.

Dec 7 **PW WINTER GATHERING** at Blue Ash Church, 9:30am registration; 10:00 program with speaker Mona Morrow (Carmel); noon lunch. Please call in lunch reservation (\$5.50) by November 30th to Betty Greer 513-891-1799 or Shirley DeBolt 513-745-9654.

Feb 5-6 **SR. HIGH RETREAT**. Details will be mailed to each church.

Feb 15 **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS SEMINAR**. Tom Troeger (Dean, Iliff School of Theology) to speak about worship and Christian Education. First PC of Middletown, OH, 9am-4pm.

Apr 16-17 **JR. HIGH RETREAT**

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-- Janis Alling Adams, Stated Clerk