Upcoming Events – More info at 513-221-4850, 1-888-221-4238 or www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org

SEP 25 Self Development of People grant information event. At Hillsboro First, 2pm.
SEP 29 Council of Urban Churches Worship Service. At Norwood, 7pm.
OCT 4 "Sharing the Gospel in a Multicultural World." At Trinity, 8:30am-4pm.

Discerning Our Call in the Midst of Struggle

Special Presbytery Meeting
October 12, 2004
Lakeside Church, 5:30-9pm.

In a time when the church is struggling with tough issues, how can we hear God's call to work together? How can we come to respect, trust and value Christian brothers and sisters with whom we have great differences? Our purpose for the evening is to begin building trust and respect. By hearing Barbara Wheeler (Covenant Network) and Jack Haberer (Presbyterian Coalition, Presbyterians for Renewal), we can see how these two members of the General Assembly's Theological Task Force for Peace, Unity, and Purity of the church have come to care about and respect each other despite their theological differences. Using the small group sharing model, known as mutual or gracious invitation, we can take steps to restore fellowship with those whom we have differed in the past. Reservations for dinner ($5/person) are required. Contact the presbytery office at 513-221-4850, 1-888-221-4238, or office@presbyteryofcincinnati.org

EVERYONE IS INVITED and ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

OCT 16-17 Cherry Fork Bicentennial Celebration.
OCT 17 Pleasant Run Sesquicentennial Celebration.
OCT 30 "Call to Youth" Retreat for Youth ages 12-17. At Bond Hill, 10am-5pm
NOV 13 Presbytery Youth Council Mission Extravaganza. At Mt. Auburn, 9am-5pm.
FEB 5-6 Sr. High Youth Retreat
APR 16-17 Jr. High Youth Retreat

Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met at Westwood First Presbyterian Church on September 14, 2004. Here is a *summary* of what we did at the meeting.

Shared joys and concerns in prayer.

Welcomed Young Adult Volunteers. Klaas Ros, from the Netherlands, is working at Kennedy Heights; Jeannine St. Johns, from Seattle, Washington, is working at Covenant First.

Celebrated the enrollment of Inquirers to the ministry of Word and sacrament. Michelle Bacon (Glendale First) is studying at United Theological Seminary. Sharon Holland (Immanuel) has received her MDiv from Beeson Theological Seminary. Kevin Ward (Richwood) is studying at Columbia Theological Seminary where he has received an Honor Scholarship.

Heard an update from the PYC (Presbyterian Youth Connection/Presbytery Youth Council) about last year's activities, their experience at Youth Triennium, and upcoming events (listed below). Following their report, they left the meeting to assemble "Hope in a Box" kits, which will be distributed to hurricane survivors.

Approved the lease of Third Church's manse to the Rev. Santana Krishnan (HR).

Received the Blue Ribbon Panel's preliminary recommendations concerning the proceeds from the sale of Wildwood Camp & Conference Center, the Wildwood Endowment Fund, and the future of Christian Education and Outdoor Ministry in the presbytery. Their report is posted at www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org or available upon request from the presbytery office, 513-221-4850 or 1-888-221-4238. The BRP solicits your feedback by October 12th so they can consider it before making their final recommendations in November.

Authorized the Presbytery Council and the Trustees to release the $785,762.06 in the Silverwood endowment, to Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church for the stated purpose of purchasing and endowing a 20% share in Kings Domain Camp. The funds would be released once all necessary considerations are agreed to by

Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Council, Committee of Counsel, Presbytery Board of Trustees, and has been agreed to as proper by General Assembly attorneys.

Encouraged churches to participate in the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering. 25% of each church's collection is used for a peacemaking program or ministry designated by the session. The rest is forwarded for use by the PCUSA Peacemaking Program. For more info, visit www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering/

Celebrated that 10 churches participated in the recent visit by members of the K'anhab'al Presbytery – our partner presbytery in Guatemala.

Worshipped as we installed the Rev. Stephen Gorman (co-pastor, Westwood First) as Moderator and Elder Becky Lindsay (Community of Faith) as Vice Moderator of the presbytery. The service included special music by Westwood First's choir, handbell choir, and contemporary band.

Welcomed representatives of Trinity Church upon its entry into the presbytery.

Heard an update from the General Presbyter Search Committee. They have been interviewing other presbyteries that have recently gone through the process.
Reviewed and shared feedback on the preliminary data gathered in the presbytery's transformation process.

Established minimum terms of call for ministers and certified Christian educators and approved compensation guidelines for commissioned lay pastors.

Elected members of presbytery entities, including the following chairpersons.
Presbytery Council
David Legg (elder, Mt. Washington)
Equipping & Pastor Care Committee
Ralph Campbell (elder, Calvin) & Lew Wittman (elder, Christ)
Justice for Women Committee
Bucky Ignatius (elder, Mt. Auburn)
Theology & Worship Committee
Nancy Lynch (pastor, Trinity)

Changes in Call

Jan Gallagher to Honorably Retired
Eric Perrell to Presbytery of Washington
Lloyd Dunavant to Interim Pastor, Batavia Church
Richard Fouse (HR) to Interim Pastor, Seventh Church
Rhonda O'Reilly to Interim Pastor, Glendale First Church
Wayne Parrish to Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Boston
Nancy Lynch (pastor, Trinity Church) from Miami Presbytery to Presbytery of Cincinnati
Dennis Heng-Liong Lo to Organizing Pastor, Taiwanese Presbyterian Ministry of Greater Cincinnati
Melissa Bane Sevier from Pastor, Aurora First to Pastor, Versailles (KY) Church, Presbytery of Transylvania

Elected Nominating Committee members Mary Alyce Baughman (Carmel), Barbara Harrison (Sycamore), Lewe Mizelle (Northminster), Bob Thomas (Wilson Memorial), David Patterson (stated supply, Beecher) and chairperson Faye Burdick (Mt. Auburn).

Dismissed the Administrative Commission that installed Kathy Barlow Westmoreland as Pastor of St. John's Westminster Church.