

## Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati met on September 13, 2005 at Community of Faith Presbyterian Church. This is a summary of what we did.

Shared joys and concerns.

Approved changes in calls:

Alan Landes to pastor, Crestview

Lex Baer from co-pastor, Blue Ash to member at-large

Louisa Baer from co-pastor, Blue Ash to member at-large

Tom Brackbill from pastor, Venice to member at-large

Commissioned Bill Lewis (elder, Sharonville) as Commissioned Lay Pastor at Holtsinger Memorial.

Designated Mary Lee Reed (member at-large) as Honorably Retired.

Established 2006 minimum terms of calls for ministers, certified educators and commissioned lay pastors serving with congregations.

Elected committee members and committee chairs:

*Ethnic Church Affairs* – Lashuna Meachem (West Cincinnati)

*Mission & Mission Interpretation* – Mark Wright (pastor, Kennedy Heights)

*Personnel* -- Dan Watson (interim pastor, Pleasant Ridge)

*Representation* -- Cinda Gorman (co-pastor, Westwood First)

*Small Church* -- Bill Westmoreland (interim pastor, Wilson Memorial)

Elected Synod Commissioner Bill Westmoreland.

Commissioned team of 10 people who are traveling to Guatemala to visit and work with K'anhab'al Presbytery.

Expanded responsibilities of the Outdoor Education Task Force to include Christian education opportunities.

Amended the Standing Rules to elect the Vice-Moderator and Moderator in March rather than July so that both may attend General Assembly as observers.

During worship, installed Becky Lindsay (elder, Community of Faith) as Moderator and Erwin Goedicke (pastor, North) as Vice Moderator. The offering was designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Heard that the General Presbyter Search Committee has identified a candidate to be elected at a special presbytery meeting on October 11.

Heard an update from the Transformation Team. They encouraged ministers, church educators, and CLPs to attend the *When Better Isn't Enough* event on September 29.

Confirmed the Moderator's appointment of Marcella Trice (elder, Carmel) to the administrative commission working with Pleasant Ridge.

Dissolved the administrative commission that installed Frank Rupnik as pastor of Bethel Murdoch.

Approved the request by Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church to transfer from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky to the Presbytery of Cincinnati. In June General Assembly will take final action on the transfer.

Elected Rhonda O'Reilly (interim pastor, Glendale First) to read standardized ordination exams in October.

## Events and Opportunities to Serve

SEP 29	<i>WHEN BETTER ISN'T ENOUGH</i> . Featuring Jill Hudson. Transformation Team event for ministers, church educators and CLPs. At Mt. Washington. Registration at 8:30am, event at 9am.
OCT 8	PRESBYTERIANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERYWHERE DAY at 6 sites throughout the presbytery
OCT 11	SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING to elect General Presbyter. At Kennedy Heights. Reception at 5pm, meeting at 6:30pm.
OCT 18	EQUIPPING THE SAINTS EVENT. Exploring the Scriptures – Are There Alternative to Our Understandings of the Violent Nature of Redemption? At Middletown First, 8:30am.
OCT 21-31	PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP TRIP TO GUATEMALA
NOV 12	PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH CONNECTION MISSION EXTRAVAGANZA. Begins at Kennedy Heights, 8am.

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