

UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF STATED MEETING, APRIL 27, 2010

The primary purpose of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery is to serve as a resource body, designed to equip, challenge, and encourage the churches within its jurisdiction to carry out their call to prepare the saints to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others through worship, discipleship, fellowship, ministry, and mission

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery met in stated meeting on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at Calvary Presbyterian Church, St. Clairsville, Ohio, beginning at 6:15 p.m. The Rev. Katrina Lewis, Moderator for 2010, presided at the opening of the meeting.

OPENING PRAYER. The Rev. Katrina Lewis, Moderator for 2010, opened the meeting with prayer.

QUORUM. The Rev. Thomas Armstrong, Stated Clerk, announced that a quorum was present for this meeting. According to the presbytery's bylaws, a quorum for a presbytery meeting is not fewer than three ministers and the elders present, provided that at least three churches are represented by the elders.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL AND PRESENTATION OF EXCUSES. Stated Clerk, the Rev. Tom Armstrong, announced that the roll of presbytery was being formed by the signing of attendance sheets in the dining room downstairs. Excuses were given to Elder Donna Todd, Journal Clerk; Judy Edmonds, Enrollment Clerk; or to the Rev. Tom Armstrong, Stated Clerk. The attendance record is included at the end of these minutes in the Report of the Enrollment Clerk.

EXCUSED ABSENCES. Stated Clerk, the Rev. Tom Armstrong, **moved, it was seconded and passed,** that the persons requesting to be excused be so listed and noted in the minutes of this meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR. Stated Clerk, the Rev. Tom Armstrong **moved, it was seconded and passed,** that James D. Entress, David Zapka, and Terrie Otte (members of the First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va.) and Jason Watson (acting director of Laughlin Memorial Chapel, Wheeling, W.Va.) be granted privilege of the floor with voice for this meeting of presbytery.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2009. These minutes were approved by the presbytery Council on April 6, 2010.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET. The Stated Clerk **moved and it was seconded** to adopt the docket for this meeting. The docket was amended by adding a report of the Committee on Ministry (Part 1) following the approval of the Consent Agenda. The amended docket was then **adopted.**

CONSENT AGENDA. The stated clerk, the Rev. Tom Armstrong **moved** approval of the Consent Agenda. The Moderator asked if anyone wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion later in the meeting. No requests were made, so the consent agenda was then **adopted.**

Presbytery Council items on consent agenda:

1. Committee on Representation. Presbytery approved the Council's **motion** that the presbytery approve an exception under G-9.0106a to allow for a one-year waiver of the requirements in G-9.0105a. This section of the *Book of Order* requires a majority of the membership of the presbytery's Committee on Representation (COR) be selected from racial/ethnic groups. The reason this action is being moved is because of the Nominating Committee's inability to secure the participation or representation of the necessary racial/ethnic persons. If approved, this exception will be reported to the stated clerk of Synod of the Trinity, and the Synod will monitor the presbytery and its COR during the year of the exception.

2. Presbytery Meeting Host. Presbytery adopted the Council's **motion** that presbytery accept the offer of the St. Clairsville, First Presbyterian Church to host the presbytery meeting on September 28, 2010.

-end of Consent Agenda-

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT (PART 1) Elder Karen Edwards, co-chair of the Committee on Ministry, **moved, it was seconded and passed,** that the 2009 Necrology Report be approved (no. 6 on the Committee of Ministry Report).

-end of Committee on Ministry Report – (Part 1)

STATED CLERK'S REPORT – THE REV. TOM ARMSTRONG. The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Tom Armstrong, thanked all clerks of Sessions for the preparation of the year-end reports for General Assembly and the presbytery. He reported that during 2009, presbytery had a total loss of 254 members (184 due to death), receipts totaled more than \$7,000,000, expenditures total approximately \$6,000,000, and mission giving was well over \$700,000.

Items for Information:

Members Added: Jason Elliott, Samuel Gibb, Robert Goebel, David Stammerjohn

Members Removed or Other Member Changes: none

Administrative Commissions to Elect: none

Administrative Commission Reports: Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Jason Elliott, and the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. David Stammerjohn (see below).

Congregations Dissolved: Rayland, United effective January 18, 2010.

Permanent Judicial Commission Reserve Roll. To comply with D-5.0206b, the following people are past members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the last six years and who are eligible to serve to fill a quorum if needed. They are in the order in which they would be called to serve subject to the rules for balance between the number of ministers and elders on the commission:

Crow, Joyce (elder, Wheeling, Stone): Class of 2006
Sweeney, Barbara (elder, Steubenville, First Westminster): Class of 2004
Toot, H. Gene (minister - HR): Class of 2008

Number of Representatives at Presbytery Meetings. To comply with G-11.0101a, which provides that congregations with up to 499 members shall be represented at presbytery meetings by one representative, and congregations with 501 to 1,000 members shall be represented by two representatives, the stated clerk reports that there are no congregations in the presbytery with over 499 members. All the congregations in the presbytery are entitled to one representative.

Balance of Ministers and Elders. The stated clerk reports that under the requirement of G-11.0101b there are more elder commissioners entitled to vote in presbytery meetings than there are minister members, and no action is needed to adjust the balance of membership in presbytery.

2009 Statistical Report to the General Assembly. The following information for 2009 was submitted by the clerks of sessions of the congregations within Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery.

(Numbers in parentheses are the 2008 figures for comparison)

Membership			People with disabilities		
			Hearing	(393)	401
			Mobility	(321)	304
			Sight	(136)	108
			Other	(149)	144
Active Members on Jan. 1, 2008	(8,825)	8,625	Potential Giving Units	(5,108)	5,204
Gains			Budgeted Income	(\$6,350,771)	\$6,129,910
Profession 17 & under	(65)	42	Budgeted Exp.	(\$7,402,573)	\$7,233,222
Profession 18 & older	(184)	127			
Certificate	(96)	60	Receipts		
Other	(16)	34	Reg. contrib.	(\$5,220,781)	\$5,052,799
Total Gains	(361)	263	Cap. Building Fund	(\$288,295)	\$202,903
			Invest. Inc.	(\$1,611,366)	\$1,633,813
Losses:			Bequests	(\$380,882)	\$347,371
Certificate	(57)	66	Other Income	(\$462,839)	\$469,308
Death	(211)	184	Subsidy or Aid	(\$28,228)	\$2,175
Other	(293)	267			
Total Losses	(561)	517	Expenditures		
			Local Program	(\$6,401,013)	\$5,900,816
Active Members – Dec. 31, 2009	(8,625)	8,371			
A net loss of (200)		254			

Female Members	(4,984)	5,030	Local Mission	(\$387,871)	\$361,594
Inactive Members	(3,472)	3,376	Capital Exp.	(\$853,742)	\$703,882
Baptized Members	(1,112)	1,052	Invest. Exp.	(\$164,701)	\$266,429
Total Adherents	(13,209)	12,799	Per Capita	(\$194,808)	\$185,974
Average Church Attendance	(4,258)	3,968	Validated Mission	(\$239,860)	\$235,042
Affiliate Members	(181)	115	Theological Fund	(\$4,476)	\$6,381
			Other Mission	(\$106,346)	\$101,046

Baptisms

Children	(108)	119
Adults	(49)	36

Age Distributions

25 & under	(1,048)	987
26-35	(1,397)	1,419
36-55	(1,419)	1,365
56-64	(1,519)	1,421
65 & over	(2,779)	2,723

Officers

Male Elders	(307)	291
Female Elders	(392)	384
Male Deacons	(71)	66
Female Deacons	(318)	312

Christian Education

Birth to age 3	(161)	110
Age 4	(90)	82
Kindergarten	(69)	61
Grade 1	(80)	70
Grade 2	(70)	98
Grade 3	(90)	85
Grade 4	(78)	80
Grade 5	(85)	79
Grade 6	(79)	87
Grade 7	(56)	64
Grade 8	(54)	49
Grade 9	(59)	41
Grade 10	(65)	36
Grade 11	(45)	41
Grade 12	(52)	35
Young Adults	(82)	70
Over 25	(877)	865
Teachers/officers	(347)	307
Total	(2,438)	2,260

Racial Ethnic Breakdown

	Membership		Elders		Deacons	
Asian	(30)	28	(0)	1	(0)	0
Black	(17)	21	(1)	1	(0)	0
Native American	(5)	2	(0)	0	(0)	0
Hispanic	(3)	3	(0)	0	(1)	1
White	(8,433)	7,724	(690)	658	(388)	369
Other	(0)	2	(0)	0	(0)	0
Totals	(8,488)	7,780	(691)	660	(389)	369

-end of Statistical Report-

Minutes – Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Jason C. Elliott

The Administrative Commission elected to ordain and install Jason C. Elliott as pastor of First Westminster Presbyterian Church met at the church on Sunday, February 14, 2010, at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Katrina Lewis. The moderator stated that a quorum was present.

Present were commission members the Rev. Katrina Lewis, the Rev. Dr. Bill Lawrence, and elders Lee Gillison (Steubenville, First Westminster) and Rob Whinnery (Mt. Pleasant, First).

It was **moved** by Rob Whinnery, **seconded and passed** that Frank Lewis be elected the clerk of the commission. It was **moved** by Rob Whinnery, **seconded and passed** to invite the following people to take part in the service: the Rev. Robert Shearer and the Rev. Dr. Philip Makari. It was **moved** by Bill Lawrence, **seconded and passed** to approve the Order of Worship for the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robert Shearer.

In order to follow the presbytery's policy, it was **moved** by Lee Gillison, **seconded and passed** to designate the afternoon's offering to be given to the presbytery's Robert Houser Seminary Scholarship Fund.

It was **moved** by Rob Whinnery, **seconded and passed** to recess the meeting with prayer by Moderator Lewis and to adjourn the meeting with the benediction at the end of the service pronounced by the newly ordained minister, the Rev. Jason Elliott.

The ordination was conducted as approved by presbytery and the administrative commission and the constitutional questions were all answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted and attested to, Franklin E. Lewis, clerk

Minutes – Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. David Stammerjohn

The Administrative Commission elected to install the Rev. David Stammerjohn as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Martins Ferry, Ohio, met at the church on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 2:28 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mary McElroy. Rob Starck, vice-moderator, stated that a quorum was present.

Present were commission members: Elders Mary McElroy and Michael Hince and the Revs. Tom Armstrong and Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks.

It was **moved** by Michael Hince, **seconded and passed** that Tom Armstrong be elected the clerk of the commission.

It was **moved** by Michael Hince, **seconded and passed** to approve the order of worship for the service.

In order to follow the presbytery's policy, it was **moved** by Mary McElroy, **seconded and passed** to designate the afternoon's offering be given to the Robert Houser Seminary Scholarship Fund.

It was **moved** by Michael Hince, **seconded and passed** to recess the meeting with prayer by Mary McElroy and to close the meeting with the benediction at the end of the service pronounced by the newly installed minister, the Rev. David Stammerjohn.

The installation was conducted as approved by presbytery and the administrative commission, and the constitutional questions were all answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted and attested to, Tom Armstrong, clerk

-end of Stated Clerk's Report-

ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER'S REPORT – THE REV. DR. LARRY KLINE. The Rev. Dr. Larry Kline, Associate Presbyter for Congregational Nurture, reported that his term of office will end on May 31, 2010. He will be continuing to serve on the New Church Development Administrative Commission. The Commission will continue to operate by consensus. He reviewed the Mission Plan and reported that prayers are needed that we are able to listen, to be successful, and to discern. He **moved, it was seconded and passed** to approve the following **Mission Plan**:

- Full time pastor/evangelist Christ centered leader with a passion for the lost and a compelling vision, led by the Spirit and the Word, with a compassion for a family-minded community. Have a special focus on reaching blue collar families who are unchurched or dechurched. Reach out to economically disadvantaged persons.
- The type of new church developed would be a *Nesting Church* with a relationship to one or more *Mother* churches. The nesting church will support the NCD by prayer and finances.
- Since lost people matter to God, 100 contacts are needed per week by pastor and staff or volunteers with a focus on street ministry.
- Three to five bible studies per week that have an evangelistic outreach or service emphasis.
- Rent space for office and discipleship.
- Discipleship plan...would include personal Bible Studies, prayer, including stewardship with emphasis on tithing.
- Seek to establish service to the community before the first worship service is launched.
- Establish a core group of leaders.
- Entrust converts to be trained in evangelism, leadership and giving. These new converts are to lead others to Christ and to be part of the core team promptly.
- Launch the initial celebrative worship service within 6 months seeking to have 100 at the first service.
- Create a strategy for person to person evangelism within two to four months.
- Will submit adjustments to NCD Administrative Commission in order to be approved by the commission.
- Church development survey after one year (found online).

- The new church plant will have NCDs a part of their DNA, so that they will seek to plant a new church as they grow.
- NCD location is Wheeling, W. Va. including the south Wheeling and eastern areas of Wheeling.

Success:

- A clear, contagious, unifying vision statement
- Has the pastor developed and submitted action plans for evangelism, outreach, and small group bible study development in a timely manner? Is the pastor maintaining focus on evangelism and growth rather than institutional development?
- Are lives being changed? Has the pastor successfully developed small groups? Is there steady growth in the size and number of groups? Are leaders being developed from within the groups? Are the leaders being trained in outreach and evangelism? Are these leaders helping in the growth of small groups of splitting off and leading individual groups?
- Is worship attendance growing and sustainable? Was a date set for the launch of the first worship service? Has that date target been met? Was the first service well attended? Were the attendance levels maintained at subsequent services? Goal is 75 participants in worship by end of first year. Second year goal is 125 in attendance.
- Is growth and commitment increasing and dynamic? Are members providing financial support to the church? Are there 50 covenant members? We expect 35 disciples involved in Bible studies with prayer, fellowship with a service or evangelism outreach components. Is it service minded and is it making an impact in the community.
- Does evangelism have a high and visible priority? The goal is 50 professing or reaffirmations of faith, at the end of one year. Is the level of outreach being maintained and increasing as the new church plant grows?
- A core groups of leaders established with five to eight leaders
- Evaluation by NCD coach at end of six months, nine months, and 12 months with a report to pastor/evangelist and NCDAC.

Evaluation:

- If the benchmarks for the NCD are not met, there must be a compelling reason within the life of the covenant congregation in terms of service to the community, un-churched persons reached or disciples made so that the congregation is progressing towards being self-sustaining. If it is determined that the mission is not successful, then, an ending date should be determined. Invite the covenant members to celebrate its endeavor and encourage members to join existing Presbyterian churches in the area.

Failure:

- A confusion of vision or competing visions
- If attendance is less than 35 after one year and 70 after the second year and less than 120 after three years unless the congregation is self-sustaining.
- Slow growth in service and evangelism with few converts
- Poor leadership
- Lack of energy due to a lack of commitment to evangelism, relationships, discipleship and service to the community.

-end New Church Development, Associate Presbyter's Report-

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT: CLP Connie Quinn, chair of the Mission Outreach Committee, reported:

- (1) The offering this evening totaled \$645.68, which will be given to the St. Clairsville Food Pantry.
- (2) The Malawi Mission Travelers Team, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Royce Browder, chair, the Rev. Laurie Armstrong, Denise Miller, Glenn Maxwell, Kelly McPherson, and Becky Boggs, is asking each church to prepare a 16" x 20" (no larger) banner from their church for the team to take to Malawi to be presented to the churches of Malawi.
- (3) On August 12th-18th, UOVP church members will be going to the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, and we can only take 15 participants. Get your applications in by June 11, 2010.
- (4) Robbie Demarest, Wheeling, W. Va., who is a French teacher, will be heading a group to go to Haiti.

He has offered a class in French for participants so that they might be able to talk with the people they meet in Haiti.

(5) If you church has extra mission money, please consider giving to the mission work of the presbytery.

-end of Mission Outreach Committee Report-

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT.

Elder Karen Edwards, co-chair of the Committee on Ministry, gave the following report.

Items for Action (not on consent agenda):

1. Administrative Commission. The COM moved, it was seconded and passed, that presbytery approve the creation of an administrative commission to work with the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va., as follows. After adoption of the motion, the Rev. Katrina Lewis offered prayer for all concerned.

Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va.

1. The Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, W. Va. is created by Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery under the authority granted it in G-9.0503a(4), "to visit particular churches... reported to be affected with disorder, and to inquire into and settle the difficulties therein...." The work of the Administrative Commission is about restoring healthy ministry within the context of First Presbyterian Church. In all cases the Commission must seek to assure fundamental fairness of the process. Before making its final decision, the Commission shall make sure all persons to be affected by the decision have been afforded fair notice and an opportunity to be heard on the matters at issue, as provided in G-9.0505b(1).
2. This Administrative Commission is not granted the authority to dissolve the pastoral relationship, nor dissolve the congregation, nor be involved in the transfer of Laughlin Memorial Chapel from the congregation to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery (or other form of governance as otherwise provided).
3. The Administrative Commission shall have seven members (G-9.0504), who can be replaced from time to time as requested by the Commission. A quorum shall be a majority of the members. The initial members of the Commission are: Elders Rob Whinnery (Mt. Pleasant, First), Nick Baker (Wheeling, Vance Memorial), Keith Lawson (Wheeling, Stone), Bill Brown (Wellsburg, First), and Ministers the Revs. Laurie Armstrong, Frank Lewis, and Michael Bongart.
4. The rationale for creating this Administrative Commission is that the Committee on Ministry has, over the past several years, been involved in a number of difficult situations at First Presbyterian Church. This involvement has provided short-term help, but the core problems seem to remain unaddressed. The specific issues at this time involve: budget and financial concerns which the session and staff seem unable to resolve; staffing needs in light of diminishing resources; and personal conflicts within the session. While the Commission is in existence, it shall keep the Committee on Ministry informed of its actions, but the COM shall do only those things that the Commission instructs.
5. The Administrative Commission has the authority to assume original jurisdiction in case it determines the session cannot exercise its authority in any one or more areas. The session shall cease to act in the areas of jurisdiction assumed by the Commission until such time as the Commission shall direct otherwise. The Commission may assume any or all of the session's responsibilities as listed in G-10.0102, but especially worth noting are to:
 - a. lead the congregation in ministries of personal and social healing...
 - b. establish the annual budget...
 - c. engage in a process for education and mutual growth of the members of the session...
 - d. instruct, [&] examine elders...and inquire into their faithfulness in fulfilling their responsibilities...
 - e. provide for administration of the...church, including employment of nonordained staff...
 - f. provide for the management of the property of the church...
 - g. serve in judicial matters in accordance with the Rules of Discipline...
6. The Administrative Commission shall have the authority to examine all aspects of the work of the session, congregation, the connection with Laughlin Memorial Chapel, and all aspects of the First Commitment Corporation. This especially includes:

- a. all plans, directions, and activities related to Laughlin Memorial Chapel, but shall not interfere with the transfer of the Chapel to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery (or other form of governance as otherwise provided).
 - b. all plans, directions, and activities related to First Commitment Corporation,
 - b. all plans, directions, and activities related to the management of the congregation's funds,
 - c. all plans, directions, and activities related to any restructuring of church organizations,
 - d. any feelings, desires, or activities of the congregation that relate to these issues.
7. In the interest of resolving these issues, the Administrative Commission may:
- a. convene meetings which include the pastor, session, or any other church leaders, officers, or members.
 - b. enlist the assistance or advice of legal, financial, or ecclesiastical advisors as it feels necessary.
8. During the course of the Administrative Commission's work, the congregation, pastor, session, and any other part of the congregation or any of its affiliates (including Laughlin Memorial Chapel and First Commitment Corporation) shall:
- a. respond without delay to Commission requests or invitations, so that the work of the Commission can proceed in an efficient and timely manner,
 - b. refrain from calling any congregational, session, or corporation meetings, without concurrence of the Commission,
 - c. make no changes in personnel without prior concurrence of the Commission,
 - d. provide to the Commission any and all books and records it requests, including those of the First Commitment Corporation.
9. If the Administrative Commission feels it needs authority not previously granted, it can request that authority from the presbytery through the same process used to create the Commission. (G-9.0502)
10. The Administrative Commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings, which shall be submitted to the presbytery to be incorporated into its minutes and to be regarded as the actions of the presbytery itself. (G-9.0502)

-end of Administrative Commission-

2. Moderator of Record. The COM move, it was seconded and passed, that the Rev. Tim Wilt be appointed moderator of record for Shadyside, First effective April 5, 2010, and the Rev. Colleen Molinaro be appointed as moderator of record for Bethlehem, Bethlehem United, effective April 27, 2010.

3. Retirements

a. The Rev. Robert Shearer. For the second time, the Rev. Robert Shearer was granted Honorably Retired status, effective with the installation of the Rev. Jason Elliott as pastor of the First Westminster Presbyterian Church, Steubenville, Ohio, on February 14, 2010. A celebration of his time was held and he was presented with a second Certificate of Retirement.

b. The Rev. Robert Haseltine. At the presbytery meeting on January 23, 2010, the Rev. Robert Haseltine was granted the status of Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2010. A service of *Recognition of Honorable Retirement from the Ministry of Word and Sacrament* was held during the COM report at today's meeting.

c. The Rev. Dr. Larry Kline. The COM moved, and it was passed, that the Rev. Dr. William Lawrence "Larry" Kline be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective June 1, 2010. The Rev. Dr. Kline will continue to be active in the presbytery, serving as part-time stated supply pastor at the Moundsville, Limestone and Sherrard, Allen Grove Presbyterian Churches. His retirement will be honored at the presbytery meeting on June 22, 2010.

4. CLP Re-Commissioning. Elders Peter Walburn and Curtis Watkins were approved for re-commissioning at the January 23, 2010, presbytery meeting but were not in attendance. They were re-commissioned during the COM report at this meeting.

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, Elder Robert Starck, participated in the re-commissioning ceremony of Lay Pastors Pete Walburn (Bellaire, Bellaire, and Bellaire, Belmont Presbyterian Churches) and Curt Watkins (Weirton, Oakland). Elder Starck read the Scripture concerning the gifts of the Lord and conducted a litany with the presbytery taking part. Elder Starck then asked the Constitutional questions of both persons,

with each answering the questions in the affirmative. Elder Starck then offered prayer as he closed the re-commissioning ceremony.

5. 2010 Changes in Terms of Call Report. The Committee **moved, and it was adopted**, approval of the 2010 Changes in Terms of Call Report as reported in the COM report.

6. 2009 Necrology Report. This item was approved in the consent agenda. The Committee **moved, and it was approved**, adoption of the 2009 Necrology Report. This report was included in the worship service for the presbytery meeting.

2009 Necrology Report

Name	Church	Date of Death
Askew, Rita L.	Martins Ferry, First	December 25, 2009
Barnes, Robert	Toronto, First	February 7, 2009
Bell, Edwin L.	Rayland, United	March 25, 2009
Betts, Zelda	Lewisville, Buchanan	April 25, 2009
Brown, Milo	Hanoverton, New Lebanon	December 21, 2009
Byers, Evelyn	Jewett, Ridge	May 21, 2009
Byers, Melvin	Jewett, Ridge	April 23, 2009
Caldwell, Annetta	Shadyside, First	October 18, 2009
Carson, Eldora White	Dallas, Dallas Community	September 25, 2009
Cathers, Lynford	Bloomington, Annapolis	December 20, 2009
Christopher, Beatrice	Steubenville, Starkdale	November 9, 2009
Clark, Mary G.	Wellsville, Riverside	September 25, 2009
Clarke, Dorothy "Dottie"	Wheeling, Vance Memorial	May 25, 2009
Claypool, Howard	East Liverpool, Emmanuel	June 20, 2009
Cline, Beth Ann	Wellsville, Yellow Creek	November 13, 2009
Coe, Richard	New Cumberland, First	December 25, 2009
Deavers, Jean	Wintersville, Two Ridges	December 4, 2009
Deist, James	Steubenville, Starkdale	May 7, 2009
Dowler, Dorothy	Bethlehem, Bethlehem United	December 3, 2009
Earnest, Helen Jean Klug	Dallas, Dallas Community	May 21, 2009
Fields, Lawrence	Bellaire, First United	September 11, 2009
Fleming, Laura L.	Cadiz, Cadiz	December 4, 2009
Geary, Edith	Follansbee, Follansbee	February 20, 2009
Greiner, Lou, Sr.	Wheeling, Warwood	August 10, 2009
Hales, John B.	East Liverpool, Trinity	February 6, 2009
Hammack, Andrew	Steubenville, Starkdale	July 9, 2009
Harold, John	Weirton, Oakland	January 9, 2009
Hunter, Clarence	Toronto, First	June 3, 2009
Jacks, Richard	Toronto, Hill Top	September 13, 2009
Jones, Raymond	Cadiz, Cadiz	August 26, 2009
LaRue, Bruce	Steubenville, First Westminster	March 7, 2009
LaRue, Gretta	Sistersville, First	June 5, 2009
Leonard, Charlotte	Steubenville, First Westminster	March 14, 2009
Lyons, Frank C., Sr.	East Liverpool, Longs Run	October 26, 2009
MacLean, William	Wellsville, Riverside	February 13, 2009
McBane, Ralph	Bergholz, Trinity	July 7, 2009
McGaughey, Tammy	Steubenville, First Westminster	May 13, 2009
McLain, Eileen	Bergholz, Trinity	March 18, 2009
Mitchell, David	Martins Ferry, First	August 20, 2009
Mitchell, Raymond E.	Colerain, Colerain	January 8, 2009
Obermann, Karl	Wheeling, Warwood	October 4, 2009
Orr, Elsie Jean	St. Clairsville, First	June 29, 2009
Parsons, Thomas	East Liverpool, Emmanuel	November 16, 2009
Richardson, Jim	Wintersville, Two Ridges	January 18, 2009
Ronsheim, Milton McC.	Cadiz, Cadiz	August 15, 2009
Ruble, Hazel	Powhatan Point, First	December 30, 2009
Ruminski, Stanley J.	St. Clairsville, Calvary	November 26, 2009

Ruthem, Mary Beth	Wintersville, Two Ridges.....	August 16, 2009
Smith, Ethel.....	Weirton, Oakland	January 29, 2009
Smith, Mary Margaret.....	Cadiz, Cadiz.....	May 2, 2009
Sommers, Charles W.....	Colerain, Colerain	August 14, 2009
Springer, Evelyn.....	Wellsville, Riverside	January 10, 2009
Sutton, Eugene	Weirton, Oakland	January 9, 2009
Thompson, Edwin	St. Clairsville, First	May 21, 2009
Thompson, Mabel	Scio, First	August 11, 2009
Unsworth, Clarestine.....	Wintersville, Two Ridges.....	January 17, 2009
Walker, James	Bellaire, Bellaire	September 30, 2009
Watkins, Gerald.....	East Liverpool, Trinity	August 10, 2009
Weber, Lavona "Bonnie"	Woodsfield, Woodsfield	October 3, 2009
Weber, Raymond	Woodsfield, Woodsfield	November 14, 2009
Willhorm, William.....	Toronto, Hill Top	March 18, 2009
Williams, Gale L., Jr.	East Liverpool, Glenmoor	April 24, 2009
Woodward, Austin.....	Steubenville, First Westminster	July 27, 2009

Items for Information:

1. Communion was served by the Rev. Mike Bongart at the January 29, 2010, Pastor's Retreat at the Paul VI Pastoral Center.

2. AAEO Report. The AAEO report for the pastoral search at the Martins Ferry, First church has been received and is on file in the presbytery office.

3. Newell, First. The Rev. Matt Camlin has signed a contract as stated supply pastor at Newell beginning March 16, 2010. The contract will be included in the minutes of a future presbytery meeting.

4. Presbyterian Church in America. The COM has adopted a motion that no pastor of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) be permitted to preach in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery congregations. In light of this action, the Rev. William Wolfgang has been removed from the presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.

5. Member at Large. The COM reports that the Rev. Richard Kantz, Member at Large, has moved to Lancaster, Penn.

6. Stated Supply Covenant Renewal – Wintersville, Two Ridges. The COM has approved the renewal of the part-time Stated Supply covenant/contract between the Wintersville, Two Ridges session and the Rev. Dr. Bill Lawrence.

7. Stated Supply Covenant Renewal – Moundsville, Limestone. The COM has approved the renewal of the part-time Stated Supply covenant/contract between the Moundsville, Limestone congregation and the Rev. Dr. Larry Kline.

8. Stated Supply Covenant Renewal – Sherrard, Allen Grove. The COM has approved the renewal of the part-time Stated Supply covenant/contract between the Sherrard, Allen Grove congregation and the Rev. Dr. Larry Kline.

9. Stated Supply Covenant Renewal – Smithfield and Piney Fork. The COM has approved the renewal of the Stated Supply covenant/contract between the Piney Fork, Piney Fork, and Smithfield, Smithfield congregations and the Rev. Darrin Jones. The terms meet or exceed presbytery minimums.

10. Stated Supply Covenant Renewal – New Cumberland, First. The COM has approved the renewal of the Stated Supply covenant/contract between New Cumberland, First and the Rev. Frank Lewis. The terms do not meet presbytery minimums, but COM nevertheless recommends approval.

11. Commissioned Lay Pastor - Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale. The COM has approved two covenants for the Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale congregation and Elder Kenneth Sickle. The first was a temporary supply arrangement for the last quarter of 2009, and the second a Commissioned Lay Pastor covenant for 2010.

12. Commissioned Lay Pastor – Salineville, Calvary. The COM has approved the renewal of the CLP covenant/contract between Salineville, Calvary and Elder Mary Anne Frischkorn.

13. Commissioned Lay Pastor – Hammondsville, Grant Hill. The COM has approved the renewal of the CLP covenant/contract between Hammondsville, Grant Hill and Elder Mary Anne Frischkorn.

14. Commissioned Lay Pastor – Richmond, United. The COM has approved the renewal of the CLP covenant/contract between Richmond, United and Elder John Hearn.

15. Cameron, Wolf Run and CLP Cindy Foster. The COM reports approval of the renewal of the CLP covenant/contract between the Cameron, Wolf Run session and Elder Cynthia Foster.

16. Commissioned Lay Pastor – Steubenville, Pleasant Hill. The COM has approved the renewal of the CLP covenant/contract between Steubenville, Pleasant Hill and Elder William Brown.

17. CHANGES IN TERMS OF CALL REPORT FOR 2010 (see report at presbytery office).

-end of Committee on Ministry Report-

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: The Rev. Homer D. Harden, chair of Nominating Committee, **moved and it was passed**, that the Rev. David Stammerjohn (Martins Ferry, First) be elected to serve in the Class of 2010, and be chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The floor was opened for other nominations, but none were made.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: The Rev. Robert Willits, chair of Training & Development Committee, reported:

(1) Russell Scholarship applications are due in the presbytery office postmarked by May 28, 2010. The recipients will be announced at the June presbytery meeting. This year we only have \$6,000 to give in scholarships.

(2) Shelley Reed (Chester, Westminster) received the prize for using the Resource Center.

(3) The Rev. Dr. Charles LaPlaca (Wheeling, Vance Memorial) announced that the Institute of Clergy Excellence (ICE) under the leadership of Scott Thayer is forming a study group in this area. Any pastor or CLP interested is to speak to him about this. It is a three year commitment, meeting twice a year with tuition being paid by the Institute. Scott Thayer is the facilitator and provider.

-end of Training & Development Committee Report-

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL REPORT.

Item for Action (consent agenda)

1. Committee on Representation. The Council **moved** the presbytery approve an exception under G-9.0106a to allow for a one-year waiver of the requirements in G-9.0105a. This section of the *Book of Order* requires a majority of the membership of the presbytery's Committee on Representation (COR) be selected from racial/ethnic groups. The reason this action is being moved is because of the Nominating Committee's inability to secure the participation or representation of the necessary racial/ethnic persons. If approved, this exception will be reported to the stated clerk of Synod of the Trinity, and the Synod will monitor the presbytery and its COR during the year of the exception.

2. Presbytery Meeting Host. Council **moved** that presbytery accept the offer of the St. Clairsville, First Presbyterian Church to host the presbytery meeting on September 28, 2010.

Item for Action (not on consent agenda):

1. Committee Chairperson. Council **moves** that Elder Connie Quinn be confirmed as chair of the Mission Outreach Committee. The Council elected her to that position on March 2, 2010, pending confirmation by the presbytery, on account of the resignation of the Rev. David Lawrence. **Motion made, seconded and passed by presbytery.**

Items for Information:

1. Congregational Stewardship Education Task Force. Council elected the Rev. Dr. Stan Fedyszyn and the Revs. Robert Nagy and David Roberts as the membership of the Congregational Stewardship Education Task Force.

2. Overture Advocates for 2019th GA (2010). Council named three persons as overture advocates at the 219th General Assembly (2010) meeting this year in Minneapolis, Minn. Elder Mary McElroy will advo-

cate for *Overture 012, on Designating May 1 Every year as a Day of Prayer for Healing*, the Rev. David Demarest will advocate for the presbytery's concurrence with *Overture 001, on Issuing an Authoritative Interpretation of G-6.0106*, and Elder Rob Starck will advocate for *Overture 048, on Amending G-5.0101 Regarding Covenantal Membership*.

3. Laughlin Memorial Chapel and the Wheeling, First Presbyterian Church. On March 14, 2010, the session of the Wheeling, First Presbyterian Church adopted the following motion: "That First Presbyterian Church relinquish control of Laughlin Memorial Chapel and place it in the hands of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery for restructuring and government if the way be clear." In response, the Council acted at its stated April, 2010, meeting to create the Laughlin Memorial Chapel Governance Transfer Task Force, as described below. Council designated the Rev. Katrina Lewis, presbytery moderator, and the Rev. Dr. Royce Browder, General Presbyter, to name the members of the Task Force.

The Council of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, acting on behalf of the presbytery, takes the following action this 6th day of April, 2010:

In response to the request and action of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va., on March 14, 2010 "That First Presbyterian Church relinquish control of Laughlin Memorial Chapel and place it in the hands of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery for restructuring and government if the way be clear," the Council receives this offer and appoints a task force to work out the details of transfer of the congregation's portion of the Chapel.

Council recognizes and honors the 138 years of Christian and Reformed ministry that First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling has conducted through the 18th Street Chapel / Laughlin Memorial Chapel, and will work to continue and expand that ministry.

Members of the ***Laughlin Memorial Chapel Governance Transfer Task Force*** will be appointed jointly by the Rev. Katrina Lewis, presbytery moderator, and the Rev. Dr. Royce Browder, General Presbyter. The Task Force will report back to the Council, which will then present the proposal to presbytery for its concurrence. Council recognizes that the Task Force needs to act in a timely manner in order to preserve the current and future ministry of the Chapel.

The ***Laughlin Memorial Chapel Governance Transfer Task Force*** is to be guided by the following concepts, but may expand their work to include other details as it feels appropriate.

1. The purpose of the Task Force is to formulate an agreement with the session of First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va., to carry out the transfer of the congregation's portion of the control of Laughlin Memorial Chapel from First Presbyterian Church to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery or to a new organization, corporation, or other form of governance established through this arrangement. Other parties currently related to Laughlin Memorial Chapel may also be asked to take part in these discussions.
2. Upon reaching an agreement satisfactory to both Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va., the congregation will be asked to vote to relinquish control of Laughlin Memorial Chapel to Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery or to the new organization, corporation, or other form of governance.
3. Transfer of control of Laughlin Memorial Chapel will need to include transfer of any and all funds in the hands of First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va. or received from time to time by the church, which are as of this date received from estates, wills, trusts, or other legal, financial, or other devices, and designated in any part for financial support of Laughlin Memorial Chapel.
4. In arranging for this transfer, the Task Force will need to determine the manner in which ownership of the real property now held by First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va. and associated with the Chapel, will be titled.
5. That upon transfer of Laughlin Memorial Chapel from First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, W. Va., the congregation will no longer retain any element of control or influence over the Chapel, except as it may possess as one of the constituent members of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, or as a Christian congregation in the Wheeling area.

Approval of Presbytery Minutes. The minutes of the presbytery meeting of November 17, 2009, were distributed earlier by email for review and approval by the Council. David Lawrence **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that these minutes were approved.

General Presbyter's Report – Royce Browder. The presbytery's telephone directory will be available on the presbytery's website later this year.

Associate General Presbyter's Report – Larry Kline. Kline said his offer still stands, to work with sessions and congregations in discerning God's vision for the congregation, and looking at congregational mission plans. Kline said he will host book studies or video studies wherever people will meet.

Stated Clerk's Report – Tom Armstrong.

1. Training for Committee Chairpersons. A training workshop for all presbytery committee chairpersons will take place on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at the presbytery office at 2:00 p.m.

2. Proposed Bylaw Changes. Armstrong distributed copies of potential changes to the presbytery's bylaws, which address unexpected complications which have arisen from trying to implement the newly-adopted process for electing commissioners to General Assembly meetings. He asked Council members to suggest in writing their own changes when Council meets in February. All the suggestions will be then handed over to the Bills and Overtures Committee for their action.

3. Conflict of Interest Forms. Information on the presbytery's Conflict of Interest Policy was distributed, and Committee chairs were asked to have all the members of their committees sign a signature form, and return the forms to the presbytery office.

4. 2012 GA Meeting. Armstrong commented on a letter from the stated clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery, reminding us that we have agreed to assist the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) for the General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh, Penn., in 2012.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Stewart.

1. Financial Statement. After a time for questions, the treasurer's report was filed for annual review.

2. Mission Support. A question was asked about any reports being received reporting on congregations making additional mission pledges following earlier requests that people give an additional \$30 in 2010 for presbytery mission work. No reports have been received, but neither were they requested. Rather, the intent of asking for the extra donations is to help pastors, elders, and congregation members know what it costs to do the work of the presbytery. Not everyone is expected to give, but at least they should have an idea of what is involved in supporting the ministry of the presbytery. On a related subject, pastors will be reminded that they also can give an amount equal to per capita (\$25) and the mission pledge (\$30).

3. Vouchers and Committee Financial Reports. Amanda Stewart talked about how to use presbytery vouchers for reimbursements and expenses, and reminded Council members that committee chairpersons are expected to sign vouchers for their committee members. She distributed each committee's budget to committee chairs and explained where to put budget line item names and numbers on vouchers. If committee chairs want a report of their committee's budget before a committee meeting, she needs to be asked at least a week in advance.

New Church Development Report. The NCD Administrative Commission will have a Faith Statement, Vision Statement, and perhaps a Mission Plan ready for presentation at the January 23, 2010, presbytery meeting. Larry asked for prayers for the NCD process. Also, the Commission is working on changing its composition so as to include more women.

Evangelism Committee Report – Philip Makari. The Evangelism Committee visited the following congregations or sessions in 2009: Bethlehem, Bethlehem United; Bridgeport, Kirkwood; Follansbee, Follansbee; St. Clairsville, Calvary; Salineville, Bethel; and Wellsville, Yellow Creek. Visits planned for 2010 include: Brilliant, First United; Moundsville, Limestone; Wellsville, Yellow Creek; Chester, Westminster; Newell, First; Wellsburg, First; Martins Ferry, Grace; and Blaine, Pleasant Valley.

Committee on Ministry Report – Karen Edwards. At the January 23, 2010, presbytery meeting, there will be three pastors to examine for membership in the presbytery and one person to examine for ordination and membership. Also, there will be several CLPs to recommission and one to commission.

Mission Outreach Committee Report – David Lawrence.

- 1. 2010 Mission Trips.** A trip is being planned to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in August, 2010. A trip to Malawi is planned for September, 2010, and interviews for participants will take place later this week.
- 2. Nicaragua.** David Lawrence said he is going to Nicaragua in several weeks as part of a PC(USA) delegation to look at how “fair trade” practices are working out.
- 3. Tuba City Report.** Lawrence reported that after a fire in the manse at Tuba City, Arizona, the presbytery is working on replacing the building. A presbytery mission trip went to Tuba City in 2008, and there is some interest locally in how things are going for the pastor.
- 4. Nuevo Leon Presbytery.** Our sister presbytery in Mexico is still have some internal strife, with one of the large congregations trying to start a new presbytery with four other congregations.

Nominating Committee Report. Byron McElroy commented that he had turned the committee work over to the new chairperson, Homer Harden, including the process to find a replacement for elder Dan Narancho, who had to resign from his GA commissioner position on account of health issues. It is likely that two names will be nominated for the position when the presbytery meetings on January 23, 2010.

Committee on Representation Report – David Demarest. There will be a written report presented at the presbytery meeting.

Worship Committee Report – Bob Willits. Willits said he will continue to be the convener for the committee, at least until Trina Lewis, 2010 presbytery moderator, appoints a new committee.

Other Business.

- 1. Last Service.** The last worship service for the Rayland, United Presbyterian Church was held on December 13, 2009. The Administrative Commission to close the church will meet again on January 18, 2010.
- 2. “No Report.”** Bob Willits commented that while everyone seems to be happy when a committee chairperson says the committee has “no report,” that might not always be a good thing. Rather than “no report,” it would be good to hear encouraging news of committees engaged in their various forms of ministry.

Summary of the Stated Council Meeting of February 2, 2010

General Presbyter’s Report – Royce Browder. Browder referred to the Camp Presmont section of the report of the Camping and Youth Task Force presented at the presbytery meeting on January 23, 2010. The report presented options on how the presbytery can relate to the camp, since its board of trustees has acted to distance the camp from the presbytery. **[The following motion rescinded by Council on March 2, 2010:]** *Trina Lewis moved, it was seconded and passed, that Council recommend to presbytery that Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery dissolve its legal relationship with Camp Presmont, Inc., and place all its financial and curriculum support for camping ministry at Beaver Creek United Presbyterian Church Camp, Inc. If adopted by the presbytery, an attorney will be consulted in order to carry out the action.*

Associate General Presbyter’s Report – Larry Kline. The New Church Development Administrative Commission has an outline of a mission plan drawn up, and is working on filling it out to make a one-page statement. They are also working on a plan for an exit strategy, in case a NCD has to be closed.

Stated Clerk’s Report – Tom Armstrong.

- 1. Malawi Partnership.** On behalf of Steve Cramer and the Malawi Partnership Task Force, Armstrong presented a request that presbytery committee chairs talk with their committees about ways the new partnership can help committees in their work and ministry. Cramer asked: “The question I would love committees to address is how can our partnership with the Domasi Presbytery, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian enrich your committee’s life? Ways of deepening that question might be: what can we learn from each other? What can we share with each other? How can we grow together in faith and service?”

2. Presbytery Meeting Host. The session of the St. Clairsville, First church has offered to host the presbytery meeting on September 28, 2010. Karen Edwards **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that Council recommend to presbytery at its April 27, 2010, meeting, that the offer be accepted.

3. Committee on Representation. At the presbytery meeting on January 23, 2010, the Committee on Representation reported that membership of the committee itself is not in compliance with the *Book of Order*. John Brown **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that the following resolution be approved and presented to the presbytery for adoption.

The Council **moves** the presbytery approve an exception under G-9.0106a to allow for a one-year waiver of the requirements in G-9.0105a. This section of the *Book of Order* requires a majority of the membership of the presbytery's Committee on Representation (COR) be selected from racial/ethnic groups. The reason this action is being moved is because of the Nominating Committee's inability to secure the participation or representation of the necessary racial/ethnic persons. If approved, this exception will be reported to the stated clerk of Synod of the Trinity, and the Synod will monitor the presbytery and its COR during the year of the exception.

4. Overture Advocates. Since the presbytery is submitting two overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010), and concurring with another, we can send overture advocates to the meeting. Karen Edwards **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that Elders Mary McElroy (Mt. Pleasant, First) and Rob Starck (Weirton, Cove), and the Rev. Dr. Ed Rudiger be our overture advocates. Ed Rudiger will be going as a minister commissioner, and Mary McElroy will attend on behalf of the Synod of the Trinity Presbyterian Women. Rob Starck will attend on account of his own interest.

5. Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp. Armstrong reported that a parcel of land generally understood to be part of the Beaver Creek Camp is apparently titled in the name of Steubenville Presbytery. Since the camp is paying property taxes on the land, the camp will apply to have it declared as tax exempt. However, consideration should be given to changing the ownership from UOVP (legal successor to Steubenville Presbytery) to the camp.

6. Bylaw Changes. Following up on comments he made at the January 5th Council meeting, Armstrong said that any suggestions for changes in the presbytery's bylaws regarding election of elder and minister commissioners to General Assembly meetings will be turned over to the Bills and Overtures Committee after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Stewart. After a time for questions, the treasurer's report was filed for annual review.

Christian Educator's Report – Nancy DeStefano.

1. Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE). DeStefano reported on her attendance at the APCE national meeting the previous week. She will encourage Sunday school leaders from throughout the presbytery to attend an eastern regional APCE meeting April 26-28, 2010, in Chambersburg, Penn.

2. Youth Triennium. Adult chaperones (Molly Roberts, Matt Camlin, and possible Laurie Armstrong) have signed up to attend the Youth Triennium on June 20-24, 2010. However, not one teenager has signed up! Congregations are urged to get their high school-aged students to register as soon as possible, through Nancy DeStefano. She and Camlin are available to talk with students about the event.

3. Christian Education Event. DeStefano is planning an event to introduce VBS curriculum. She also talked about how copyright laws restrict congregations from giving away VBS materials.

Committee on Ministry – Karen Edwards. Tom Armstrong said that several CLPs were not at the January 23rd presbytery meeting, and will need to be recommissioned on April 27, 2010. He also mentioned that he has heard some requests that time not be taken at a presbytery meeting to recommission CLPs, but since this is a significant part of the presbytery's support for congregations, he feels it is important to continue to keep it as a part of presbytery meetings. Council informally agreed with this observation.

Evangelism Committee Report – Philip Makari. The Committee reports a visit with the Brilliant, First United church, but also that no more visits to churches have been requested. Makari also reminded Council members that the Steubenville, Starkdale church will host evangelist Bill Fay on Sunday, February 28th. Two morning worship services and an evening program are open to the public.

Presbyterian Women's Report – Grace Randolph. The Wheeling, Warwood church is organizing a new PW group.

Worship Committee Report – Bob Willits. Moderator Trina Lewis thanked Bob Willits and the worship committee for their work all last year.

Other Business.

1. Building and Maintenance Assistance. Trina Lewis raised the issue that some of the small congregations in the presbytery could use help in maintaining their buildings, and that a group of volunteers within the presbytery might be able to do the work. This might be something that could be coordinated by the Mission Outreach, Congregational Nurture, and the Stewardship Committees.

2. At-Risk Congregations. David Demarest suggested that attention needs to be directed to small at-risk congregations. Perhaps the Congregational Nurture Committee could form a sub-committee to focus on these issues, a group that would be a safe place where congregations could go for help.

Summary of the Stated Council Meeting of March 2, 2010

New Business.

1. Resignation – The Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence. Fran Lane-Lawrence announced her resignation as executive director at Laughlin Memorial Chapel and from the staff at Wheeling, First Presbyterian Church, as well as interim minister at Shadyside, First Presbyterian Church. She will leave April 5, 2010, for a new call in Niles, Michigan.

2. Resignation – The Rev. David Lawrence. David Lawrence announced he has resigned as pastor of the Bethlehem, Bethlehem United Presbyterian Church effective May 2, 2010. He is still seeking another call, but will be moving with his wife and family (see above).

General Presbyter's Report – Royce Browder. On account of David Lawrence and Fran Lane-Lawrence leaving the presbytery, Fran will need to be replaced as chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and David will need to be replaced as chair of the Mission Outreach Committee (MO) and the Congregational Stewardship Education Task Force (CSETF). Trina Lewis **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that Connie Quinn be elected as chair of MO. Council Chair Rob Whinnery was asked to appoint a new chair for the CSETF, and the Nominating Committee will be asked to nominate a new chair for CPM.

Stated Clerk's Report – Tom Armstrong.

1. Overture advocates. The overture advocates named at the last Council meeting (Mary McElroy, Rob Starck, and Ed Rudiger) have been or are being contacted regarding their willingness to serve and the overture for which each will advocate. The results will be announced at the April 27th presbytery meeting.

2. Installation Commission. Council **elected** the following administrative commission to install the Rev. David Stammerjohn as pastor of the Martins Ferry, First congregation: Presbytery vice-moderator Rob Starck on behalf of the moderator; the Revs. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks and Thomas Armstrong; and elders Mary McElroy (Mt. Pleasant, First) and Michael Hince (Martins Ferry, First); and **approved** the date and time as Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.

3. Camp Presmont. At Armstrong's suggestion, Karen Edwards **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that the Council's action regarding Camp Presmont from the February 2nd Council meeting be rescinded and a new motion adopted. The new motion is: "that Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery consult with an attorney from Belmont County, Ohio, to determine the legal relationship between the presbytery and Camp Presmont, Inc., and pending the outcome of the consultation, the Council recommend that presbytery place all its financial and curriculum support for camping ministry at Beaver Creek United Presbyterian Church Camp, Inc."

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Stewart. After a time for questions, the treasurer's report was filed for annual review.

Christian Educator's Report – Nancy DeStefano. DeStefano reported on a Group Publishing Co.-sponsored Simply Youth Ministry convention she attended recently in Chicago, with six youth leaders from the presbytery. She will also be attending an Eastern APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) conference at Chambersburg, Penn., April 27-28, 2010, and is looking for other church educa-

tors to attend with her. Also, there will be a Curriculum Show Case for VBS materials at the presbytery office on March 25th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a speaker from Logos Publishing Co., and a presentation on how congregations can become a “test congregation” for future VBS materials.

Bills and Overtures Committee Report – David Demarest.

1. Overture to be Revised. The Committee will meet March 4th at the Weirton, Cove Presbyterian Church to talk about revisions to the session’s overture to GA regarding per capita (which was not approved by presbytery at its January 23, 2010, meeting).

2. Future GA Overtures. The Committee has announced a new policy regarding future overtures to General Assembly. Sessions will need to get their overtures submitted in time for a first reading at the September presbytery in even-numbered years. This will allow time for the Committee to review and make recommendations on the overtures, and for the presbytery to vote on them at the November meeting. If the overtures are referred back to the Committee for revisions, they can still be voted on again at the January presbytery meeting, and be submitted by the 120-day deadline as required by the General Assembly.

Evangelism Committee Report – Philip Makari. The Committee will meet on March 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Steubenville, Starkdale Presbyterian Church. They will make plans for visiting the congregations which have asked for visits.

Mission Outreach Committee Report – David Lawrence.

1. Malawi Partnership. Steve Cramer is overseeing the work involved in this year’s trip to Malawi to explore the development of a partnership with the Blantyre Presbytery. The team has been selected and they are developing their working relationships. They have a retreat planned in the near future at the Paul VI Pastoral Center near Wheeling, W. Va.

2. South Dakota Mission Trip. Connie Quinn is putting together the details for a trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in August. There are a limited number of openings on the mission team.

3. Youth Mission Trip. The Committee is working on a one-day youth mission trip at Laughlin Memorial Chapel for later this year.

4. Nicaragua Trips. Lawrence also reported on two recent trips to Nicaragua, one partly underwritten by the Mission Outreach Committee. He visited coffee and cocoa growing and harvesting operations, and a “sweat-free” T-shirt factory.

Presbyterian Women’s Report – Grace Randolph. PW members at the Wheeling, First church are planning to help the Jennifer & Tim Rhodes and family, who recently lost everything in a house fire.

Training and Development Committee Report – Bob Willits and Cindy Foster. Applications are due by May 28th for this year’s Bob and Helen Russell Scholarship grants. Royce Browder suggested the Committee contact former recipients of the Russell grants, to find the stories of how the scholarships helped the students.

Worship Committee Report. Moderator Trina Lewis announced that Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, Matt Camlin, Barry Hall, and Colleen Molinaro have agreed to serve on the Worship Committee. Lewis will also name a lay male person to the Committee.

-end of Council Report-

GENERAL PRESBYTER’S REPORT – THE REV. DR. ROYCE BROWDER.

Mission Response

Let me first of all thank everyone who has responded to our call for increased mission giving. It was our intention to let everyone know that in order for us to meet our mission budget, we need \$30.00 per year per member of the Presbytery. I hope you will continue to keep that in mind and pray about your level of support for the various mission projects of this Presbytery.

There are some big mission opportunities ahead for us this year. We will be sending fifteen people to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in August to work with the residents there. In September, six people from five congregations will be going to Malawi to begin the process of partnering with Domasi Presbytery and connecting with individual congregations. The Presbytery Council is also working to open

some exciting mission doors for local mission, and hopefully, we will hear more about that at this April presbytery meeting.

It is clear that God has a vision for Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, and that many are working hard to live it out. If you are not involved, call me and I will help you to get started.

Again, thanks to everyone who has stepped up and given to support your Presbytery's mission.

-end of General Presbyter's Report-

TREASURER'S REPORT. After discussion, the treasurer's report was filed for annual audit.

	Jan - Dec 10	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of
Budget				
Income				
Missions	20,374.06	297,132.53	-276,758.47	6.86%
Per Capita	76,095.20	189,750.00	-113,654.80	40.1%
Special Offerings	154.56	650.00	-495.44	23.78%
Committee Income	3,424.70	4,500.00	-1,075.30	76.1%
Miscellaneous Income	<u>7,647.47</u>	<u>29,635.00</u>	<u>-21,987.53</u>	<u>25.81%</u>
Total Income	107,695.99	521,667.53	-413,971.54	20.65%
Expense				
General Presbyter	24,931.05	92,994.47	-68,063.42	26.81%
Administrative Asst	7,018.74	28,069.68	-21,050.94	25.01%
Treasurer	2,058.29	8,147.75	-6,089.46	25.26%
Resource Coordinator	6,592.97	25,584.15	-18,991.18	25.77%
Educator/Youth Coordinator	5,768.95	21,800.00	-16,031.05	26.46%
Stated Clerk	15,807.64	64,527.19	-48,719.55	24.5%
Stated Clerk's Office	109.59	675.00	-565.41	16.24%
Journal Clerk	684.92	2,748.04	-2,063.12	24.92%
Connector Editor & Ad Manager	1,569.61	6,399.37	-4,829.76	24.53%
Connector Composition	1,722.40	4,330.63	-2,608.23	39.77%
Associate GP	17,259.39	29,585.00	-12,325.61	58.34%
Sub Contractors	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
Other Personnel Expenses	643.10	1,750.00	-1,106.90	36.75%
Per Capita Expense	17,789.05	71,156.25	-53,367.20	25.0%
Council	176.46	2,000.00	-1,823.54	8.82%
Evangelism Committee	28.80	2,500.00	-2,471.20	1.15%
Committee on Ministry	1,252.68	4,150.00	-2,897.32	30.19%
Committee on Preparation	0.00	8,200.00	-8,200.00	0.0%
Nominating Committee	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Commissions	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Committee on Representation	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Congregational Nurture	110.94	5,500.00	-5,389.06	2.02%
Mission Outreach	18,752.45	79,150.00	-60,397.55	23.69%
Stewardship	5,965.72	25,000.00	-19,034.28	23.86%
Training & Development	5,043.06	36,150.00	-31,106.94	13.95%
Presbyterian Women	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Judicial Process	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Expense	133,285.81	521,667.53	-388,381.72	25.55%
Net Ordinary Income	-25,589.82	0.00	-25,589.82	100.0%

-end of Treasurer's Report-

CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR'S REPORT: Nancy DeStefano, Presbytery's Christian Educator, reported (via video) of activities she has been involved in since the last meeting. (1) She attended the National APCE convention in Nashville, Tennessee, at the end of January, taking workshops on youth and looking at curriculum for use in presbytery. (2) She hosted a meeting for local church educators at the Presbytery office with the Rev. Tom Beagan of the LOGOS Ministry who spoke on a variety of VBS opportunities (giving away two VBS kits to churches of our presbytery). (3) She and several members from presbytery attended the National Youth Ministry Convention in Chicago where different workshops on youth ministry

were offered. (4) The National Youth Triennium in Lafayette, Indiana, will be held July 20-24. Registration should be sent in right away. (5) There are many opportunities for all your youth at Camp Presmont and Beaver Creek Camp.

-end of Christian Educator's Report-

WORSHIP OF PRESBYTERY: The Rev. Laurie Armstrong read Philippians 1:21-25 and John 13: 31-35 and preached on "Love One Another." The names on the Necrology list were read, alternating with the presbytery responding by singing verses of "Thine Be the Glory". During the service, Elder Robert Starck (Weirton, Cove) was installed as Vice-Moderator of Presbytery for 2010 and CLP Elder Donna M. Todd as 2010 Journal Clerk. The Rev. Katrina A. Lewis, 2010 Moderator of Presbytery, conducted the installation service with the asking of the Constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative by both individuals, followed by prayer. The offering will go to the Food Pantry of St. Clairsville.

OTHER REPORTS. The Rev. Laurie Armstrong, host pastor, welcomed the commissioners, adding that the congregation was celebrating its 180th year. Over 150 persons from the congregation have gone into ministry professions. She also gave a Minute for Mission about the Food Pantry of St. Clairsville, recipient of the evening offering. Jason Watson, acting director of Laughlin Memorial Chapel, reported on the Chapel's activities. The Rev. Dr. Ed Rudiger, chair, reported on the activities of the Congregational Nurture Committee. The Rev. Dr. Larry Kline, member of the Evangelism Committee, reported on their activities. Elder Mary McElroy reported for UOVPW Moderator, Elder Grace Randolph. It was also reported that the POGO (Presbyterian Open Golf Outing) XIV will be held on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. at Spring Hills Golf Course, East Springfield, Ohio.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST-TIME ELDERS: The Rev. Katrina Lewis, Moderator of Presbytery, welcomed all first-time commissioners to a presbytery meeting.

ENROLLMENT CLERK'S REPORT – ELDER JUDY EDMONDS. There were 88 voting members present and 33 non-voting members present. 61 churches were represented.

PRESBYTERY ATTENDANCE

MINISTERS

A Andrew Woods
 P Peter Walburn (CLP)
 P Peter Walburn (CLP)
 P Connie Quinn (CLP, Interim)
 A Stan Fedyszyn (SS)
 A Alan Jeffries (TS)
 A David Lawrence
 None
 P Theodore Whitaker (CLP)
 A Kenneth Sickle (CLP)
 P David Demarest
 A Ed Smith (SS)
 P Robert James Leek
 A John Lepp (UMC)
 P Cynthia Foster (CLP, Interim)
 A Danny Aderholt (LP)
 E Matthew Camlin (SS)
 P Katrina Lewis
 P John Brown
 P Franklin Lewis (SS)
 None
 E Michael Lenno (HR)
 A Jamie Smith
 E Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks
 E Velis Vais (HR, SS)
 A Jamie Smith
 P Stephen Cramer
 P Stephen Cramer

CHURCHES

Barnesville, First
 Bellaire, Bellaire
 Bellaire, Belmont
 Bellaire, First United
 Bellaire, Rock Hill
 Bergholz, Trinity
 Bethlehem, Bethlehem United
 Blaine, Pleasant Valley
 Bloomingdale, Annapolis
 Bloomingdale, Bloomingdale
 Bridgeport, Kirkwood
 Brilliant, First United
 Cadiz, Cadiz
 Cameron, First United
 Cameron, Wolf Run
 Centerville, Concord
 Chester, First
 Chester, Westminster
 Colerain, Colerain
 Colliers, Cross Creek
 Dallas, Dallas Community
 Dillonvale, First
 East Liverpool, Calcutta
 East Liverpool, Emmanuel
 East Liverpool, Glenmoor
 East Liverpool, Grace
 East Liverpool, Longs Run
 East Liverpool, Trinity

COMMISSIONERS

Margie Watson
 A
 Pat Sanders
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 Carole Lyle
 A
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 Sue Roberts
 Donna M. Grant
 Lee Stewart
 Bob Milner
 Jane Whitecotton
 A
 Thomas D. Stricklin
 A
 A
 Margaret P. Thompson
 A
 Nancy Downard
 Verna Thorne
 Larry H. Walton

P Colleen Molinaro	Follansbee, Follansbee	Valerie Hood
P Mary Anne Frischkorn (CLP)	Hammondsville, Grant Hill	A
E Joseph Hendricks (Co-CLP)	Hanoverton, New Lebanon	E (Nancy Mountz)
P Donna M. Todd (Co-CLP)	Hanoverton, New Lebanon	-----
E Barry Hall	Harrisville, Covenant	Tom Spragg
P Theodore Whitaker (CLP)	Hopedale, United	A
None	Jewett, Jewett	A
E John Visser (HR, SS)	Jewett, Ridge	A
E Kurt Turner (CLP)	Key, Bethel	A
None	Laings, Laings	A
A Susan Lehosky (UCC, SS)	Lewisville, Buchanan	A
P David Stammerjohn	Martins Ferry, First	George W. Laase
E William Webster, Jr.	Martins Ferry, Grace	Dave McFarlan
P Joe Ellis (CLP)	Martins Ferry, Scotch Ridge	A
A Kenn Sickle (CLP)	Mingo Junction, First	Glennadora Pesta
P Timothy Wilt	Moundsville, First	A
P Lawrence Kline (SS)	Moundsville, Limestone	A
P Byron McElroy	Mt. Pleasant, First	Mary McElroy
P David Demarest	Neffs, Coalbrook	Rose M. Mellott
None	New Athens, First	A
P Franklin Lewis (SS)	New Cumberland, First	A
None	New Manchester, Fairview	A
P David Roberts	New Martinsville, First	A
None	New Matamoras, First	A
None	Newell, First	Brent McPherson
P Darrin Jones (UMC)	Piney Fork, Piney Fork	A
P Don Cordery (CLP)	Powhatan Point, First	Darlene Elerick
P Cynthia Foster (CLP)	Rayland, Glen Robbins	A
E John Hearn (CLP)	Richmond, United	Bill Meyers
P Laurie Armstrong	St. Clairsville, Calvary	Gwen Scales
P Homer Harden	St. Clairsville, First	Barbara Samples
None	St. Clairsville, Uniontown	A
P Edward "Ted" Ludwig	Salineville, Bethel	Robert Brown
P Mary Anne Frischkorn (CLP)	Salineville, Calvary	Frank Baker
E John Visser (HR, SS)	Scio, First	A
None	Shadyside, First	A
P Lawrence Kline (SS)	Sherrard, Allen Grove	A
P Colleen Griffith	Sistersville, First	Kim McIntyre
P Darrin Jones (UMC)	Smithfield, Smithfield	A
E Jason Elliott	Steubenville, First Westminster	Ruth Stevens
P William Brown (CLP)	Steubenville, Pleasant Hill	A
P Phillip Makari	Steubenville, Starkdale	Sandra Conrad
P Michael Bongart	Toronto, First	Jean Heller
P Robert Meyer (HR, SS)	Toronto, Hill Top	A
P Jay McMillen	Triadelphia, Roney's Point	Gregory Sberna
E Diane Jefchak (D of C, SS)	Warnock, Community	A
P Ed Rudiger	Weirton, Cove	Rob Starck
P Curtis Watkins (CLP)	Weirton, Oakland	A
P Samuel Gibb (DP)	Wellsburg, First	Jennifer Kirkbride
None	Wellsville, Covenant	A
P Derek Marotta	Wellsville, Oak Ridge	Alcinda James
A William Betteridge (HR, TS)#	Wellsville, Riverside	A
P Derek Marotta	Wellsville, Yellow Creek	A
A Bonnie Gilbert (UMC LP)	West Liberty, Federated	A
P Robert Willits	Wheeling, First	Cheryl Entress
P Robert Nagy	Wheeling, Stone	Bill Fryler
P Charles LaPlaca	Wheeling, Vance Memorial	A

P	David Bruce	Wheeling, Warwood	A
E	Bill Lawrence (HR, TS)	Wintersville, Two Ridges	Josephine Groves
A	Susan Lehosky (UCC, SS)	Woodsfield, Woodsfield	A

MINISTERS AND ELDERS ATTENDANCE CODES: P = present; E = excused, A = absent

= Members of other presbyteries, attendance recorded only when present

UMC LP = United Methodist Church Lay Pastor

UMCCLP = United Methodist Church Commissioned Local Pastor

UMCLLP = United Methodist Church Licensed Lay Pastor

SS = Stated Supply

HR = Honorably Retired

TS = Temporary Supply

D of C = Disciples of Christ

DP = Designated Pastor

UCC = United Church of Christ

CLP = Commissioned Lay Pastor

UMC = United Methodist Church

Co-CLP = Co-Commissioned Lay Pastor

LP = Lay Pastor

PS = Pulpit Supply

Pastors Excused Early: none

Elder Commissioners Excused Early: none

Lay Pastors Excused Early: none

Presbytery officers present: Tom Armstrong (Stated Clerk), Royce Browder (General Presbyter), Judy Edmonds (Enrollment Clerk), Robert Starck (Vice-Moderator), Donna Todd (Journal Clerk), Trina Lewis (Moderator)

Presbytery officers absent: Amanda Stewart (Treasurer)

Presbytery staff present: Cathy Cipriani (Resource Center Coordinator), Larry Kline (Assoc. GP for Congregational Nurture), Nicole Reid (*The Connector* Editor)

Presbytery staff excused: Nancy DeStefano (Christian Ed & Youth Coordinator), Patty Oleska (Administrative Assistant)

Military chaplain excused: David Snyder

Members at Large laboring outside the bounds or with other approved occupations present: None

Members at Large laboring outside the bounds or with other approved occupations excused: Claudia Brown

Members at Large laboring outside the bounds or with other approved occupations absent: Michael Anderson

Members at Large present: Robert Goebel

Members at Large excused: Richard Kantz, Cecilia Raske-Barnett

Honorably Retired members present: Robert Gracey, Robert Haseltine, Susan Haseltine, Robert Meyer, Robert Shearer

Honorably Retired members excused: Richard Baker, Ruth Ellen Bates, Joseph Byrne, Roberta Croker, Roland Kamm, David Knapp, Bill Lawrence, Michael Lenno, Robert Marsh, R.H. McCuen, Edward Mooney, Robert Morgan, William Popa, William Roberts, Lloyd Smith, Edwin Stern, Gene Toot, Velis Vais, Howard Varner, John Visser

Commissioned Lay Pastors present: William Brown, Don Cordery, Joe Ellis, Cynthia Foster, Mary Anne Frischkorn, Connie Quinn, Donna Todd, Pete Walburn, Curtis Watkins, Ted Whitaker

Commissioned Lay Pastors excused: John Hearn, Joseph Hendricks, Kurt Turner

Commissioned Lay Pastors absent: Kenn Sickle

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers present: Walter Jancura, Susan McMannis

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers excused: Virginia Zoric

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers absent: Danny Aderholt, Michael Dunn, Bonnie Gilbert, Frank Haas

Non-Commissioned Lay Pastors Honorably Retired excused: Carol Schoolcraft

Elder members of Council present: Karen Edwards (Committee on Ministry), Rob Whinnery (Council Chair)

Elder members of Council excused: Grace Randolph (Presbyterian Women), Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks (Worship Committee)

Elder members of Council absent: Jim Cochran (Stewardship)

Guests/Committee Members/Other present: Vicky Makari, Jody Glaub, and Ron Rousey (Steubenville, Starkdale), Paul Todd (East Liverpool, Trinity), Dick Farley (Wheeling, Vance Memorial), Kelly Bailey (East Liverpool, Emmanuel), Linda and Richard Spencer (Steubenville, Pleasant Hill), Betty Davis and Irene Stratton (St. Clairsville, First), Jean Chinander (East Liverpool, Longs Run), Ela Robertson and Bill Collingford (Barnesville, First), John Woodland, Bill Harr, Don Dunfee (St. Clairsville, Calvary), Suzanne Baker and Ron Frischkorn (Salineville, Calvary), Tina Archey (Sherrard, Allen Grove), Kay McFarlan (Martins Ferry, Grace), Patty McNear (Powhatan Point, First), Jack Downard (East Liverpool, Grace), Erin Watkins (Weirton, Oakland), Frances Lucas (Centerville, Concord), Richard Niehaus (Moundsville, Limestone), William Green

Corresponding members enrolled: None

Granted Privilege of the Floor with Voice: David Zapka, James D. Entress, and Terrie Otte (Wheeling, First), Jason Watson (Wheeling, Laughlin Memorial Chapel)

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 27, 2010, MEETING:

Voting Members:

Minister Members serving congregations	29
Members at Large	1
Retired Ministers not serving cong.'s	4
Commissioned Lay Pastors	10
Elder Commissioners	40
Officers (voting)	2
Elder members of Council	<u>2</u>
Sub-total	88

Non-voting Members:

Non-commissioned Lay Preachers	2
Corresponding Members Enrolled	0
Granted Privilege of the Floor w/voice	4
Officers/Staff (non-voting)	3
Guests/Committees/Other	<u>24</u>
Sub-total	33

Total Attending 121

61 churches were represented in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER. At the completion of the agenda for the meeting, Elder Karen Edwards moved, it was seconded and passed, that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. At 9:00 p.m., the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Katrina A. Lewis, Moderator of Presbytery.

NEXT MEETING OF PRESBYTERY. Before the closing prayer, the Rev. Trina Lewis, 2010 Moderator, announced that the next stated meeting of presbytery would be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at Limestone Presbyterian Church, Moundsville, W. Va., with Allen Grove Presbyterian Church, Sherrard, W. Va. helping to host. The meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.

ATTESTED _____ The Rev. Tom Armstrong, Stated Clerk

_____ Elder Donna Todd, Journal Clerk