

UPPER OHIO VALLEY PRESBYTERY
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES OF STATED MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 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, November 16, 2010, at Cadiz Presbyterian Church, Cadiz, 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 Narthex. 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 Tammy Hossenfeld (Wellspring Pregnancy Center, Cadiz, Ohio) be granted privilege of the floor with voice for this meeting of presbytery.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the stated presbytery meeting on June 22, 2010 were approved by the presbytery Council on October 5, 2010, and the minutes of the stated meeting of September 28, 2010, were approved by the presbytery Council on November 2, 2010.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET. The Stated Clerk **moved, it was seconded and passed,** to adopt the docket for this meeting as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA. The Rev. Tom Armstrong, Stated Clerk, **moved, it was seconded and passed,** to approve the Consent Agenda. The moderator asked if anyone wanted to have an item removed from the consent agenda for discussion later, but there were no such requests.

Council Items on the Consent Agenda:

- 1. Presbytery Meeting Host – January, 2011.** Presbytery **approved Council's motion** that presbytery accept the offer from the Weirton, Cove church, to host the presbytery meeting on January 22, 2011, if the way be clear.
- 2. Presbytery Meeting Host – April, 2011.** Presbytery **approved Council's motion** that presbytery accept the offer from the Wellsville, Yellow Creek church, to host the presbytery meeting on April 26, 2011.

Committee on Ministry Items on the Consent Agenda:

- 1. Member at Large.** Presbytery **approved** the Committee on Ministry's **motion** that the Rev. John Brown be listed as a Member at Large.

-end of Consent Agenda

STATED CLERK'S REPORT – THE REV. TOM ARMSTRONG

Item for Action:

- 1. Overdue Session Records Reviews.** The sessions of the congregations listed below have not presented their session minutes book and church register to be read as required in the *Book of Order*, G-10.0301: "Each session shall keep a full and accurate record of its proceedings which shall be submitted at least once each year to the presbytery for its general review and control," and G-9.0407 d. (1): "Presby-

3	Martins Ferry	Grace	Due 9-22-10		Due 9-22-10	
3	Martins Ferry	Scotch Ridge	Due 9-15-08	Excused	Due 9-15-08	Excused
3	Mt. Pleasant	First	Read 11-1-10	Appr W/Excpt	Read 11-1-10	Appr W/Excpt
3	Rayland	Glen Robbins	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt
3	St. Clairsville	Calvary	Due 10-8-07		Due 10-8-07	
3	St. Clairsville	First	Read 9-22-10	Appr W/Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
3	St. Clairsville	Uniontown	Due 9-13-04		Due 9-13-04	
3	Triadelphia	Roney's Point	Due 9-22-10		Due 9-22-10	
3	West Liberty	Federated	Read 1-9-10	Appr W/Excpt	Due 9-10-01	Not presented
3	Wheeling	Bethlehem United	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
3	Wheeling	First	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
3	Wheeling	Stone	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt
3	Wheeling	Vance Memorial	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
3	Wheeling	Warwood	Due 9-10-01		Due 9-10-01	
4	Barnesville	First	Due 10-18-10		Due 10-18-10	
4	Bellaire	Bellaire	Due 10-18-10		Due 11-1-04	
4	Bellaire	Belmont	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Bellaire	First United	Due 10-18-10		Due 11-5-01	
4	Bellaire	Rock Hill	Due 10-19-09		Due 10-19-09	
4	Blaine	Pleasant Valley	Read 9-22-10	Appr W/Excpt	Due 11-7-05	Not presented
4	Cameron	First United	Read 11-1-10	Appr W/Excpt	Due 11-1-04	Not presented
4	Cameron	Wolf Run	Due 10-18-10		Due 10-18-10	
4	Centerville	Concord	Due 10-18-10		Due 10-18-10	
4	Key	Bethel	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Laings	Laings	Due 10-19-09		Due 10-19-09	
4	Moundsville	First	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Moundsville	Limestone	Due 10-18-10		Due 10-18-10	
4	Neffs	Coalbrook	Due 10-19-09		Due 10-19-09	
4	New Athens	First	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
4	New Martinsville	First	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt
4	New Matamoras	First	Read 1-9-10	Appr W/Excpt	Due 11-9-09	Not presented
4	Powhatan Point	First	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Shadyside	First	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-18-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Sherrard	Allen Grove	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-22-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Sistersville	First	Due 10-19-09		Due 10-19-09	
4	Warnock	Community	Read 11-1-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 11-1-10	Appr No Excpt
4	Woodsfield	Woodsfield	Due 10-19-09		Due 10-19-09	
1	Bergholz	Trinity	Due 4-30-07		Due 4-30-07	
1	East Liverpool	Grace	Read 4-19-10	Appr No Excpt	Due 4-11-04	
1	East Liverpool	Trinity	Read 4-19-10	Appr No Excpt	Due 4-18-05	
1	Hanoverton	New Lebanon	Due 4-20-09		Due 4-20-09	
1	Newell	First	Due 4-20-09		Due 4-20-09	
1	Wellsville	Yellow Creek	Due 4-24-06		Due 4-24-06	
2	Bloomington	Annapolis	Due 5-21-07		Due 5-21-07	
2	Brilliant	First United	Due 4-29-08		Due 4-30-09	
2	Cadiz	Cadiz	Due 4-29-08		Due 4-29-08	
2	Colliers	Cross Creek	Due 5-21-07		Due 5-06-02	
2	Follansbee	Follansbee	Due 4-30-09		Due 4-30-09	
2	Piney Fork	Piney Fork	Due 4-30-09		Due 4-30-09	
2	Richmond	United	Due 4-29-08		Due 4-29-08	
2	Smithfield	Smithfield	Read 9-13-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 9-13-10	Appr No Excpt
2	Steubenville	First Westminster	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt	Read 10-29-10	Appr No Excpt
2	Steubenville	Pleasant Hill	Due 4-29-08		Due 4-29-08	
2	Wellsburg	First	Due 4-30-09		Due 4-30-09	

-end of Clerk's Report-

BILLS & OVERTURES COMMITTEE. The Rev. David Demarest, chair of Bills and Overtures Committee, presented the B&O report on the proposed addition of the Confession of Belhar to the *Book of Confessions*. The Moderator, the Rev. Trina A. Lewis, asked and by **general consent** presbytery agreed, that the Confession and the B&O Committee's rationale for their recommendation not be read aloud, because it had been distributed in print along with the call for the meeting. However, the rationale is included below.

Also, a one-hour discussion had been held before the meeting. During the debate on the motion, speakers were limited to two minutes each.

Item for Action:

The Bills and Overtures Committee presented this Proposed Amendment (the Confession of Belhar) to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for a vote and **recommended** presbytery vote YES.

RATIONALE

The Belhar Confession has its roots in apartheid-era South Africa, where the Dutch Reformed Church had developed a theological framework and justification for systematized segregation, both in society and in the Church. The Confession rejects such doctrine in favor of one of the visible unity of the Church.

The Committee believes at this time in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a statement of unity is necessary and in order. But the Committee acknowledges the Confession itself has created disunity.

Some in the Church fear that the Confession could be used to invalidate the current ordination standards found in our Form of Government (G-6.0106b). It is true that Allan Boesak, who was instrumental in drafting the Confession, has used it to argue for granting full rights to people in same-sex relationships. It should be noted, however, that Boesak's denomination (the Uniting Reformed Church) has rejected his arguments.

The debate centers on the phrase "natural diversity" found in 11.2. The Committee believes that this refers to human characteristics, such as race, ethnicity, and gender, not to human behavior. The historical context of the Confession would certainly support this view. This is stated very clearly in 11.3.

Perhaps a deeper concern is that the Confession may subordinate legitimate doctrinal differences in favor of unity. The Confession does say that "the people of God must ... together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity." (11.2) The Committee acknowledges that our inability as Christians to agree on major issues like justification, the sacraments, and church government reflects our fallen nature: total depravity extends even into the realm of our theology. We continually struggle with sin that separates us from God and from each other. That said, Christians can and should embrace the struggle to demonstrate unity in spite of our differences.

Many in the Church have suffered discrimination because of gender, race, national origin, and other diversity in the human condition, and some of that discrimination has been defended by theological constructs. This Confession calls us as the Church to reject such constructs and to embrace unity. Jesus Christ has committed to us a life-changing Gospel: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ. A confession that encourages our reconciliation with fellow believers enhances our witness to that Gospel.

The Committee unanimously agrees that the benefits of adding the Confession of Belhar to our *Book of Confessions* far outweigh the potential for using it to achieve ends other than those originally intended by our sisters and brothers in apartheid-era South Africa.

It was **moved, seconded and passed**, that presbytery vote by ballot. Tellers appointed to count the ballots were: Elders Jean Keller, Robert Miller, and Gwen Scales.

The motion failed on a vote of: yes-31; no-38; abstention-1.

-end of Bills and Overtures Committee report-

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT: The Rev. David Stammerjohn, chair, introduced Elder Samuel Monte, and **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that Sam Monte be enrolled as a candidate for ordination as minister of Word and Sacrament. Monte is a member of the Newell, First church, and currently is finishing his second year at Pittsburgh Theology Seminary. He has completed the requirements and responsibilities required to be listed as a Candidate, and has been working at the Children's Institute of Pittsburgh as a student chaplain. The Rev. Trina Lewis, Moderator, offered prayer at the conclusion of this report

-end of Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report-

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: The Rev. Robert Willits and Elder Cindy Foster, co-chairs, reported that their committee had to cancel the Church Officer Training scheduled for Oc-

tober 30th, but will reschedule it in the near future. Cathy Cipriani, Resource Center Director, held the drawing from among the names of the persons who have recently used the Resource Center; and awarded prizes to Linda Webster (Martins Ferry, Grace), and Janet Bell (Moundsville, First).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT. The Rev. Homer D. Harden, chair, reported that his committee was unable to get all the slots for the committees filled. Therefore, he made a **motion**, it was **seconded and passed**, that the present chairs and members will be in office until the January 22, 2011, meeting of presbytery.

A similar motion was made by Elder Grace Randolph (Wheeling, First). She **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that since the presbytery bylaws state that committee chairs and members shall be elected at the November meeting of presbytery, the by-laws be suspended and that the election of committee chairs and members be held at the January 22, 2011, meeting of presbytery.

The Rev. Homer D. Harden **moved and it was approved**, to place the following names into nomination for the Self-Development of People Committee. There were no nominations from the floor.

Elder Jennifer Vickers (Steubenville, Starkdale)	- Afro-American
Elder Connie Quinn (Brilliant, First United)	- White
Lay Person Octavia Lover (Steubenville, Starkdale)	- African
Rev. Dr. Philip Makari (Steubenville, Starkdale)	- Afro-American
Rev. Dr. Stephen Cramer (East Liverpool, Trinity & Longs Run), also to serve as chair	- White

The Rev. Homer D. Harden **moved** to place the following into nominations to serve on the Laughlin Memorial Chapel Board, Class of 2013:

Rev. Sam Gibbs (Wellsburg, First)

Additional names were called for from the floor. None came forth. Therefore, Gibbs was **elected**.

Elder Rob Whinnery **nominated** Elder Robert Starck (Weirton, Cove) as Moderator of Presbytery for 2011, Elder Donna M. Todd (East Liverpool, Trinity) as Journal Clerk for 2011. Nominations were called for from the floor but none were made, and these two were **elected**. Whinnery also **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that the Vice Moderator for 2011 be elected at the January 22, 2011, meeting of Presbytery.

It was **moved** to place into nomination the following:

Synod of the Trinity Personnel Committee, Class of 2012:

Rev. John Brown (Minister-at-Large)

Synod of the Trinity Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2015:

Rev. David Demarest (Bridgeport, Kirkwood and Neffs, Coalbrook)

Synod of the Trinity Young Adult Advisory Delegate:

Emily Harden (St. Clairsville, First)

Nominations were requested from the floor. None came forth, and the nominees were **elected**.

After discussion it was agreed that the election of elder and minister commissioners and the Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 220th General Assembly (2012) will also be done at the January, 2011, meeting.

-end Nominating Committee Report-

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL REPORT.

Item for Action (approved on Consent Agenda):

- 1. Presbytery Meeting Host – January, 2011.** Council **moved** that presbytery accept the offer from the Weirton, Cove church, to host the presbytery meeting on January 22, 2011, if the way be clear.
- 2. Presbytery Meeting Host – April, 2011.** Council **moved** that presbytery accept the offer from the Wellsville, Yellow Creek church, to host the presbytery meeting on April 26, 2011.

Item for Action (not on consent Agenda):

1. Nominations for Nominating Committee. Elder Rob Whinnery, chair of Presbytery Council, **placed into nomination** the Rev. Homer D. Harden (St. Clairsville, First), as Nominating Committee member, Class of 2013, and chair of the committee for 2011. The Moderator asked if there were nominations from the floor but none were made. Harden was then elected.

Items for Information:**Summary of the Council Minutes from September 7, 2010**

General Presbyter's Report – Royce Browder. The Task Force to Restructure COM and CNC will meet again on September 9th. Also, Ernesto Badillo from the Board of Pensions will talk with the Clergy Spouses group on September 13th. The spouses will invite their clergy spouse to also attend.

Stated Clerk's Report – Tom Armstrong. Distributed were reports on average salaries in the Presbyterian Church and on UOVP giving per member and worship attendance for 2009. The report on average salaries indicates that UOVP presbytery is near the bottom of the list of the 173 presbyteries in the denomination. The per-member and per-worship attendee reports show that only four congregations in the presbytery are at or above the nationwide averages.

Treasurer's Report – Amanda Zelkowski-Elliott. The proposed budget for 2011 included the treasurer's report for the year to date. After looking at this information, it was filed for annual review.

The proposed budget was also discussed during the treasurer's report. The Stewardship Committee is recommending that 2011 per capita be \$26, up one dollar from 2010. After a time for questions and discussion, the Council voted to **recommend to presbytery** both the **proposed increase in per capita and the proposed budget**. Rob Starck volunteered to make the budget presentation at the presbytery meeting on September 28, 2010. [See the presbytery minutes from September 28, 2010, for the proposed budget]

Christian Educator's Report – Nancy DeStefano. This year, four youth from UOVP attended the Youth Triennium in July, along with four adults. DeStefano reported that "the activities and worship is exactly what youth want." She reported that she is working with Kendra Kendle to strengthen the presbytery's youth council. UOVP youth leaders have started having regular meetings and are developing a leadership group. Additional youth leaders are encouraged to start attending. As an indication of her dedication to youth ministry, DeStefano reported that earlier in the day she had learned how to send and receive "text messages," because that's how kids and youth leaders communicate these days....

Bills and Overtures Committee Report – David Demarest. It will take parts of three presbytery meetings to discuss and vote on overtures from the General Assembly meeting this past July.

Evangelism Committee Report – Larry Kline. The Evangelism Committee has been working lately with the Martins Ferry, Grace, congregation, as well as the Blaine, Pleasant Valley congregation, in the areas of evangelism training and education. They also visited with the New Cumberland, First, church.

Committee on Ministry Report – Karen Edwards. On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, Edwards presented the following proposal. After discussion, the proposal was **adopted**. The funds indicated in the proposal will need to be found in the COM budget, because no additions were proposed for the 2011 presbytery budget.

**Ministerial and CLP Support Group
A Proposal Submitted to the Council
of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery
by Chuck LaPlaca
September 7, 2010**

PROPOSAL: That the Council approve the formation of a ministerial/CLP support group to meet once a month (September-May) at the presbytery office from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Day to be determined by group members. The group to consist of a minimum of eight members.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to anyone committed to the group's purpose AND faithful attendance to monthly meetings. If the membership drops below the required eight, the group will be dissolved.

PURPOSE: To encourage, support, and challenge ministers/CLPs to excellence in pastoral ministry in the UOVP. The group will acknowledge and help to meet the many challenges of ministry in post-modern

American culture in general, in the Ohio Valley in particular, and more specifically in the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery.

OBJECTIVES: Excellence in pastoral ministry will be pursued by several means including the following:

- Encouragement of spiritual disciplines to sustain passionate ministry and avoid clergy burn-out/depression/resignation.
- Analysis of North American culture and regional characteristics of the Ohio Valley, as well as exploring ways how best to respond to these challenges.
- Cast studies to sharpen pastoral leadership. Submitted by group members.
- Discussion of articles and books relating to pastoral leadership. Example: *Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry*, by L. Gregory Jones and Kevin R. Armstrong.
- Annual retreat with guest speaker.
- Group worship/prayer.

OVERSIGHT OF THE GROUP. The Committee on Ministry will review the working of the group as well as oversee its monthly meetings. At least one member of the COM will be a member, preferably as its leader.

LEADERSHIP OF THE GROUP. Leadership of the group will be determined annually by the COM in consultation with the General Presbyter. The role of the leader will be limited to encouraging recruitment and faithful participation by regular communication. The group will determine what will be studied and how. Members will share in leading the group in monthly discussions relating to leadership. A procedure and process will be developed to encourage shared leadership and facilitate group discussion (as a way to avoid domination or monopolization by any one member).

COSTS. The costs of establishing and maintaining an Excellence in Leadership Group will be \$1,500 per year, to be used to cover miscellaneous expenses such as: purchase study materials, arrange for annual retreat, invite a guest speaker once a year to address the group on a particular topic of excellence in pastoral leadership. Expenditures will be approved by a majority of the group.

-end of Ministerial and CLP Support Group proposal-

Mission Outreach Committee Report – Connie Quinn. Eighteen persons took part in the mission trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation on August 12-18, 2010. Ten congregations were represented. The trip included work projects and cultural education. The mission trip participants will report at the November 16, 2010 presbytery meeting. The report will include a PowerPoint presentation, and presentation of a quilt received during a “wiping away of tears” ceremony.

New Church Development Administrative Commission – Larry Kline. The NCD Commission is working on additional ways to fund its proposed new church development project. Kline also reported that he attended a national NCD conference in August focusing on building relationships. He commented that persons interested in church transformation can also benefit from attending conferences on new church development, because the two processes involve many things in common. Kline added that a NCD conference will take place in November, focusing on starting new congregations. Contact Larry Kline for information on this conference.

Nominating Committee Report. David Demarest and Karen Edwards were elected to nominate persons for the presbytery’s nominating committee. Their report will be made at the Council meeting on November 2, 2010, and to the presbytery on November 16, 2010.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – David Stammerjohn. There are two inquirers under the committee’s care. Annual consultations with them will soon be completed.

Presbyterian Women’s Report – Grace Randolph. The Wheeling, Warwood, church is going to start a Presbyterian Women’s group. Also, the Fall PW Workshop will take place at the Bridgeport, Kirkwood church.

Training and Development Committee Report – Bob Willits. The annual Church Officer Training event is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The format will be the same as last year, but its location is not yet determined. By consensus of the Council, the Training & Development Committee will not make its Youth Triennium report until the presbytery meeting on November 16, 2010.

Worship Committee Report. The worship service at the September 28th presbytery meeting will be a celebration of the transfer sponsorship of Laughlin Memorial Chapel from the Wheeling, First, church to the presbytery. Also, the November presbytery meeting worship will be a time to give thanks for the good

things which are happening in congregations. The Worship Committee will solicit input from the presbytery's congregations.

2012 General Assembly Planning Meeting – Connie Quinn. Connie Quinn and Diane Demarest attended a meeting of the Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA) held at the Pittsburgh Presbytery office regarding hosting the General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh in 2012. A UOVP planning team has been named: Diane Demarest, Jamie Smith, Colleen Griffith, Connie Quinn, and David Demarest. Each person will take leadership responsibility for UOVP's part in one area of the COLA functions. There will be volunteer jobs for everyone, perhaps more than we may want.... The GA meeting will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from June 30 to July 7, 2012.

Summary of the Council Minutes from October 5, 2010

Approval of Presbytery Minutes. The minutes of the presbytery meeting of June 22, 2010, were distributed earlier by email for review and approval by the Council. Karen Edwards **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that these minutes were approved. A synopsis of the minutes will be posted on the presbytery's web page.

General Presbyter's Report – Royce Browder. Dr. Browder gave a detailed account of travel and activities since last the Council meeting.

Stated Clerk's Report – Tom Armstrong – Report was printed on the back of the agenda. The report was discussed, but no action was taken.

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

Christian Educator's Report – Nancy DeStefano – Nancy reported on having attended the Presbyterian Women's Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla., in September, 2010. She discussed the new organization of youth group leaders which is taking place in the presbytery.

Committee on Ministry Report – Karen Edwards – No report, except for an announcement about the Continuing Education Event with Professor Ronald S. Cole-Turner, which begins October 20th.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – David Stammerjohn – David will meet Tuesday with one Inquirer and, if all goes well, will present him to presbytery at the November meeting to be examined for candidacy.

Evangelism Committee Report – Philip Makari – will meet with the Blaine, Pleasant Valley congregation after the Holiday Season. Also, 56 people have signed up for an Evangelism Retreat on October 15th and 16th at the Paul VI Center. Others may attend as commuters.

Mission Outreach Committee Report – Connie Quinn – No report, other than to announce that everyone is back safely from the Malawi trip.

Presbyterian Women's Report – Grace Randolph – the Fall Gatherings went well, and now PW is planning for the Spring Gatherings.

Training and Development Committee Report – Bob Willits/Cindy Foster – No report, except a reminder of the Church Officer Training event on October 30th.

-end of Council Report-

MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE. Elder Connie Quinn, Chair, reported that the presbytery hopes to bring two people from Malawi to United States in 2011, from September 22 to October 3.

Mission Outreach Committee Year End Summary for 2010

Two years ago, six pastors from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery received a grant from Columbia Seminary that allowed them to travel to Malawi. They came home feeling that there was great need in Africa. After much prayer and discussion, the presbytery's Malawi Task Force was formed to explore the possibility of partnering with Domasi Presbytery in Malawi.

It was determined that if Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery was going to get involved, then people from here would have to travel to Malawi. An application process was established and six people were chosen to represent our presbytery. They are:

Elder Denise Miller, Steubenville, Starkdale
Elder Becky Boggs, East Liverpool, Longs Run
The Rev. Laurie Armstrong, St. Clairsville, Calvary

The Rev. Dr. Royce Browder, General Presbyter
Elder Glenn Maxwell, Bellaire, Rock Hill
Member Kelly McPherson, Newell, First

From the time they were chosen to the day of departure, these six people studied and prayed together so they might bond to become a cohesive team while in Africa. They left Pittsburgh International Airport on September 20, 2010, and returned on September 30, 2010. Consider inviting them into your congregations and allow them to share their amazing stories with you.

While the Malawi Task Force was making plans for a trip to Africa, the Mission Outreach Committee was making plans for a mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Pine Ridge is a Lakota Sioux Reservation; it is one of the largest reservations in the United States and sadly, it is the poorest reservation. Eighteen people were chosen to be a part of the group traveling to South Dakota. They are:

Richard Cunningham, Steubenville, First Westminster	Susan Cunningham, Steub., First Westminster
Debra McGinnis, Bellaire, First United	Helen Shivers, Salineville, Bethel
Linda Todd, Salineville, Bethel	David Todd, Salineville, Bethel
Rachel Smith, St. Clairsville, First	Gene Barnhart, Triadelphia, Roney's Point
Mary Barnhart, Triadelphia, Roney's Point	Michael Norman, Wheeling, Vance Memorial
Chuck LaPlaca, Wheeling, Vance Memorial	Larry Bush, St. Clairsville, First
Cathy Cipriani, Wellsburg, First	Joyce Wolf, Bellaire, First United
Tim Wilt, Moundsville, First	Bernadine Hartline, Bellaire, First United
Connie Quinn, Brilliant, First United	Jamie Smith, East Liverpool, Calcutta & Grace

Invite them to your church and hear of God's leading first hand.

Mission is alive and well in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery and trips are being planned for 2011. A mission trip is scheduled for July 16-23. We will be working with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps, a ministry of West Virginia Presbytery.

Another trip to work with Native Americans is being planned but there is no concrete information at this time. Hopefully by the next meeting of presbytery there will be something to tell.

This evening's offering of \$623.75 will go to the Wellspring Pregnancy Center, Cadiz, Ohio.

Malawi Banner. Elder Jackie Hutyera (Cadiz, Cadiz) presented the Malawi—Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery banner to the Rev. Dr. Ed Rudiger, to be displayed at the Weirton, Cove church until that congregation hosts presbytery on January 22, 2011.

-end Mission Outreach report-

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT.

Items for Action (approved on consent agenda):

1. Member at Large. The Committee on Ministry **moved** that the Rev. John Brown be listed as a Member at Large.

Items for action (not on Consent Agenda):

1. Waiver. The Rev. Tom Armstrong, Stated Clerk, **moved, it was seconded and passed**, to waive the requirement of rotation of officers under G-14.0226 c, for the Sistersville, First church for a period of three years effective January 1, 2011.

Items for Information:

1. Lord's Supper Observed. The sacrament of The Lord's Supper was observed on August 15, 2010, while the presbytery's mission trip participants were at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The sacrament was administered by the Rev. Jamie Smith in accordance with authority granted by the Committee on Ministry at a previous meeting.

2. Triennial Visits and Six-Month Review. The Committee on Ministry reports that triennial visits have been made with: the session of New Athens, First; CLP Bill Brown and the session of Steubenville, Pleasant Hill; and the Rev. Barry Hall and the session of Harrisville, Covenant. Also, a Six-Month Review (following installation of a new pastor) with the Rev. David Stammerjohn at Martins Ferry, First.

3. Home Communion. At the request of Committee on Ministry Area VI Coordinator Sue Roberts, the Rev. Dr. Chuck LaPlaca, CLP Cindy Foster, and another elder, visited in the home of the Rev. Dr. Bill Roberts, Honorably Retired, and celebrated the Lord's Supper with him, on behalf of the presbytery.

4. Stated Supply Contract – Wintersville, Two Ridges. The Committee on Ministry reports that it has approved the renewal of the part-time stated supply covenant/contract between the Rev. Dr. Bill Lawrence and the session of Wintersville, Two Ridges.

5. Dissolution of Call - Colerain, Colerain. The Committee on Ministry reports it has approved the request from the congregation of the Colerain, Colerain church, that the call between that congregation and the Rev. John Brown be dissolved effective April 15, 2011, with ministerial service to end on October 15, 2010.

-end of Committee on Ministry Report-

TREASURER'S REPORT. Amanda Zelkowski-Elliott, Treasurer of presbytery, gave the following report to the Stated Clerk for tonight's meeting. Following discussion, the report was filed for annual review.

Balance on Hand as of August 31, 2010:	\$6,192.33
Income received since last report:	\$81,095.97 (including transfers)
Expenses since last report:	\$85,310.31
Balance on Hand as of October 31, 2010:	\$1,977.99

-end of Treasurer's Report-

GENERAL PRESBYTER'S REPORT. A special "thank you" was given by the General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Royce Browder, for the opportunity of being one of the six persons sent to Malawi.

"Words cannot adequately express the meaning of the recent trip to Malawi. What I found was a country that has great potential and great resources, not the least of which is a great people, a hard-working people, and a very friendly people. There are many areas of concern in Malawi: poverty, slowly stabilizing government, shaky economy, and the devastating impact of AIDS on the whole country. As our group was introduced to the people of Domasi Presbytery, I was overwhelmed by how active the churches and prayer houses were. Even in the face of a lack of money, and a growing, well funded Muslim presence, the Christian Church and specifically the Presbyterian Church is doing well. They deal with a shortage of ordained clergy, eleven for thirty-five congregations. One pastor we met serves five congregations and prayer houses. He is at one church each week and takes care of pastoral duties as needed. The pastors and congregations go about their work with joy and a positive attitude.

"As I planned for the trip and began to think about a Presbytery partnership, I questioned what would be the realistic area of mutual support. It is clear they need financial support to continue their work and respond to the needs of the people who have been so devastated by the AIDS epidemic that has left thousands of orphans in the country. They need resources to help them get the gospel message to the people. But what is it that we can realistically learn from them? My conclusion is that they offer us a way to do church that is clearly a part of our history, and that is the delineation of the offices of ruling elder (elected by congregations) and the teaching elder (called to serve as minister of word and sacrament). I saw how elders carried out their duties and served as leaders in their areas of responsibility. We have lost some of this relationship over the years for many reasons, but the change hasn't served us very well. I think that we have a lot to learn and re-learn about how to do a lot of things church related that the people of Domasi Presbytery do well. I see mission work giving way to partnership and mutual support.

"The six of us who went on this trip are available to come and speak to your church groups and talk about your possible partnership with a congregation in Domasi Presbytery. We have been so blessed with gifts that we take for granted that we forget how others could benefit from our sharing. The average income among Presbyterians in the U.S. is in excess of \$60,000 per year. In Malawi, the average household income is \$450 per year. I know that these statistics are wide open to conditions and exceptions, but one truth cannot be denied, "To whom much is given, much is expected." Let's talk together about what that means for our mission as congregations and a presbytery."

-end of General Presbyter's Report-

OTHER REPORTS. The Rev. RJ Leek, host pastor, welcomed commissioners to the meeting. Tammie Hossenfeld, Director of the Pregnancy Center of Cadiz, gave a Minute for Mission about the work of the Center. The Rev. Dr. Ed Rudiger, Congregational Nurture Committee chair, reported that VitaMin Grants were still available. Elder Grace Randolph, Presbyterian Women Moderator for the presbytery, reported on pledges received for 2011. The Rev. Dr. Philip Makari, Evangelism Committee chair, reported on the work of that committee. Christian Educator Nancy DeStefano reported on her work and showed a video

on youth work within the presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Larry Kline reported on the work of the New Church Development Administrative Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF FIRST TIME ELDERS: The Rev. Katrina A. Lewis, 2010 Moderator of Presbytery, welcomed elders attending a presbytery meeting for the first time: Howard Monroe (Wheeling, Vance Memorial), Martha Phemester (Martins Ferry, First), Terrie Otte (Wheeling, First), David Craig (St. Clairsville, Calvary), Bill Ramsey (Salineville, Calvary), Tom Clark (Wheeling, Stone), and Jane Roller (East Liverpool, Longs Run).

PRESBYTERY WORSHIP: The worship service included a video presentation of the ministry carried out by the following congregations: Bellaire, Belmont; Bellaire, Rock Hill; Bridgeport, Kirkwood; Chester, First; East Liverpool, Emmanuel; the five churches of Hancock County (Chester, First; Chester, Westminster; Newell, First; New Manchester, Fairview, and New Cumberland, First); Martins Ferry, Grace; Neffs, Coalbrook; Steubenville, Starkdale; and Wheeling, Vance Memorial.

OTHER BUSINESS. none.

ENROLLMENT CLERK'S REPORT. There were 77 voting members present and 21 non-voting members present. 51 churches were represented.

PRESBYTERY ATTENDANCE

MINISTERS

P Andrew Woods
P Peter Walburn (CLP)
P Peter Walburn (CLP)
P Connie Quinn (CLP)
E Stan Fedyszyn (SS)
A Alan Jeffries (TS)
A James Gear (Interim)
None
A Theodore Whitaker (CLP)
P Kenneth Sickle (CLP)
P David Demarest
A C. Edward Smith (SS)
P Robert James "RJ" Leek
A John Lepp (UMC)
E Cynthia Foster (CLP)
A Danny Aderholt (LP)
P Matthew Camlin (SS)
P Katrina Lewis
None
E Franklin Lewis (SS)
None
P Michael Lenno (HR, SS)
P James Smith
E Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks
P Velis Vais (HR, SS)
P James Smith
P Stephen Cramer
P Stephen Cramer
P Colleen Molinaro
P Mary Anne Frischkorn (CLP)
E Joseph Hendricks (Co-CLP)
P Donna M. Todd (Co-CLP)
P Barry Hall
A Theodore Whitaker (CLP)
None
E John Visser (HR, SS)
E Kurt Turner (CLP)
None

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
Follansbee, Follansbee
Hammondsville, Grant Hill
Hanoverton, New Lebanon
Hanoverton, New Lebanon
Harrisville, Covenant
Hopedale, United
Jewett, Jewett
Jewett, Ridge
Key, Bethel
Laings, Laings

COMMISSIONERS

Margie Watson
A
David Montgomery
A
Jeff Nelson
A
A
A
A
A
Barbara Ahmad
A
Pam Tope
A
A
Donna M. Grant
Joy Galicic
Robert Milner
Jane Whitecotton
A
A
Ann Torok
E (Claire Unrue)
Jane A. Russell
A
A
Jane Roller
Robert C. Kidd
A
A
E (Nancy Mountz)

Tom Spragg
A
A
A
A
A

A	Susan Lehosky (UCC, SS)	Lewisville, Buchanan	A
P	David Stammerjohn	Martins Ferry, First	Martha Phemester
A	William Webster, Jr.	Martins Ferry, Grace	David McFarlan
A	Joe Ellis (CLP)	Martins Ferry, Scotch Ridge	A
P	Kenneth Sickle (CLP)	Mingo Junction, First	A
E	Timothy Wilt	Moundsville, First	A
P	Lawrence Kline (SS)	Moundsville, Limestone	Tom Parsons
P	Byron McElroy	Mt. Pleasant, First	Mary McElroy
P	David Demarest	Neffs, Coalbrook	Mary Maker
	None	New Athens, First	A
E	Franklin Lewis (SS)	New Cumberland, First	E (Carol Dean)
	None	New Manchester, Fairview	A
A	David Roberts	New Martinsville, First	A
	None	New Matamoras, First	A
P	Matthew Camlin (SS)	Newell, First	Brent McPherson
E	Darrin Jones	Piney Fork, Piney Fork	A
E	Donald Cordery (CLP)	Powhatan Point, First	E (Darlene Elerick)
E	Cynthia Foster (CLP)	Rayland, Glen Robbins	A
E	John Hearn (CLP)	Richmond, United	Bill Meyer
E	Laurie Armstrong	St. Clairsville, Calvary	David Craig
P	Homer Harden	St. Clairsville, First	A
	None	St. Clairsville, Uniontown	A
P	Edward "Ted" Ludwig	Salineville, Bethel	Bob Brown
P	Mary Anne Frischkorn (CLP)	Salineville, Calvary	Bill Ramsey
E	John Visser (HR, SS)	Scio, First	Richard Harrison
	None	Shadyside, First	A
P	Lawrence Kline (SS)	Sherrard, Allen Grove	Robert Archey
P	Colleen Griffith	Sistersville, First	Kim McIntyre
E	Darrin Jones	Smithfield, Smithfield	A
E	Jason Elliott	Steubenville, First Westminster	Ruth Stevens
A	William Brown (CLP)	Steubenville, Pleasant Hill	A
P	Philip Makari	Steubenville, Starkdale	Jeanne Cox
P	Michael Bongart	Toronto, First	S. 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	James "Ed" Rudiger	Weirton, Cove	A
	None	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	Terrie Otte
P	Robert Nagy	Wheeling, Stone	Tom Clark
P	Charles LaPlaca	Wheeling, Vance Memorial	Howard Monroe
A	David Bruce	Wheeling, Warwood	A
E	Bill Lawrence (HR, TS)	Wintersville, Two Ridges	Judy Edmonds
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

SS = Stated Supply

TS = Temporary Supply

DP = Designated Pastor

CLP = Commissioned Lay Pastor

HR = Honorably Retired

D of C = Disciples of Christ

UCC = United Church of Christ

UMC = United Methodist Church

Co-CLP = Co-Commissioned Lay Pastor

LP = Lay Preacher

Elder Commissioners Excused Early: Karen Edwards (co-chair of COM) at 6:20 p.m.

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

Presbytery officers excused: Robert Starck (Vice-Moderator), Amanda Zerkowski-Elliott (Treasurer)

Presbytery staff present: Cathy Cipriani (Resource Center Coordinator), Nancy DeStefano (Christian Ed & Youth Coordinator)

Presbytery staff excused: Patty Oleska (Administrative Assistant)

Presbytery staff absent: Nicole Reid (*The Connector* Editor)

Military chaplain excused: David Snyder

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

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

Members at Large present: Robert Goebel

Members at Large excused: John Brown, Richard Kantz, David Lawrence, Cecilia Raske-Barnett

Honorably Retired members present: Ruth Ellen Bates, Larry Kline, Michael Lenno, Robert Meyer, Velis Vais

Honorably Retired members excused: Richard Baker, Joseph Byrne, Roberta Croker, Robert Gracey, Robert Haseltine, Susan Haseltine, Roland Kamm, David Knapp, Bill Lawrence, Robert Marsh, R.H. McCuen, Edward Mooney, Robert Morgan, William Popa, William Roberts, Robert Shearer, Lloyd Smith, Edwin Stern, Gene Toot, Howard Varner, John Visser

Commissioned Lay Pastors present: Mary Anne Frischkorn, Connie Quinn, Kenneth Sickle, Donna Todd, Peter Walburn

Commissioned Lay Pastors excused: Donald Cordery, Cynthia Foster, John Hearn, Joseph Hendricks, Kurt Turner

Commissioned Lay Pastors absent: William Brown, Joe Ellis, Theodore Whitaker

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers present: Richard Cunningham, Michael Dunn, Walter Jancura, Virginia Zoric

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers excused: Frank Haas, Paul Todd

Non-Commissioned Lay Preachers absent: Danny Aderholt, Bonnie Gilbert, Susan McMannis

Non-Commissioned Lay Pastors Honorably Retired excused: Carol Schoolcraft

Elder members of Council present: Karen Edwards (Committee on Ministry), Grace Randolph (Presbyterian Women), Robert "Rob" Whinnery (Council Chair)

Elder members of Council absent: James Cochran (Stewardship)

Guests/Committee Members/Other present: Jody Glaub (Steubenville, Starkdale), Diane Demarest (Bridgeport, Kirkwood), Elaine Ramsey and Ron Frischkorn (Salineville, Calvary), Dave Mays (East Liverpool, Longs Run), Gwen Scales (St. Clairsville, Calvary), Jackie and Andy Hutyera (Cadiz, Cadiz), James Cowen (Bellaire, Rock Hill), Jean Harrison (Scio, First), Evelyn Schussler (Colerain, Colerain), Karen Anderson (St. Marys, WV), Samuel Monte (Newell, First), Lynda Sparks (East Liverpool, Emmanuel)

Corresponding members enrolled: none

Granted Privilege of the Floor with Voice: Tammy Hossenfeld (Wellspring Pregnancy Center, Cadiz, Ohio)

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2010, MEETING:

Voting Members:

Minister Members serving congregations	27
Members at Large	2
Retired Ministers not serving cong.'s	1
Commissioned Lay Pastors	5
Elder Commissioners	37
Officers (voting)	3
Elder members of Council	<u>2</u>
Sub-total	77

Non-voting Members:

Non-commissioned Lay Preachers	4
Corresponding Members Enrolled	0
Granted Privilege of the Floor w/V	1
Officers/Staff (non-voting)	2
Guests/Committees/Other	<u>14</u>
Sub-total	21

Total attending: 98

Churches represented in attendance: 51

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER. At the completion of the agenda for the meeting, the Rev. Barry Hall **moved, it was seconded and passed**, that the meeting be adjourned with prayer. At 8:45 p.m., the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Trina Lewis, 2010 Moderator of Presbytery.

NEXT MEETING OF PRESBYTERY. Before the closing prayer, the Rev. Trina Lewis, 2010 Moderator, announced that the next stated meeting and annual meeting of presbytery would be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Cove Presbyterian Church, Weirton, W. Va., beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ATTESTED _____ The Rev. Tom Armstrong, Stated Clerk

_____ Elder Donna Todd, Journal Clerk

