

Full day of work for PWV Council

from Rev. Dr. Laura Reason, Council Moderator



The Presbytery Council met on April 23rd in the Presbytery office. The conference room was full due to excellent attendance and after studying and reflecting on the April presbytery-wide Bible study passage of Philippians 2:12-18 and lingering over what it means for God to be at work within us and the joy expressed in the passage, the Council took up the following matters.

- Approved the docket, Council minutes from March 19th and written reports received in an omnibus motion.
- Received an update from the **Administrative Commission for Faith, West Lafayette** and endorsed moving forward in conversations related to the legal documents being prepared.
- Received various information items from the **Personnel Ministry Team**
 - approved sending to the Assembly recommendations relative to the Standing Rules and Bylaws for a second reading and vote.
- Approved the recommendations from the **Stewardship Ministry** team for the 2013/2014 budget (which will come to the May Assembly)
 - recommendations for investing in technology infrastructure
 - a vehicle for the use of the GP
 - a GA Youth Triennium fund and
 - the fund support request from the Ministerial Excellence Fund.
- Received from **General Presbyter Frank Vardeman**
 - the news that the Synod of Lincoln Trails has given the presbytery a \$1,500.00 grant for the "Joshua Journey"
 - information about Self Development of People grant monies available were the presbytery to form such a committee
 - a letter of information relative to proposed changes in the Board of Pensions Medical dues structure which includes ways of providing feedback - this letter being forwarded to the Assembly's attention
 - the initial flyer about the major educational event for all congregational leaders with **Dr. Rodger Nishioka** planned for September 13th and 14th at Geneva Center
- Council enthusiastically concurred with the request that **Rev. Carol McDonald**, presbytery member and Synod Executive be our celebrated guest and preacher at the May 20, 2014 Assembly as she prepares to retire effective July 31, 2014.
- Set dates for 2014 Presbytery Assemblies of February 25th, May 20th, September 12th and 13th and November 18th and accepted the gracious invitation of the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville, to host the May 2014 Assembly as part of their celebration of their 190th anniversary. Wabash Avenue is the oldest church in our presbytery.
- Set dates for 2014 Council meetings of 1/21, 3/18, 4/29, 6/24, 7/15, 8/19, 10/21 and 12/9.
- Before adjourning, the Council
 - discussed and received the CPM report
 - appointed a task force for Attica- Williamsport for the purpose of determining final disposition of the relationship between the congregation and the presbytery.