

Council Members Cheerfully Greeted by "Camp We Can" Campers and Staff

*by Council Moderator Rev. Laura Reason,
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The Council convened on Tuesday, June 25th at the Presbytery office. We were met upon arrival by many cheerful greetings and smiles from the day campers of "Camp We Can".

Mindful of our full agenda, we started promptly at 10:00 a.m., devoting the morning and first part of the afternoon to discussing a letter received from the Board of Directors of the Synod of Lincoln Trails (SOLT) "seeking clarification of the Presbytery's position regarding the ministry (and property) of University Church at Purdue in West Lafayette, IN."

The Council passed a motion about both the ministry and the SOLT's property which will be referred to the September 13th Presbytery Assembly for their final action. The Council also appointed two teams to meet with the key leadership and the Board of Directors of U Church in July to make sure they all understand the facets of our decision. At the July 23rd Council meeting we will establish the dates for performance benchmarks that must be met by University Church as we move to our September decision.

The Council also:

- engaged with the Presbytery wide Bible study of Philippians 3:1-14
- approved the docket and Council minutes of 4.23.13
- received reports from CPM and the SOLT
 - affirmed a recommendation from the Property Committee relative to the Hopewell-Avilla manse
- referred recommendations of the Transformation Ministry Team to the Standing Rules committee
- affirmed the recommendations of the Task Force for Attica-Williamsport
- concurred with the request of Calvary Logansport Session to pursue the "Relief of Conscience" provision in the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan
- referred COM information to the leadership team for follow up and action
 - approved a one-time use of the Presbytery's directory for the mailing of a brochure from Peabody Retirement Community
- was updated by the GP, **Frank Vardeman** about:
 - Dr. Rodger Nishioka as keynoter at our upcoming overnight Assembly Sept. 13th and 14th;
 - a Synod wide training event for COM and CPM members October 3-5 in Champaign Urbana;
 - our delegation to Triennium of 33 young people and 6 adults (as well as 4 other adults involved in the event);

- the blessings showered on us by **First Huntington** supporting their pastor **John Ritchie** serving as the Geneva Center Summer Camp Director this year;
- and received the annual report of Culley Memorial Fund, which provides continuing education funds for pastors in Whitewater Valley and Wabash Valley.

The Council also approved with enthusiasm a proposed Covenant of Partnership between PWV and two Mission co-workers just entering service overseas.

Updates were received regarding:

- Faith West Lafayette
- the survey done by the Visioning Ministry Team as part of the Joshua Journey
- Stewardship Ministry Team
- Geneva Center

and ratified Laura Reason authorizing an overage in the budget for Triennium after consultation with Alan Griffin and Eric Herzog.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 2:50 p.m.