

## Council Summary

Moderator Laura Reason called fourteen members of Council plus staff to order on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and moved into songs and Morning Prayer from *Glory to God*, the new Presbyterian hymnal.

General Presbyter Frank Vardeman reviewed his report to Council, and among other matters:

- Acknowledged enthusiasm of the September Assembly for Dr. Rodger Nishioka's preaching and teaching about Radical Hospitality.
- Proposed and Council approved applications for funding and the purchase of sufficient Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for gatherings at Geneva Center.
- Invited Honorably Retired Ministers to meet with Board of Pensions, COM and presbytery leaders for lunch on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Led discussion of accommodations for those with food allergies during Communion.
- Noted Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for the weekend of January 17-19, 2014, at Geneva Center.

Stated Clerk Linda Long encouraged Council and other presbytery leaders to recommend applicants to the Nominating Committee for election as commissioners to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly June 14-20, 2014, in Detroit, and reviewed the process and deadlines for submitting presbytery overtures to the General Assembly.

Visioning Team convener Steve Braden received Council approval for revising the Joshua Journey visioning process to focus the fifth retreat on discussion of Geneva Center, and for a recommendation that a Joshua Journey Team be named to develop proposals for structure, staffing finances and Geneva Center. A portion of the November Assembly will address the proposed focus/mission statement and a prioritization of presbytery functions.

Transformation Ministry Team moderator Bill Hudson reported on the team's recent work with congregations and its plans for 2014 that include continuing support from the Center for Parish Development, new ways of partnering with COM, and celebration of congregations who have completed the Missional Transformation Process with TMT.

Council also:

- Defined a process to nominate Nominating Committee members by email vote,
- Accepted reports of Commission on Preparation for Ministry and Commission on Ministry, Council minutes for August 27<sup>th</sup>, status reports of the Geneva Center Ministry Team, property committee and finance, and ideas from the Stewardship Ministry Team for continuing to provide workshops and other events to support congregations and their leaders, and
- Tabled a motion to set aside the remaining Ladoga funds for church development, with a commitment that future agenda will list tabled motions.

Council adjourned with prayers led by John Everett at 1:15 p.m. Next Stated Assembly is at Geneva Center on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am EST.