

**Assembly Summary**  
**April 28, 2010**

## Calvary Presbyterian Church Welcomes Colleagues' from Across the Presbytery

Calvary Presbyterian Church in Logansport hosted more than 120 of us yesterday for our Assembly meeting. Some highlights:

- Dr. Bill Enright, of the Lake Institute for Faith and Giving, was our guest preacher during worship, as well as our afternoon presenter. He illustrated "Generosity: The Landscape of Religious Giving" with highlights from a series of workshops offered for churches who seek to transform their culture of giving. Congregations are invited to apply to participate as the pilot group of ten churches. Those selected will have three in-depth workshops with Dr Enright to design a plan for creating a culture of generosity within their own congregations. Two more rounds of training will be offered, one in 2011, another in 2012. This project is partially funded by the Ministerial Excellence Fund from Lilly Foundation with the Synod of Lincoln Trails.
- Vice Moderator Pam Camren and COM moderator Kevin Bowers led the Assembly in acknowledging the interim leadership and contributions of Ray Fancher and his wife, Sheryl. Ray spoke of the challenges and joys of interim work, and was appreciated with standing ovations. He closed his remarks by reading his *Covenant of Separation* to the Assembly, to set expectations about appropriate boundaries after he leaves. The ministry of Ray and Cheryl among us will be celebrated at Geneva Center on **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3 to 5 pm EST.**
- Assembly voted to concur with Overture 058 to the General Assembly from the Synod of the Southwest, requesting formation of a special committee to study the entire structure of governance for PC(USA). Rev. Bill McLean II was named our overture advocate.
- Moderator John Ritchie led us in hymns and prayer, study of Romans 12:1-2 and reflection, an agenda handled primarily by consensus, and the Mission Yearbook reading for the day as presented by General Assembly Mission Council.
- Rev. Bill Haworth of the Smock Senior Ministries and Rev. Sue Babovec, chaplain of Peabody brought several residents of the Peabody Community to illustrate and describe the benefits of *Body Recall* routines. Smock Foundation will provide training at Berea College, room and board, and set-up supplies for ten congregations who wish to initiate these activities as a means to build community and well being for seniors.
- Next Stated Assembly will gather overnight at Geneva Center September 17-18 for its annual retreat.