

Assembly Summary

November 30, 2011

One hundred twenty people of Wabash Valley gathered yesterday at tables in the Geneva Center dining room to worship and sing, elect and install, celebrate and carry out its collective work as presbytery. Highlights of the day:

- Susan May, First, Mishawaka, introduced music throughout our meeting and worship from the new hymnal being developed by Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. For more information, see <http://www.presbyterianhymnal.org>
- Bill Hudson, First, Merrillville, announced the award to Presbytery of a \$50,000 grant from the Evangelism and Church Growth Committee of the General Assembly to support efforts of missional transformation – intentionally envisioning what God calls congregations to be for their community and for the Kingdom of God. Currently about 20 congregations of Wabash Valley are engaged in a multi-year process of study and discernment. The next group will begin the journey in early 2012.
- Alan Camren, First, Mishawaka, shared the story of his congregation's efforts on the Journey of the People of God in exploring God's mission for his church for this time and place, with the specific goals yet to be discerned in the context of the guiding vision of priorities they have developed together.
- Elected officers were installed with commitments and prayers:
 - Assembly Moderator Laura Reason, First, Highland
 - Assembly Vice Moderator Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Sunnyside, South Bend
 - Council Moderator Palma Camren, First, Mishawaka
 - Stated Clerk Linda Long, First, Valparaiso
- All elected moderators of commissions, teams and committees were surrounded with prayer and commissioned to their work for 2012
- Six-month budgets for Presbytery's Basic Mission and Operations were approved (new fiscal year begins July 1, 2012), relying upon a total per capital amount for 2012 at \$36.24 (\$6.63 to General Assembly, \$3.81 to Synod of Lincoln Trails, \$25.80 to serve our congregations as presbytery).
- Assembly elected four commissioners, two alternates, and a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to PC(U.S.A.)'s 220th General Assembly to be held in Pittsburgh next summer:
 - Rev. Gerald Egger, First, Rensselaer
 - Rev. Mary Ann Banning, First, Mishawaka
 - Ruling Elder Joe Hufford, Rossville
 - Ruling Elder Andrew Betts, Sunnyside, South Bend
 - Alternates Rev. William McLean II, First, Delphi, and Ruling Elder Linda Long, First, Valparaiso
 - YAAD James T. Schwartz, Sunnyside, South Bend
- Council announced its approval of allocation of the first payment received in settlement from First Presbyterian Church of Kokomo: to pay its share of per capita, to offset legal fees incurred by our AC and their lawsuit against Presbytery, and to contribute \$40,000 to Geneva Center as agreed. By consensus Assembly removed First, Kokomo from the rolls of PC(U.S.A.).

– Summarized by Linda L. Long, Stated Clerk