

Council Summary for June 28, 2011

Council met in the Presbytery office conference room this week to receive reports from our presbytery officers, committees, teams, commissions and taskforces and to take some significant actions:

- All Wabash Valley people who serve on presbytery committees, teams, commissions, taskforces, staff and Council – and their families – are invited for fellowship, games, pool time, catered picnic lunch, hikes, worship and other activities. It's a time for staff and volunteers who do the work of presbytery to play and just enjoy the blessings of Geneva Center. Plan to spend Saturday, August 13, from 10 am to 4 pm EDT.
- Geneva Center Ministry Team will articulate its vision for ministry supported by survey results that state interest in programs for officer training events, spiritual direction weekends and silent retreats, session retreats, youth and family weekends, and other gatherings consistent with its mission. Experienced directors from successful camp and conference centers will consult with the team. If you wish to add your input, visit <http://www.genevacenter.org/Forms/Survey2011-06.pdf> and fax, mail or email.
- Council members brought their laptops and practiced using GoToMeeting technology for occasional special meetings to replace more costly conference calls.
- Approved a loan with a five-year, interest-bearing, secured note to General Presbyter Frank Vardeman to aid in the purchase of a home within the bounds of PWV.
- Personnel Committee notified Council of the resignation of Larry Kalas for personal reasons and approved Committee recommendations. Frank Vardeman will manage the staff and operations of Geneva Center and Rev. David Lawrence will serve as director of camping programs for the remainder of the summer.
- Effective January 1, 2012, approved increase of reimbursement of mileage for those volunteers doing presbytery work to \$.25/mile plus \$.05/mile for each passenger.
- Approved motion to request and agreed to receive from Synod of Lincoln Trails the transfer of real estate occupied by University Church in West Lafayette to Presbytery of Wabash Valley, subject to consultation with Presbyterian Loan and Investment program and our Presbytery attorney.
- Council's Taskforce for University Church continues to work with UC Board on details of an agreement defining relationships between that campus ministry and our Presbytery and regional congregations with appropriate checks and balances. Acceptance of this ministry will require recommendation by Council and action by the Assembly.
- Reviewed financial reports and appreciated that many congregations are sending their per capita support to presbytery earlier in the year.