

General Presbyter Praises General Assembly Commissioners Work

by Elder Pam Camren, Council Moderator

The regularly scheduled meeting of the PWV (Presbytery of Wabash Valley) Council was called to order at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 28 by Moderator, **Pam Camren** and members were welcomed including new Council member, **Rev. Lyle Ewing**, Moderator of the New Development Ministry Team. The opening prayer focused on our being in Christ's presence whatever is occurring around us. The Bible study time was spent on the passage from Exodus 18:13-26 with each individual discerning how it related to them through particular words from the scripture.

Actions of the Council included:

- A motion to rotate meetings of Council between churches and Geneva Center (GC) was approved,
- Generating a list of names for **Registrar** for the **Youth Triennium** in 2013 to be contacted by the Council Moderator,
- Receiving of written and verbal reports from the officers and General Presbyter **Frank Vardeman**. He praised the work of GA Commissioners and committee support people from PWV. He also highlighted summer camp information with 160 campers reported,
- A lengthy discussion related to PWV/Geneva Center relationship concluding with an approved motion to have the **GC Planning Group** report to the Council at the October 23rd meeting with current financial statements and to have all Council members review the Nov. 2010 Lehman & Lehman study related to GC which will be distributed,
- A motion from the **Personnel Ministry Team** to only include action items in minutes of the Council or Assembly upon the advice of presbytery attorney. Motion was defeated by voice vote,
- Approval of minutes of April and May meetings of Council,
- A motion to create a Task Force to revise PWV By-laws and Standing Rules to match the new Form of Government,
- Discussion about process for voting on **Amendments and Heidelberg Confession** changes coming from 2012 GA (General Assembly),
- Receiving of the report from the **Commission on Ministry**
- Approved the **Commission on Preparation** proposed policy for examination and care of inquirers and candidates,
- Nomination of **Rev. Steve Mullin** to the PJC (Presbytery Judicial Committee). Rev. Mullin serves on the nominating committee so had to be nominated by the Council,
- **Personnel Ministry Team** motion that changes to By-laws and Standing Rules to reflect the time commitment of the SC (Stated Clerk), full-time to half-time, be recommended to the PA (Presbytery Assembly) was approved,
- **SMT (Stewardship Ministry Team)** moved three items which were approved

- 1. that 2 churches be invited to each assembly to share info about local mission projects
- 2. formation of formal partnership grants to congregations utilizing Peacemaking funds and reallocation of some Corporation Fund \$s
- 3. hiring of firm to conduct a 2011 financial review of the presbytery fund
- **Transformation Ministry Team (TMT)** reflected the work of the First Wave of churches, now in their third year,
- Received written and verbal updates on ACs (**Administrative Commissions**) from Ladoga PC, Faith-West Lafayette and Rensselaer,
- **Task Force on Property's** written report focused on several issues and Council approved the expenditure to make a sewer line connection for the Granger property and the sale of the former Ridgedale manse to Joseph and Leah Kiama,

Written report was received from (SLT) Synod of Lincoln Trails representative.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Alan Griffin at 3:30 p.m.