

Yesterday, Council focused most of its meeting on University Church, a specialized ministry of the Presbytery on the edge of the campus of Purdue, West Lafayette. There were sixteen elected Council members present, plus two staff and two non-voting Council members and Doug Tracy, Stated Clerk of Synod of Lincoln Trails, filling the Presbytery Conference Room.

- Moderator Laura Reason called the meeting to order with opening prayer by Jeff Cover, and led introductions and discussions of Philippians 3:17-4:1. All written reports were accepted by omnibus motion and no other action was taken on reports of commissions, teams, officers and staff.
- Visioning Team vice moderator and Council member Steve Braden briefly highlighted progress on the *Joshua Journey* process and encouraged all to attend the remaining two retreats: October 19th to deliberate on presbytery functions and structure to support its priorities; and November 9th to consider the role of Geneva Center in the ministry priorities of the Presbytery.
- Remainder of Council's meeting focused upon the Presbyterian Investment and Loan (PILP) requirement that presbytery co-sign the loan application of University Church (UC) to procure funds to reimburse the Synod of Lincoln Trails (SOLT) for \$487,000 temporarily advanced in 2011 for essential HVAC renovations. The University Church building is owned by Synod and leased for many years by University Church.
 - In June Council approved a motion: "PWV affirms its commitment to UC ministry and to accept transfer of UC property from SOLT, and recommends to Assembly: PWV will co-sign a loan with UC from PILP to repay SOLT \$487,000, subject to consultation with UC Board and leaders to set specific actions and deadlines for a capital campaign by UC."
 - Extensive discernment among Council members and staff, guest from the Synod and some of the UC Board sought to separate out matters of ministry partnership from decisions about property and money.
 - There were reports that UC's July Board meeting was cancelled, and there were insufficient attendees for a quorum for its August Board meeting, so the UC Board took no specific actions in response to Council's June request. There was review of written communications from the UC Board president, reports of various conversations with the UC pastor, and several people spoke to the historic Presbyterian UC ministry, its years of support through ecumenical funding for campus ministry, and the more recent Presbyterian re-affiliation and need for renovations after years of neglected maintenance.
 - Left with lack of specific action by the Board to assure the Presbytery and PILP of its ability to maintain payments on a \$487,000-loan and reports of inconsistent statements from University Church leaders and Board members, Council voted to rescind its June motion, and defeated by divided votes two motions to co-sign the loan under other conditions.
 - In support of the UC ministry, Council unanimously approved a motion directing the presbytery's Financial Consultant to continue to provide an additional 15-20 hours of consultation and technical assistance to the UC on financial matters.
 - Council agreed by consensus that communication among University Church, the Presbytery, Synod and PILP will be channeled through the Presbytery's Stated Clerk and President of UC's Board of Directors, and the Stated Clerk was directed to communicate the decisions of Council.

Council adjourned with prayer led by Joe Hufford at 1:30. Next meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 10 am EDT at Geneva Center.