

Council summary:

January 26, 2010

By Linda L. Long, Stated Clerk

- After sharing lunch on Friday, Council opened with a reading from John 20 and discussed what it means to become a community of missional communities.
- Moderator Carol McDonald welcomed Elder Margaret Haney, Interim Executive at Synod of the Covenant, who led us to study the letters to the angels of churches in Revelations, chapters 1-3.
- After dinner, orientation, and review of 2009 Presbytery goals and priorities, Council received updates from the Next Steps in Leadership Task Force, Standing Rules task force on its work-in-progress, the General Presbyter Search Team, the Administrative Commission De-briefings, and approved a covenant between our Presbytery and Whitewater Valley to receive financial consulting from Whitewater Valley's elected treasurer, Eric Herzog.
- Saturday morning began with devotions and routine matters. Eric led a review of resources and investments in ministry, concluding the 2009 financial reports. He remains available to answer financial and stewardship questions for individual congregations.
- Ray led a discussion of ethics and dual roles, and Council members completed conflict of interest disclosure forms.
- Sheryl Carle Fancher gave an update on the Ministerial Excellence Fund, and Council agreed to invite Dr. Bill Enright to present the theology of giving at the April 27th Assembly.
- Approved recommendations from Administrative Ministry Team for Geneva Center well work, building plans for First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, and establishing a proposed salary range for the General Presbyter Search Team.
- Tabled action on report of University Church Transition Team until additional information is available.
- Approved contract and welcome to Larry Kalas as Acting Director of Geneva Center, to begin February 1.
- Celebrated the impending launch of our Missional Transformation Journey in partnership with 17 congregations committed and several more sessions set to take action. Coaches have had their first training. First session with the coordinating teams of churches will be Saturday, February 13 at First, Plymouth.