

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
ADVOCATES FOR INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY (AIM) REPORT
November 8, 2011

- **Level 1 Training**

The following personnel have completed AIM's Level 1 Boundaries training at North Presbyterian Church in North St. Paul:

October 6:

Mr. Jeff Foels, ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, MN

The Reverend Joann Lee, associate pastor, House of Hope, St. Paul, MN

The Reverend Eily Marlow, Lilly Project Associate, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

The Reverend Joan McKenzie, pastor, Buffalo Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, MN

October 22:

The Reverend James Brasel, honorably retired

Ms. Karen Larson, candidate, St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Wayzata, MN

The Reverend Grace Lee, parish associate, Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, MN

The Reverend Ethel Kay Livingston, honorably retired

Mr. Matthew Voytek, inquirer, St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Wayzata, MN

As in previous years, we are tentatively scheduling our next Level 1 training session for the first Thursday after Easter, which is April 12, 2012 (location TBD). While the presbytery can require training only for teaching elders, we strongly encourage training for sessions, other ruling elders, deacons, youth ministers, and other employees and volunteers.

- **Sexual Misconduct Policies Required for Sessions**

Effective July 10, 2011, "All governing bodies shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy" (*Book of Order* section G-3.0106e).

Last September, the presbytery approved a draft template for such a policy. We believe it can be adapted easily to the circumstances of many kinds of congregations. However, we recommend that each session make sure that its congregation's insurance company approves of its sexual misconduct policy. If a large claim is filed (e.g., severe emotional distress), and the insurance company discovers that the session did not either have a good policy or implement its policy, it is likely that the insurance company will deny any payment on the claim.