

Précis

the unofficial stated meeting highlights of the presbytery of the twin cities area

The November 2011 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area was held November 8 at Boutwell's Landing, a Presbyterian Homes living facility in Oak Park Heights, MN.

Major Actions

Presbytery Council: The Presbytery Council put forward the following Bylaws revision, to conform with the Book of Order Form of Government. The proposed revision had a first reading at the September Stated Meeting at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, MN.

ARTICLE V, MEETINGS, paragraph 2
 Special meetings may be called ~~in accordance with the Book of Order, Form of Government G-11.0201~~ **by the moderator, at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches. Should the moderator be unable to act, the stated clerk shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both moderator and stated clerk are unable to act, any three teaching elders and three ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting. The synod may direct the presbytery to convene a special meeting for the transaction of designated business. Notice of a special meeting shall be sent not less than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting, and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted.**



Organizing Pastor Paul Moore wears sticker supporting Chain of Lakes New Church Development in Blaine, MN. The Presbytery voted in favor of purchasing land for the new church plant in Anoka County.

Presbytery **approved the bylaws change.**

Budget Task Force: Task Force chair Barbara Van Loenen (First Presbyterian-Hudson, WI) presented a proposal to increase per capita for the Presbytery from \$19.06 to

\$20.00. The total 2012 per capita will then be \$31.63 per active member, when including the Synod of Lakes and Prairies portion of \$5.00, and General Assembly portion of \$6.63.

The Presbytery **approved** the increased Presbytery portion of the per capita assessment.

The Task Force also recommended to the Presbytery a total budget for 2012 is \$1,146,976.00, which the Presbytery **voted to approve..**

The Presbytery **passed** the mission apportionment between the three Councils (General Assembly, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area) as follows:

General Assembly	17%
Synod of Lakes and Prairies	17%
Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area	66%

Chain of Lakes Purchase: The Presbytery unanimously supported purchasing property for Chain of Lakes New Church Development (NCD) in Blaine, MN. A Property Purchase Task Force was approved by Presbytery to oversee the purchase process. The members include Kevin Amundson, Maryann Archer, John Ivers, and Rev. Ken



Upper Left: Rev. Don Genereaux gives his Proclamation. Upper Right: Rev. Mary McNamara gives her thanks to the PTCA after being granted honorably retired status. Lower Left: Rev. Josh Heikilla gives the Presbytery an update on his work as PC(USA) representative in Ghana. Lower Right: Candidate Melanie Kim is prayed for by the Presbytery. All photos by Dennis Sanders.

McCullen (Honorably Retired), representing Chain of Lakes NCD; Rev. Newell Krogmann (Honorably Retired) and James Payne (Plymouth Presbyterian Church-Plymouth, MN), representing the Church Development Team and Barbara Van Loenen (Ruling Elder, First-Hudson, WI) and Walter Rockenstein (Ruling Elder, Westminster-Minneapolis), representing the Board of Trustees.

Examinations for Candidacy: The Presbytery examined and enrolled Barbara Englund (Peace Presbyterian -St. Louis Park, MN) and Melanie Kim (Plymouth Presbyterian Church-Plymouth, MN) as candidates for ordination as teaching elders.

Pastoral Transitions:

Honorably Retired:

Janet Shannon
Mary McNamara

New to Presbytery:

Raymond Kreuger- from Prospect Hill Presbytery. Honorably Retired.

Megan Smith Remtema- from Whitewater Valley Presbytery to Chaplain, Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, MN.

Sung-Joo Park- from Atlantic Korean Presbytery to Pastor, Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota, Brooklyn Center, MN.

Installations:

Stephen Robertson: October 23, 2010. Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN.

John H. G. Curtiss: November 6, 2010. Pastor, Community Presbyterian Church, Plainview, MN.

Changes in Ecclesiastical Status:

Todd Allen, from pastor, Presbyterian Church of the Way (Shoreview, MN) to Member-at-Large.

Theresa Roberts, from Member-at-Large to Interim Pastor, Community Presbyterian Church, Rochester, MN.

Other Highlights

Two "Proclamations" or short pastoral reflections were given by Marian Michael (Ruling Elder, Valley Community-Golden Valley, MN) and Rev. Don Genereaux (Teaching Elder, First-Belle Plaine, MN). At-Large Teaching Elder Josh Heikilla gave an update of his work in Ghana as liaison for the PC(USA) in West Africa and Ruling Elder Ruth Jones (North PC, North St. Paul, MN) spoke about the Presbyterian Women Remember Niger Project, which seeks to improve quality educational resources to the African nation of Niger.

Next Stated Meeting: January 14, 2012 at Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church, 1275 E. Magnolia Avenue, St. Paul, MN starting at 9:00AM.



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