



Synopsis of the January 2010 Meeting of the Synod of Lincoln Trails

New Commissioners

New commissioners are: Marian DeWall and Johanna Sommers, Blackhawk; Jennifer Burns Lewis and Jack Wilson, Chicago; Maura McGrath Nagle, Great Rivers; Mike Beaver, Ohio Valley; Laura Johnston and John Swick, Southeastern Illinois; Cheryl Montgomery, Whitewater Valley. Re-elected commissioners are Bruce Haapalainen, Wabash Valley and Veltri Taylor, Ohio Valley.

Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk Kim Leech reported. The synod approved the proposed revision of the guidelines for reviewing presbytery minutes.

Nominating Committee

Katherine Rieder reported for the nominating committee and presented the committee's slate of nominees: Eddie Knox, moderator; Katherine Rieder, vice-moderator; Victoria Curtiss and Phyllis Mueller, PJC; William Frazier, board of directors and Pauline Rowles, personnel standing committee. The entire slate was elected.

Worship and the Lord's Supper

Worship included the installation of the new synod moderator and vice-moderator. Eddie Knox preached on "How Profound is Our Connection?"

Administrative Commission for Presbytery of Midwest Hanmi

John Braden reported for the commission. Details of the commission's activities will be included in the minutes of the synod meeting.

Standing Committee on Mission Coordination and Administration

Jan Wilkerson reported for the committee.

- Laurie Williams was elected vice moderator for the committee.
- Jack Wilson and Jan Wilkerson will serve on the leadership development fund subcommittee.
- Veltri Taylor and MaryMarg Karty will serve on the congregational development subcommittee. Harriet Wilkins will also participate
- The committee approved themes relating to the synod's connectedness for 2010 meetings: GA (April), presbyteries (July), congregations (Oct.).
- The committee created a subcommittee for communications and appointed Nate Rush to the committee. Marta Kramer will staff the committee. Additional members with expertise in communications will be sought.

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Standing Committee on Leadership Development

Nick Shargo reported for the committee.

- The committee will offer a \$500 scholarship to the PC(USA) Youth Triennium to each presbytery in the synod.
 - The committee requested and received synod approval to offer the Lord's Supper at 13 leadership development events in 2010.
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Annual Meeting of the Corporation

The synod meeting was adjourned temporarily to allow the annual meeting to convene. Joy Haning reported for the board of directors.

The board nominated Marylynn Boatright as president of the corporation, Jim Mann as vice president and Dave Crittenden as secretary/treasurer. The nominees were elected.

In its January 22 meeting, the board reviewed the 2009 general ledger financial reports. Budgeted income was almost \$111,844 less than expected and budgeted expense was \$72,487 less than expected, leaving budgeted expense over income of \$15,382.