

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY



February 11, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley:

As the Assembly prepares to meet at 10:00 am EST on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Geneva Center; I encourage you to be in prayer for the commissioners who will gather that day for worship, study, discussion, discernment and decision.

As several of our congregations experience the Missional Transformation Process this year, the themes at our Assemblies will reflect that process as we as a presbytery also experience God's power of new life through our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus and the ever-presence of the Holy Spirit. To center and ground us in this transformational time as we gather this month, the Reverend Raymond Fancher, our Interim General Presbyter, will share God's Word with us from Deuteronomy 7:6-9. Also, I am looking forward to when we gather at the Lord's Table to celebrate and proclaim the Life, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

In response to the on-going life of our presbytery we will partake in and celebrate the following: an examination for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament; the commissioning of a Lay Pastor; the recognition of the retirement of a pastor; and the designation as Pastor Emeritus of another. What great accomplishments of these individuals towards fulfilling God's mission for our presbytery!

For those of you, who will be commissioners to this Assembly, be looking for the announcements that packet material is ready to be downloaded from the presbytery's website, www.ourpresbytery.org. Also note that we will be using a numbering system to help you organize the reports in an easier and more efficient manner. Each docket item will be assigned a combination of letters and numbers. The corresponding letters and numbers will also be assigned to each report. For example, when it is time to examine the candidate for ordination the docket will look something like this:

A. 2:00 p.m. EST Discerning God's Mission

1. Report of the COM and CPM:

a. Examination for Ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament

All corresponding papers for that examination will be labeled:

A - 1 - a. Hopefully this will help you in organizing all of the papers ahead of time, as well as those you receive at 10:00 am on February 23rd.

May God bless our time together on February 23rd and our work in achieving God's mission until then...and after then!

Peace Through Faith, Hope and Love!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Ritchie".

Rev John Ritchie, Moderator of 2010 Presbytery Assembly
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