



# PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY

## GOD CALLS

September 23, 2009

CREATES, CONNECTS AND  
NURTURES CONGREGATIONS TO  
FULFILL CHRIST'S MISSION

### Links to Special points of interest:

[Contribute to the  
Peacemaking Offer-  
ing](#)

Use the prayers on  
[Spiritual Nurture for  
Peacemakers](#) in per-  
sonal devotions and  
corporate worship.

[Faith leaders to  
press G-20 for anti-  
poverty action](#)

**PC(USA) will be  
represented by  
hunger program's  
Ruth Farrell**

Free and Easy  
Scheduling Website:  
<http://doodle.com/>

### PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

- Tues, October 13

### ASSEMBLY

- Tuesday, Nov 17  
Peabody  
Retirement  
Community



## Prayers of the Presbytery

O God, we thank you for the many individuals you send to teach us through our lives. We are grateful for what is developing with our congregations in the Presbytery of Wabash Valley in the Missional Transformation process.

We continue to hold in prayer **Rev. Michael Landon** as he reports to have had a little bit better week following his surgery two months ago. Prayers are requested also for their daughter, **Moriah**, who has been quite sick this past week as they wait test results.

O' God we thank you for the work of **First Presbyterian Church, Goshen & Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett** we pray for their continued ministry.

May we remain worthy of your trust and care, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## PWV ASSEMBLY ACTS ON NEW DIRECTION

By **Linda L Long, Stated Clerk**

Our Assembly of 87 churches met in retreat at Geneva Center on September 18-19, 2009, to worship, celebrate and do the work of Presbytery with our congregations. We accomplished a lot!

- **Welcomed Rev. Gradye Parsons**, Stated Clerk of our General Assembly, who with his stories, insights, statistics, history and humor, illus-



trated our journey as the People of God, as people of hope who take risks for Christ. He suggested the time has come to hold onto the right things, and to let go of the others, as we live out our Reformed understanding of being

Church for tomorrow, as well as today.

- **Shared table** with conversations, prayers, Bible study, singing and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- **Commissioned Elder Jim Dougas** as Interim Lay Pastor to Faith Presbyterian Church in Kokomo, surrounded by members of the congregation.
- **Elected unanimously** Elders Alice Yacullo (FPC-Michigan City) and Jill Kitowski (PC-LaPorte) and Revs. William McLean (FPC-Delphi) and William Hudson (FPC-Merrillville) and Ms. Julianne Miller (Sunnyside-South Bend) as commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegate, respectively, to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly gathering in Minneapolis next summer. Elder Pam Camren and Revs. Robert Shaw and Gerald Egger were elected alternates.
- **Committed to a three-year Missional Transformation partnership**

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## ORDINATION RECOGNITION

Best wishes are extended to the following on their ordination anniversary:

- **Rev. Michael Landon;** Interim Pastor Covenant Federated Church Kentland, September 27, 1992
- **Rev. Stephen Braden;** Pastor First PC Elkhart, September 28, 1986
- **Rev. Stanley Wilson;** Pastor Ligonier PC Ligonier, September 29, 1996
- **Rev. William McLean II;** Pastor First PC Delphi, September 30, 2007
- **Rev. Anna Maria Parkinson;** Associate Pastor First PC Goshen, September 30, 2007

Please accept my sincere apology if you have not been acknowledged. Please forward your updated information to [Vicki Dreibelbis](#) or call 574-223-5678.



*Your service is appreciated!*



### Endowment Indiana Clergy Renewal Program for 2010

#### Lilly

#### Information Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2009, from 1:00-4:00 pm

North United Methodist Church

3808 N. Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN

In 2010, Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations will again provide as many as 40 grants of up to \$50,000 to congregations located for the support of renewal programs for their pastors.

***Pastors, spouses and lay leaders from congregations interested in applying for a grant next year are invited to attend an information meeting regarding this opportunity.***

Register no later than Monday, November 2, at [Indianaclergyrenewal@yahoo.com](mailto:Indianaclergyrenewal@yahoo.com) or by calling (317) 916-7350.

Include: (1) the name of your congregation as well as its street address, city, zip code and telephone number; and  
(2) the names of those who will attend (we can accommodate up to three persons per congregation).

Detailed information about the Indiana Clergy Renewal Program, including the application brochure, will be available soon on the Lilly Endowment Website. We recommend that you download and read the 2010 application brochure and bring a copy with you to the meeting.



## Spreading the word

### Second World Mission Challenge will reach 152 presbyteries

Starting next week, dozens of mission co-workers will visit presbyteries across the country as part of the second [World Mission Challenge](#). From Sept. 25-Oct. 18, 45 mission speakers will visit 152 presbyteries, telling stories of how they've seen God at work in the world.

Although fundraising is not the goal of the challenge, speakers will educate Presbyterians about how they can support international mission prayerfully and financially.

The challenge will end with the [World Mission Celebration](#), an educational and networking event Oct. 22-24 in Cincinnati.

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### **New resources available for Peacemaking Offering**

Peacemaking Offering to be received on World Communion Sunday, October 4.

[Spiritual Nature of Peacemakers](#)

[Featured resources](#)

[Web-based resources](#)

[Publications](#)

[Of special interest to college and seminary students](#)

## **COMING SOON TO THE WEBSITE**

### **THE REPORT OF THE INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTERY**

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### **Special Invitation to College Students**

First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka is located just a short distance from Bethel College, University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, and IUSB. If you have any students attending these schools, please encourage them to attend First Presbyterian Church of Mishawaka. (Don't forget students in graduate pro-

grams!) We are a very student-friendly congregation with lots to offer. In fact, our church organist and hand bell director is a current Notre Dame graduate student. We are happy to offer spiritual support, pastoral care, and social opportunities to your members while they are away from home.

Our traditional worship service is at 9:30 every Sunday morning, with Fellowship and Christian education for all ages following. We have some wonderful events coming up to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For more information, check our website <http://www.fpcmishawaka.org/>, email us [office@fpcmishawaka.org](mailto:office@fpcmishawaka.org) or give us a call (574) 259-7874.

## The Alban Weekly

### The Power of Feelings

by William M. Kondrath

William Kondrath paints an illustration of the power of feelings and the tendency of most groups to ignore feelings and focus on intel-

lectual or cognitive explanations for nearly everything. Once his congregation explored their feelings, they were transformed into

a tighter community that worked together more effectively.



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with our congregations, supported by leadership and training through the Center for Parish Development. "Come and see" workshops are scheduled around the Presbytery, beginning October 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at 1<sup>st</sup> PC-Valparaiso, to give congregations a sample of what the process might be for them.

- **Approved financing for Geneva Center** renovations, to include a new heating and cooling system and replacement of the old conference

center windows to improve efficiency.

- **Reviewed first reading of proposed 2010 Budgets** for mission and operations of our Presbytery, and asked questions of Eric Herzog, our treasurer-consultant on loan from Whitewater Valley. New software is in place to improve our financial reporting.
- **Approved Transition Team** to investigate and develop recommendations for us concerning request of campus ministry of University Church, Purdue, to become part of



our Presbytery.

- **Heard from "Trusted Voices"**

as presented by Rev. Diane Karay Tripp from her book of that name, from Sheryl Carle Fancher concerning the grant for Ministerial Excellence funded through the Synod by Lilly Foundation, and from Rev. Doug Kelly, Board of Pensions regional counselor.

- **Celebrated ministry milestones** with the retirements of Revs. Nancy Becker and George Frey, and the movement of Edwin Brinklow from Inquirer to Candidate as he continues his seminary studies.
- **Approved actions** as reported by Council, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and Stated Clerk.
- **Contributed \$482.14** to the Peacemaking offering



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## CREATING, CONNECTING, NURTURING

**Where is your Interim General Presbyter fulfilling our mission?** Rev.

Fancher's congregational schedule: (Eastern Time Zone unless otherwise noted\*)

September 27	10:30 a.m.	Memorial Presbyterian Church Dayton
October 11	10:00 a.m.*	Immanuel Presbyterian Church Schererville
October 15	7:00 p.m.*	Hobart Presbyterian Church Hobart

## PWV Meetings & Events

### Wednesday, September 23

- 12 - 2 pm - Interim Pastors Gathering
- 2 - 5 pm - Missional Transformation Coordinating Team

### Thursday, September 24

- 10 am - Church Development Ministry Team

### Tuesday, September 29

- 10 am - 3 pm - Leadership Development

### Wednesday, September 30

- 10 am - 12 pm - Staff

### Thursday, October 1

- 10 am - Committee on Ministry

### Wednesday, October 7

- 10 am - Nominating Committee

### Thursday, October 8

- 10 am - Administrative Ministry Team

### Tuesday, October 13

- 10 am - Council

### Thursday, October 15

- 10 am - Committee on Ministry Executive Committee

### Saturday, October 17

- 10 am - Geneva Center Committee

For more scheduling & calendar information go to <http://www.ourpresbytery.org>

All meetings are held at PWV Office, times are Eastern Time (ET) unless noted otherwise.