

Presbytery Council
Winnebago Presbytery
April 12-13, 2010

Pilgrim Center, Ripon, WI

The Councils of Milwaukee and Winnebago Presbyteries gathered for a joint educational meeting at 3:00 p.m. on April 12 in the Chapel at Pilgrim Center. The presentation was made by the Rev. Sarah Drummond, author of the book *Holy Clarity*. Three sessions were held as the group discussed planning and evaluation.

On Tuesday afternoon, April 13, each Council met separately for business.

The Winnebago Presbytery Council convened in Oak Mound Lodge at 12:50 p.m. with prayer offered by the Marcia Thomas.

Present:

Marcia Thomas	M, Moderator of Presbytery
Jeanne Nymoen	E, Vice Moderator
Barbara Jordanger	E, Personnel Committee
Dennis Mannering	E, Past Moderator of Presbytery
Wendy Mannering	E, Committee on Ministry
Jan Nelson	E, Presbyterian Women
Richard Manny	M, Finance Committee
Bette Hoytink	E, Committee on Ministry
Jean Schneider	E, Nominating
Rebecca Proefrock	M, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Margaret Zedan	M, Synod Commissioner
Lucy Rupe	M, Executive Presbyter
Sarah Moore-Nokes	M, Associate Executive Presbyter
Nancy Barczak	E, Associate for Administration

Excused: Judy Nighorn, Jim York, Stephen Wright, Robert Merriam, and Stated Clerk Michael Lukens.

The **January Council minutes** were reviewed and approved.

Council reviewed the February Presbytery meeting.

Reflection on the joint retreat experience: Members appreciated the time together and believed Sarah's style was engaging. Council looks forward to other opportunities. Someone suggested a future mission trip together. It was noted the COM's had met together and are planning a second gathering for next year. Barbara Jordanger reported that Milwaukee, Winnebago and John Knox had conducted a joint PJC training that was very successful. Lucy will be in conversation with Gregg Neel regarding future possibilities.

Directional Task Force Report: The task force met at the end of March and learned that our landlord has agreed to let us continue renting the space for our share of the current rental. The Task Force has decided to focus on a 5-year plan and appointed a writing team of Barbara Jordanger, Ted Sperduto, Richard Manny and Marcia Thomas. The team will have a rough draft that will be distributed to task force members, Council and younger presbyters in May requesting feedback prior to the August Council meeting. A revision will be presented there; then taken to September presbytery for a first reading.

Presbytery Agenda Building: The May 11 Presbytery meeting will be at Marshfield First. We will be meeting around tables for education and business with worship just prior to the lunch break. Moderators reported their time requests for the meeting.

Other Business:

- Council voted to grant permission for Elder Rosangela Berbert (lay pastor student) to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at First Presbyterian Church, Oshkosh, on June 6, 2010.
- Council voted to approve the Administrative Commission for the Installation of the Rev. Sherwood McKay at First Presbyterian Church, Weyauwega on April 25, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The Commission members: the Rev. Susan Zencka, the Rev. Nelson Craig, the Rev. Marion Conditt, the Rev. Marcia Thomas (Moderator) and the Rev. Darryl Baker, Elder Jeanne Nymoen (Memorial), Elder Chuck Brownlow (Wild Rose), and Elder Lucie Erickson (Weyauwega), and the Rev. Jennifer Czarnota (East Central Synod of the ELCA) and the Rev. Alex Tychkin (Northeast Association of the United Church of Christ).
- Council voted to seat the Rev. Jennifer Czarnota and the Rev. Alex Tychkin as corresponding members of the Commission.
- Council voted to grant permission for the Rev. Craig Alwin to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women in Winnebago Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Oconto, on April 24, 2010.
- Sarah Moore-Nokes distributed brochures for the Common Origins events in Green Bay featuring Amy-Jill Levine May 14-16, 2010.
- Margaret Zedan reported on her experiences as an ordination exam reader and expressed a strong interest in being re-elected when appropriate.
- Jan Nelson shared information about the Cents-Ability project of the PCUSA Hunger Program. She also reminded members about the Synod PW Gathering this summer. She reported that the Networker's Project is now a part of the Healthy Women, Healthy Families program.
- DePere Church Update: Lucy reported that the pastoral relationship with Ted Tromble and First United Presbyterian was dissolved at his request, effective April 11, 2010. He renounced jurisdiction of the PCUSA on Monday, April 12th. Council voted that word go out in News and Notes regarding the fact that Ted has given up jurisdiction so it is not heard for the first time at the Presbytery meeting. Nancy will check any restrictions with Michael Lukens prior to placing such a note. Marcia led the Council in prayer. **Note:** The Stated Clerk sent a letter reporting the renunciation to presbyters and colleagues on April 14, 2010.
- Sarah noted that she will be on sabbatical from April 26 through August 9. She will be in attendance at the May 11 Presbytery meeting.

Next Council Meeting: August 24, 2010 (Pine Lake, Sheboygan, DePere are possible sites.) Bette Hoytink will lead the opening devotions and Richard Manny will do the closing prayer.

Adjournment: Sarah Moore-Nokes closed the meeting with prayer at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barczak
Secretary Pro Tem