

# Highlights

## of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky

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### ***PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS***



The Presbytery of Western Kentucky met for its quarterly meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. The meeting was called to order with prayer by Elder Bell Muth, Moderator. The Rev. Dr. Anthony Barta of First Presbyterian Church, Hopkinsville, welcomed the members and guests to the historic church. A delightful breakfast buffet was served by members of the church.

Morning worship was led by Lay Pastor Archie Fugate who delivered a message entitled "Another Resurrection". Mr. Fugate read from I Kings and the Gospel of St. Luke. Music was provided by Gail Holder, Hopkinsville First Presbyterian organist.

Visitors, first time commissioners, and corresponding members were presented and welcomed. Rev. Curry Davis, on behalf of the Nominations Committee, moved that Rev. Patrick Napier be elected Moderator for the year 2008 and that Elder Willee Cooper be elected Vice-Moderator for the year 2008. Motion seconded and carried. Rev. Napier and Mrs. Cooper will be installed at the February, 2008, meeting of Presbytery.

### **Church & Society**

Mrs. Susan Webb of the Committee on Church and Society introduced guest Rev. Nancy Troy who presented a program on domestic violence and the role of the church in this issue. The program was well received by those in attendance.

### **Personnel**

Elder Martha Haynes on behalf of the Personnel Committee thanked Mrs. Willee Cooper for her excellent work with the "Presbyterian Voice" publication.

Following a prayer of Grace and Thanksgiving by the Rev. Dr. Barta, a delightful meal was served by the members of First Presbyterian Church of Hopkinsville in the fellowship hall.

### **Mission Coordinating Council**

Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery reported that the 2008 budget total was less than that of 2007 and that no programs or mission monies had been cut.

Rev. David Montgomery reported on the progress of the Presbytery Structural Task Force and its recommendation that the Task Force desires that "Western Kentucky Presbytery reaffirms and reiterates its mission statement that says, 'The mission of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky is to

encourage and strengthen congregations and Presbyters for their lives and ministries,' and be proactive in how we work, support, and live together in a Presbyterian form of government with a General Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions of local congregations. We want to enhance the relationship within our connectional system."

It was moved, seconded, and carried to dismiss the task force and to thank them for a job well done.

### **Finance Committee**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Rev. Rich Cooper reported that Presbytery was operating closely within its budget.

### **Mission Development Committee**

Rev. Dr. Anthony Barta reported on a Presbyterian Evangelism workshop held in September, 2007, in Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Leadership Development Committee**

Rev. Curry Davis commented that the committee would take into consideration the task force's advice regarding additional elder training. Steve Garden reported on the success of the recent youth retreat at Camp Loucon. Sixty-three students and thirteen adult leaders were in attendance. The theme was "My Space".

Plans are currently being made for Summer 2008, programs "City Sights/City Lights", Senior High Mission Experience in Kentucky, and the Montreat Conference.

### **Presbyterian Women**

Elder Debbie McCoy reported that seventy-eight women were in attendance at Round Pond Presbyterian Church for the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering, the theme of which was "Light My

Fire". Money was collected in plastic water bottles for the Living Waters Program. Presbyterian Women want to encourage and challenge all of the churches in the Presbytery to participate.

### **Nominations Committee**

Rev. Curry Davis presented the roster of names to serve on various committees. He moved that the roster be accepted. Motion seconded and carried.

Class of 2010: Stated Clerk: Rev. Charlie Evans  
Class of 2010: Associate Stated Clerk: Rev. Lon Lorton  
Class of 2010: Permanent Clerk: Mr. Wayne Goolsby, Hopkinsville  
Class of 2010: Treasurer: Mr. Ellis Polk, Highland

#### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Martha Haynes, Bowling Green and Larry Isakson, Russellville, Class of 2010

#### **TRUSTEES**

Class of 2010: Karen Napier, Auburn  
Class of 2010: Mr. Bill Engler, Hopkinsville

#### **MISSION COORDINATING COUNCIL**

MODERATOR OF COUNCIL: Mrs. Bell Muth, Ebenezer

Class of 2010: Mr. Jim Brown, Mt. Zion  
Class of 2009: Mrs. Helen Jordan, Auburn  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Bell Muth, Ebenezer

#### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Class of 2010: Mrs. Lorna Loeffler, Paducah 1st

#### **MISSION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Class of 2010: Mr. J. Logan Blewett, Paducah United  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Rose Morgan, Westminster

#### **CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

Class of 2010: Mrs. Donna Grant, Highland  
Class of 2010: Mr. Henry Stone, Franklin

#### **ECUMENICAL & INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS**

Class of 2010: Rev. John Griffith  
Class of 2010: Mr. Don Barger, Paducah

#### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Class of 2010: Rev. Lynn Shurley, Jr.  
Class of 2010: Rev. Sharon Murray  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Kendrick Nuttall, Madisonville  
Class of 2010: Mr. Frank Montgomery, Hopkinsville  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Donna Houston, Franklin

#### **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION – CLASS OF 2008**

Ethnic Female: Moderator Thelma Baker, Cecelia Memorial  
Ethnic Male: Dr. JAK Njoku, Bowling Green  
Majority Female: Helen Jordan, Auburn  
Majority Male: Mr. Charles Reid, Bowling Green  
Youth Female: Miss Lauren Turner, Lester Memorial  
Youth Male: Mr. Harrison Bailey, Henderson

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

Class of 2010: Rev. Jon Faraone  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Willee Cooper, Hopkinsville  
Class of 2010: Mr. Frank Montgomery, Hopkinsville

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Class of 2008: Rev. Jon Faraone  
Class of 2010: Mr. Jerry Vaughan, Highland  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Commie Jo Hall, Franklin

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

Class of 2010: Rev. Cheryl Duke  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Barbara "Bobbie" Strickler, Bowling Green

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Class of 2011: Mrs. Woon Yen Prall, Franklin

**COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES (CLASS OF 2008)**

Rev. Matthew Covington  
(2006 Principal Minister Commissioner)  
Rev. Jon Faraone  
(2008 Principal Minister Commissioner)  
Mrs. Helen Jordan  
(2006 Principal Elder Commissioner)  
Mr. David Dossett  
(2008 Principal Elder Commissioner)  
Mrs. Bell Muth  
(Mission Council Moderator)  
Rev. Charlie Evans  
(Stated Clerk Advisor)  
Rev. Rich Cooper (Presbytery Executive Advisor)

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Class of 2010: Rev. Doug Blair  
Class of 2010: Mr. Don Crousore, Caney Fork  
Class of 2008: Ms. Ann Mills, Paducah

**BELLEWOOD BOARD**

Class of 2010: Rev. Beth Walden-Fisher  
Class of 2010: Mrs. Betty Jo Beard, Bowling Green  
Class of 2010: Mr. George Byars, Hopkinsville

**KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES DELEGATES TO ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Class of 2010: Mrs. Susan Webb, Bowling Green  
Class of 2010: Rev. James Stahr

**KENTUCKY CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARD**

Class of 2010: Dr. Ken Wolf, Murray  
**2008 Presbyterian Campus Ministry Board at Murray State University**

2008	Chris Bowers, Student President
2010	Dr. Mica Howe, Faculty Advisor
2010	Mr. Wayne Goolsby, Secretary
2008	Dr. Ken Wolf, President & KCMB Representative
2008	Ms. Katie Vowels
2008	Rev. Jonathan Carroll
2009	Ms. Kathie Fleming
2009	Mr. Don Fleming, Treasurer

2009	Mr. Don Barger, Vice President
2009	Dr. Sam McNeely
	Ms. Andi Denney, Campus Ministry Intern
	Ms. Anna Kimbro, Administrative Assistant
	Rev. David Montgomery, Campus Minister
	Rev. Rich Cooper, Executive Presbyter

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS (218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly – San Jose, California June 21-28, 2008)**

*Principal Minister Commissioner: Rev. Jon Faraone*  
*Principal Elder Commissioner: Mr. David Dossett, Mt. Zion*  
*Principal Youth Delegate: Miss Ellen Bravard, Hopkinsville*  
*Alternate Minister Commissioner: Rev. Lon Lorton*  
*Alternate Elder Commissioner: Mrs. Donna Houston, Franklin*  
*Alternate Youth Delegate: Mr. Harrison Bailey, Henderson*

**Synod of Living Waters, Principal & Alternate Clergy & Elder Commissioners**

Principal Clergy Commissioner/Class of 2009: Rev. John Griffith  
Principal Elder Commissioner/Class of 2009: Martha Jo Ross  
Alternate Clergy Commissioner/Class of 2009: Rev. Jon Faraone  
Alternate Elder Commissioner/Class of 2009: Mrs. Commie Jo Hall

**Committee on Ministry**

Rev. Lynn Shurley, Jr., moved that the installation commission for Rev. Beth Walden-Fisher be dissolved with thanks. Motion was seconded and carried. Rev. Shurley reported on the renewal of covenants with Don Crousore at Mt. Lebanon and Helen Jordan at Auburn would be extended through December 31, 2010; and Archie Fugate at Central City would be extended through December 31, 2008. Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery reported that Archie Fugate had passed all of his ordination exams and that he would be ordained at a future date. Congratulations were expressed to Mr. Fugate.

Rev. Montgomery reported that she was excited about the progress of the Lay Ministers Program

and the addition of several new faculty members to the program.

Elder Frank Montgomery reported on the progress of the Administrative Commission regarding the Korean First Presbyterian Church. Pastor Kang tendered his resignation from the church after twenty-five successful years effective August 31, 2007. Rev. Kang will remain a member at large of Presbytery. Rev. Dr. Cheryl Duke will moderate the Session of the Korean Church. The Session has been adjusted to meet the ethnic make up of the congregation more adequately. Effective October 21, 2007, the Rev. Philip Cho became interim pastor of the First Korean Presbyterian Church. Elder Montgomery moved that a loan of \$45,000.00 from Presbytery be used as part of Pastor Kang's separation package and to pay off a loan to a member of the church. Motion seconded and carried.

### **Trustees**

Elder Raymond Kramer reported that the money for the loan to First Korean Presbyterian Church would come from the unrestricted funds of the Paul Watson Foundation and would be repaid with 3% interest. Elder Kramer moved that \$42,000.00 from the Gilmour Fund be used for education of ministers. Motion seconded and carried.

### **Executive Presbyter's Report**

Executive Director Rev. Dr. Rich Cooper thanked Rev. Jon Faraone for his comments regarding Veterans' Day.

He expressed thanks to those who had helped make the youth retreat such a rousing success!

He also thanked Lisa Troutman for her continued excellent work at Presbytery office.

He complemented the Lay Pastor Program and Campus Ministry Programs, identifying them as a major strength of Presbytery. He thanked Rev. Ann

Marie Montgomery for her continuing work with the Lay Pastors program.

### **Committee on Thanks**

Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery read from Psalm 141 and led Presbytery in a prayer focusing on work accomplished, knowledge gained, and community awareness and involvement.

### **Joys and Concerns**

Joy was expressed for Rev. Larry Isakson upon a recent humanitarian award

Joy was expressed for The Presbyterian Church, Henderson, Kentucky and its preparation to call a new minister

Joy was expressed for the selection of Stated Clerk Rev. Charlie Evans as best lawyer in Bowling Green, Kentucky

Joy was expressed in the announcement that Rev. and Mrs. Evans are expecting their third child

Elder Logan Blewett expressed joy for new members at the United Central Presbyterian Church in Paducah

Concern was expressed for the family of Paul Johnson of Smith's Grove, who died in July, 2007

Concern was expressed for long-time missionaries, Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell, who are coming to an end of their work in Brazil and looking for work in the States

Concern was expressed for Peace Corps Volunteer, Philip Montgomery

Concern was expressed by Rev. John Griffith for his wife Frances and their family

Following a productive meeting blessed with fellowship, enlightenment, and hope, Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Elder Bell Muth to

reconvene at First Presbyterian Church of Russellville, Kentucky, on February 12, 2008.

### **Annual Statistical Reports for 2007**

Please be aware that the 2007 Annual Statistical Report information will go out to all the Clerks or the designated person around December 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastors PLEASE contact your Clerk of Session or designated person to see if he/she received the envelope containing this information. The deadline to send your on-line information is February 20, 2008. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Statistical Report please call the Presbytery Office at 1/800/811-9170 or email Lisa Troutman at [lisat@newwavecomm.net](mailto:lisat@newwavecomm.net).

### **Upcoming Events**

**Mission Coordinating Council** – Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Presbytery Office

**Next Presbytery Meeting** – Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church, Russellville

### **Presbytery Highlights November / December 07**

Another great Presbytery meeting in Hopkinsville! Hopefully, each presbyter had a chance to thank the folks who worked hard to make the day successful. It is great to visit each of our historic, old churches throughout the Presbytery.

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear about the issues of abuse. Our Church and Society Committee has worked hard over the years to make sure that some of the issues that we might deal with in ministry are highlighted at Presbytery meetings. I hope each of you is more aware of that particular concern, especially during the holiday season.

I hope you will keep our missionaries in your prayers. We were very fortunate to have Gordon Gartrell serving the mission field. Gordon is “home” from Brazil with his family and living at Columbia Seminary while he seeks a call to pastoral ministry. If you would like to contact him please call the Presbytery Office for his number and address or email him at [dggartrell@juno.com](mailto:dggartrell@juno.com). Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he looks for where God wants him next.

Our other missionaries, Ch (COL) Tommy Preston, Ch (LTC) Pete Brzezinski, and Ch (CPT) Jennifer Rogers always need your prayers as they minister to soldiers in the Army. Keep Jennifer there, especially, as she serves (again) in Iraq with her battalion. We’re proud of each one who travels the world bringing Jesus Christ to folks.

Finally, let me say that it continues to be a blessing to labor among such wonderful folks in Western Kentucky. Willee and I feel exceptionally blessed to be a part of the ministry here. We hope you are equally blessed!

And from Lisa and I please accept our most fond hope for a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Rich Cooper

Lisa Troutman