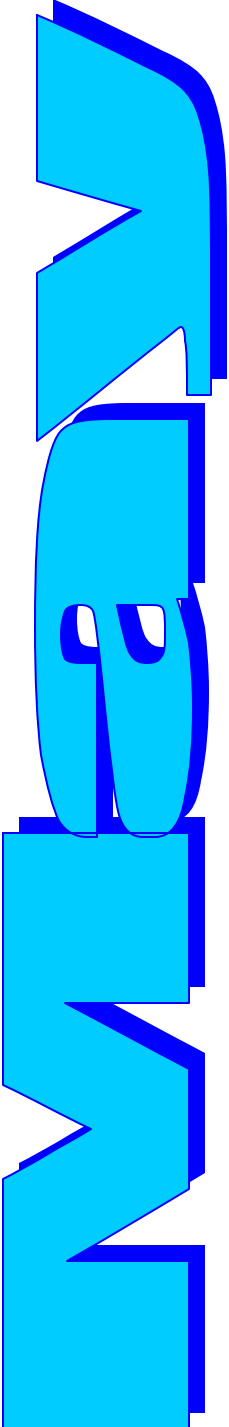


**PRESBYTERY MEETING AT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
BAINBRIDGE CENTER, OHIO**

(The Mission Council encourages Clerks of Session to reproduce this summary for their sessions so they will be better informed of the work of the Presbytery.)

At its meeting on May 28, 2008, the Presbytery of the Western Reserve:

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1. Opened with prayer by Elder Judy Mitchell (St. Andrew's), Moderator.
 2. Received the Stated Clerk's Report with items of correspondence.
 3. Approved the Consent Agenda, which included elections to and resignations from committees/ministries, enrolling of corresponding members, report of the appointment of an Administrative Commission for the Phoenix Project, and the review of Session Records.
 4. Thanked the Administrative Commissions for Immanuel and Bosworth Road Churches for their service. Both church buildings were recently sold.
 5. Commissioned the following persons to the 218th General Assembly, which will be held in San Jose, California June 21-28, 2008: Voting Commissioners Elders Marie Andrews (Lakewood) and Rose Stackhouse (Orwell North); the Reverends Jim Gilbert and Francis Miller; Youth Advisory Delegate Courtney Payne; Theological Advisory Delegates Karin Wright (Valley) from LPTS, Olive Mahabir (Northfield) from Johnson C. Smith, and David Jewel (Parma-South) Alternate from LPTS; and other participants – Elder Laura VanDale (Lakewood); the Reverends Catherine Borchert, Liza Hendricks, Tricia Dykers Koenig, and Meredith White-Zeager.
 6. Approved the following Committee on Ministry (COM) items:
 - The call of the Rev. Mark Giuliano as Pastor for First, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, effective August 24, 2008 and received Mr. Giuliano into membership.
 - The call of the Rev. Eric Dillenbeck as Associate Pastor for Fairmount Presbyterian Church, effective July 21, 2008 and granted him permission to labor inside the bounds of the PWR until he is received into membership at the July 28 meeting.
 - The call of the Rev. Randal Working as Pastor for Christ Presbyterian Church, effective June 22, 2008 and granted him permission to labor inside the bounds of the PWR until he is received into membership at the July 28 meeting.
 - The validation of the Rev. Robert Armstrong's ministry with Church Innovations.
 7. The following items were included in the written report of the COM:
 - ◆ Terms of call for the Rev. Diane Walker in her new position as Chaplain at Rockynol Retirement Community (OPRS) in Akron.
 - ◆ The placement of the Rev. R. J. Kang on the Pulpit Supply List.
 - ◆ The Rev. Lynn Anderson has begun a non-profit educational ministry to provide workshops for churches or other groups interested in teaching individuals and families how to engage in God's creation.
 8. Accepted the resignations of Associate Presbyters Andy Jacob and Nona Holy, effective June 16, 2008 and July 16, 2008, respectively. The Rev. Jacob has received a pastoral call in Delaware.
 9. Accepted the resignation of the Rev. Catherine Borchert, Stated Clerk, effective July 31, 2008 at which time she will become Honorably Retired.

10. Learned from the Rev. Jim Butler, Moderator of the Personnel Committee, that Staff Associate Laura Steidel will be on medical leave for about six weeks and Staff Associate Lee Lohr will temporarily move from three-quarter time to full time. The Committee will review the staffing pattern and will make a recommendation to the Mission Council in September.
11. Was asked by the Committee on Nominations for suggestions of names of people to serve ministries/committees of the Presbytery.
12. Heard the following good news of the Presbytery from the Rev. Liza Hendricks, General Presbyter:
 - ◆ Former PWR Moderator Lynn Bondurant has been named one of five recipients of the Daniel P. Martin award for Science as a Christian Vocation and will be honored at this year's General Assembly.
 - ◆ The Rev. Mack Peel was featured in a recent front page article of the Lorain Morning Journal speaking out for people with mental illness.
 - ◆ Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will be taking a trip to Egypt in June.
 - ◆ New Life Fellowship appreciated members of Fairmount Presbyterian Church joining them for worship. The Rev. Tony Britt, Organizing Pastor of New Life Fellowship has a vision for a multicultural church. Their food basket program has been a good outreach tool.
 - ◆ Any congregation in need of stewardship information may contact one of the following attendees of the National Stewardship Conference: Lola and Bob Lizak (Faith, Lakewood), and the Reverends Harry Eberts, Bonnie Habbersett, Jeff Paschal, Jeff Peterson-Davis, Rosalind Powell, Arvid Whitmore, and Nicholas Yoda.
13. Participated in a Bible study on Matthew 28 and the 'Great Commission' asking, "What would be different about the church that took Jesus' words in the Great Commission to heart and practiced the way of Christian living?"
14. Was warmly welcomed to Valley Presbyterian Church by Pastor John Wahl, who was installed as Designated Pastor on May 4, 2008. The church just finished celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Rev. Wahl offered grace before dinner.
15. Worshipped, with the Rev. Jon Fancher relating the story, *A Strange Providence*, from "Good News from North Haven" by Michael Lindvall. Corresponding member Pete Figueroa sang "The Lord's Prayer."
16. Approved a motion to dismiss Bay Presbyterian Church (BPC) to the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) on the following terms: that BPC commits for the next seven years to use its current property and facilities for Christian worship, ministry, service and mission in affiliation with the EPC, or another denomination in correspondence with the PCUSA, or the possible Reformed and Presbyterian successor denomination of the New Wineskins Transitional Presbytery; that the PWR accepts a commitment from BPC of \$100,000 annually for seven years for a total of \$700,000, as secured by a letter of credit; that the PWR will direct a substantial amount of the funds for urban ministry and starting new congregations; that in the event of a breach of the seven-year covenant, the consequences shall be immediate payment of the remainder of the original \$700,000 and an additional payment of \$700,000; and that the PWR agrees to allow BPC to keep the name Bay Presbyterian Church. The vote was 135 for, 13 against, and 8 abstentions. The full text of the motion and covenant will be in the permanent minutes.
17. Participated in a service of dismissal of Bay Presbyterian Church and Pastors Hu Auburn, Tom Madden, Carol Rettew, and Dan Edgerly.
18. Adjourned at 8:53 pm with prayer offered by the Rev. Sandy Seaton-Todd to serve God in Christ's love until the next stated meeting on **Monday, July 28, 2008 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, Ohio.**