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May 29, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Pentecost the church was born! It was the day the Holy Spirit filled the people of God with the gifts of both speaking and listening. It propelled believers out into the world. The event was marked by energy, worship, confusion, amazement, awe, and by the end of the day over three thousand people were saved and welcomed into the Christian community. At our upcoming presbytery meeting on June 5, 2008 at East Liberty Presbyterian Church the day will be marked by energy, spirited worship, awe at what God is doing in us and in the world, possibly some confusion, (after all even Presbyterians don't have everything nailed down decently and in order) and yes.... much speaking and listening. Like the early church, we will be commissioning believers to be sent into the world. The fact is, when God's people gather and the Spirit shows up, God can surprise us. I hope we are surprised!

Here are some highlights of our upcoming meeting:

- We will begin our meeting with worship and praise. I will be preaching on "Spiritual Habituation and Domestication".
- The Rev. Bob Anderson, the Interim Pastor to the Presbytery who will be starting his duties on June 15, 2008 will be welcomed. Please come and welcome Bob to this important ministry among us.
- We will be commissioning 1) the summer staff for Crestfield Camp and Conference Center; 2) Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly and; 3) those going on the Costa Rica Youth Mission Trip.
- Every presbyter who attends this meeting will receive the book *Unbinding the Gospel* by Martha Grace Reese. It is compliments of the Administrative Commission on Transformation (ACT) that is actively recruiting churches to be a part of an exciting opportunity to work with Martha Grace Reese in groups in order to reach out to communities with the good news of the gospel. See me or the Rev. Judi Slater for more details of how you and your church can participate in this transformative adventure.
- New pastors will be welcomed into the Presbytery. Future pastors, under care of our Committee on Preparation, will be examined. (Note: I urge all presbyters to take seriously their responsibilities for examination and to stay for the entire meeting.)

As the summer arrives and people head out on vacations to take well deserved rests, I would invite you to keep the following matters in your prayers. Pray for all the commissioners at General Assembly, and for the decisions that we be made. Let us hope that God will surprise us with a burst of fire and passion from the Holy Spirit to propel the church forward. I would also invite you to pray for the 15 summer day camps and those leading them, for the youth from all over the presbytery going on mission trips that their lives would be transformed by the experience, for numerous VBS programs that they would touch young lives, and for seminary students seeking a call. May the Holy Spirit surprise us over the summer!

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Doug Portz
Acting Pastor to the Presbytery

Seeking to be Faithful Together
 Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will . . .

<p><i>Give them a hearing ... listen before we answer.</i> John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange, • we will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others. 2. Learn about various positions on a topic of disagreement. 3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
<p><i>Speak the truth in love.</i> Ephesians 4:15</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Study the Bible together to better understand what God’s Word says to us in our disagreement. 5. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus’ teaching. 6. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people’s motives, intelligence or integrity; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion. 7. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may fully understand our concerns.
<p><i>Maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.</i> Ephesians 4:3</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree. 9. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven. 10. Follow these additional Guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urge persons of various points to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously; • seek conclusions informed by our points of agreements; • be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience; • abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways which are consistent with the Guidelines. 11. Include our disagreements in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God’s grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

**DOCKET
for the
MEETING OF THE PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY**

**June 5, 2008
East Liberty Presbyterian Church**

Elder Kears Pollock, Moderator, Presiding

*Presbytery's Mission: To serve the congregations so they are healthy and vital as evidenced by: † success in
bringing others to Christ † vibrant worship † active participation in the mission of Christ's church*

A. THE CONVENING OF PRESBYTERY

1. Presbytery Constituted with Prayer
2. Announcement of a Quorum and Completion of the Roll

Order of the Day 1 p.m.

B. OUR GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Douglas Portz, Preaching

C. MATTERS FROM THE MODERATOR

1. Moderator's Opening Comments
2. Introduction of Visitors / Seating of Corresponding Members
3. Greetings from East Liberty Presbyterian Church
4. Special Committee for the Stated Clerk

Order of the Day 1:50 p.m.

D. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

1. Adoption of the Docket
2. Adoption of the Consent Agenda (Including the Minute Reading Committee Report)
3. Announcement of Intention to introduce new business

Order of the Day 2:15 p.m.

E. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

On the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz

F. MATTERS FROM THE STATED CLERK

A Sending from Pittsburgh Presbytery: The Commissioning of Our...

*Crestfield Camp and Conference Center Summer Staff

*218th General Assembly Commissioners

*Pittsburgh Presbytery Costa Rica Youth Mission Trip Members

G. MATTERS FROM THE BODY

1. Report of the Pastor to Presbytery
2. Nominations Committee Report
3. Report of the Committee on Preparation
4. Report of the Committee on Ministry

H. NEW BUSINESS

Taking up of New Business

Order of the Day 4:45 p.m.

THE DISPERSING OF PRESBYTERY

1. Committee on Leave of Absence and Report of the Enrollment Clerk
2. Resolution of Thanks
3. Ending with Prayer

Order of the Day 5 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

June 5, 2008

Council and all Committees and Ministry Teams of Presbytery are listed below in the order in which their reports appear on the Docket of Presbytery. All consent items listed for each group are the same as the Consent Motion items which appear in their reports and which are indicated by an asterisk. The word "None" listed after a particular group on this Consent Agenda does not mean that they do not have Items For Action in their reports, but only that they have no Consent Motion items. At the time the motion to approve the Consent Agenda is made any Commissioner may request the removal of any Item from the Consent Agenda for debate by the Body. If an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it will be considered at the regularly docketed time for the report of the group to which it belongs.

Items For Consent Action

Organization of the Meeting

Item 2...Report of the Minute Reading Committee

Matters from the Council

Item 2...Financial Statements

Item 3...Nomination to Committee on Representation

Matters from the Stated Clerk

Item 5...Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions to Ordain, Install or Receive

Matters from the Body

Nominations Committee

None

Committee on Preparation

Item 2...Annual Consultations

Item 3...Enrollment of Inquirers

Item 5...Appointment of Commission for Reception

Item 7...Appointment of Commission for Ordination

Committee on Ministry

Item 2... Calls

Item 3...Appointment of Administrative Commissions to Install

Item 4...Letters of Reception

Item 5...Letters of Dismissal

Item 6...Interim Supplies

Item 7...Dissolutions

Item 8...Moderators

Item 9...Member-at-Large

Item 10..Permission to Labor

Item 11..To Open Position

Item 12..Validated Ministry

Item 13..Organizing Co-Pastor

Item 14..Honorable Retirement

**REPORT OF THE MINUTE READING COMMITTEE
(Included/approved, in the Consent Agenda)**

The Minute Reading Committee met on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at approximately 5:30 p.m. immediately following the Presbytery meeting, and read the minutes of said meeting. A quorum was present.

	P	A	E		P	A	E
Elder David Green	√			Rev. Douglas Portz	√		
Elder Kears Pollock	√			Rev. Jay W. Lewis	√		
				Rev. Eric Ewing Dennis	√		
				Rev. Don Ewing	√		
Also present: --Rev. Lance Chapman							

The Committee also subsequently reviewed the minutes of such meeting as they were substantially completed. The Committee recommends approval of the Minutes of the Presbytery Meeting of Thursday, April 17, 2008 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. **For the Committee:** *The Rev. Eric Ewing Dennis, Chair.*

The next meeting of the Minute Reading Committee will be held Thursday, June 5, 2008 at East Liberty Presbyterian Church immediately following the Regular meeting of Presbytery. **Any commissioner present at that Meeting is invited to attend.**

REPORT OF COUNCIL
To the Meeting of Presbytery June 5, 2008

Pittsburgh Presbytery Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at the Presbytery Center. The meeting was opened with joys, concerns and prayer led by the Chair, Elder Carol Hunley. A quorum was present.

Items for Information

1. Transition Study...Listening Sessions

Council was informed that the Transition Study Consultant, Holy Cow Consulting, will be holding Presbytery "Listening Sessions" during the weeks of July 8th and July 21st. Specific times and place(s) will be forthcoming.

2. Presbyter Participation in Meetings of Presbytery

Council urges all minister and elder Presbyters attending a meeting of Presbytery to be certain that they schedule their meeting attendance days so as to ensure that they are able to stay for the entire Presbytery meeting and participate in all the business of the meeting which they attend.

3. The Service of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz as Acting Pastor to the Presbytery...

Council recognized with its appreciation and thanks the service to the Presbytery of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz as Acting Pastor to the Presbytery during the past year.

4. ... and the Service of the Presbytery Staff

Council recognized as well the hard work and dedicated service of the Staff of the Presbytery during this initial year of transition within the Presbytery.

5. Continuation of the Presbytery's \$25,000 investment in the Community Loan Fund

Council was informed in writing that the Finance Committee had approved continuation of the Presbytery's \$25,000 investment in the Community Loan Fund.

6. Crestfield Camp and Conference Center Plans and Programs

Council received and approved a report on the plans and programs of the Crestfield Camp and Conference Center, including plans for a capital campaign, and directed that the same be presented to the full Presbytery as an item for approval.

7. Lazarus Fund Reorganization and Revisions

Council heard a report about a reorganization of the Lazarus Ministry Team and a revision of its plan of operation.

8. Per Capita Forgiveness...Dormont Presbyterian Church

On the written recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council forgave Dormont Presbyterian Church per capita in the amount of \$11, 514.48.

9. Per Capita Forgiveness...Round Hill Presbyterian Church

On the written recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council forgave Round Hill Presbyterian Church per capita in the amount of \$6,933.65.

10. New Church Development Commission

Council received a report of the New Church Development Commission, including suggestions for future NCD funding sources and parameters, and directed that the NCD be permitted to present information to the full Presbytery on the status of the NCD and its future funding suggestions for Presbytery information, reaction and comment.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

Council recommends that the following item: # 2 be adopted by Consent.

***2. Financial Statements...March, 2008**

Council recommends Presbytery receive and file for audit the Presbytery financial statement for March, 2008.

3. Mr. Kevin Carter Nomination as Male Youth Representative on the Committee on Representation

Through its Ecclesiastical Committee Council nominates Mr. Kevin Carter (Bidwell) to serve as the Male Youth Representative on the Committee on Representation.

4. Crestfield Camp and Conference Center Plans and Programs

Council recommends Presbytery receive and approve a report of the plans and programs of Crestfield Camp and Conference Center, including plans for a capital campaign.

5. Additional Compensation...2008

Council approved, and recommends Presbytery approve, a bonus award in the amount of \$6,000 to the Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, Associate Pastor to the Presbytery, in recognition of his additional service to the Presbytery as Acting Pastor to the Presbytery during calendar year 2008. Council recommends Presbytery concur as a change in terms of 2008 call.

**Pittsburgh Presbytery
Revenue & Expense Report
As of March 31, 2008**

	<u>Prior Year Comparison</u>					
	Annual Budget 2008	Revenue/ Expense To Date	Annual Budget Remaining	% of Budget Used	Previous Year to Date	Variance Favorable (Un favorable)
Revenues						
Benevolence Giving-Presby.	558,250.00	105,042.63	453,207.37	18.82%	92,476.53	12,566.10
Benevolence Giving-GA & Synod	166,750.00	43,433.15	123,316.85	26.05%	47,139.69	(3,706.54)
Presbyterian Women	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Per Capita Income	850,000.00	188,059.67	661,940.33	22.12%	213,179.29	(25,119.62)
Trust Income	498,000.00	127,944.25	370,055.75	25.69%	118,388.19	9,556.06
Short-term Invest. Income	80,000.00	20,272.00	59,728.00	25.34%	18,046.46	2,225.54
Other Income	25,000.00	2,332.68	22,667.32	9.33%	3,637.27	(1,304.59)
Camp Program Income	466,800.00	73,204.49	393,595.51	15.68%	107,322.89	(34,118.40) Note 1
Directed Pledges from Congs.	5,000.00	60,438.50	(55,438.50)	1208.77%	54,404.37	6,034.13
Use of Reserve Funds	270,000.00	87,173.07	182,826.93	32.29%	97,700.55	(10,527.48)
Pgh. Presbyterian Foundation	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	3,019,800.00	707,900.44	2,311,899.56		752,295.24	(44,394.80) Note 2
Expenses						
Mission to Our Congregations						
Crestfield Camp & Conf. Center	532,530.00	108,993.37	423,536.63	20.47%	97,748.37	(11,245.00)
Disciplemaking/Spirit.Growth	10,000.00	2,615.21	7,384.79	26.15%	115.93	(2,499.28)
Enhancement Grants	125,000.00	22,941.78	102,058.22	18.35%	32,583.30	9,641.52 Note 3
Pastor Ministry Accounts	16,500.00	3,970.77	12,529.23	24.07%	733.46	(3,237.31)
Personnel	478,430.00	95,405.69	383,024.31	19.94%	103,950.27	8,544.58
Resourcenter Expense	19,000.00	23,513.47	(4,513.47)	123.76%	17,965.10	(5,548.37)
Stewardship/Mission Interp.	5,500.00	1,312.23	4,187.77	23.86%	2,065.00	752.77
Transformation Commission	85,000.00	28,118.34	56,881.66	33.08%	38,892.49	10,774.15
Sub-Total	1,271,960.00	286,870.86	985,089.14		294,053.92	7,183.06
Mission Beyond Our Congregations						
Ecumenical Partnerships	34,000.00	7,000.02	26,999.98	20.59%	12,750.02	5,750.00
GA & Synod Benevolence	166,750.00	43,433.15	123,316.85	26.05%	47,139.69	3,706.54
Malawi Partnership	8,000.00	99.62	7,900.38	1.25%	31.11	(68.51)
Mission Agencies	200,000.00	103,438.49	96,561.51	51.72%	96,654.40	(6,784.09) Note 4
New Church Development	80,000.00	50,604.73	29,395.27	63.26%	52,428.06	1,823.33
Personnel	137,730.00	27,465.27	110,264.73	19.94%	36,261.72	8,796.45
Racial & Social Justice Issues	21,650.00	2,498.09	19,151.91	11.54%	300.00	(2,198.09)
Urban Interns	35,000.00	8,450.00	26,550.00	24.14%	6,380.00	(2,070.00)
Sub-Total	683,130.00	242,989.37	440,140.63		251,945.00	8,955.63
Being the Presbytery						
Non-Ecclesiastical Costs	86,400.00	14,347.35	72,052.65	16.61%	15,883.77	1,536.42
Administrative/Office Expense	71,600.00	13,927.50	57,672.50	19.45%	15,480.40	1,552.90
Council Expense	75,280.00	31,399.08	43,880.92	41.71%	2,762.36	(28,636.72) Note 5
Ministry	24,790.00	6,651.08	18,138.92	26.83%	4,804.53	(1,846.55)
GA & Synod Per Capita	328,302.00	81,216.60	247,085.40	24.74%	85,407.61	4,191.01
Personnel	419,403.00	83,634.85	335,768.15	19.94%	101,532.82	17,897.97
Property Expense	51,100.00	15,066.74	36,033.26	29.48%	13,446.39	(1,620.35)
Stated Clerk Expenses	7,835.00	1,961.43	5,873.57	25.03%	872.28	(1,089.15)
Sub-Total	1,064,710.00	248,204.63	816,505.37		240,190.16	(8,014.47)
Total Expenses	3,019,800.00	778,064.86	2,241,735.14		786,189.08	8,124.22
Net Total:	0.00	(70,164.42)	70,164.42		(33,893.84)	(36,270.58) Note 6

**March 2008 Summary Financial Statement
Treasurer Notes and Comments on Variances**

Revenue Notes

- Note 1. An advance deposit of \$10,000 from the American Diabetes Association was received in March, 2007 but not until April in 2008.
- Note 2. Removing Directed Pledges from Congregations and use of Reserve Funds, actual income for 2008 is \$563,789 and \$600,440 for 2007. Therefore income is actually down \$36,651 as compared to last year.

Expense Notes

- Note 3. The 2008 Enhancement Grant expenses of \$22,942 consist of \$19,442 budgeted support and \$3,500 in designated giving from congregations.
- Note 4. The 2008 Mission Agencies expenses of \$103,438 consist of \$50,000 in budgeted support of validated mission agencies and \$53,438 in support of validated mission agencies directly from congregations.
- Note 5. 2008 Council expense includes \$29,014 for Denominational Property and Transition costs that were not part of the 2007 expenses.
- Note 6. Removing Directed Giving from Congregations and use of Reserve Funds, actual expenses for 2008 are \$633,954 and \$634,334 for 2007. Therefore expenses are actually up \$380 as compared to last year.

This statement is a summary of activity in the general and camp funds only. These are the operating funds of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Dorothy Winter
Financial Secretary

PER CAPITA REPORT
FOR PRESBYTERY, SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AS OF APRIL 30, 2008

NO.	CHURCH NAME	PER CAPITA DUE	AMT. PAID TO DATE	BALANCE DUE	YEAR DUE	TOTAL OF MULTIPLE YEARS
41	Amity	1,608.00	0.00	1,608.00	2008	
3	Aspinwall	3,087.36	1,787.36	1,300.00	2008	
6	Bakerstown, First	21,675.84	10,837.92	10,837.92	2008	
7	Baldwin U P	14,364.14	6,772.18	7,591.96	2005 & prior	
		3,614.20	1,578.00	2,036.20	2006	
		3,516.16	0.00	3,516.16	2008	13,144.32
119	Beechview U P	1,057.91	264.50	793.41	2007	
		900.48	0.00	900.48	2008	1,693.89
120	Bellefield	6,024.64	3,012.32	3,012.32	2008	
8	Bellevue U P	2,336.96	584.24	1,752.72	2008	
10	Ben Avon, The Community	9,154.88	4,577.44	4,577.44	2008	
18	Bethany	18,974.40	6,287.29	12,687.11	2008	
***	89 Bethel U P, Monroeville	2,955.14	0.00	2,955.14	2006	
		2,266.95	0.00	2,266.95	2007	
		1,886.72	0.00	1,886.72	2008	7,108.81
12	Bethel, Bethel Park	9,176.32	4,588.08	4,588.24	2008	
46	Bethesda U P, Elizabeth	3,605.53	3,605.53	0.00	2007	
		2,958.72	739.68	2,219.04	2008	2,219.04
121	Bethesda U P, Pittsburgh	2,465.60	0.00	2,465.60	2008	
26	Beulah U P	17,945.28	4,122.35	13,822.93	2008	
122	Bidwell St. U P	21,279.79	6,286.12	14,993.67	2005 & prior	
		4,294.52	2,000.00	2,294.52	2006	
		4,577.08	0.00	4,577.08	2007	
		4,352.32	0.00	4,352.32	2008	26,217.59
78	Boston, First	13,539.77	3,074.65	10,465.12	2005 & prior	
		1,658.28	130.60	1,527.68	2006	
		1,057.91	238.40	819.51	2007	
		1,093.44	0.00	1,093.44	2008	13,905.75
94	Bower Hill Community	6,817.92	0.00	6,817.92	2008	
15	Braddock, First U P	471.68	0.00	471.68	2008	
17	Brentwood	5,896.00	1,474.00	4,422.00	2008	
124	Brighton-McClure	6,512.76	2,995.48	3,517.28	2005 & prior	
		3,167.74	1,184.18	1,983.56	2006	
		2,051.05	1,081.71	969.34	2007	
		1,822.40	0.00	1,822.40	2008	8,292.58
125	Brookline Blvd. U P	2,508.48	0.00	2,508.48	2008	
19	Buena Vista U	600.32	600.32	0.00	2008	
183	Bull Creek U P	4,759.68	0.00	4,759.68	2008	
50	Calvert Memorial U P	865.62	261.00	604.62	2005	
		892.92	0.00	892.92	2006	
		906.78	0.00	906.78	2007	
		900.48	0.00	900.48	2008	3,304.80
20	Carnegie	3,516.16	879.04	2,637.12	2008	
23	Castle Shannon, First	1,972.48	657.48	1,315.00	2008	
79	Central, McKeesport	5,874.56	1,452.56	4,422.00	2008	
184	Central, Tarentum	3,473.28	0.00	3,473.28	2008	
209	Chartiers Valley U P	1,715.20	857.60	857.60	2008	
24	Cheswick	3,324.86	3,324.86	0.00	2007	
		3,323.20	0.00	3,323.20	2008	3,323.20
85	Christ Community	1,380.87	577.33	803.54	2005	
		1,424.42	600.00	824.42	2006	
		1,436.48	800.00	636.48	2008	2,264.44
27	Clairton, First	4,348.71	2,702.22	1,646.49	2005 & prior	
		1,934.66	1,182.48	752.18	2006	
		1,791.97	1,132.69	659.28	2007	
		1,650.88	825.44	825.44	2008	3,883.39
30	Clinton U P	6,346.24	1,993.14	4,353.10	2008	
114	Community House	3,799.84	0.00	3,799.84	2007	
		1,908.16	1,908.16	0.00	2008	3,799.84
126	Comm of Reconcil	300.16	300.16	0.00	2008	
127	Concord	2,229.76	2,229.76	0.00	2008	
33	Coraopolis, The P C	7,139.52	1,784.88	5,354.64	2008	
174	Covenant Community	4,145.28	1,005.27	3,140.01	2007	
		4,116.48	0.00	4,116.48	2008	7,256.49
36	Crafton Hts., First U P	3,837.76	0.00	3,837.76	2008	

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35	Crafton U	4,159.36	4,159.36	0.00	2008	
57	Cross Roads, Gibsonia	6,861.20	3,090.00	3,771.20	2004 & prior	
		2,294.08	0.00	2,294.08	2008	6,065.28
90	Cross Roads, Monroeville	10,672.52	9,099.00	1,573.52	2006	
		10,471.15	3,875.62	6,595.53	2007	
		9,112.00	3,620.50	5,491.50	2008	13,660.55
58	Deer Creek U P	1,350.72	0.00	1,350.72	2008	
40	Dormont	17,483.90	5,969.42	11,514.48	2005 & prior	
		4,009.28	0.00	4,009.28	2008	15,523.76
42	Duquesne, First	2,144.00	0.00	2,144.00	2008	
128	East Liberty	13,228.48	13,228.48	0.00	2008	
25	East Union	9,347.84	2,336.96	7,010.88	2008	
129	Eastminster	4,728.21	3,546.15	1,182.06	2007	
		4,395.20	4,395.20	0.00	2008	1,182.06
45	Edgewood, First	3,709.12	1,854.56	1,854.56	2008	
62	Elfinwild	15,050.88	7,525.44	7,525.44	2008	
47	Elizabeth, First	2,144.00	0.00	2,144.00	2008	
49	Emsworth U P	2,079.68	0.00	2,079.68	2008	
171	Forest Avenue U P	4,204.44	1,607.58	2,596.86	2005 & prior	
		2,126.00	0.00	2,126.00	2006	
		2,159.00	0.00	2,159.00	2007	
		2,144.00	0.00	2,144.00	2008	9,025.86
31	Forest Grove Community	857.60	428.80	428.80	2008	
53	Forest Hills	4,716.80	0.00	4,716.80	2008	
133	Fourth	977.96	488.98	488.98	2006	
		993.14	0.00	993.14	2007	
		986.24	0.00	986.24	2008	2,468.36
54	Fox Chapel	37,691.52	9,422.88	28,268.64	2008	
134	Friendship Comm	1,586.56	1,586.56	0.00	2008	
59	Gibsonia, First	11,400.00	5,027.50	6,372.50	2005 & prior	
		2,636.24	0.00	2,636.24	2006	
		2,677.16	0.00	2,677.16	2007	
		2,658.56	0.00	2,658.56	2008	14,344.46
76	Gladden U P	2,358.40	1,179.20	1,179.20	2008	
63	Glenshaw	9,712.32	4,856.16	4,856.16	2008	
64	Glenshaw Valley	3,494.72	873.69	2,621.03	2008	
135	Grace Memorial	7,353.92	0.00	7,353.92	2008	
151	Grand View U P	1,112.94	600.00	512.94	2005	
		1,148.04	600.00	548.04	2006	
		1,165.86	300.00	865.86	2007	
		1,243.52	0.00	1,243.52	2008	3,170.36
****	136 Greenfield	1,275.60	0.00	1,275.60	2006	
		1,122.68	0.00	1,122.68	2007	
		1,114.88	0.00	1,114.88	2008	3,513.16
137	Hamilton	8,425.92	4,212.96	4,212.96	2008	
60	Hampton U P	16,401.60	5,467.20	10,934.40	2008	
38	Hawthorne Avenue	1,243.52	1,243.52	0.00	2008	
68	Harmarville U P	255.12	0.00	255.12	2006	
138	Hazelwood	2,245.36	0.00	2,245.36	2007	
		2,229.76	0.00	2,229.76	2008	4,475.12
70	Hebron, Clinton	2,310.13	1,732.59	577.54	2007	
		2,358.40	589.60	1,768.80	2008	2,346.34
**	107 Hebron, Penn Hills	117,414.37	85,949.98	31,464.39	2005 & prior	
		15,477.28	11,000.00	4,477.28	2006	
		17,034.51	12,308.20	4,726.31	2007	
		16,701.76	0.00	16,701.76	2008	57,369.74
56	Heritage U P	3,859.20	964.80	2,894.40	2008	
109	Hiland	8,490.24	2,122.56	6,367.68	2008	
91	Hillcrest U P	4,288.00	0.00	4,288.00	2008	
14	Hoboken	2,336.96	584.24	1,752.72	2008	
69	Homestead	5,488.64	1,372.16	4,116.48	2008	
***	80 Immanuel U P	5,741.39	4,257.55	1,483.84	2005 & prior	
		2,806.32	1,000.00	1,806.32	2006	
		3,001.01	100.00	2,901.01	2007	
		2,830.08	0.00	2,830.08	2008	9,021.25
72	Indianola U P	388.62	0.00	388.62	2007	
		385.92	0.00	385.92	2008	774.54
28	Jefferson U P	3,001.60	0.00	3,001.60	2008	

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13	John McMillan	10,312.64	2,578.16	7,734.48	2008	
86	Ken Mawr U P	11,406.08	2,851.52	8,554.56	2008	
192	Kerr	771.84	0.00	771.84	2008	
140	Knoxville United	16,781.13	8,052.03	8,729.10	2004 & prior	
		2,374.90	0.00	2,374.90	2007	
		2,272.64	0.00	2,272.64	2008	13,376.64
141	Korean U P	2,958.72	0.00	2,958.72	2008	
197	Lebanon	8,040.00	0.00	8,040.00	2008	
75	Leetsdale, First U P	1,658.28	0.00	1,658.28	2006	
		1,684.02	0.00	1,684.02	2007	
		1,072.00	0.00	1,072.00	2008	4,414.30
84	Liberty	4,824.00	1,608.00	3,216.00	2008	
143	Lincoln Place	1,157.76	0.00	1,157.76	2008	
44	Linway	5,829.30	4,387.97	1,441.33	2007	
		5,617.28	1,404.32	4,212.96	2008	5,654.29
100	Logans Ferry U P	14,461.16	2,111.97	12,349.19	2005 & prior	
		2,466.16	0.00	2,466.16	2006	
		2,504.44	0.00	2,504.44	2007	
		2,487.04	0.00	2,487.04	2008	19,806.83
**	1 Memorial Park	37,437.06	12,000.00	25,437.06	2007	
		35,676.16	0.00	35,676.16	2008	61,113.22
103	Montours	15,971.10	5,942.01	10,029.09	2005 & prior	
		1,977.18	702.64	1,274.54	2006	
		2,137.41	1,088.55	1,048.86	2007	
		2,401.28	0.00	2,401.28	2008	14,753.77
	92 Moon Run U P	1,500.80	750.40	750.40	2008	
116	Mosaic Community	1,007.68	0.00	1,007.68	2008	
108	Mt. Hope U P	6,553.98	0.00	6,553.98	2005	
		6,356.74	0.00	6,356.74	2006	
		6,045.20	0.00	6,045.20	2007	
		5,424.32	0.00	5,424.32	2008	24,380.24
95	Mt. Lebanon U P	17,001.92	0.00	17,001.92	2008	
178	Mt. Nebo U P	3,670.30	0.00	3,670.30	2007	
		3,194.56	0.00	3,194.56	2008	6,864.86
	67 Mt. Pisgah	3,752.00	0.00	3,752.00	2008	
200	Mt. Pleasant U P	3,366.08	1,683.04	1,683.04	2008	
82	Mt. Vernon Community	8,525.26	5,934.35	2,590.91	2006	
		8,554.56	0.00	8,554.56	2008	11,145.47
150	Mt. Washington, The PC	1,865.28	0.00	1,865.28	2008	
205	Mulberry U P	1,500.80	359.12	1,141.68	2008	
98	Natrona Hts.	7,988.30	7,988.30	0.00	2007	
		7,675.52	0.00	7,675.52	2008	7,675.52
99	Neville Island	1,154.16	0.00	1,154.16	2005	
		1,190.56	0.00	1,190.56	2006	
		1,187.45	0.00	1,187.45	2007	
		1,007.68	0.00	1,007.68	2008	4,539.85
101	Noblestown U P	1,415.04	0.00	1,415.04	2008	
199	North Hills U P	1,500.80	375.20	1,125.60	2008	
**	9 Northminster	5,229.96	2,679.20	2,550.76	2006	
		5,419.09	1,731.90	3,687.19	2007	
		5,102.72	0.00	5,102.72	2008	11,340.67
110	Northmont U P	14,300.48	7,150.24	7,150.24	2008	
104	Oakdale U P	2,851.52	2,851.52	0.00	2008	
105	Oakmont	12,456.64	3,114.16	9,342.48	2008	
195	Olivet U P	1,650.88	1,650.88	0.00	2008	
2	Parkwood U P	9,326.40	4,663.20	4,663.20	2008	
193	Penn Hills	1,296.86	0.00	1,296.86	2006	
111	Pine Creek	536.00	536.00	0.00	2008	
***	131 Pittsburgh, First	7,525.44	1,973.78	5,551.66	2008	
169	Pleasant Hills Community	32,288.64	16,144.32	16,144.32	2008	
187	Pleasant Unity U P	14,324.51	4,253.87	10,070.64	2005 & prior	
		4,464.60	881.86	3,582.74	2006	
		4,425.95	0.00	4,425.95	2007	
		4,395.20	0.00	4,395.20	2008	22,474.53
170	Plum Creek, The P C	9,840.96	3,318.82	6,522.14	2008	
22	Rennerdale, First U P	2,315.52	0.00	2,315.52	2008	
65	Riverdale U P	3,258.88	1,629.44	1,629.44	2008	

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115 Riverview U P	15,657.60	14,297.02	1,360.58	2004 & prior	
	4,673.92	2,336.96	2,336.96	2008	3,697.54
173 Ross Community	2,229.76	557.44	1,672.32	2008	
48 Round Hill	9,165.16	2,231.51	6,933.65	2004 & prior	
	4,952.64	0.00	4,952.64	2008	11,886.29
83 Sampson's Mills	4,330.88	2,000.00	2,330.88	2008	
207 Second U P, Wilksburg	1,415.04	353.76	1,061.28	2008	
176 Sewickley, The P C	22,061.76	11,030.88	11,030.88	2008	
158 Shadyside	20,303.68	10,151.84	10,151.84	2008	
34 Sharon Community	8,490.24	2,122.00	6,368.24	2008	
160 Sheraden Comm	1,029.12	1,029.12	0.00	2008	
161 Sixth	4,395.20	2,197.60	2,197.60	2008	
162 South Side	9,692.80	811.80	8,881.00	2005 & prior	
	1,381.90	403.78	978.12	2006	
	1,338.58	0.00	1,338.58	2007	
	1,393.60	0.00	1,393.60	2008	12,591.30
96 Southminster	32,074.24	8,018.55	24,055.69	2008	
181 Springdale U P	4,695.36	0.00	4,695.36	2008	
177 St. Andrew's U P	1,329.28	664.64	664.64	2008	
97 Sunset Hills U P	6,775.04	2,258.32	4,516.72	2008	
182 Swissvale U P	3,112.11	2,334.09	778.02	2005	
	3,167.74	2,375.82	791.92	2006	
	3,001.01	2,250.75	750.26	2007	
	2,872.96	1,436.48	1,436.48	2008	3,756.68
185 Tarentum, First U P	6,517.76	1,629.25	4,888.51	2008	
163 Third	8,404.48	4,202.24	4,202.24	2008	
188 Turtle Creek, First U P	1,329.28	332.32	996.96	2008	
74 U P Church of Ingram	36,946.25	17,901.39	19,044.86	2005 & prior	
	3,571.68	1,363.60	2,208.08	2006	
	3,562.35	1,327.06	2,235.29	2007	
	3,408.96	938.28	2,470.68	2008	25,958.91
87 Union, Robinson Twp	12,778.24	6,389.12	6,389.12	2008	
208 Union, Wilmerding	428.80	0.00	428.80	2008	
189 Unity U P	10,795.00	3,190.27	7,604.73	2007	
	10,912.96	2,704.94	8,208.02	2008	15,812.75
190 Universal U P	12,846.50	4,425.77	8,420.73	2005 & prior	
	2,104.74	1,253.72	851.02	2006	
	2,223.77	884.21	1,339.56	2007	
	2,186.88	546.72	1,640.16	2008	12,251.47
71 Valley	12,022.98	3,000.00	9,022.98	2004 & prior	
	5,442.56	3,287.66	2,154.90	2006	
	5,203.19	2,933.47	2,269.72	2007	
	4,716.80	1,179.20	3,537.60	2008	16,985.20
166 Valley View	1,525.14	871.03	654.11	2005	
	1,791.97	0.00	1,791.97	2007	
	1,843.84	0.00	1,843.84	2008	4,289.92
194 Verona U P	1,372.16	343.04	1,029.12	2008	
66 Wallace Memorial	9,562.24	4,781.12	4,781.12	2008	
168 Waverley U P	2,701.44	1,350.72	1,350.72	2008	
191 Westminster	36,040.64	9,010.17	27,030.47	2008	
201 Wexford Community U P	4,824.00	1,206.00	3,618.00	2008	
202 Whitehall U P	6,131.56	600.00	5,531.56	2007	
	5,788.80	0.00	5,788.80	2008	11,320.36
TOTALS	1,590,721.94	571,784.25	1,018,937.69		

- * Indicates churches that are withholding the Pittsburgh Presbytery portion of their per capita.
- ** Indicates churches that are withholding the General Assembly/Synod portion of their per capita.
- *** Indicates churches that are currently negotiating a payment plan with Pittsburgh Presbytery.
- **** Indicates churches that are withholding all per capita payments.

SUMMARY OF PER CAPITA DUE BY YEAR

2004 & prior	157,977.53
2005	43,343.45
2006	58,405.31
2007	120,734.84
2008	638,476.56
	<u>1,018,937.69</u>

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REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
June 5, 2008

Items For Information

1. **Correspondence**
During the reported period since the last regularly stated Presbytery meeting, all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response in due course.
2. **Presbytery Minutes Read by Synod of the Trinity**
Minutes of the Pittsburgh Presbytery for calendar year 2007 were read by the Synod of the Trinity on May 7, 2008. One exception was noted in the Minutes were noted, in that there was no Committee on Representation report presented to Presbytery during the calendar year.

Items for Action

1. **Consent Motions**
The Stated Clerk recommends the following items be approved by Consent: # 3
2. **Overture Advocate**
The Stated Clerk recommends that Marie Bowen (Elfinwild) be ratified as the Presbytery's overture advocate on it overture dealing with Overture 055...On Directing Balance in Advocating Both Sides of Abortion
- *3. **Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions to Ordain, Install or Receive**

to Install the Reverend DeNeice Welch

Welch The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 19, 2007 to install the Rev. DeNeice Welch as Designated Pastor of the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church, consisting of Moderator Elder David Green or his designee to moderate, the Revs. Johnnie Monroe, Carmen Cox Harwell and James Tinnemeyer; together with Elders Barbara Float of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church and Lennie Henry of the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church met by appointment on May 27, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Elder David Green. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Installation and voted to proceed to the installation of the Rev. DeNeice Welch according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. DeNeice Welch as Designated Pastor. Elder David Green offered the constitutional questions (Forms of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0405), which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. John Welch. Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe offered the prayer of installation. Elder Debbie Robinson asked the constitutional questions to the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. (Form of government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0510.)

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. DeNeice Welch.

to Ordain Matthew Haberman

Haberman

The Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 17, 2008 to ordain Matthew Haberman as a minister of the word and sacrament, consisting of the Vice Moderator Rev. Donald Ewing or his designee to moderate: the Reverends Saleem Ghubril and Douglas Dunderdale together with Elders Steve Eckert of the Northminster Presbyterian Church and Roger Cooper of the Brighton-McClure Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on May 4, 2008 at 2:45 p.m. at Brighton-McClure Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by the Rev. Saleem Ghubril. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to ordain Matthew Haberman as a minister of the word and sacrament according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. and ordained Matthew Haberman as a minister of the word and sacrament. Elder Kears Pollock asked the questions (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0305), which he answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Saleem Ghubril. Jeff Eddings offered the prayer of ordination. The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. Matthew Haberman.

to Install the Reverend Daniel Muttart

Muttart

The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 17, 2008 to install the Rev. Daniel Muttart as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, consisting of Elder Kears Pollock to moderate, the Revs. Jay Hollinsworth and Page Creach; together with Elders Rowene Romestan of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church, Lois Hollinsworth of the Swissvale Presbyterian Church and Douglas Shore of the First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown met by appointment on April 27, 200 at 6:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Elder Kears Pollock. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of installation and voted to proceed to the installation of the Rev. Daniel Muttart to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. Daniel Muttart as Pastor. Elder Kears Pollock asked the constitutional questions (Forms of Government, Chapter XIV. Section 4, 14.0405), which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Charles McKenzie. Rev. Dr. Richard Morledge offered the prayer of installation. Elder Jean Ewers asked the constitutional questions to the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0510.)

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. Daniel Muttart.

to Install the Reverend Mark Simonds

Simonds

The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 17, 2008 to install the Rev. Mark Simonds as Pastor of the Oakdale United Presbyterian Church, consisting of Vice Moderator Rev. Ann Morris to moderate, the Revs. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse and Robert Titus together with Elders Evelyn Koschik of the Jefferson United Presbyterian Church and Andy Ross of the Oakdale United Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on April 27, 2008 at 5:55 p.m. at the Oakdale United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Ann Morris. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of installation and voted to proceed to the installation of the Rev. Mark Simonds to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. and installed the Rev. Mark Simonds as Pastor. Rev. Ann Morris asked the constitutional questions (Forms of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0405), which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Jeri-Lynne Bouterse. Rev. Ann Morris offered the prayer of installation. Elder Evelyn Koschik asked the constitutional questions to the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0510.)

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. Mark Simonds.

to Receive Michael Stanton as a Candidate Under Care

Stanton

The Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on April 17, 2008, to receive Michael Stanton as a Candidate by the Presbytery, consisting of the Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate: the Revs. Catherine Purves and Louwanda Harris; together with Elders Oscar Sowell of the Valley View Presbyterian Church and Jack Gusew of the Bellevue United Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on April 20, 2008 at 10:55 a.m. at the Bellevue United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Elder Jack Gusew. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Reception and voted to proceed to receive Michael Stanton as a candidate of Presbytery according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and received Michael Stanton as a candidate of Presbytery. Elder Kears Pollock propounded the constitutional questions to the Inquirer. (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 3, 14.0305F), which he answered in the affirmative.

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Reception with the pronouncement of Benediction.

to Ordain Shanea Leonard

Leonard

The Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 6, 2007 to ordain Shanea Leonard as a minister of the word and sacrament consisting of the Moderator Elder David Green or his designee to moderate: the Reverends Ronald Peters, Eugene Blackwell, John C. Welch, DeNeice Welch and Carmen Cox Harwell together with Elders Greg Morris of the Grace

Memorial Presbyterian Church and June Dowdy of the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church, met by appointment on December 9, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bidwell Street United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. B. DeNeice Welch. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to ordain Shanea Leonard as a minister of the word and sacrament according to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. and ordained Shanea Leonard as a minister of the word and sacrament. Elder David Green asked the constitutional questions (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0305), which she answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. B. DeNeice Welch. Rev. Carmen Cox-Harwell offered the prayer of ordination. The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Ordination with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. Shanea Leonard.

to Install the Reverend Eugene Blackwell

Blackwell

The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on December 6, 2007 to install the Rev. Eugene Blackwell as Pastor of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, consisting of Elder David Green to moderate, the Revs. Ronald Peters, and John Welch ; together with Elders Justin Johnson of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church and Beatrice Vasser of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church met by appointment on December 9, 2007 at 10:55 a.m. at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Doug Portz. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of installation and voted to proceed to the installation of the Rev. Eugene Blackwell to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and installed the Rev. Eugene Blackwell as Pastor. Elder David Green asked the constitutional questions (Forms of Government, Chapter XIV. Section 4, 14.0405), which the candidate answered in the affirmative. The Sermon was delivered by Rev. Ronald Peters. Deacon Dina Blackwell offered the prayer of installation. Elder Beatrice Vasser asked the constitutional questions to the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. (Form of Government, Chapter XIV, Section 4, 14.0510.)

The Minutes of the Commission were read and approved. Upon motion duly made, the Commission moved to adjourn at the conclusion of the Service of Installation with the pronouncement of Benediction by the Rev. Eugene Blackwell.

New Church Development Funding Proposal, May 2008

In the fall of 2000, Pittsburgh Presbytery set aside \$1,550,000 from its accumulated assets "to provide for the development of new congregations, fellowships and proves in accordance with the New Church Development Plan adopted by presbytery in 1999." In 2008 the NCD commission finds itself nearing the end of the original allotment of funds from Pittsburgh Presbytery. We believe that learning how to plant new churches has generated new energy for outreach and evangelism within Pittsburgh Presbytery. We are grateful for the opportunity to experiment with new models for ministry. Pittsburgh Presbytery has become known as a presbytery that is willing to try new things and that encourages pastors to consider church planting. We believe that God is not finished with the movement that began in the year 2000 with the establishment of the NCD commission and the fund to support its work. We bring to the presbytery this proposal for funding continued ministry in the area of New Church Development. Our intention is for the proposal to build a fund that is sustainable and renewable because we believe that New Church Development is an ongoing part of a healthy and vital ministry.

We propose that NCD funding come from the following five sources:

1. Presbytery budget
2. Settlements with churches leaving the denomination
3. Partnerships with existing congregations
4. Resources from churches closing
5. Contributions from the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation

We further propose that the allocation of funds meet the following criteria:

1. Presbytery budget – approximately \$20,000 annually. Including NCD funding in the presbytery's annual budget is the best way for the presbytery to see NCD as a vital part of its ongoing mission. One way to identify what is important to a presbytery is to see where it spends its money. The annual budget is debated and approved by the presbytery. Keeping some part of the NCD budget in this category allows the presbytery to debate and evaluate its commitment to church planting.
2. Settlements with churches leaving the denomination -- 50% of each settlement. NCDs are the best way to carry on a ministry presence, even if not in the same community. Out of the ashes of one church another one should be born. No other investment of this money will have the lasting value that an NCD has. It is appropriate to ask for a significant portion of this resource.
3. Partnerships – We propose a goal of 4 partnerships with healthy, missional churches for each NCD. Partnerships include financial support, but also involve shared ministry and vision. Both the NCD and the existing congregation benefit from the new energy for mission and evangelism that come from a church plant. The NCD benefits from the resources of time and talent of the partner church.
4. Resources from churches closing - 50% of the undesignated resources from church sales. Property used by a particular church is held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (USA). When a church ceases to exist, using its accumulated resources for the sake of a new ministry is consistent with the intent of generous givers of the past.
5. The Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation provides an opportunity for individuals to make contributions to ministries consistent with the mission of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

NCD Funding distribution 2000-2008

NCD Project	Start Date	Funding from Pgh. Presby.	Current status
Mosaic Community Church	2000	\$275,000	Sustainable, multicultural chartered church; 120 average attendance/ 47 members; continues to grow; all-volunteer staff; worships in The Pittsburgh Project building
Allegheny West Probe	2001	\$2,655	Discontinued in 2003
New Covenant Fellowship (Brazilian new immigrant congregation)	2001	\$36,511	Discontinued in 2003
Fountain Park Church	2001	\$330,000	Incorporated, moving toward chartering in Beaver-Butler Presbytery; 125 average attendance; owns property
Mulberry Community Church	2001	\$233,000	Became non-denominational church in 2002
Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community	2003	\$237,077	Incorporated, moving toward chartering; union church of PCUSA and United Methodist; 200 average attendance/ 100 members; owns a former bar/restaurant on the South Side
Eastern Corridor Probe	2005	\$5,502	Discontinued in 2005
The Open Door	2005	\$202,959	Moving toward incorporation and chartering; 86 average attendance/ 65 members; worships in The Union Project
Pittsburgh Vietnamese Presbyterian Fellowship	2007	\$12,009	30 average attendance; worships in Third Presbyterian Church
Administrative and training costs		\$65,467	

This is a draft version of the NCD funding proposal. The NCD commission is eager to receive input from members of Pittsburgh Presbytery as the proposal is further developed. Members of the NCD commission are: Rev. Don Dawson (chair), Rev. Beckie Hickok, Rev. Michelle Wahila, Rev. Mark Whitsel, Rev. B.J. Woodworth, Elder Don Barnes, Elder Harriette McCray, Elder Chris Rabenold, Elder Vera White (staff, vwhite@pghpresbytery.org).

Committee on Nominations

Report to Presbytery
June 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Nominations notes it is in active search of persons to fill the following committee vacancies:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Minister, Class of 2009

Committee on Ministry

Elder, Class of 2010

Council

Minister, Northern, Class of 2008

Elder, Special Expertise, Class of 2008

Elder, Central, Class of 2008

Response Team

Licensed Psychological Counselor, Class of 2009

Any member of Presbytery who has an interest in being considered for nomination to any such positions, or who knows of any other person who has such an interest, is strongly encouraged to relay the names and contact information for suggested nominees to the Committee on Nominations or the Stated Clerk's Office.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
TO PRESBYTERY**

June 5, 2008

The committee met on May 28, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Presbytery Center. A quorum was present.

Part I - Items for Information

- 1. Certified Ready to Receive a Call**

The committee reports that, after examination, it has certified the following Candidates ready to receive a call (G-14.0310):

 - a. Karlin Bilcher
 - b. Jeffrey Eddings
 - c. Michael Gehrling
 - d. Thomas Hall
 - e. James Kirk

- 2. Permission to Circulate PIF**

The committee reports that it has given approval to the following Candidate to circulate their Personal Information Form:

 - a. Karlin Bilcher
 - b. Jeffrey Eddings
 - c. Michael Gehrling
 - d. Thomas Hall
 - e. James Kirk

- 3. Permission to take Ordination Examinations**

The committee reports that it has given approval to the following persons to take the Ordination Examinations:

 - a. Sean Hall - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments
 - b. Janice Holmes - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments
 - c. Michael Ludwig - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments
 - d. Martha Neba-Mbandi - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments
 - e. Laura Strauss - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments
 - f. Derek Woodard-Lehman - Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theological Competence, Worship & Sacraments

- 4. Permission to re-take Ordination Examinations**

The committee reports that it has given approval to the following persons to **re-take** the Ordination Examinations:

 - a. Karie Jarvis - Bible Exegesis
 - b. Sarina Meyer - Bible Exegesis, Theological Competence
 - c. Meredith Yuckman - Church Polity

5. Session Visits

The committee reports a visit to the Sessions of the **First United Presbyterian Church, Crafton Heights, Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Hiland Presbyterian Church and Pleasant Unity United Presbyterian Church**, to discuss the role of the Session in the preparation for ministry and remind pastors and elders of the need for such a visit before consideration of endorsement, if one has not been made within the last three years.

NOTE: *If a person is considering ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament, it is important that the person or the person's pastor seek current information from the chairperson of the Committee on Preparation (the Rev. Jim Tinnemeyer) or with the Presbytery BEFORE being recommended by their Session.*

Part II - Items for Action

1. Consent Motion

The committee recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: #2, 3, 5, 7

*2. Annual Consultations

The committee recommends that the following annual consultations be approved and that the Inquirer (I)/Candidate (C) be continued under the care of Pittsburgh Presbytery:

- a. Betty Angelini (C)
- b. Rebecca Cartus (C)
- c. Gabriel Crawford (I)
- d. Carrie Hanson (I)
- e. James Kirk (C)
- f. Meagan Manas (I)
- g. Nadine Roy (C)
- h. J. Scott Shetter (I)
- i. Meredith Yuckman (C)

*3. Enrollment of Inquirers

The committee recommends that the following persons be enrolled as an Inquirers:

Martha Neba-Mbandi

Martha Neba-Mbandi, a member of Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church since 2007, is a 1972 graduate of the University of London, a 1992 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and a 2007 graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Stephen Wutz

Stephen Wutz, a member of the St. Andrew's United Presbyterian Church since 2007, is a 2007 graduate of Wheaton College and currently a student of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

4. **Examination to be Received as a Candidate** The committee recommends that the following Inquirers be received as a Candidates:
- Janice Krouskop** Janice Krouskop, a member of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church since 2007, is a 1974 graduate of Mansfield State University and a 2008 graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2003.
- Meagan Manas** Meagan Manas, a member of the East Liberty Presbyterian Church since 2006, is a 2005 graduate of the Ohio State University and a 2008 graduate of Union Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2007.
- *5. **Appointment of Commission for Reception to Candidacy** The committee recommends approval of the following commissions to receive as "Candidate Under Care." The first named minister after the moderator shall be the clerk.
- Janice Krouskop** Date and time TBD, at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church. The Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee, The Rev. Christopher Taylor, The Rev. Robert Lee Nichols, Elder Nancy Mossman (Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church), Elder Lea Ann Ostergaard (Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church).
- Meagan Manas** Thursday, June 5, 2008 at the Presbytery Meeting. The moderator Kears Pollock or his designee.
6. **Oral Parts of Trial** The committee recommends that the following person be heard for his oral parts of trial. (Note: Copy of Statement of Faith is attached.)
- Jeffrey Eddings** Jeffrey Eddings, a member of the Friendship Community Presbyterian Church, is a 1990 graduate of Point Park College and a 2008 graduate of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2005 and a Candidate since November 2006.
- *7. **Appointment of Commission for Ordination/Installation** The committee recommends that the following commission be appointed to ordain/install the following person, with full authority to arrange and conduct the service subject to the requirements of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The moderator, or his appointee, shall be moderator of the commission and the first named minister after the moderator shall be the clerk:
- Jeffrey Eddings** *If the way be clear, Jeffrey Eddings will serve as Organizing Co-Pastor of the Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community and will stand for his Oral Parts of Trial at the June 5, 2008 meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.*
Friday, June 13, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community. The Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee, The Rev. Dr. Donald Dawson, The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Elder Vera White (Hiland Presbyterian Church), Elder Scott Sunquist (East Liberty Presbyterian Church).

1 I believe in God. I believe God always was, always is, and always will be. Although there is
2 only one God, God is known and experienced as the Trinitarian God who is God the Father, God
3 the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe God is a compassionate, loving, Holy, just and
4 sovereign God. I believe the Holy Spirit dwells within believers and provides comfort, counsel,
5 and direction. I believe that God chose to create and has created the best of all possible creations.
6 God continually extends an invitation for creation to respond and participate in divine love. This
7 invitation to love allows for the possibility to reject divine love, and allows for the possibility of
8 pain and suffering. I believe that God longs for humanity to respond to the loving invitation to be
9 in relationship with the Godhead. However, humanity has turned from God's love and chooses
10 its will over the will of God. This turning from God is sin. Our sin alienates us from God and
11 from one another. I believe that out of God's love God seeks to save us from the consequences of
12 our sin. The most intimate invitation God extends to humanity is to become a part of it. God sent
13 Jesus Christ to proclaim and reveal the Kingdom of God. Although Jesus was a human being and
14 fully that, he was also fully God. God then reveals divine love in offering us justification by faith
15 through the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ participates and subjects himself to the suffering and
16 pain of this world that we may then participate in and enjoy the grace, glory, and love of God.
17 Christ's participation in suffering through his death on the cross results in a salvation available to
18 all people who seek Jesus Christ as Lord. I believe that after his death Jesus then rose again from
19 the dead. God confirms the Lordship of Christ in his resurrection. This resurrection declares a
20 victory over death that those who are in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will also
21 experience. Just as Christ has participated in our death so we shall participate in His resurrection.
22 I believe that one day our bodies will rise again, just as the body of Jesus has done. I believe that
23 just as Christ was the incarnation of God in this world, the church is to be the incarnation of the
24 Kingdom of God in this world. Through the church we experience the fullness of communion
25 with God and with each other. Jesus Christ is the entry way to communion with God and each
26 other, and the Holy Spirit is the one who binds us together in this communion. The church
27 embodies this communion and now works to continue to expand God's Kingdom of love that
28 Jesus Christ initiated by working for justice, bringing God's light to dark places, and God's hope
29 to those who seem hopeless through the proclamation of the word and the administration of the
30 sacraments. I believe the church expresses this union with God and one another through the
31 sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Baptism is a public confession that Jesus is now
32 Lord over our lives and it expresses our firm hope in our justification through Christ alone. In
33 baptism we experience forgiveness of our sins and are united with Christ in His death, as we are
34 raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism can be experienced by both
35 infants and adults. In Holy Communion we remember and participate in the sacrifice Christ
36 made for us on the cross. We also celebrate the power of his resurrection in our life today and
37 we look forward to the time when He will come again. We who are many become one body as
38 we share this meal. In the sharing of the bread and the cup, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we
39 are nourished, sustained, forgiven, and confirmed in our faith journey. I believe the promises we
40 have, and the hopes we share about God and His gospel, to be true as they are revealed to us in
41 Scripture. I believe Scripture to be the inspired word of God through which the good news of the
42 gospel is proclaimed in both the Old and New Testaments. In Scripture we find and experience
43 the stories of our faith and we discover the theological truths that are the foundation for our faith.
44 The Scriptures teach us, inspire us, motivate us, convict us, and call us toward greater obedience
45 in Christ. I believe that one day Christ will return and at that time the Kingdom of God will be
46 revealed in its fullness. All this I confess and all this I most undoubtedly believe.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
TO PRESBYTERY

The Committee met in the conference rooms of the Presbytery Center on May 27, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Part I - Items for Information

- 1. Positions Available** The Committee lists the following positions within the Presbytery that are thought to be available. If the position is for **pastor or associate pastor**, listing here indicates that the Church Information Form has been filed with Louisville and the church is receiving PIF's:

Pastor	First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Pastor	Northmont United Presbyterian Church, McCandless Twp.
Assoc. Pastor	Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Shadyside
Assoc. Pastor	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair
Temporary Supply (PT)	Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Gibsonia
Youth (PT)	First Presbyterian Church, Rennerdale

For other church related opportunities, please visit our website at www.pghpresbytery.org and click on "About Us."

Part II- Items for Action

- 1. Consent Motion** The Committee recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: #’s 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14.
- *2. Calls**
- The Call of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church for the services of **Rev. LaVerne Davenport** as Pastor effective August 1, 2008, if the way be clear. Annual terms of call are Salary and Housing \$ 90,000; Full Pension plan; Medical deductible 3%; reimbursement for interview trips to Pittsburgh; Reasonable moving costs; incidental moving expenses up to \$500; Expense allowance \$5,000; Study Allowance \$1,500; four weeks vacation (2008 prorated) and three weeks study leave, one of which is for Mission Leave only.
- The call of the Southminster Presbyterian Church for the services of the **Rev. Kenneth White** as Associate Pastor effective July 15, 2008. Annual terms of call are Salary and Housing \$ 73,000; Full Pension plan; Medical deductible 2%; Relocation expenses along with \$ 2,000 allowance for miscellaneous moving expenses; Expense Allowance \$ 4000; Study Leave \$ 2,500; 5 weeks vacation and two week study leave; three months paid sabbatical leave after seven years of continuous service, but does not carry over past tenure at Southminster.
- The call of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon for the services of the **Rev. Page Creach** as Pastor effective August 1, 2008. Annual terms of call are Salary and Housing \$ 58,000; Full Pension plan; Expense Allowance \$ 3,000; Book Allowance \$ 500; Mileage at the current I.R.S. rate; Study Leave \$ 3,000; 2 weeks Study Leave and 4 week Vacation.

CALLING CHURCH	A	B	WOMEN				RACIAL/ ETHNIC				DISABLED				OVER AGE 50				SINGLE				TOT			
			PIF	HP	INT	POS	PIF	HP	INT	POS	PIF	HP	INT	POS	PIF	HP	INT	POS	PIF	HP	INT	POS	PIFS			
Southminster	X	X	18	2	6	0												15	3	5	1	3	1	2	0	47
Pleasant Hills	X	X	23	1	1	0												?	12	3	2	?	?	?	?	121
Community PC, Ben Avon	X	X	24	1	1	1												20	1	2	0					100

Column A - Affirmative Action visit made. Column B - EEO commitment signed by PNC and Session

PIF - Number of Personal Information Forms received

HP - Number heard preach in person

INT - Number interviewed

POS - Number offered position

TOTAL - Total PIF's considered

***3. Commission to Install**

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Walter Pietschmann** as Designated Pastor of the Olivet United Presbyterian Church on August 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to Moderate; Revs. Judith Slater, Marsha Sebastian, Carol Divens Roth and Vivian Lovingood together with elders Jeff Cancer of the First United Presbyterian Church, Leetsdale, John Matta of the Sixth Presbyterian Church and Jane Gieske of the Oakmont Presbyterian Church.

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev. Page Creach** as Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon on September 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate; Revs. Carol Divens Roth, Dr. William Carl, Calvin Wilson and Jean Henderson together with elders Nelson Crooks of the First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown and Peter Herchenroether of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon. Also invited to participate; Mrs. Jane Carl, member of the First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas and Kim Cuneo of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon.

***4. Letter of Reception**

The **Rev. Robert C. Anderson**, a member of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as the Interim Pastor to Presbytery effective June 5, 2008.

The **Rev. LaVerne Davenport**, a member of the Blackhawk Presbytery be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as pastor of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church effective June 5, 2008.

The **Rev. Kenneth W. White**, a member of Redstone Presbytery be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as Associate Pastor of the Southminster Presbyterian Church effective June 5, 2008.

***5. Letters of Dismissal**

The request of the **Rev. Myra Kazanjian** to be dismissed to the Utica Presbytery to serve as Designated Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Whitesboro, NY if the way be clear, effective June 5, 2008.

***6. Interim Supplies**

The request of the Northminster Presbyterian Church for the services of the **Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan** as interim pastor for one year effective May 1, 2008.

The request of the Beulah United Presbyterian Church to extend the interim contract of **Rev. Laurie Milligan** for a period of one year effective May 16, 2008.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS
East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 S. Highland Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-3985
412-441-3800

ELPC is located at the corner of Penn and Highland in the East Liberty neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Our main entrance is on Highland Avenue.

From Oakland, take Fifth Avenue east towards Shadyside. Turn left onto Highland Avenue. (The church will be on your left at the corner of Highland and Penn.)

From Wilkinsburg, take Penn Avenue west through Point Breeze to Highland Avenue. (The church will be on your left at the corner of Highland and Penn.)

From Squirrel Hill, take Shady Avenue north towards Fifth Avenue. Turn left on Fifth. Right on Highland. (The church will be on your left at the corner of Highland and Penn.)

From Aspinwall, take the Highland Park bridge and get in the right hand lane to exit on Butler Street. Turn left at the light to One Wild Place. After passing the zoo, make a sharp hairpin turn to the right. At the next intersection, turn left onto Bunker Hill Street. Turn right on Highland Avenue and go down the hill, past the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to Penn Avenue. (The church will be on your right at the corner of Penn and Highland.)

Parking

Parking will be at the Seminary and shuttle bus service will be provided.

Bus Information

On PAT, take routes: 3L, 500, 63A, 63B, 64A, 67A, 67C, 67E, 67F, 67J, 68D, 68G, 71A, 71C, 71D, 73B, 74A, 74B, 77A, 77B, 77C, 77D, 77F, 77G, 78A, 78C, 78E, 81B, 83B, 86A, 86B, 88A, 89A, 93A, 94A, 94B, 94C.