

Bob Anderson
Interim Pastor to Presbytery
October 5, 2008

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we prepare to gather as our Pittsburgh Presbyterian faith community, we recall that October 26 is Reformation Sunday. John Calvin is the catalyst for our Presbyterian Reformed tradition and in 2009 we can celebrate the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth. Calvin is best known as a theologian, but he was a key leader in reforming society and preparing the way for a more inclusive world in Geneva. Our transforming role in society today may be a blessed way of celebrating Calvin's influence on our faith.

We also emphasize financial stewardship in October. We have the privilege of celebrating those saints in Pittsburgh history who gave generously to the church. Our presbytery body preserved that blessing as an investment in our future. These resources are one aspect of our vast treasury of skills, talents, and gifts that God will use to create *vital congregations who bring people to Christ*. As we thank God for their generosity and foresight, let's take on the challenge of contributing to the future of *our* grandchildren.

One way to invest in that future is to trust God. While the economy is in an uproar and pocketbooks slam shut, mission may seem a risky investment. Maybe, but the mission is God's mission - not ours. God has called us for such a time as this. We must trust God's provision, not ours. The Psalmist says, "*it is better to trust in the Lord than in the flesh. It is better to trust in the Lord than in rulers.*" (Ps. 118:8-9). As we watch Wall Street implode and government intervene, we see the downside to trusting in wealth and "flesh." Will we trust God as our refuge, invest in God's mission and leave the economy in God's hands? As we face tight church budgets, I will do my best to help us shape a sensible budget for our common mission as presbytery. This budget will honor God's call while placing faith in God's abundance.

As we begin October, many of us contributed to the Peacemaking Offering. Now is the time to pray for peace. It seems as though peace is beyond the possibility of mere mortals. It is. Our Good News is that God's divine love intervened through Christ's resurrection. Let us pray for the peace in our world that only God can bring.

Peace in the church is elusive also. We sadly watched our Episcopalian friends break into two bodies this past weekend. We will continue our partnership with the new and continuing churches. Let us continue in prayer for them. May we also pray for ourselves as rumbles of discontent and pain sear our common life in the PCUSA. The world needs the church as living evidence of God's transforming love. I believe that this "living evidence" is our call. We will celebrate that call on October 16th in Fox Chapel.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Rev. Dr. Robert Charles Anderson
Interim Pastor to Presbytery

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

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

Give them a hearing ... listen before we answer.
John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ:
 - 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.

Speak the truth in love.
Ephesians 4:15

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;
 - 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.

Maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3

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;
 - we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.
10. Follow these additional Guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:
 - 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
Including a
MEMORIAL COMMUNION SERVICE

October 16, 2008
Fox Chapel 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

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson, Interim Pastor to the Presbytery, Preaching

C. MATTERS FROM THE MODERATOR

1. Introduction of Visitors / Seating of Corresponding Members
2. Greetings from Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church
3. Presbyterian Board of Pensions...Ernesto Badillo

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 2:00 p.m.

E. MATTERS FROM THE COUNCIL

Report of Council
1st Reading, Budget 2009

F. MATTERS FROM THE STATED CLERK

Edgewood-Mulberry Administrative Commission Report

G. MATTERS FROM THE BODY

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

H. NEW BUSINESS

Taking up of New Business

Order of the Day 4:45 p.m.

I. 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

October 16, 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

Matters from the Stated Clerk

Item 2...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

Committee on Ministry

Item 2.... Calls

Item 3.... Administrative Commissions to install

Item 4.... Letters of Reception

Item 5.... Dissolutions

Item 6.... Letters of Dismissal

Item 7... Temporary Supply

Item 8... Designated Pastor

Item 9... Member at Large

Item 10.. Permission to Labor

Item 11.. Moderator

Item 12.. Parish Associate

Item 13.. Validated Ministries

Item 14.. Commissioned Lay Pastor

Item 15.. Honorable Retirement

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

The Minute Reading Committee met on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church at approximately 3:50 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. Roger Howard							

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, September 18, 2008 at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church. **For the Committee:** *The Rev. Eric Ewing Dennis, Chair.*

The next meeting of the Minute Reading Committee will be held Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Fox Chapel 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 October 16, 2008**

Pittsburgh Presbytery Council met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 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. Minutes Reading Schedule...Calendar Year 2009

Council approved the following schedule of dates and places for the reading of Church minutes during calendar year 2009:

Minutes Reading...Calendar Year 2009

Hampton...Saturday, March 7, 2009 (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)
Monday, March 9th...Presbytery Center (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)

Beulah...Saturday, April 18, 2009 (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)
Monday, April 20th ...Presbytery Center (**4 p.m-6 p.m.**)

Bethany...Saturday, May 16, 2009 (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)
Monday, May 18th ...Presbytery Center (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)

**Overall Makeup session
Saturday, June 6, 2009
Presbytery Center (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)**

2. Holy Cow! Consulting

Council established a Task Force of Council to further study the Holy Cow! Consulting listening survey results which were reported to Presbytery at its September 18, 2008 meeting.

In addition, Council approved contracting with Holy Cow! Consulting for a report on "qualities that are needed in a new permanent Pastor to the Presbytery" to serve as guidance to the Permanent Pastor Search Committee in its ongoing work.

3. 1st Reading, 2009 Presbytery Budget

Council approved the attached Presbytery Budget for 2009, and directed that it be presented to this October 16, 2008 meeting of Presbytery for a 1st Reading.

Council also directed the Finance Committee to actively undertake the creation of a 2009 fiscal year contingency plan to guide the Presbytery in the event Presbytery experiences a substantial reduction of income.

4. Lazarus Fund Solicitation and Offerings

Council approved the Lazarus Fund making a Presbytery-wide solicitation for funds from the congregations of Presbytery on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

Council also directed that the offering collected during worship at each of the meetings of Presbytery on October 16, 2008 and December 4, 2008 be dedicated to the Lazarus Fund.

5. Task Force on Ministry with Sexual Minorities Survey

Council approved the Task Force on Ministries with Sexual Minorities sending a survey to the congregations of the Presbytery.

6. Great Ends of the Church Fund

Council directed that pending a thorough Council study of alternative claims for support, and the establishment of specific priorities and guidelines, Council will abstain from distributing money from such Fund.

7. New Church Development Checking Account

Council approved the opening of a Presbytery checking account for the New Church Development The Upper Room with PNC Bank.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

Council recommends that the following item, # 2, be approved by Consent.

***2. Financial Statements...August, 2008**

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

2009 PRESBYTERY BUDGET						
INCOME	2006	2007	2008	Actual	2009	
Line Item Description	Actual	Actual	Budget	As Of	Budget	%
				31-Aug-08	Request	Total
Benevolence Giving	781,555	638,576	725,000	346,003	675,000	23%
Per Capita	912,993	833,079	850,000	492,786	810,000	27%
Presbyterian Women	26,000	18,653	25,000	6,458	20,000	
Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation	-	45,000	75,000	-	250,000	
Trust Withdrawals	460,444	487,486	498,000	340,596	480,000	16%
S/T Investment and Other Income	106,510	143,360	105,000	67,446	105,000	
Camp Program Income	437,493	394,338	466,800	306,793	506,840	17%
Designated Pledges From Congregations	289,613	344,419	5,000	187,304	-	
Council / Presbytery Designated Reserve Funds	347,142	248,384	270,000	169,434	147,500	
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Total	3,361,750	3,153,295	3,019,800	1,916,820	2,994,340	
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EXPENSES						
Mission To Our Congregations						
Crestfield Camp & Conference Center	449,432	476,893	532,530	403,760	602,507	
Disciplemaking / Spiritual Growth	11,198	7,435	10,000	6,306	10,000	
Enhancement Grants	168,850	190,908	125,000	107,981	147,500	
Pastor Ministry Accounts	21,520	11,080	16,500	7,614	21,690	
Personnel	439,970	399,675	478,000	278,613	466,000	
Resource Center	15,949	17,547	19,000	24,691	19,000	
Stewardship & Mission Interpretation	3,751	1,476	5,500	1,781	6,050	
Surfing the Edge	6,296	10,481	-	-	-	
Transformation Commission	128,695	103,075	85,000	42,448	10,000	
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	1,245,661	1,218,570	1,271,530	873,194	1,282,747	43%
Mission Beyond Our Congregations						
Ecumenical Partnerships	44,000	40,000	34,000	21,167	33,500	
GA & Synod Benevolence	210,289	143,191	166,750	94,969	155,250	
Malawi Partnership	8,204	4,745	8,000	296	5,000	
Mission Agencies	470,989	486,895	200,000	282,107	200,000	
New Church Development	161,642	100,967	80,000	91,649	122,500	Note
Personnel	139,990	139,421	138,000	80,207	137,000	
Justice Ministries	14,375	18,817	21,650	13,104	20,750	
Urban Interns	30,550	32,342	35,000	13,500	15,000	
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	1,080,039	966,378	683,400	596,999	689,000	23%
Being The Presbytery						
Non-Ecclesiastical Costs						
	97,985	102,945	170,720	69,264	116,850	4%
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Ecclesiastical Costs						
Administration / Office Expense	50,097	60,440	57,280	46,306	54,900	
Council	3,314	48,029	5,280	33,043	5,350	
Ministry (COM/CPM)	33,363	23,369	24,790	17,334	25,650	
GA & Synod Per Capita	344,162	341,630	328,302	162,433	322,773	
Personnel	419,971	390,380	419,563	244,239	443,588	
Property & Finance	41,245	39,810	51,100	29,836	44,600	
Stated Clerk's Office	2,392	3,526	7,835	4,581	8,882	
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Subtotal Ecclesiastical Costs	894,544	907,184	894,150	537,772	905,743	30%
Total Being the Presbytery	992,529	1,010,129	1,064,870	607,035	1,022,593	
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Total Expenses	3,318,229	3,195,077	3,019,800	2,077,228	2,994,340	
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Net Income (Deficit)	43,521	(41,782)	-	(160,408)	-	
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Note: The New Church Development Commission budget is being approved concurrently with the operating budget. The budget is funded by Designated Reserve funds.						

2008 Presbytery Budget					Actual	2009
Income	2006	2007	2008	As Of	Budget	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	31-Aug-08	Request	
Benevolence Giving	781,555	638,576	725,000	346,003	675,000	
Per Capita	912,993	833,079	850,000	492,786	810,000	
Presbyterian Women	26,000	18,653	25,000	6,458	20,000	
Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation	-	45,000	75,000	-	250,000	
Trust Income/Withdrawals	460,444	487,486	498,000	340,596	480,000	
Short-term Investment Income	81,439	78,377	80,000	53,066	80,000	
Rental/Other Income	25,071	64,983	25,000	14,380	25,000	
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	106,510	143,360	105,000	67,446	105,000	
Crestfield Camp & Conference Center						
Presbytery Camps	108,360	97,592	110,000	100,041	128,330	
Church Camps	19,664	13,024	13,000	9,577	13,600	
Special Camps	58,745	49,717	49,000	51,303	53,500	
Retreats	159,368	137,948	160,000	93,177	160,000	
Program Income	24,321	22,500	42,800	11,701	40,965	
Camp Store	9,216	8,709	11,000	7,319	11,500	
Contributions	23,100	25,923	27,000	11,876	23,405	
Rentals/Other Income	8,566	8,903	7,500	9,247	8,000	
Harvest Day Income	2,511	1,252	1,500	-	1,500	
Milk Reimbursements	18,321	14,591	15,000	2,552	15,000	
Day Camp Grant	5,321	14,179	25,000	10,000	16,600	
Foundation Grants	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	
WayPoints	-	-	-	-	29,440	
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	437,493	394,338	466,800	306,793	506,840	
Designated Pledges From Congregations						
Disciplemaking	7,630	-	5,000	3,950	-	
Congregations	34,850	-	-	47,247	-	
Mission Agencies	245,433	344,419	-	136,107	-	
Enhancement Grants	-	-	-	-	-	
Other	1,700	-	-	-	-	
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	289,613	344,419	5,000	187,304	-	
Board Designated Funds						
Transformation Comm.	128,694	103,075	85,000	42,447	10,000	
Mission Partnerships	19,156	-	-	-	-	
New Church Devel. Comm.	161,442	100,967	80,000	91,649	122,500	
Urban Interns	37,850	32,342	35,000	13,500	15,000	
Council Designated	-	12,000	70,000	21,838	-	
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	347,142	248,384	270,000	169,434	147,500	
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Total Income	3,361,750	3,153,295	3,019,800	1,916,820	2,994,340	
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2008 Presbytery Budget					
Expenses	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	Actual As Of 31-Aug-08	2009 Budget Request
Mission To Our Congregations					
Crestfield Camp & Conference Center					
Personnel	224,892	253,913	279,021	205,127	302,394
Harvest Day	2,479	1,260	1,250	-	1,250
Food & Kitchen Supplies	82,928	93,292	75,000	82,906	100,000
Utilities	38,375	34,191	47,000	26,011	48,700
Insurance	22,680	21,350	28,000	15,839	23,000
Maintenance & Operations	13,965	12,688	12,000	9,202	13,500
Pool Maintenance	1,807	3,568	9,894	5,175	6,400
Administration Expense	12,267	9,316	8,500	9,260	10,200
Program Expense	17,579	10,775	18,025	11,411	30,510
Vehicle Expense	2,954	2,483	3,000	1,358	2,328
Camp Store	7,581	7,997	7,500	9,514	8,000
Promotion Expense	3,527	4,975	4,500	4,432	6,500
Day Camp Expense	5,321	8,862	25,000	15,085	16,600
Housekeeping	13,077	11,588	13,840	7,880	15,750
Internet	-	635	-	560	950
WayPoints	-	0	-	-	16,425
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	449,432	476,893	532,530	403,760	602,507
Disciplemaking / Spiritual Growth					
Youth Programs	2,980	4,973	6,000	5,754	6,000
Leadership Development	5,452	1,105	500	(66)	500
Family Ministry/Sp.Growth	700	951	500	-	500
Older Adult Ministry	-	0	500	205	500
Event Scholarships	143	249	1,000	-	1,000
Young Adult Programs	1,906	0	500	-	500
Disciplemaking Training	17	657	1,000	413	1,000
Other	-	-500	-	-	-
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	11,198	7,435	10,000	6,306	10,000
Enhancement Grants					
	168,850	190,908	125,000	107,981	147,500
Pastor Ministry Accounts					
Ministry to Medium Size Churches	4,732	1,705	3,000	755	4,000
Pastor To Presbytery					
Administrative Fund	9,435	3,307	7,500	3,004	10,190
Ministry to Large Churches	-	0	1,000	-	1,500
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	9,435	3,307	8,500	3,004	11,690
Ministry To Small Churches	7,353	6,068	5,000	3,855	6,000
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	21,520	11,080	16,500	7,614	21,690
Personnel	439,970	399,675	478,000	278,613	466,000

2008 Presbytery Budget					
				Actual	2009
Expenses	2006	2007	2008	As Of	Budget
ResourCenter	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>31-Aug-08</u>	<u>Request</u>
Resource Purchases	3,176	3,206	2,500	1,549	2,500
Operating Expenses	3,805	2,170	4,500	429	4,500
New Programs	500	263	500	458	500
Copyright Licensing Fees	8,468	11,908	11,500	22,255	11,500
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	15,949	17,547	19,000	24,691	19,000
Stewardship & Mission Interpretation					
Mission Coordination	285	(927)	2,000	156	2,500
Stewardship	3,250	403	1,000	125	1,550
Mission Interp. Scholarships	216	2,000	2,500	1,500	2,000
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	3,751	1,476	5,500	1,781	6,050
Surfing the Edge	6,296	10,481	-	-	-
Transformation Commission	128,695	103,075	85,000	42,448	10,000
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Total Mission To Our Congregations	1,245,661	1,218,570	1,271,530	873,194	1,282,747
Mission Beyond Our Congregations					
Ecumenical Partnerships					
Christian Associates	11,000	8,000	8,000	5,333	10,000
Ecumenical Christmas Event	5,000	4,000	3,500	-	3,500
Presbyterian Media Mission	28,000	23,000	20,000	13,334	18,000
Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network	-	5,000	2,500	2,500	2,000
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	44,000	40,000	34,000	21,167	33,500
GA & Synod Benevolence	210,289	143,191	166,750	94,969	155,250
Malawi Partnership	8,204	4,745	8,000	296	5,000
Mission Agencies					
Presbytery	199,100	209,000	200,000	146,000	200,000
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Council / Pby. Desig. Reserves	26,456	-	-	-	-
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	470,989	486,895	200,000	282,107	200,000
New Church Development	161,642	100,967	80,000	91,649	122,500
Personnel	139,990	139,421	138,000	80,207	137,000
Justice Ministries					
Amos 5:24 Issues	-	-	4,500	-	5,000
Conferences & Training	1,550	1,477	3,500	4,519	5,000
Street Ministry	12,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Sexual Minorities	-	790	1,200	240	1,200
Black History Celebration	575	300	3,000	2,345	3,000
PHEWA	250	250	250	-	250
Lazarus Fund	-	10,000	-	-	1,000
MAT Project	-	-	3,200	-	-
Ministry Team Coordination	-	-	-	-	500
Urban Camperships	-	-	-	-	3,800
Patrick Room	-	-	-	-	1,000
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	14,375	18,817	21,650	13,104	20,750
Urban Interns	30,550	32,342	35,000	13,500	15,000
Total	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mission Beyond Our Congregations	1,080,039	966,378	683,400	596,999	689,000
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2008 Presbytery Budget				Actual	2009
	2006	2007	2008	As Of	Budget
Expenses	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>31-Aug-08</u>	<u>Request</u>
Being The Presbytery					
Non-Ecclesiastical Costs					
Allocation of Admin Costs (60%)	75,145	90,659	85,920	46,306	82,350
Communications					
Web Hosting	2,760	1,683	2,800	1,120	2,500
Vital Signs printing	8,089	-	-	-	-
Come In Out of the Cold	10,474	3,000	-	-	-
Christmas cards	908	157	1,000	-	1,000
Other	409	946	1,000	-	1,000
Non-recurring	200	-	-	-	-
Public Relations	-	4,500	10,000	-	5,000
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Total Communications	22,840	10,286	14,800	1,120	9,500
* Transition Costs	-	2,000	70,000	21,838	25,000
Total Non-Ecclesiastical Costs	97,985	102,945	170,720	69,264	116,850
Administration / Office Expense					
Audit	17,700	22,500	20,000	25,000	25,000
Legal	6,869	23,656	12,000	737	7,500
Electric	16,517	18,021	15,000	10,523	17,500
Equipment Lease Expense	7,020	7,020	7,000	5,265	7,000
Minor Equipment Purchases	1,095	2,840	2,000	143	2,000
Contract Services	4,364	7,880	5,000	3,121	5,000
Office Expense	11,846	12,004	11,000	5,384	11,000
Postage	4,742	5,007	7,000	3,760	5,000
Copies	846	837	2,000	1,084	1,500
Outside Printing	11,046	9,674	12,000	6,155	10,000
Telephone	11,594	9,857	11,700	6,371	10,000
Natural Gas	7,995	8,114	10,000	8,573	10,000
Water/Sewage	713	726	1,000	492	1,000
Security/Fire Protection/Pest control	840	630	1,000	813	750
Janitorial	18,360	18,639	22,500	12,727	20,000
Copier Lease	3,695	3,694	4,000	2,463	4,000
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	125,242	151,099	143,200	92,611	137,250
Non-Ecclesiastical Portion (60%)	75,145	90,659	85,920	46,306	82,350
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Ecclesiastical Admin. Costs	50,097	60,440	57,280	46,306	54,900
Council					
Presbytery Contingency	120	-	200	-	200
Presbytery Meeting Enhancement	323	541	200	875	200
Crestfield Presby.Meeting Expense	231	945	800	-	800
Council Program Expense	392	639	130	172	200
Moderator's Conf. Expense	-	-	1,300	-	1,300
Council Retreat	2,213	2,254	2,500	2,185	2,500
Presbytery Meeting Child Care	35	170	150	40	150
Listening Expenses		813		269	-
Denominational Property Costs		42,667		29,502	-
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	3,314	48,029	5,280	33,043	5,350
* Added by Council mid-year 2007; 1/2 alloc. To Ecclesiastical Costs					

2008 Presbytery Budget					
Expenses	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	Actual As Of 31-Aug-08	2009 Budget Request
Ministry					
Emergency Relief *	14,786	7,500	7,000	4,667	2,500
Counseling for Clergy/Families *	5,130	2,625	1,450	966	3,400
Committee on Ministry Expense	5,186	4,900	6,340	3,055	9,750
Preparation for Ministry Expense	8,261	8,344	10,000	8,646	10,000
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	33,363	23,369	24,790	17,334	25,650
GA & Synod Per Capita					
General Assembly Per Capita	253234	253,920	244,014	120,730	240,613
Synod Per Capita	90928	87,710	84,288	41,703	82,160
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	344,162	341,630	328,302	162,433	322,773
Personnel					
Staff	359984	320,000	341,563	192,239	363,588
Stated Clerk's Office	59987	70,380	78,000	52,000	80,000
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	419,971	390,380	419,563	244,239	443,588
Property & Finance					
Property Taxes	31	30	100	29	100
Property Maintenance	7496	7,091	7,500	6,266	7,500
Insurance-Presbytery Office	22680	21,360	30,000	15,839	25,000
Parking Lot Rent	11038	11,329	13,500	7,702	12,000
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	41,245	39,810	51,100	29,836	44,600
Stated Clerk's Office					
Presbytery Guests	0	0	400	705	200
Permanent Judicial Commission *	135	3,223	4,735	3,157	5,982
Moderator's Expense	1050	79	700	419	700
G A Related Expenses	71	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Meeting Food	1136	224	2,000	300	2,000
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	2,392	3,526	7,835	4,581	8,882
Total Being The Presbytery					
	992,529	1,010,129	1,064,870	607,035	1,022,593
Total Expenses					
	3,318,229	3,195,077	3,019,800	2,077,228	2,994,340
Net Income (Deficit)					
	43,521	(41,782)	0	(160,408)	0
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* As directed by Presbytery, the budget for these line items must be based upon the actual amount spent two years prior.					

2009 PRESBYTERY BUDGET					
INCOME				Actual	
	2006	2007	2008	As Of	
<u>Line Item Description</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>31-Aug-08</u>	
Benevolence Giving	781,555	638,576	725,000	346,003	
Per Capita	912,993	833,079	850,000	492,786	
Presbyterian Women	26,000	18,653	25,000	6,458	
Pittsburgh Presbyterian Foundation	-	45,000	75,000	-	
Trust Withdrawals	460,444	487,486	498,000	340,596	
S/T Investment and Other Income	106,510	143,360	105,000	67,446	
Camp Program Income	437,493	394,338	466,800	306,793	
Designated Pledges From Congregations	289,613	344,419	5,000	187,304	
Council / Presbytery Designated Reserve Funds	347,142	248,384	270,000	169,434	
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Total	3,361,750	3,153,295	3,019,800	1,916,820	?
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**Pittsburgh Presbytery
Revenue & Expense Report
As of August 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	251,033.54	307,216.46	44.97%	271,014.23	(19,980.69)
Benevolence Giving-GA & Synod	166,750.00	94,969.38	71,780.62	56.95%	84,644.66	10,324.72
Presbyterian Womer	25,000.00	6,457.50	18,542.50	25.83%	8,625.00	(2,167.50)
Per Capita Income	850,000.00	492,785.74	357,214.26	57.97%	532,751.84	(39,966.10) Note 2
Trust Income	498,000.00	340,596.40	157,403.60	68.39%	316,340.56	24,255.84
Short-term Invest. Income	80,000.00	53,066.50	26,933.50	66.33%	50,581.41	2,485.09
Other Income	25,000.00	14,380.30	10,619.70	57.52%	14,019.24	361.06
Camp Program Income	466,800.00	306,792.79	160,007.21	65.72%	297,071.30	9,721.49
Directed Pledges from Congs	5,000.00	187,304.29	(182,304.29)	3746.09%	146,025.44	41,278.85 Note 3
Use of Reserve Funds	270,000.00	169,434.39	100,565.61	62.75%	205,365.77	(35,931.38) Note 4
Pgh. Presbyterian Foundator	75,000.00	0.00	75,000.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue:	3,019,800.00	1,916,820.83	1,102,979.17		1,926,439.45	(9,618.62) Note 5
Expenses						
Mission to Our Congregation:						
Crestfield Camp & Conf. Cente	532,530.00	403,760.09	128,769.91	75.82%	341,537.87	(62,222.22) Note 6
Disciplemaking/Spirit.Growth	10,000.00	6,306.18	3,693.82	63.06%	5,450.28	(855.90)
Enhancement Grants	125,000.00	107,980.51	17,019.49	86.38%	101,333.32	(6,647.19) Note 7
Pastor Ministry Accounts	16,500.00	7,613.55	8,886.45	46.14%	6,871.10	(742.45)
Personnel	478,430.00	278,613.05	199,816.95	58.23%	283,757.79	5,144.74
Resourcenter Expense	19,000.00	24,691.05	(5,691.05)	129.95%	21,756.15	(2,934.90)
Stewardship/Mission Interp	5,500.00	1,781.49	3,718.51	32.39%	2,685.61	904.12
Surfing the Edge	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A	9,300.00	9,300.00
Transformation Commissior	85,000.00	42,447.52	42,552.48	49.94%	79,645.31	37,197.79
Sub-Total	1,271,960.00	873,193.44	398,766.56		852,337.43	(20,856.01)
Mission Beyond Our Congregation:						
Ecumenical Partnerships	34,000.00	21,166.72	12,833.28	62.26%	25,666.72	4,500.00
GA & Synod Benevolenc	166,750.00	94,969.38	71,780.62	56.95%	84,644.66	(10,324.72)
Malawi Partnership	8,000.00	295.59	7,704.41	3.69%	1,057.07	761.48
Mission Agencies	200,000.00	282,107.37	(82,107.37)	141.05%	257,075.52	(25,031.85) Note 8
New Church Developmen	80,000.00	91,649.20	(11,649.20)	114.56%	105,040.46	13,391.26
Personnel	137,730.00	80,206.79	57,523.21	58.23%	98,985.28	18,778.49
Racial & Social Justice Issues	21,650.00	13,104.35	8,545.65	60.53%	11,611.00	(1,493.29)
Urban Interns	35,000.00	13,500.00	21,500.00	38.57%	20,680.00	7,180.00
Sub-Total	683,130.00	596,999.40	86,130.60		604,760.77	7,761.37
Being the Presbytery						
Non-Ecclesiastical Costs	86,400.00	47,425.11	38,974.89	54.89%	50,270.61	2,845.50
Administrative/Office Expense	71,600.00	46,305.51	25,294.49	64.67%	49,117.48	2,811.97
Council Expense	75,280.00	54,880.86	20,399.14	72.90%	23,418.10	(31,462.76) Note 9
Ministry	24,790.00	17,334.41	7,455.59	69.93%	13,925.77	(3,408.64)
GA & Synod Per Capita	328,302.00	162,433.20	165,868.80	49.48%	170,815.22	8,382.02
Personnel	419,403.00	244,238.72	175,164.28	58.23%	277,158.77	32,920.05
Property Expense	51,100.00	29,836.31	21,263.69	58.39%	26,807.73	(3,028.58)
Stated Clerk Expenses	7,835.00	4,580.40	3,254.60	58.46%	2,451.70	(2,128.70)
Sub-Total	1,064,710.00	607,034.52	457,675.48		613,965.38	6,930.86
Total Expenses:	3,019,800.00	2,077,227.36	942,572.64		2,071,063.58	(6,163.78)
Net Total:	0.00	(160,406.53)	160,406.53		(144,624.13)	(15,782.40) Note 10

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

General Notes

Note 1. This statement is a summary of only the operating budget funds of Pittsburgh Presbytery. It does not include any proceeds from the settlements with Beverly Heights U. P. Church or Memorial Park Presbyterian Church.

Revenue Notes

- Note 2. The Per Capita Income budget for 2008 is \$60,000 less than last year, and both membership and the per capita rate have decreased; so a drop in income is to be expected.
- Note 3. Directed Pledges from Congregations consists of \$136,107 passed directly to Mission Agencies, \$47,247 passed directly to congregations and \$3,950 remaining to fund the budget. (See notes 7 & 8)
- Note 4. The budget for Use of Reserve Funds is down \$102,000 as compared to last year.
- Note 5. Removing Directed Pledges from Congregations and use of Reserve Funds, actual income for 2008 is \$1,564,032 and \$1,575,048 for 2007. Therefore income is actually down \$11,016 compared to last year.

Expense Notes

- Note 6. Crestfield personnel costs are up \$26,500 compared to 2007. However, the Program and Maintenance Director positions were not fully staffed until August of 2007. Other notable areas of increase are in Food (\$9,292) and Daycamp (\$9,193), both of which are due to an increase of participation.
- Note 7. The 2008 Enhancement Grant expenses of \$107,981 consist of \$60,734 budgeted support and \$47,247 in designated giving from congregations.
- Note 8. The 2008 Mission Agencies expenses of \$282,107 consist of \$146,000 in budgeted support of validated mission agencies and \$136,107 in support of validated mission agencies directly from congregations.
- Note 9. 2008 Council expense includes \$51,340 for Denominational Property and Transition costs but only \$20,533 in 2007.
- Note 10. Removing Directed Giving from Congregations and use of Reserve Funds, actual expenses for 2008 are \$1,724,439 and \$1,719,672 for 2007. Therefore expenses are actually up \$4,767 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

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

October 16, 2008

Items For Information

1. Correspondence

During the reported period since our last Presbytery meeting all correspondence that was received was responded to and/or appropriately routed for review and response in due course.

2. New Clerk of Session Early 2009 Training Event

The Ecclesiastical Committee of Council and the Stated Clerk's Office will hold a training event for new Clerks of Session on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Presbytery Center. It will be designed primarily for 1st and 2nd year Clerks of Session, but all Clerks are invited to attend.

3. Invitations Solicited for 2010 Meetings of Presbytery

Invitations have been received to host meetings of Presbytery in February and October, 2010. Presbytery congregations and constituents are encouraged to extend invitations to host a meeting of Presbytery in April, June, September or December, 2010. Invitations to host Saturday or late afternoon/dinner meetings would be of particular interest. We appreciate the on-going nature of our member congregations' connection with the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

4. Presbytery Review of Session Minutes

The Administrative Review of Session Minutes/Rolls for calendar year 2007 has been completed. The results of such Review are presented at the close of this Report.

5. Committee to Review Pending Changes to the Book of Order and Ecumenical Statements

The Office of the Stated Clerk is establishing a committee to review and advise Presbytery on the pending changes to the Book of Order and ecumenical statements upon which the Presbytery will be called to vote in early 2009. Members from the Council, the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation will be participants on this review committee, as well as additional members appointed by the Moderator. Members of Presbytery will be encouraged to attend several open hearings anticipated to be held by the review committee as it considers the pending amendments and its recommendation to Presbytery

6. Permanent Judicial Commission Decision... Presbytery of Pittsburgh for The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) v. Rev. Dr. Janet M. Edwards

A full copy of the Decision in the matter of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh for The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) v. Rev. Dr. Janet M. Edwards is appended to this Report of the Stated Clerk.

Items for Action

1. Consent Motions

The Stated Clerk recommends the following item **#2** be approved by consent.

***2. Ecclesiastical Administrative Commissions to Ordain, Install or Receive**

to Ordain Michael Gehrling

Gehrling The Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on September 18, 2008, to ordain Michael Gehrling as a minister of the word and sacrament, consisting of the Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate: the Reverends Jeff Potter and Scott Sunquist together with Elders Sarina Meyer of the Eastminster Presbyterian Church and Ronald Salisbury of the Parkwood United Presbyterian Church; met by appointment on September 21, 2008 at 3:15 p.m. at the Parkwood United Presbyterian Church.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Moderator Kears Pollock. All things being prepared in advance, decently and in order, the Commission approved the Service of Ordination and voted to proceed to ordain Michael Gehrling 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 3:30 p.m. and ordained Michael Gehrling as a minister of the word and sacrament. Moderator 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. Scott Sunquist. Elder Sarina Meyer offered 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. Michael Gehrling.

to Install the Reverend Page Creach

Creach The Ecclesiastical Administrative Commission elected by Pittsburgh Presbytery on June 5, 2008 to install the Rev. Page Creach as Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon, consisting of Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate, the Revs. Carol Divens Roth, 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 met by appointment on September 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon.

There being a quorum present, the Commission was convened with prayer by Rev. Jean Henderson. 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. Page Creach to the direction of Presbytery and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Commission moved to the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. and installed the Rev. Page Creach as Pastor. Elder Nelson Crooks 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. William Carl. Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach offered the prayer of installation. Elder Peter Herchenroether 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. Page Creach.

The following churches had their minutes and rolls and registers approved with commendation:

Amity	Emsworth UP	Northmont UP
Aspinwall UP	Fox Chapel	Oakdale UP
Bakerstown, 1 st	Friendship Community	Oakmont
Baldwin UP	Gibsonia, 1 st	Olivet
Beechview UP	Glenshaw	Parkwood UP
Ben Avon, Community PC of	Glenshaw Valley	Rennerdale, 1 st UP
Bethany	Greenfield	Riverdale UP
Bethel	Hamilton	Second UP, Wilkinsburg

Brighton-McClure	Hebron UP	Sewickley, the PC
Brookline Blvd UP	Hillcrest UP	Shadyside
Carnegie	Hoboken	Sixth
Castle Shannon, 1 st	Immanuel UP	Sunset Hills UP
Central, McKeesport	UP in Ingram	Swissvale
Central, Tarentum	Ken Mawr UP	Tarentum, 1 st UP
Clinton UP	Korean UP	Turtle Creek, 1 st UP
Concord	Lebanon	Union, Robinson Twp.
Crafton UP	Liberty	Unity UP
Crafton Hghts, 1 st UP	Logan's Ferry	Wallace Memorial
Cross Rds, Gibsonia	Moon Run	Waverly
Cross Rds, Monroeville	Mt. Hope Community	Westminster
Dormont	Mt. Nebo	Wexford Community
East Liberty	Mt. Pisgah	Whitehall UP
East Union	Mt. Vernon Community	
Eastminster	Mulberry	
Elfinwild	Noblestown UP	

The following churches had their minutes and/or rolls & registers approved with exceptions:

Bellevue UP	Gladden UP	Neville Island
Bethesda UP, Elizabeth	Hawthorne Avenue	Pine Creek
Bethesda UP, Pgh	Hazelwood	Round Hill UP
Beulah UP	Heritage UP	St. Andrew's UP
Bidwell	Hiland	Sharon Community
Bower Hill Community	Homestead UP	Southminster
Community House Church	Jefferson UP	Springdale UP
Covenant Community	John McMillan	Union, Wilmerding
Duquesne, 1 st	Linway UP	UP of Universal
Edgewood, 1 st	Mt. Lebanon UP	Valley
Forest Grove Community	Mt. Washington PC of	Verona UP
Grace Memorial	Pleasant Hills Comm.	
Grand View UP	Ross Community	

The following churches failed to have their minutes/rolls & registers read or were only partially read this year:

Bellefield	Deer Creek UP	North Hills UP
Bethel UP	1 st . Elizabeth	Northminster
1 st UP, Boston	Forest Avenue	1 st , Pittsburgh
1 st UP, Braddock	Forest Hills	Pleasant Unity UP
Brentwood	Hampton UP	Plum Creek, The PC
UP of Buena Vista	Hebron, Clinton	Riverview UP
Bull Creek UP	Indianola UP	Sampson's Mills
Calvert Memorial UP	Kerr	South Side
Chartiers Valley UP	Knoxville United	Third
Cheswick	Lincoln Place	Valley View
Christ Community	Montours	
1 st Clairton	Mosaic Community	
Comm. of Reconciliation	Mt. Pleasant UP	
Coraopolis, The PC	Natrona Heights	

THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
of
THE PRESBYTERY PITTSBURGH
of
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

DECISION

Presbytery of Pittsburgh
for
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

v.

Rev. Dr. Janet M. Edwards
Minister of Word and Sacrament

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT

This is a Disciplinary case which has come before the Permanent Judicial Commission as a result of accusations submitted against the Rev. Dr. Janet M. Edwards, Minister of Word and Sacrament and a member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

JURISDICTION STATEMENT

The Permanent Judicial Commission finds that it has jurisdiction, that the charges against the Rev. Dr. Janet M. Edwards were filed with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh within the required time limits. Motions were filed by the Accused seeking dismissal of the charges on the basis that the charges were not timely filed. This Commission finds that the charges were filed within three years of the alleged offense and within one year of the institution of the Investigative Committee. It is true that similar charges were previously filed and dismissed because those charges were filed more than one year after the institution of that Investigative Committee. This Commission finds that the previous charges were dismissed for procedural reasons and not based on the merits of the charges. The dismissal being procedural, it was not impermissible for new charges to be filed based on the same offense. Moreover, the new charges were made by new individuals and it was not established by the a Accused, who bears the burden on this defense, that the charges currently before this Commission were identical to those previously dismissed.

HISTORY

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on June 28, 2005 published a wedding announcement for Nancy McConn and Brenda Cole, naming the Rev. Janet Edwards as the officiant at the June 25, 2005 service. A number of written allegations of offense were filed with the Stated Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery. The Stated Clerk reported the names of the members of the Investigating Committee to the Pittsburgh Presbytery on September 8, 2005. The Investigating Committee filed charges on September 12, 2006. On November 15, 2006 the Permanent Judicial Commission of Pittsburgh Presbytery dismissed the charges as untimely filed.

On or after February 8, 2007 a number of persons under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) filed written statements alleging offense with the Stated Clerk of Pittsburgh Presbytery. The presbytery appointed a new investigating committee for the new allegations, allegations that overlapped significantly with the earlier set of written allegations. On February 28, 2007 Rev. Edwards filed a petition under D-10.0204 seeking a review of the investigative procedure of the Investigating Committee, and challenged whether the evidence being considered was properly in the hands of the Investigating Committee. The Investigating Committee responded to the petition on April 18, 2007. Rev. Ann Morris and Elder Kears Pollock, two members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, reviewed the petition in a hearing on April 25, 2007. On May 4, 2007 the two members filed a decision allowing the Investigating Committee to proceed.

The Investigating Committee filed five charges on January 21, 2008. The charges read as follows:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) charges you, the Rev. Dr. Janet Edwards with the following offense(s) [sic]:

- 1.) On or about June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did commit the offense of knowingly and willfully performing a purported marriage ceremony that was contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) between two persons of the same sex.
- 2.) On or about June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did commit the offense of knowingly and willfully performing a purported marriage ceremony that was contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by omitting all references to the triune God from the ceremony.
- 3.) On or about June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did commit the offense of knowingly and willfully performing a purported marriage ceremony that was contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by omitting the requirement to have one or more participants in the ceremony declare their Christian faith and intention to enter into a Christian marriage.
- 4.) On or about June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did commit the offense of knowingly and willfully performing a purported marriage ceremony that was contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by omitting all Scripture reading from the ceremony.
- 5.) By performing the purported marriage ceremony on June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did knowingly and willfully engage in acts of defiance as a Minister of Word and Sacrament under the authority of and in a manner contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The officers of the Permanent Judicial Commission conducted a pre-trial conference on February 25, 2008. In advance of the pretrial conference the Accused presented six motions to dismiss or amend

charges. The Prosecuting Committee was given leave to file a written motion for closed proceedings. The officers of the PJC set the date for trial as June 9, 2008.

On April 10, 2008 both parties submitted a joint motion for a trial in two parts.

On May 1, 2008 the officers of the Permanent Judicial Commission conducted a second pre-trial conference.

On May 6, 2008 the Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission issued written preliminary determinations on all motions.

On June 9, 2008 the Permanent Judicial Commission convened for trial, and confirmed the preliminary determination to grant the motion for a trial in two parts. The Commission denied the motion to close the trial to the public, dismissed charges 2-4, and permitted amendments to charges 1 and 5.

The Permanent Judicial Commission set October 1, 2008 as the date for continuing the trial.

On September 29, 2008 the Prosecuting Committee filed a renewed motion for closed proceedings and an emergency motion for a thirty day continuance. The Accused filed responses to both motions.

The trial was held on October 1 and 2, 2008. On October 1, 2008 the motion for closed proceedings was denied. The Prosecuting Committee announced that it would only need a one-day continuance and both parties consented to allowing the Prosecuting Committee to present its available witness on October 1, with the Accused being permitted to begin presenting her witnesses prior to the conclusion of the Prosecution's case in chief, and with the Prosecution to continue its case on October 2.

CHARGES

The two charges at issue in this trial are:

1. On or about June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did commit the offense of knowingly and willfully performing a purported marriage ceremony that was contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) between two individuals of the same sex.
2. By performing the purported marriage ceremony on June 25, 2005 in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, you did knowingly and willfully engage in an act of defiance as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament under the authority of and in a manner contrary to the Scriptures and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

DISCUSSION

The Prosecuting Committee offered eight Scriptural passages in support of their charge that the Accused violated Scripture. The Prosecuting Committee however offered no evidence as to how the Accused violated those or any Scriptural passages.

The outcome of the charges brought against the Accused depend on this Commission's determination of what specifically occurred on June 25, 2005 during the ceremony in which two women promised

to act toward each other in a manner consistent with the promises made between participants in a marriage ceremony. This ceremony was witnessed and presided over by the Accused. It was this ceremony that forms the basis of the charges currently before this Commission.

In order for this Commission to find that the Accused was guilty of violating the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) [hereinafter, "Constitution"], it must first determine whether the ceremony was prohibited by that Constitution. The Prosecuting Committee contends that this ceremony was a "purported marriage". For the purposes of this discussion, the Commission will define a purported marriage as one where the presiding witness intends the ceremony to be a marriage ceremony, regardless of its legality or validity. For the following reasons the Commission finds that the Prosecuting Committee has failed to establish that such a ceremony violated the Constitution in 2005 and has failed to meet its burden to prove the Accused carried out a marriage ceremony at all.

The Book of Order clearly states that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman as does Pennsylvania law. That being the case, a relationship between two people of the same gender cannot be a marriage recognized by the PCUSA regardless of any ceremony that establishes or witnesses to it. Whatever ceremony the Accused presided over on June 25, 2005, it was not, and could not have been, a marriage ceremony. Because the Book of Order does not recognize the performance of a marriage between two people of the same gender, purporting to do so does not violate the Constitution either. In this case it cannot be an offense to the Constitution to attempt to do the impossible. The Commission therefore finds that the Accused did not violate the Constitution by performing a purported marriage between two people of the same gender.

Moreover, the Prosecuting Committee offered no evidence of the words actually used at the ceremony of June 25, 2005 and thus there is no evidence that the words used held out the ceremony as a marriage. The only evidence offered included the bulletin and "Wedding Ceremony Order of Service". While it could be inferred that the actual words at the ceremony were identical to the words in the "Wedding Ceremony Order of Service", there simply is insufficient proof that the actual ceremony was intended by the Accused to be a marriage, or that she believed it could be a marriage ceremony.

This finding is consistent with the decision of the GA PJC in *Spahr v. Presbyterian Church (USA)* through the Presbytery of Redwoods, Disciplinary Case 218-12, which holds, in part:

One cannot characterize same sex ceremonies as marriages for the purposes of disciplining a Minister of the Word and Sacrament and at the same time declare that such ceremonies are not marriages for legal ecclesiastical purposes.

For these reasons, this Commission finds the Accused not guilty of the first charge. Vote: 0-9.

As to the second charge, in addition to the forgoing discussion, the Commission finds that there is no evidence to support the contention that the Accused held herself out as acting as a Minister of Word and Sacrament of the PCUSA when presiding over the ceremony in question. Therefore, the Commission does not find beyond a reasonable doubt that the Accused was acting in defiance of the Constitution and the PCUSA pronouncements on same gender ceremonies as those pronouncements existed at the time of the ceremony.

For these reasons, this Commission finds the Accused not guilty of the second charge. Vote: 0-9.

VERDICT

This Commission finds the Accused not guilty of the charges brought by Pittsburgh Presbytery.

PARTICIPATION AND ABSENCES

Elder Mark Krauland and Elder Joan Humphrey were added to the Commission from the reserve roster in order to ensure the maintenance of a quorum throughout.

Rev. Ann Morris who took part in the D-10.0204 hearing, was absent from the trial and did not participate in the decision.

Elder Dwight Howes was absent from the opening of the trial on June 9, 2008, and did not thereafter participate in the trial or decision.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2008

_____/s/_____
Stewart A. Pollock
Moderator, Permanent Judicial Commission

_____/s/_____
Jean Henderson
Clerk, Permanent Judicial Commission

Committee on Nominations

Report to Presbytery
October 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Nominations is **nominating The Reverend Dr. Karl E. McDonald, Ken Mawr UP, for Senior Vice-Moderator in 2009.** Nominations from the floor shall be in order at the October meeting provided the nominator has affirmed the nominee's willingness to serve if elected. Self nominations shall not be permitted. There shall be no additional nominations for Senior Vice-Moderator at the December meeting at which time the election shall be held.

The Standing Committee on Nominations is announcing **nominations for Class of 2011** to the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** and will make the nominations at the December meeting:

Minister, Maxine E. Jenkins, First - Duquesne (B2011)
Minister, Darrell Knopp, Central - McKeesport (B2011)
Elder, Joyce Matthews, Grace Memorial (B2011)
Elder, Nancy Merrill, Sewickley (B2011)
Elder, Walter Seigfried, First – Pittsburgh (B2011)

As previously announced, the Standing Committee on Nominations is working to fill Class of 2011 elder and minister positions on the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Council and the Presbyterian Foundation. Additionally, existing vacancies on the Committee on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Council are being filled. The Standing Committee on Nominations is grateful to all who have submitted names of interested elders and ministers to serve on the committees and Council of Presbytery. Any member of Presbytery who has an interest in being considered for nomination to these positions, or who knows of any other person who has such an interest, is strongly encouraged to relay suggested nominees to the Standing Committee on Nominations or the Stated Clerk's Office.

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Biographical Information

Karl is a follower of Jesus Christ. He was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he spent his formative years. He was baptized, confirmed and ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in a small church near Greenville – the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. In his early years his mother became his first Sunday School teacher and his father served as church elder and Sunday School superintendent. Blessed through the years with the encouragement and prayers of many wonderful Christian people, Karl answered God’s call and was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on July 30, 1983. Doubly blessed with a supportive wife and family who participate in ministry with him, he lives in the grateful realization of God’s countless blessings and God’s infinite grace.

Educational Background

McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, IL, 1997-2002. Doctor of Ministry.

Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, NJ, 1980-1983. Master of Divinity.

Messiah College, Grantham, PA, 1975-1979. Bachelor of Arts, Behavioral Sciences.

Ministry Experience

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian McKees Rocks, PA, 1993-Present. Pastor/Head of Staff.
(530 members)

Hanover Presbyterian Church Clinton, PA, 1983-1993. Pastor.
(240 members)

First Presbyterian Church Metuchen, NJ, 1981-1983. Student Assistant Pastor.
(1200 members)

Calvary Presbyterian Church Riverton, NJ, 1980-1981. Student Assistant/Youth Director.
(600 members)

Harris Street United Methodist, Harrisburg, PA, 1978-1980. Youth Director.
(450 members)

Public and Private Life

Karl has served at various levels of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In Pittsburgh he is currently serving on the Administrative Commission for Transformation after serving four terms on presbytery’s Committee on Preparation for Ministry. In 2002 he was elected and served as a commissioner from Pittsburgh Presbytery to the General Assembly in Columbus, OH. He has also served on several Investigating Committees and Administrative Commissions in Pittsburgh. In January 2008 he spent 17 days immersed in the church and culture of Egypt on a study trip that was organized by Dr. Kenneth Bailey and the Westminster College chaplain’s office.

Locally Pastor Karl heads the Montour Association of Churches (an ecumenical group of pastors and leaders) and in the past fifteen years he has supervised eleven Pittsburgh Theological Seminary students in field education. In 2004 he co-instructed the one hour required course for students in field education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Karl’s interests include tennis, traveling, camping, and walking. He is married to Jayne Graham McDonald, a music teacher, so music is an important part of their lives. Jayne is also his early morning walking partner; and they both enjoy spending time with their two sons, Christopher, a recent graduate of New England Conservatory in Boston, Massachusetts, and Jeremy, a student at Berklee College of Music, also in Boston.

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

October 16, 2008

The committee met on October 8, 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 Candidate ready to receive a call:
 - a. Christopher Graham Ford

2. **Permission to Circulate PIF** The committee reports that it has given approval to the following Candidates to circulate their Personal Information Form:
 - a. Christopher Graham Ford

3. **Removal of Inquirers** The committee reports that it will remove the following Inquirers from its care at their request:
 - a. Lisa Kerestesi

4. **Transfer of Covenant Relationship** The committee reports that it will accept the transfer of the covenant relationship of Inquirer Terry Rebekah Lawson from the Whitewater Valley Presbytery to the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Rebekah is a member of the St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church and a graduate of Anderson University with a BA in 2000 and M. Div in 2008. Rebekah has been an Inquirer since October, 2006.

Part II - Items for Action

1. **Consent Motion** The committee recommends that the following recommendations be adopted by consent: #2, 3, 5

- *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. Patrick Keeley (C)
 - b. Michael Ludwig (I)
 - c. Stephen Wutz (I)

- *3. **Enrollment of Inquirer** The committee recommends that the following person be enrolled as an Inquirer:

Gerrie Bolton Pitts Gerrie Bolton Pitts, a member of the Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church since 1993, is a 2004 graduate of Chatham 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:
- Stephen Franklin** Stephen Franklin, a member of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church since 2006, is a 2006 graduate of Westminster College and currently a student of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2007.
- Michael Ludwig** Michael Ludwig, a member of the Oakmont Presbyterian Church since 2006, is a 2002 graduate of the College of Wooster, a 2004 graduate of the University of Cincinnati and is currently a student at Pittsburgh 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.
- Stephen Franklin** Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., at the Shadyside Presbyterian Church. The Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee, The Rev. Dr. M. Craig Barnes, The Rev. James W. Tinnemeyer, Elder Dave Popelka (Shadyside Presbyterian Church), Elder Andrew Wilson (Forest Hills Presbyterian Church).
- Michael Ludwig** Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 8:15 a.m., at the Oakmont Presbyterian Church. The Moderator Elder Kears Pollock or his designee, The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson, The Rev. Brad Walters, Elder Jack Kells (Oakmont Presbyterian Church), Elder Ginny Dawson (Hampton United Presbyterian Church).
6. **Oral Parts of Trial** The committee recommends that the following person be heard for their oral parts of trial. (Note: Copy of Statement of Faith is attached.)
- Christopher Brown** Christopher Brown, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Delta (Western Colorado Presbytery), is a 2004 graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder and a 2008 graduate of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2005 and a Candidate since February, 2007. If the way be clear, Christopher will be ordained by Western Colorado Presbytery and will serve as Organizing Co-Pastor of the Upper Room New Church Development.
- Amanda Richey** Amanda Richey, a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Irwin (Redstone Presbytery), is a 2001 graduate of Geneva College and a 2006 graduate of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer since 2003 and a Candidate since May, 2006. If the way be clear, Amanda will be ordained by Redstone Presbytery and will serve as Associate Pastor for Christian Education of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

1 I believe in one God, three persons of the same substance: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2 God the Creator of the universe, was revealed in historical relationship to the Israelites as
3 attested to in Scripture. God called Abram to go to the land God would show him, and promised
4 him descendants as numerous as the stars so that through him all nations of the earth would be
5 blessed. The same God who led Israel out of slavery, established covenant with them, and spoke
6 to them through the prophets, sent the incarnate Son, Jesus, that through his cross those who
7 were once excluded from the commonwealth of Israel would be brought near and people from
8 every tongue, tribe, and nation would have access in one Spirit to God the Father.

9 I believe in and seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, the fully-human and fully-divine
10 Son of God and Word of God, who in his earthly life and teachings is the perfect revelation of
11 God in human form. In his death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension, he atoned for sin,
12 conquered death, and now reigns in heaven, from which he sends the Holy Spirit to his disciples.
13 The reign of Christ transcends all human authority and demands our ultimate allegiance. He is
14 our Lord, Savior, Healer, Redeemer, Leader, and Friend and we await the day when he will come
15 again to establish his Kingdom in its fullness, on earth as it is in heaven.

16 I believe the Holy Spirit is the indwelling Counselor and Encourager, given to all
17 believers as a guide to the Church and as a deposit guaranteeing our salvation. The Holy Spirit
18 convicts us of sin and continues the sanctifying work of God within us. I believe the Bible is
19 inspired and illumined by the Holy Spirit and that it is the authoritative written testimony and
20 witness to Jesus Christ, who is the Word of God. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God and
21 salvation by grace through faith in Christ as attested in Scripture is the proclamation of the
22 Church for the reconciliation of the world to God and of humans to one another.

23 Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, his Body and his Bride. Comprised of all those
24 elect for service in the Kingdom of God, the Church exists to bear witness to Christ and his
25 lordship in this world, as we proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, nurture the community of
26 faith, and work for justice and peace in the world. In its worship, the Church formally
27 administers two sacraments: Baptism, which bears witness to our inclusion in covenant
28 community and our own death and resurrection in Christ, and Holy Communion, in which we
29 remember Jesus' death, experience enacted grace in bread and wine as the body and blood of our
30 Lord, and indeed share in a fellowship meal with the Risen Christ and with each other. In
31 worship and mission, the Church is called and sent to active engagement with and witness to the
32 world which surrounds it, speaking the truth of Christ in the language of the people so that all
33 may hear the Gospel and living lives that strive for justice, demonstrating our faith by the fruit
34 we bear, all for the sake of the glory of God.

Statement of Faith

I believe in the triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that God created everything in this world and is still intimately involved with His creation. I believe in the Trinity, that God is made up of three different, but equal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe each person of the Trinity existed before there was time and creation. I believe the Son was eternally begotten of the Father and the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. I believe God a holy mystery. I believe God loves me and I belong to Him in both life and in death.

I believe Jesus Christ, the Son of God and second person of the Trinity, is my Lord and Savior. Jesus, who was fully human and fully divine, perfectly obeyed His Father and did the unthinkable—He put His life in my place. He suffered on my behalf. He was and is victorious over the powers of evil and death for me. He redeems me and gives me eternal life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. I believe the Holy Spirit has sanctified me and continues to sanctify me because of Jesus. Jesus redeems me through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, God has already reconciled me to Himself. God has justified me, accepted me and is sanctifying me through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe the Word of God is authoritative and inerrant. I believe it has power over my life and I come to Scripture with a submissive spirit. I believe we find instruction about everything in the Scriptures, including instruction on the two Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. I continue to learn about God's grace and my faith is strengthened and sustained through the preaching of the Word and the receiving of the Sacraments in corporate worship.

My faith needs to be strengthened and sustained because of the reality of sin in my life. I was created in the image of God, perfectly created, along with all humankind, both male and female, to have a relationship with God and have dominion over the creation. God called His creation good. Because of the Fall, my nature is corrupted by sin and I have turned away from God and broken my relationship with Him. Through Jesus I am redeemed. I am saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Through Christ's atoning sacrifice, I can now have a right relationship with my Heavenly Father. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I can also do good works not to ensure my salvation, but to be obedient to God.

Through Christ, I am united with the body of believers - the Church. In the Church, I am bound with my brothers and sisters to the family of God. As a representative of Christ in the world, I need to be involved in the Church's mission to spread the gospel message to the very ends of the earth. God calls me to accomplish His mission by serving the poor and protecting the weak and marginalized in society. He also calls me to serve through mission by going to places where the gospel message is not freely heard. I need to work for peace, for justice and for unity in my society in order to make room for the glory of God to be revealed through my life.

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

The Committee met in the conference rooms of the Presbytery Center on October 7, 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	Heritage Presbyterian Church, Franklin Park
Pastor	Northminster Presbyterian Church, Bellevue
Pastor	Korean United Presbyterian Church, Ross Twp.
Pastor	Northmont United Presbyterian Church, McCandless Twp.
Assoc. Pastor	First Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown
Assoc. Pastor	Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Shadyside
Designated Pastor	Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
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, 14 and 15.

***2. Calls**

The Call of the Beulah United Presbyterian Church for the services of the **Rev .Cynthia Reyes Fillmore** as Pastor effective November 9, 2008. Annual terms of call are: Salary and Housing \$ 66,000; Full Pension Plan; 2% Medical Deductible; Expense Allowance \$ 1,500; Auto Allowance at the current IRS rate; Study and Book Allowance \$ 1,500; Full Moving costs; Life Insurance \$ 131; Dental Insurance \$1,217; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

The Call of the Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church for the services of the **Rev . Carmen Cox Harwell** as Pastor effective October 1, 2008. Annual terms of call are: Salary and Housing \$55,000; Full Pension Plan; 2% Medical Deductible; Expense allowance \$ 2,500; Study Allowance \$ 1,500; 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

The Call of the Westminster Presbyterian Church for the services of the **Amanda H. Richey**, if the way be clear, as Associate Pastor for Christian Education effective November 1, 2008. Annual terms of call are: Salary and Housing \$ 50,000; Full Pension Plan; 6% Medical Deductible; Expense Allowance \$ 1,500; Auto Allowance at the current IRS rate; Social Security Offset \$ 3,825; Study Allowance \$1,500; four weeks vacation and two weeks study leave.

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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. Administrative Commissions

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev . LaVerne Davenport**as Pastor of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church on October 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be Clerk of the Commission. Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to Moderate; Revs. Robert Anderson, Paul Thwaite and Darlene Hann together with Elders Shirley Soncini of the Olivet Presbyterian Church, Evelyn Koschik of the Jefferson United Presbyterian Church and Marta Winks of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and Steve Heys of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church. Also invited to participate, the Rev . Roy Backus of the Blackhawk Presbytery .

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev . Kenneth White**as Associate Pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church on October 12, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be clerk of the commission. The Rev . Donald Ewing or his designee to moderate; Revs. William Paul, Daniel Merry and Deborah Evanovich together with Elders Mary Cullison of the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church and Carol Galbreath of the Southminster Presbyterian Church.

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Revs. Brandon Woodworth** as Pastor and **John Creasy** as Associate Pastor of the Open Door Presbyterian Church on November 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be Clerk of the Commission. Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate; Revs. Randy Bush, Chad Collins and Paul Roberts together with elders Aaron Pavkov of the Bellefield Presbyterian Church and Vera White of the Hiland Presbyterian Church.

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install **Amanda Richey , if the way be clear** , as Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church on November 16, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be clerk of the commission. The Rev . Donald Ewing or his designee to moderate; Revs. Brian Wallace together with Elders Katrina Dunderdale of the Hebron United Presbyterian Church; Linda Williams of the Hiland Presbyterian Church and George Krock of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install the **Rev . Stephen Cramer**as Designated Pastor of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Gibsonia on October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be clerk of the commission. Elder Kears Pollock or his designee to moderate; Revs. Michael Hoyt, Deborah Warren and John Campbell together with Elders Lynn Holden of the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, Susan Rothenberg of the Sixth Presbyterian Church and Tom Lyons of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Gibsonia. Also invited to participate, the Rev . Dr . N. Graham Standish of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery .

The election of the following ministers and elders of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as an Administrative Commission to install **Rev . Jeffrey Eddings**as Co Pastor of the Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community on October 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. The first named minister after the moderator shall be clerk of the commission. The Rev . Ann Morris or her designee to moderate; Revs. Donald Dawson and Scott Sunquist together with Elders Sharon Stewart of the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church and Robert Hrabar of the Presbyterian Church of Mt Washington.

- *4 **Letters of Reception** The Rev **Cynthia Reyes Fillmore**, a member of the Cascades Presbytery be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as the Pastor of the Beulah United Presbyterian Church effective October 16, 2008.
- The Rev . **Thomas Clifton**a member of the American Baptist Church be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as Temporary Supply of Central Presbyterian Church, Tarentum effective October 1, 2008.
- The Rev . **Deborah Messhama** member of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery be received as a member of Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve as Chaplain at Hope Hospice, Inc. effective August 25, 2008.
- *5. **Dissolutions** The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev .**Peter Grosso** and the Clinton United Presbyterian Church effective November 7, 2008.
- *6. **Letter of Dismissal** The request of the Rev .**Lori Holstein** to be dismissed to the Shenango Presbytery to serve as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sharpsville, effective August 1, 2008.
- The request of the Rev . **Stuart Broberg**to be dismissed to the Washington Presbytery , to serve as Designated Pastor of the Church of the Covenant effective October 16, 2008.
- *7. **Temporary Supply** The request of the Central Presbyterian Church, Tarentum for the services of Rev. **Thomas Clifton** as Temporary Supply Pastor effective October 1, 2008.
- The request of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church for the renewal of the services of the Rev . **Leslie Boone**as temporary supply , for six months effective October 16, 2008.
- *8 **Designated Pastor** The request of the Brookline Blvd United Presbyterian Church for the services of Rev . **Marsha Sebastian** for an additional three years as Designated Pastor effective June 9, 2006.
- *9. **Member at Large** The request of the Rev . **Peter Gross** to be enrolled as a member -at-large in Pittsburgh Presbytery effective November 8, 2008.
- *10. **Permission to Labor** The Rev .**David Van Dyke** be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of Pittsburgh Presbytery as a Interim Pastor at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights, VA effective September 22, 2008.
- *11. **Moderator** The appointment of Rev. **Roger Howard** as Moderator of the Clinton United Presbyterian Church effective November 8, 2008.
- The appointment of Rev . **Thomas Clifton**as Moderator of the Central Presbyterian Church, Tarentum effective October 16, 2008.
- *12. **Parish Associate** The request of the Covenant Community Church for the services of Rev .**Stewart Bair** as Parish Associate effective October 16, 2008.
- *13. **Validated Ministry** The position of Spiritual Care Specialist at the Family Hospice and Palliative Care be considered a validated ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Rev . **Leonard Sponaugle**is serving in this position.
- The position of Chaplain at Hope Hospice, Inc. be considered a validated ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. Rev . **Deborah Messham**is serving in this position

***14. Commissioned
Lay Pastor**

The request of the Universal United Presbyterian Church to renew the contract for Commissioned Lay Pastor services of **Elder Roger Stuart** for one (1) year effective December 6, 2008 and authorized to perform the following functions:

- Administer the Lord's Supper
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
- Moderate the Session
- Have a voice in meetings of the Presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of the Presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session.

***15. Honorable
Retirement**

The request for the **Rev .Helsel Marsh** for honorable retirement, effective November 1, 2008

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Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Phone: 412-963-8243

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Turn **left** at exit onto Fox Chapel Road.

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The church is on your right. Turn right at the light to the parking lot.