

PRESBYTERY OF BOISE
Meeting Highlights
April 25, 2009

Welcome: The Commissioners were welcomed at the Presbytery Center by the New Church Development congregation, Reflections Church. It was a joy celebrated by all present to witness the vitality of this new worshipping community as they served the presbytery through out the day. The Rev. David Goebel, Nancy Goebel and their worship team led the presbytery in Spirit-filled worship of song and the Word.

Stated Clerk: The Rev. Ruth Hicks was re-affirmed for an additional three-year term as Stated Clerk beginning in August 2009. Ruth reported that the reading of session minutes was excellent this year with no major omissions from any congregation thanks to the good and faithful work of the Clerks of Session. Two churches remain to have their minutes read which will take place before the August meeting.

Proposed Amendments: An important part of the meeting focused on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order. After each General Assembly meeting, all proposed changes to the form of government must be approved by the presbyteries before inclusion. No matter what the size of the presbytery, each only gets one vote. The final tally has been sent to all pastors if someone is interested in the numbers.

The proposed amendments may be found at: <http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend.htm> if you wish to read a full description. The votes by the commissioners of the Presbytery of Boise were as follow:

Amendment 08-A. Vows of Membership, On Amending G-5.0200: **Failed**

Amendment 08-B. Ordained Officers, On Amending G-6.0106b, G-14.0240 and G-14.0450: **Failed.**

Amendment 08-C. Replacing the Word "Sympathy" with the Word "Compassion," Amending G-6.0202b and G-6.0401: **Passed**

Amendment 08-D. General Assembly Mission Council Name Change, On Amending Throughout the Book of Order: **Passed**

Amendment 08-E. Non-Geographic Presbyteries, On Amending G-11.0102 and G12.0102k: **Passed**

Amendment 08-F. Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators, On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730: **Failed**

Amendment 08-G. Synod Membership on Permanent Committees, On Amending G-13.0107, G-13.0108, and G-13.0202a: **Failed**

Amendment 08-H. Five Ordination Examinations, On Amending G-14.0431: **Passed**

Amendment 08-I. Certified Christian Educators, On Amending G-14.0730: **Passed**

Amendment 08-J. Alternative Forms of Resolution, On Amending D-2.0103 and D-10.0202h: **Passed**

Amendment 08-K. Ecumenical Statement with the Roman Catholic Church, On Ratifying a Common Agreement on Baptism: **Passed**

Amendment 08-L. Ecumenical Statement with the Episcopal Church, On Adopting an Agreement: **Passed.**

Amendment 08-M. Ecumenical Statement with the Korean Presbyterian Church in America, On Adopting a Covenant Relationship Agreement: **Passed.**

Amendment 08-N. Ecumenical Statement with the Moravian Church, On Adopting a Covenant Partnership Agreement: **Passed.**

Mission Alliance Committee: Within the new structure of the presbytery each congregation has a representative on the Mission Alliance Committee. It was reported that all the 2010 mission funding applications would be funded to some degree, depending on the final amount of money received from the Synod of the Pacific.

Immanuel and Jackie Benjamin are returning this month their work at the United Christian Hospital in Pakistan. Dr. Benjamin's health is precarious and they request that he be held in your prayers during this final trip to Pakistan.

Program Committee: Dates to put on the calendar -- are the **Pastor's Retreat**, which will be November 3-5 at the Jerome Priory. The Rev. Byron Wade who is the Vice Moderator of the Presbyterian Church and a pastor of the Davie Street Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N.C. will be the retreat leader. The Presbytery of Boise night at the **Hawk's Baseball game** will be August 12. Look for future information on purchasing tickets and join the crowd of Presbyterians sitting as a block in the bleachers.

Camp Sawtooth: <http://www.campsawtooth.org/CST/index.htm>. Check out the webpage of Camp Sawtooth for summer camp information. The Rev. Mark Cox introduced the presbytery to the new co-director Marcy Paul who then shared how camp gives opportunity for campers to meet Jesus Christ and to mature in discipleship. A DVD presentation showed the major upgrade work that has been done to the facilities in the last year.

Presbyterian Women: Check out information and opportunities on the presbytery website <http://www.presbyteryofboise.org/PresbyterianWomen/index.html>. All are invited to the Nampa Presbyterian Women Mini-Vacation Bus Trip on May 16th. They will be visiting the 1000 Springs Scenic By-Way, the Hagerman Craft Fair, and will lunch at the Snake River Grill. Call Katharyn Mattson at 208-463-9231 for reservations.

Committee on Ministry: The examination of the Rev. Karen Francis was conducted and the presbytery welcomed her to be the new pastor of the Bethany Church in Ontario. Her work will begin in mid-May. The Rev. Lisa Shilbe's ministerial status was changed to minister at large as she finishes a Clinical Pastoral Education program in California and returns to Idaho to seek a call.

The Rev. John Bowen's ministerial status was changed from "Inactive, Exclusion from Office" to "Inactive." This will enable the Rev. Bowen to circulate his Personal Information Form to seek a call to ministry.

Standing Rules: In its wisdom the presbytery voted to postpone consideration of the proposed standing rules until the August meeting. The proposed rules may be found on the presbytery webpage <http://www.presbyteryofboise.org/>.

Nominating Committee: The following persons were elected to committees.

Committee on Ministry:	The Rev. Joe Dorociak, Trinity (2009)
	The Rev. Aaron Beaty, Boone (2009)
Program Committee:	The Rev. Daryl Wilson, Weiser (2011)
Mission Alliance	Elder Annette Slaybaugh, Trinity (2011)
	Elder Russell Thomas, Owyhee (2011)
Shared Ministry Board	The Rev. David Bales, HR (2009)
(Classes established)	Elder Carol Brunlinger, Southminster (2010)
	The Rev. Bruce Swanson, Nampa (2011)

New Church Development Commission: Rodney Moore reported on the growth and progress of Reflections both financially and in attendance. A PowerPoint presentation caught the spirit of the congregation and the commitment to mission outreach to the community. Reflections Church is moving toward chartering and will likely bring a request for approval to the August meeting of the presbytery. Thanks go to the Rev. David Goebel for his faithful work in birthing this new congregation.

Capital Campaign Report: Following the exciting report on the progress of the Reflections Church, Marianne Paul gave a report on the presbytery's capital campaign to pay down the mortgage on the building. The campaign will commence in three phases. Each session will be contacted to schedule a time for a presentation.

History Moment: Interestingly, the history moment presented by Monte Munn focused on the small group of Presbyterian Women who were able to raise \$5,000 dollars to build the church in Caldwell. Considering the dollar exchange between the 1800/1900's and today the unspoken challenge was how much easier it would be today for the presbytery to raise \$300,000 for our new church!