

## LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

May 19, 2011

12:30 PM lunch

1-3 PM meeting and Skype contact

**Attending:** Rick Campbell, John Cox, Leslie Gilreath, Linda Knieriemen, Seth Weeldreyer, Zoe Wilcox. **Staff:** *John Best, Katherine Culpepper, Janet Magennis*

**Members attending by Skype:** Mark Barger-Elliott, Chris Prokos, Larry Slager, Anne Weirich. **Members Excused:** Jeff O'Neill

**DEVOTIONS:** Leslie Gilreath led the group in prayer and devotions, reading from Psalms.

**LUNCH:** Janet Magennis worked with staff to arrange for lunch and John Best managed the Skype arrangements. We need to update all Skype addresses for this Team to avoid future transmission difficulties.

**MINUTES** of the April 21 meeting were approved as corrected. They will be placed into the online presbytery packet. Today's minutes will be sent next week for immediate email approval so they can also be received by the presbytery in June.

### VISIONING

1. Staff Design Evaluation: Staff Services recommended the need to appoint a task force to also study the organizational structure of the presbytery as it focuses on future staffing design. After discussion a motion prevailed to create a task force to include John Best and Katherine Culpepper with a recommendation due prior to the budget process in June 2012. Member names were discussed and they will be approached.
2. Anticipating that some word on most GA 219 amendments will be available before the June 14<sup>th</sup> stated meeting we decided to be prepared for concerns regarding both 10-A and nFOG. The GP and Stated Clerk will prepare a resolution to use if nFOG is ratified that would allow our current manuals to be in use until appropriate new actions required are completed.
  - a. It was reported that the Quincy Union congregation may seek dismissal from the PCUSA union due to their objection to 10-A. We will follow this and speak with the COM.
  - b. We envisioned the contexts for connecting with congregations or members who are in stress with 10-A.
3. Two churches have applied for restricted GA funds. John Best needs to sign these and was seeking clarity on the process. It was decided that he should proceed with signing these and advise the Leadership Team.
4. Budget & Finance signed off on a timeline: We need our budget request to them by July 22. It was agreed that reminders would go to the ministry teams about focusing on goals. We may arrange an August gathering with moderators similar to the one in 2010.
5. Worship planning for the June 12 stated meeting included suggesting names for preaching, having the main worship in the morning, and liturgy supporting LT strategies. We will have commissioning of the Ghana mission group and Greenwood staff. We will invite Spring Lake First to identify an elder for a "This I Believe" statement. Worship details are due to the office by May 29.

### COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP TEAM BUSINESS

*MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS/BOOK OF ORDER COMMITTEE UPDATES with focus on priorities as we have set them*

1. The stated clerk asked for a current listing of assignments of LT liaisons to teams and agencies and committees and recorded those.

2. John Best reported on the transition between Rich Lichti and Katherine Culpepper and changes in assignments for GP and Associate Presbyter.
3. Best offered his written report and commented on several situations with congregations and opportunities for working with the Presbytery of Detroit on church growth and evangelism. It was noted that Tim Marvil may need docket time in June to speak to the workshop.
4. Higher Education is evaluating campus ministry programs and we affirmed our intent to continue some reduction in funding from this presbytery and the need to seek denominational support from other partners where possible.
5. The DMT reported that the Alma Youth Mix external checking account concerns could be met by the generation of financial statements to the presbytery.
6. The DMT, SMT and Greenwood Agency are exploring ideas for resourcing projects together.
7. ***NOTE OUR ASSIGNMENT!*** The SMT Spiritual Formation Workshop set for November 5 and 6 is being planned and each member of the LT was asked to suggest several names to Larry Slager by the end of May.
8. A shared scholarship grant funding chart was introduced and will be further expanded with all opportunities for funding support of activities, worships and projects. This was a priority goal so it was satisfying to see all this in one user-friendly document.
9. Anne Weirich reported on some denominational liaison assignments that may encourage enhanced World Council of Reformed Churches group communications. She will keep us updated.
10. Janet Magennis reported on the Operations Manual update process. She anticipates a draft available during the summer.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:05 pm

NEXT MEETING: Orientation to the LT will take place for Gilreath and Barger-Elliott by the moderator and GP prior to the meeting. **Meeting will be at the PLM office at 12:30 for lunch on June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

DEVOTIONS: not assigned

MEAL: not assigned