

Presbytery Summary
June 26, 2010

The meeting was opened with worship with Karen Woo preaching. The offering of \$218 was received for Kristin Hamner. Kristin is a member of the Grand Island church serving in the Dominican Republic. There were sixteen elder commissioners, ten ministers, and six lay pastors in attendance.

The minutes of the previous presbytery meeting were approved.

The General Presbyter reported on a number of things some of which are noted here:

- God's Mission Needs a Church
- Prayer Partners
- World Mission 110% Challenge
- Deep and Wide Reports
- Elders as Spiritual Leaders training
- Invite a Friend Campaign to be renewed in 2011
- Fall Training Opportunities
- New ELM class to begin in August
- Mission Funded by the presbytery in 2009
- Hosting a Missionary October 3-10, 2010

Leanne Brower reported on the effective salaries for installed pastors in the presbytery and the ethics/boundaries training event scheduled for October 19, 2010 in Grand Island. John Curtiss reported the Youth Ministry Committee has approved 11 camp scholarships, 31 youth triennium scholarships and it is anticipated that forty will be attending youth triennium this year. He also announced the fall youth retreat at Highlands Camp in Colorado and the fall triennium reunion in Hastings September 12.

Wes Stevens reported on the synod meeting with a special focus on military chaplains.

Stephen Price-Gibson reported that the Committee on Preparation now has four candidates, five inquirers and four lay pastors in training.

The presbytery elected Gretchen Gallentine to the Committee on Ministry for the class of 2012 and Annabelle Wells and Erica Harley to the Sudanese Administrative Commission. The presbytery approved the allocation of \$45,000 of undesignated reserves. It also approved the change in mission percentages for 2011 as follows:

- 78% for the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
- 9% for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies
- 13% for the General Assembly

It was reported that per capita will probably stay the same for 2011. That will not be true for the synod and General Assembly however.

The Sudanese Administrative Commission was authorized to help the fellowship open a checking account using the presbytery tax ID# and purchase a session minute book.

Hosts for 2011 presbytery meetings are: February, Westminster United in Minden; June, Sutherland Presbyterian; and October, Kearney First.

Julie Rickertsen reported that Business Budget has approved church development grants for Wood River and Committee on Ministry. Mission Development fund grants were approved for Gothenburg for a mission trip and Bob Houser to pay expenses for

itinerating missionaries in 2010. \$2500 of Peacemaking Funds were authorized to help pay expenses for people attending the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Mediation training. The committee also approved the request of the O'Neill Presbyterian Church to do a building renovation and addition that won't require a mortgage.

Kirwin Stewart reported that the personnel had made their 2011 salary recommendations to the budget preparation process.

Bob Houser reported on a number of things the Quad Presbytery Consortium has conducted and is planning. They include:

- Joint COM training

- Joint GA commissioner training

- Joint effort in hiring a consultant for God's Mission Needs a Church

- Plans for

 - Joint ethics/boundaries training event in October

 - Joint permanent judicial commission training

 - Joint CPM training

 - Joint Media/Invite a Friend Campaign in 2011

Kirwin Stewart reported on the most recent work of the Sudanese Administrative Commission.

Marilyn Meacham of the Inter-Church Ministries of Nebraska reported on the work in training church leaders to welcome home returning veterans and the flood response in Nebraska through the Rural Response Hotline.

Bruce McGraw reported on his experience of being in Haiti with a mission work group at the time of the January earthquake and work with Presbyterian Disaster Response.

The next meeting of the presbytery will be October 23 at Hastings College