

Highlights of April 2011 Session Meeting

- * Plans for Passion Summit on May 14, 2011 were discussed along with reflections on the Passion Summit held in February 2010.
- * Central's personnel policies are being reviewed. The Personnel Committee plans to have some human resources professionals comment on them and make suggestions.
- * Ms. Nancy Goodhue has been hired as our Administrative Assistant. Her work will average 19 hours per week. In addition she will be paid \$200. per month to be used toward her health insurance premiums.
- * Non-ordained staff reporting structure: Mr. Guy Younce will report to Rev. Mark Baridon. Ms. Nancy Goodhue will report to Rev. Ann Deibert.
- * Discussed the role of the session and worship referring to the section of the *Book of Order* that deals with the responsibilities of the session (G-10.0102).
 - * Noted that the proposed new Form of Government (nFoG) reads: "In our own time, we affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it: *Proclaims and hears the Word of God, Administers and receives the Sacraments, Nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ.*"
 - * Noted these items from the Directory for Worship:
 - * 6 elements of worship in the Reformed tradition: Prayer, Scripture Read and Proclaimed, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Self-Offering and Relating to Each Other and the World.
 - * This Directory for Worship reflects the conviction that the life of the Church is one, and that its worship, witness, and service are inseparable.
- * On recommendation of the pastors approved Elder Susan Stanford as the elder to serve in the Class of 2013 on the Personnel Committee. This elder position does not have to be filled by a member of the session.
- * Heard a report on April 11, 2011 Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky meeting at Fourth PC, Louisville:
 - * Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Director of the PCUSA's Office of Public Witness, preached and also talked about the work of "The Washington Office."
 - * Unanimously approved including the Confession of Belhar in the *Book of Confessions*.
 - * The presbytery will vote at its July meeting on sending the Overture on For-Profit Health Care Providers to the 2012 General Assembly. (This was primarily written by Rev. David Bos and approved by Central's session.)
 - * The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reported that they enrolled Molly Atkinson as an Inquirer on January 25, 2011.
 - * The Commission on Middle Governing Bodies soon will be asking sessions to respond to a survey regarding the relationship between local church congregations and the Middle Governing bodies of the church – that is the Presbytery and the Synod – as well as some questions about the work of the General Assembly Mission Council.
- * Approved the recommendation of the Finance and Stewardship Committee about the criteria to be used in appointing Corporate Officers.
- * Approved the names of principal officers and directors of Central Presbyterian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, Inc. reported annually to the Kentucky Secretary of State:

Craig Johnson, Registered Agent; Vince Patton, President; Douglas Deatz, Vice-President; Melissa Atkinson, Secretary.

- * At their request removed the following from the membership roll: Sydel Rhema, Kim Jernigan and Donna Jernigan.
- * Approved recommendation that the 40% share of the Pentecost Offering that the session may designate be used to support our youth going to the Montreat Youth Conference.
- * Approved June 5, 2011 for annual Staff Appreciation Sunday.
- * Accepted the resignation of Elder Josephine Elwood from the session. She will be entering college out of state this fall.
- * Membership Report: 174 members; 2 affiliate members; 20 clergy friends = 196
- * Average Worship Attendance Report: March 2011 = 124 (March 2010 = 154)
- * Appreciation was expressed for the service of Elder Eileene MacFalls as Clerk of Session for the past ten years. This was be her last session meeting. She shared what she has liked best and has liked least about serving in this position.

Eileene MacFalls, Clerk of Session