

## Highlights of February 2011 Session Meeting

- \* Elder Charlie Baker, chair of the task force on session size, presented the recommendation about session size that will come to the March 6, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Congregation: that the session be reduced in size from 15 to 12 members.
- \* Rev. Ann Deibert spoke about her 3-week residency at San Francisco Theological Seminary in the program leading to a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction. The focus this year was Systems and Structures and how systems of all kinds are open to, or resistant to, God's activity.
- \* Clergy friends on the session: Rev. Ann Deibert checked with the Stated Clerk of the presbytery: The *Constitution* does not allow it and our stated clerk advises against it. Session meetings are open. Clergy Friends could attend a meeting.
- \* Evaluation of Session Priorities after 6 months - elders from the focus areas reported:
  - A. What progress have you made toward your two priorities?
  - B. Who is partnering with you? (in addition to the five people who are working with you, are there other connections with groups or people you have made)?
  - C. What blocks have you encountered?
  - D. What new directions for your area have emerged?
  - E. What support or resources do you need from us?
- \* Passion Summit—set for May 14, 2011: It is being held later in the calendar year this year so it will coincide more with the new session's start-up.
- \* As required by the *Book of Order*, on recommendation of the Finance/Stewardship Committee, appointed Craig Johnson and Doug Deatz (members versed in accounting practices) to perform the annual financial review for 2010.
- \* Approved a request for \$780. from the Blue Envelope Funds (Music and Arts) for the *Rascals of Ragtime* to play at the Mardi Gras Celebration in worship on Sunday, March 6, 2011.
- \* Report on the February 26, 2011 meeting of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, at Jeffersontown Presbyterian Church: Vince Patton and Eileene MacFalls, elder commissioners; Mark Baridon, minister commissioner; Alex Becker, seminary intern.
  - A. This was Rev. Baridon's final meeting as moderator of the presbytery.
  - B. Rev. Nancy Troy was elected vice-moderator (she is a clergy friend of Central)
  - C. Rev. Ann Deibert was named to the Ecclesia Project Commission.
  - D. The proposed overture to the 2012 General Assembly on the practices of for-profit health Care companies primarily written by Rev. David Bos (a clergy friend of Central who died February 12, 2011), and approved by Central's session at its January 2011 meeting was distributed for information with a request that other sessions consider approving it. It will come before the presbytery for a vote at a later meeting.
  - E. The Belhar Confession from South Africa with a focus on racism and reconciliation was studied and discussed.
- \* Elected Sally Baker, Myrtle Bingham and Eileene MacFalls elder commissioners to the Monday, April 11, 2011 Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Fourth PC.
- \* Approved Annual Financial Report to the General Assembly for 2010 prepared by the

treasurer.

\* Membership Report: 174 members; 2 affiliate members; 21 clergy friends = 197

\* Average Worship Attendance Report:

January 2011 = 123                      (January 2010 = 124)

Average Attendance at Advent Taize Services in 2010-11 = 18      (In 2009 = 28)

*Eileene J. MacFalls, Clerk of Session*