

Highlights of January 2011 Session Meeting

- * Elected Elder Melissa Atkinson as the new Clerk of Session. Most likely, Elder Atkinson will assume her responsibilities at the May 2011 session meeting.
- * Approved an overture to the 2012 General Assembly that deals with the practices of for-profit health insurance companies. Having a session approve it is the first step in a process to have it approved by the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky and then forwarded to the General Assembly for action. This overture is being spearheaded by the Rev. David Bos, a clergy friend of Central.
- * Heard a report on the Saturday, January 22, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Called Meeting of Mid-Kentucky presbytery at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Elder commissioners: Joe Edmiston and Eileene MacFalls; Minister Commissioner: Mark Baridon: On a bleak 5 degree Saturday morning, Mid-Kentucky commissioners streamed into Calvin PC to vote on the proposed new Form of Government for the PCUSA and on other amendments to the *Book of Order* including Amendment 10-A on requirements for ordination. The presbytery approved the new Form of Government by a voice vote and voted by ballot on Amendment 10-A. The count was 99 for and 9 against. (Note: Each time this presbytery has voted on this issue the supporters have had an increasingly larger percentage of the votes. In 2009 the vote was 90-19.)
- * Approved additional permanent use of Central building space by the Peacecasters Program: In order to house this program, Peace Education is asking for exclusive use of the unused classroom across the hall from the nursery. They will use that space for the participants to create and edit their work. There will be computers and a variety of cameras for the young people to use. Peace Education has agreed to increase the rent they pay to us by \$100/month in exchange for the additional space.
- * Removed Scott and Melanie Smith from the affiliate members' roll. They are members of Blacksburg Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, Virginia.
- * Reinstated Mr. David McDonald to Active Membership.
- * Received Rev. Bill Hennessy as a Clergy Friend.
- * Appointed Elder Myrtle Bingham liaison to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for Chandra Kearns, an Inquirer approved by the session October 28, 2009.
- * Approved members of Central's Sexual Misconduct Team: Rev. Richard Carlson and Elder Jeanie King
- * Approved Annual Reports to the General Assembly for 2010 prepared by the Clerk of Session: Questionnaire, Church Statistics, Necrology, Terms of Call for each pastor.
- * Approved the following special requests to the congregation for extra funds in 2011:
 1. Four General Assembly Special Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering, Christmas Joy Offering. Central's share of Pentecost and Peacemaking Offering beneficiaries to be approved at a later date.
 2. Souper Bowl of Caring sponsored by the youth of the church; beneficiary is HELP Ministries.
 3. Annual Yard Sale sponsored by the Social Justice Learning Action Team; beneficiaries to be approved at a later date.
 4. Elementary and/or Tweens Class Mission Project (to be determined by the class leadership in consultation with the children); beneficiaries to be approved at a later date.

5. Hunger Walk, AIDS Walk and Peace Education Concert Fundraiser
6. Special appeals made through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (such as Haiti Earthquake Relief and Recovery).
7. Faith Forum Class Mission Project: Scholarships for students at the School of Theology of the Reformed University of Colombia where PCUSA mission co-worker the Rev. Alice Winters teaches Bible and biblical languages.
8. Alternative Christmas Gifts Project: beneficiaries to be approved at a later date.

* Membership Report: 173 members; 4 affiliate members; 20 clergy friends = 197

* Average Worship Attendance Report:

November 2010 = 128 (November 2009 = 138)

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2010: Choir Cantata = 192; Christmas Eve = 158; Christmas Day = 18; Annual Average Worship Attendance = 134

(2009: Choir Cantata = 258; Christmas Eve = 192; Annual Average Worship Attendance = 137)

Eileene J. MacFalls, Clerk of Session