

MINUTES

Standing Committee on Leadership Development

January 27, 2012

PRESENT: Karen Hahn – Moderator, Marylynn Boatright, William Hudson, Maura McGrath Nagle, John Paulson, Johanna Somers, Staff: Bill Lawser and Kristi Miller.

The meeting was opened with prayer by committee member John Paulson.

Bill Lawser gave a brief overview of the committee's responsibilities.

REVIEW OF ON-GOING PROGRAMS:

1. **New Pastors Support Program:** Group 20 met at Geneva Center October 4-6, 2011. Their next gathering is April 16-18, 2012. Group 21 met at Stronghold October 24-26, 2011. Their next gathering is May 7-9, 2012. Invitations have been issued for Group 22 which will begin May 14-16, 2012.
2. **MALT Education for Transitional Ministry:** As of January 2012 the Synod of Lincoln Trails assumed all administrative and support responsibilities for this program. The program name will remain the same due to our ongoing partnership with the Synod of Mid-America. The October 31-November 4, 2011 program had 20 persons registered for Week I and 11 registered for Week II. The next event is May 7-11, 2012.
3. **MALT Beyond Basics, "Leaders and Leadership for the Church That's Yet to Be."** The success of the November 4-7, 2011 event indicated a need to offer this program a second time. The next event is November 9-13, 2012.
4. **Commissioned Ruling Elder Continuing Education:** Laura Reason has planned a series of workshops focusing on worship, preaching, and liturgy for the church seasons. The dates and course titles are:
 - **February 11, 2012** – Lent and Easter, led by Laura Reason
 - **May 18-19, 2012** – N-Fog Interpretation and Pentecost I – Year B. The Friday evening session will be led by Douglas Tracy, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Lincoln Trails. The Saturday preaching session will be led by Laura Reason
 - **August 18, 2012** – Preaching and Worship, Pentecost II – Year B, led by Laura Reason
 - **November 2-3, 2012** – "What I want to Know Is..." and Preaching and Worship Advent/Christmas/Epiphany – Year C. The Friday evening session will be an opportunity for CRE's to have a conversation with a panel of pastors serving smaller congregations. The Saturday preaching session will be led by Laura Reason

5. **Commissioned Ruling Elder Training:** The group of 10 graduated on November 12, 2011 at Philo Presbyterian Church. The next two-year training will be offered in 2013 or 2014.

LOOKING AHEAD:

1. **Ideas/Plans for October 26-27, 2012 Synod Meeting:** The committee discussed education and community ideas for this date. Karen Hahn Maura McGrath Nagle and William Hudson will be part of a task group who will work with Bill Lawser to further the plans. Bill Lawser and Karen Hahn will appoint an additional member of the task group. Once plans are in place, the entire committee will have an opportunity to assist with implementation.
2. **Discernment Team Proposal:** The committee reflected on the proposal submitted to the Synod Assembly January 27, 2012.

ITEMS FOR SYNOD ACTION:

The committee requested the Synod to take the following action: That the sacrament of the Lord's Supper be authorized for the following 2012 events:

- New Pastors 20 – April 16-18, 2012
- MALT Education for Transitional Ministry – May 7-11, 2012
- New Pastors 21 – May 7-9, 2012
- New Pastors 22 – May 14-16, 2012
- MALT Education for Transitional Ministry – November 5-9, 2012
- MALT Beyond Basics – November 9-13, 2012

Karen Hahn closed the meeting with prayer at 2:35 p.m.