

MINUTES

Standing Committee on Leadership Development

April 23, 2010

PRESENT: Moderator – Nick Shargo, Jennifer Burns Lewis, Cheryl Montgomery, Marylynn Boatright, Laura Aull Johnston, Gene Miller, Christina Berry, Mitch Coggin, Kew Chai, Bill Lawser, Independent Contract, Carol McDonald, Synod Co-Executive and Kristi Miller, Synod Executive Assistant

The meeting was opened with prayer by moderator Nick Shargo. Members of the group introduced themselves and shared one “cool thing” with the committee.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

New Pastor Support Program:

- The final retreat for Group 18 was April 19-21 at Geneva Center. Group 20 will meet at Geneva Center April 26-28. Invitations will be issued for Group 21 scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010.

MALT Interim Pastor Training (Synods of Mid-America and Lincoln Trails):

- 32 people are registered for Week I and 12 for Week II – to be held in St. Louis at Mercy Center – May 3-7. The Fall session will be held November 1-5 with Executive Training to follow – November 5-9.

Supporting Commissioned Lay Pastors:

- In February, 14 folks participated in the first “Making the Great Connection” event led by Laura Reason and Bill Lawser. 13 are signed up for the event that begins Friday evening, April 23 and continues into Saturday, April 24. The third event is planned for August 27-28.

Youth Ministry:

- The Mid-High retreat was enjoyed by 55 youth and 13 adults. It was held at Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville, IL – a congregation of Chicago Presbytery. The 2011 Event will be held at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church in Crawfordsville, IN – a congregation of Wabash Valley Presbytery. Carol is seeking a new coordinator for this event as Julie Shannon does not wish to continue.

Leadership Development Team:

- Bill Lawser is providing leadership for the CLP continuing education events and is continuing to meet with Executive and General Presbyters to offer leadership development possibilities to the presbyteries. He spent a day with the staff of Chicago Presbytery in February.

North Central Wee Kirk:

- Do we need to seek a person to serve on the Planning Team – to represent us? John Paulson will consider this responsibility.

Commissioned Lay Pastor Training:

- The 2010-11 class has now met twice. There are 10+ enrolled in the program. The two classes so far have been Vocational Assessment and Introduction to Theology. May and July classes will focus on the Bible.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Endorsement of Heisermann Grant Application: The Approval Committee of the Synod Executive Forum is expected to report their acceptance to us in the very near future.

ACTION: That Standing Committee on Leadership Development endorses the above proposal with the understanding that the Standing Committee will discover in the 2011 budget the money SOLT needs to provide for this program.

M/S/P

Sponsorship of the Multi-Cultural Conference.

ACTION: Synod of Lincoln Trails became a sponsor of the 2010 Multi-cultural conference with a gift of \$500 from account #5140-10. **M/S/P**

Request for support for Covenant Gathering.

ACTION: Synod of Lincoln Trails supports the Covenant Gathering for a final time in the amount of \$2,000 from account #5130-10. **M/S/P**

The committee took no action in response to the Covenant Gathering soliciting support from the Synod of Lincoln Trails presbyteries.

Scholarship Assistance for the CLP Conference at Montreat – October 2010.

ACTION: Synod of Lincoln Trails will provide 10 scholarships, each in the amount of \$200 from account #5130.10. **M/S/P**

Proposal for a Spanish Language CLP Program.

ACTION: Synod of Lincoln Trails endorses this program and will provide \$500 per year beginning in 2010 to the Spanish Language Lay Education/CLP Diploma School from account #5290-10. **M/S/P**

The committee was dismissed with prayer by moderator Nick Shargo.

Notes by Carol McDonald and Kristi Miller