

MINUTES

Standing Committee on Leadership Development

October 29, 2011

PRESENT: Nick Shargo - Moderator, Marylynn Boatright, Karen Hahn, Krista Phillips, Jan Albert, Gene Miller, Laura Aull Johnston, David Jones, Laura Reason, Christina Berry - Synod Moderator, Jennifer Burns Lewis, Cheryl Montgomery - Synod Vice-Moderator and Maura McGrath Nagle.

Guest: Sandi Graber. Staff: Bill Lawser and Kristi Miller

Welcome, Introductions, Connecting and Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Nick Shargo.

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 will meet at Stronghold October 24-26, 2011. Invitations have been issued for Group 22 which will begin April 16-18, 2012.
2. **MALT Education for Transitional Ministry:** The October 31-November 4, 2011 program has 20 persons registered for Week I and 11 are 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."** Due to Montreat offering Interim Executive Training this fall the leadership team developed this program. The November 4-7, 2011 program has 15 attending.
4. **Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) (Formerly known in the Book of Order as CLP) Continuing Education:** Three of the four classes have been held. The final class scheduled for November 5, 2011.
5. **Commissioned Ruling Elder Training:** The group of 10 will graduate on November 12, 2011 at 3:00pm Central Time at Philo Presbyterian Church
6. **Heiserman Grant Coaching Clinics:** The fourth and final clinic was held at Eastland Suites in Urbana on September 29-30, 2011 with 20 persons in attendance. The program has been shared with the Synod of the Covenant, which was provided through a grant we received from the General Assembly Mission Council.

PROGRAM REPORT:

Future Scholarships

At the July 29, 2011 Standing Committee on Leadership Development there was discussion on future policies and criteria for scholarships. Cheryl Montgomery, Jan Albert

and Karen Hahn presented the following proposal to the Standing Committee on Leadership Development.

The deadline for overnight events will be five weeks prior to the event. The deadline for one-day events will be three weeks prior to the event. Special consideration will be given to all ruling elders currently serving on session or at church council levels. A subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Leadership Development will determine which applicants receive the scholarships. The committee concurred.

“One Synod – One Book” or “The Big Read” *Journey in the Wilderness* by Gil Rendle. There were 65 registered for “A Day with Gil Rendle,” on Friday, October 28, 2011.

LOOKING AHEAD

CRE – 2012 – There was discussion on future CRE continuing education classes. The committee will contact the CRE’s within their presbyteries by December 1, 2011 to get ideas for future classes. The following committee members will contact their presbyteries for a list of CRE/CLP’s within:

Christina Berry – Blackhawk Presbytery
Jennifer Burns Lewis – Chicago Presbytery
Maura McGrath Nagle – Great Rivers Presbytery
Karen Hahn – Ohio Valley Presbytery
Laura Aull Johnston – Southeastern Illinois Presbytery
Laura Reason – Wabash Valley Presbytery
Jan Albert – Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Nick Shargo closed the meeting with prayer at 2:20pm.