

MINUTES

Standing Committee on Leadership Development

January 23, 2010

PRESENT: Moderator - Nick Shargo, Jennifer Burns Lewis, Gene Miller, Maura McGrath Nagle, Laura Aull Johnston, Marylynn Boatright, Laura Reason, Cheryl Montgomery, John Paulson, Jan Albert from Committee on Representation, Bill Lawser, Independent Contractor, Carol McDonald, Synod Co-Executive.

The meeting was opened with Bible Study led by Moderator, Nick Shargo. Members of the group introduced themselves to each other.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

New Pastor Support Program

- Group 18 and 20 are active and in progress. Group 18 will finish its three-year program in April, 2010, and Group 20 will have its second retreat in April 2010. Group 19 was folded into Group 20 because of the small enrollment.

MALT Interim Ministry Education

- In 2009, MALT Interim Ministry Education served 97 persons – 56 in Week I Education, 32 in Week II and 9 in Interim Executive Education. Dates for 2010 are May 3-7 and November 1-5. Interim Executive Education is November 5-9.

Middle School Retreat

- The Middle School Retreat is planned for March 12-13, 2010 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Naperville, IL. Brochures are available and have been e-mailed across the synod. Information is also available on the Synod web page.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Youth Triennium

- The 2010 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Youth Triennium will be held at Purdue University July 20-24, 2010. It has been our practice in past Triennium years to give each presbytery \$500 to use towards scholarships, etc. **M/S/P to give each presbytery \$500 to use towards Triennium participation.** Nick reported this to the Synod.

CLP Program

- The 2010-11 CLP Program has 11 persons enrolled for the entire program. Additional persons will participate in several of the particular classes. The following information was shared:

Criteria for Enrollment in the SOLT Training Program

Anyone who enrolls in the Synod of Lincoln Trails Training Program must meet the following criteria: 1.) Membership in a PC(USA) congregation within the Synod; 2.) A mature Christian faith expressed in service to the particular church and to other governing bodies; 3.) Proven leadership and communication skills; **4.) Endorsement of**

the Session of the applicant's congregation. 5.) An interview with, and endorsement from, the Executive Presbyter, Committee on Ministry or other appropriate body within the applicant's presbytery. 6.) Signature on, and commitment to, the program's Student Participation Covenant Statement.

All classes will take place at the Eastland Suites Hotel, I-74 and Cunningham Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. Classes will meet as follows:

January 8-10, 2010 (29-31)	January 14-16, 2011
March 5-7, 2010	March 4-6, 2011
May 7-9, 2010	May 6-8, 2011
July 16-17, 2010	July 8-10, 2011
September 24-26, 2010	September 16-18, 2011
November 5-7, 2010	November 11-13, 2011

Subjects will include: Vocational Assessment and Healthy Ministry, Reformed Theology and Church History, Old Testament, New Testament, Preaching (2 classes), Worship, Sacraments, Polity and Administration, Pastoral Care and Boundary Issues, Education and Spirituality, Contextual Ministry.

Each class will consist of 12 contact hours. Classes will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening and will conclude at Noon on Sunday. Assignments will be required both before and after each class session.

The **cost** for **each** weekend course is \$500 per student - or a total of \$6,000 for the entire training program. This includes room (double occupancy), 4 meals, leadership costs, and textbooks. **Congregations and presbyteries are encouraged to assist their participants with these costs.** The commuter rate is \$400 per student per class; those living more than 30 minutes from Urbana are urged NOT to commute. A limited number of single rooms are available at an additional cost of \$150 per weekend per person.

Continuing Education for CLP's

- In 2010, Bill Lawser and Laura Reason will be offering a series of workshops for those who have finished CLP training in the Synod of Lincoln Trails. The title for the series is **"Making the Great Connection - Your Preaching and Your Leadership"** and it is anticipated to be in three parts.

The initial offering will be a one day format from 10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Eastland Suites in Urbana -- offering both preparation for preaching in Lent and Easter this year (Laura) and a presentation by Bill about leadership -- he'll start with some questions for them to be asking of themselves and people in the church. Laura and Bill will gauge interest in overnights and the response to the dual presentation at the February 6th event.

We anticipate offering two more overnight workshops in the Champaign/Urbana area:
Pentecost I and a piece on change: Fri 4/23 and Sat 4/24 -- (read book ahead)
Pentecost II and a leadership development piece -- Friday 8/27-Sat 8/28, 2010.

It was suggested that e-mails be sent each week to the CLP e-mail list reminding folks of the upcoming events and that, if possible, a "hit reply" button make it possible for persons to register quickly for the events – with the understanding that such a reply commits the person to the \$30 registration fee – even if the person does not show up at the event. OR could there be a form attached that could simply be filled out on line and submitted by return e-mail?

- Bill Lawser reported on **Leader Development efforts** in and for the Synod.

Other Business

- Laura Reason reported she had received a phone call from Jane Bunnell, Blackhawk Presbytery, who serves as a member of the planning team for Covenant Gathering – a Synod-School type event planned and implemented by folks from the Synod of the Covenant. SOLT has supported this event financially for the past two years. **The committee agreed that we would wait to receive a written request for support before giving any money for the 2010 event.**
- Moderator, Nick Shargo appointed The Rev. Laura Aull Johnston, Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois to serve on the Leadership Development Fund Task Force.
- Bill Lawser reminded the committee of its **yahoo group e-mail list ... soltcomlead@yahoogroups.com**

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 events:
 - CLP Class – January 31, 2010
 - CLP Class – March 7, 2010
 - Kaleidoscope National Stewardship Event – March 15-17, 2010
 - New Pastors 17 Reunion – April 19-21, 2010
 - New Pastors 18 – April 21, 2010
 - New Pastors 20 – April 26-28, 2010
 - MALT Interim Pastor Training – May 3-7, 2010
 - CLP Class – May 9, 2010
 - CLP Class – July 18, 2010
 - CLP Class – September 26, 2010
 - MALT Interim Pastor Training – November 1-5, 2010
 - Interim Executive Training – November 5-9, 2010
 - CLP Class – November 7, 2010

The committee was dismissed with prayer by Moderator Nick Shargo

Notes by Carol McDonald