

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI
CALLED MEETING
Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church
April 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Rev. Adam Fronczek, vice-moderator, convened with prayer a meeting of the Presbytery of Cincinnati at Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church, in Cincinnati, Ohio on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:01 p.m., called by moderator Robert Young for the following purposes:

- To receive and approve the recommendations of the Final Report of the Evaluate and Imagine Team;
- To provide permission to presbytery council to assign work teams related to implementing provision of the Final Report.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The roll was formed as presbyters and guests registered (attachment). Informed by the interim stated clerk, the vice-moderator declared a quorum present. The vice-moderator announced that Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church is hosting a worship service of the Presbytery Mission Agency on Thursday, April 26, 7:30. New Commissioners and guests were introduced and welcomed.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without objection.

WELCOME

The Rev. Nicholas Yoda (pastor, Pleasant Ridge) extended greetings on behalf of the hosting congregation, and asked for prayer for past presbytery moderator, Elder Nancy Schmidt at the death of her husband on Easter Evening.

WORSHIP

Youth from the presbytery led worship using portions of their worship at the recent Presbytery Youth Connection (PYC) retreat. Lola Gutierrez and Ella Knellinger led the body in a corporate confession of sin, followed by assurance of God's pardon and the passing of the peace of Christ. After the singing of the hymn, *Servant Song*, Emma Farrel read Mark 2:1-12 and Mark 10:46-52 from the Scriptures. Lucy Lorbach and Anne Knellinger gave the message entitled "A Glimmer of Hope," reminding the presbytery that "there is no such thing as not enough room" and encouraged the body to be mindful of how youth are welcomed in our churches. The presbytery sang the hymn *Be Thou My Vision*.

EVALUATE AND IMAGINE TEAM

Final Report of the Evaluate and Imagine Team (EAIT)

Evaluate and Imagine Team members Elder Bill Bogdan (Mt. Auburn), Elder Lisa Allgood (Covenant First), the Rev. Jim Goff (Williamsburg), Jill Moorman (Knox) introduced and summarized the final Written Report of EAIT (ATTACHMENT A) with a PowerPoint presentation (ATTACHMENT B) which included:

- Stories of Congregational Collaboration (MLK Celebration, the partnership of Covenant First with the West Cincinnati Summer Program, the Eastern Area Council of Churches and the Four Churches Summer Camp)
- A review of the purpose and goal of the EAIT
- A summary of the work of the team between March 29, 2017 and March 25, 2018
- A summary of the findings of the EAIT of the key attributes and assets and opportunities and challenges of the presbytery. (2-4)
- A proposed revised mission statement (p. 6)
- A diagram representing the roles and functions of the presbytery
- A summary of the 3 proposed Mission Goals (pp. 6-7)
- A summary of 5 priorities to fulfill our commitments (pp 7-9)
- A summary of strategies for building, sustaining, and strengthening our relationships (pp. 9-10)
- A diagram of a proposed new structure for the presbytery (p. 10)
- A reflection on what the team heard at the 5 Imagination Conversations held between March 10 and March 14, 2018.

MOTION PREVAILED

- **to receive and approve the final Written Report of the Evaluate and Imagine Team and the recommendations as stated below** (*replacing the recommendations in the written report*):
- **to empower the nominating committee to begin discerning potential candidates for positions within the proposed committee structure; and,**
- **to appoint a joint committee between the Evaluate And Imagine Team and the Committee on Church Order to create and propose amended bylaws to the Presbytery at the May 2018 stated meeting of the Presbytery; and,**
- **to request that the Presbytery Council assign work teams related implementing provisions of the final report and recommendations.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Bobbie Bella (Pleasant Run) and the Rev. Tyler Pettigrew (West Chester) led the presbytery in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION PREVAILED to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. after the singing of the hymn *Here I Am, Lord* and a closing prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 PM at West Chester Presbyterian Church, West Chester, Ohio.

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