



*The Presbytery of Cincinnati*

# Presbytery Council Report

Special Meeting of Presbytery

November 27, 2007



# Meeting Purpose

- ❖ Approve Mission Principles/Presbytery Structure
- ❖ Approve Council Restructure
- ❖ Approve the 2008 Presbytery Budget



# Council Motion

1. The Presbytery Council moves that the presbytery adopt the missional principles and mission structure proposed in *Presbytery Transformation Team Report for Presbytery September 11, 2007*. If adopted, implementation would begin January 1, 2008.

*Note: The principles are on the page entitled “Proposed Mission Structure -- Emerging Principles”, and the structure on the page entitled “Proposed Mission Structure.”*



# **Proposed Mission Structure – Emerging Principles**

- **The primary Mission of the Presbytery is the Mission of its congregations**
  - **Council will encourage mission emerging from the congregations and congregation partnerships**
  - **Presbytery will direct resources toward missions based in partnerships with congregations**
- **Presbytery wide mission will align with priorities for mission established by the whole Presbytery**



# Proposed Mission Structure

## Congregations In Mission Partnership

- Two or more, aligned with Presbytery Priorities
- Request Endorsement
- Request Funding
- Request Presbytery Wide Involvement

## Higher Governing Bodies

- Synod of the Covenant
- General Assembly

## Presbytery Wide Mission

- Mission Teams
- Mission Partners
- Presbytery Partnerships
- Mission Activity

## Mission of Presbytery

## Redeveloped Committees

- Board of Trustees
- Committee on Ministry
- Presbytery Council
- Preparation for Ministry
- Representation
- Nominating
- Permanent Judicial Commission
- Personnel
- Ecclesiastical Affairs

## Networks

- Christian Educators
- First Call Pastors
- Interim Pastors
- Presbyterian Women
- SIFT
- Urban Pastors
- Women Clergy



# Council Motion

2. The Presbytery Council moves that the presbytery enlarge the Council with six (6) additional individuals, two added to each class of at-large members. These individuals will be recommended by the Nominating Committee and elected by the presbytery.



# Role of Presbytery Council

## **Council is responsible for:**

- ❖ Approving the docket for presbytery meetings
- ❖ Ensuring Presbytery-wide communications
- ❖ Facilitating creation of the budget and process of establishing mission funding priorities
- ❖ Nominating persons to nominating committee
- ❖ Engaging in long range planning
- ❖ Maintaining ecumenical/interfaith relationships and mission partnerships
- ❖ Empowering mission within presbytery determined priorities and vision
- ❖ Establishing criteria for endorsement and mission funding
- ❖ Considering, establishing and evaluating
  - Mission Teams,
  - Mission Partnerships
  - Presbytery Partnerships
  - Mission Activity



# Why Increase Size of Council?

- ❖ The work of Council will increase when this recommendation is approved.
- ❖ The Transformation Team has recommended this as a way to increase input from Presbytery members in relation to this new work.





# Transformation Team Recommendations to Council

- ❖ Develop a process for setting Presbytery Mission Priorities that is Presbytery wide and inclusive of all Congregations.
- ❖ Establish procedures to effectively manage the increased responsibility



# Recommended Council Structure

Transformation Team Has Recommended One Method for Organizing to Handle the Increased Work to Council:

- ❖ Council establish working teams to carry out the expanded responsibilities of the Council. The responsibilities of the council teams would include:
  - Information Sharing and Communication (communication technology development; communication policy and processes)
  - Vision and Mission Resourcing (long range planning; process for establishing mission priorities; budget development process)
  - Presbytery-wide Mission (interfaith/ecumenical partnerships; presbytery partnerships – e.g. K'anhab'al Presbytery, Katrina Disaster Relief - mission teams and networks)
  - Congregational Mission (missional strategies within congregations, congregational mission partnerships)



# Examples of How This Could Work

- ❖ Two or Three Congregations partner to do Mission Together
- ❖ Mission Committee reforms to a network that is Presbytery wide
- ❖ Katrina Mission Team Formation



# Steps to New Mission or Network

## New Presbytery Mission

- Session Approval from Participating Congregations
- Vision for the Planned Mission Shared with Council
- Council Endorse, and Allocate Funds
- Broadly Communicate

## New Presbytery Wide Network

- Individual (s) Share Vision for Planned Network with Council
- Council Endorse, Allocate Resources
- Broadly Communicate



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# The Presbytery Council and Transformation Team Will Now Take your Questions!



# 2008 Presbytery Budget - Motion

3. The Presbytery Council moves that the presbytery adopt the proposed 2008 Presbytery Budget.



# Budget Options

## Transformation

## W/O Transformation

Receipts \$ 1,071K

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Expenses

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❖ Operational \$ 741K

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❖ Mission & Ministry \$ 133K

❖ Mission & Ministry \$ 330K

❖ Partnership Projects\* \$ 197K

Total \$ 1,071K

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\* Includes Partnership \$ 90K

Funds To Be Designated



# Reference Materials

- ❖ Transformation Glossary of Terms
- ❖ Transformation Questions and Answers