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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Time for an Armistice

It's past time to bury the hatchet that some atheists hold for all things Christian-- and some Christians hold for all things atheist.

On the rainy evening of February 24, I visited my *alma mater*, Eastern Kentucky University ('68). For nearly a decade, the Richmond City Council and the Richmond Human Rights Commission have struggled with the issue of adding sexual orientation and gender identification to categories of people already protected by state law.

I believe it's important that municipalities and counties do this because I'm not holding my breath waiting for the Kentucky General Assembly to pass any legislation guaranteeing equal protection for gay men and lesbians any time soon. This despite the fact that a statewide poll recently discovered that 83% of

Kentuckians agree that sexual orientation and gender identification ought to be as protected from discrimination as age, race, religion, gender, disability, etc. and 70% support civil unions/ "gay marriage". (This poll was truly a "Pikeville to Paducah" thing and the numbers varied only a little between regions.)

And so it was that an event called Dignity and Justice for All: A Community Forum was scheduled in the Wallace Building, the very place my mother could be found when, "back in the day," she taught in the English Department at EKV.

My assessment of the event is that it was, predictably, heavily slanted in favor of those who believed that rights to housing, employment, and public accommodation, can be legally denied them because of their sexual orientation. Their stories were

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as sad as they were predictable. But the stories need to be told, just not to each other. Unfortunately, there were not many straight white men, under 50, present to hear them. Why should they be? Chances are good such men could not empathize.

But wouldn't you know it, there was a pastor who fit all those categories who felt called to speak about "the law of God". He was polite, self-deprecating, and a little patronizing. His presence was greeted by a restrained, but angry response relative to the belief that our government need not be instructed by the religious beliefs of an individual.

I don't believe the latter point any more than I do the former. Jesus summarized God's law in those few words about loving God above everything and loving one's neighbor as oneself. Clearly for some, if a gay person is a neighbor that presents a problem. But if you want to know who your neighbor is, read Luke 10:29-37. And with respect to religion not impinging on political action? Well, if in practicing our religion, we are called to become political (e.g. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jesus, etc.) there is no way we can expunge that from our pursuit of "justice and dignity".

Oddly (you will agree) I didn't speak. I remembered how unhappily "outsiders" were welcomed by the Covington City Commissioner when we were fighting for the expanded ordinance here in 2002-03. But I came away with the feeling that there was too much grandstanding by some of the locals; too great a quest by some for their "fifteen minutes of fame";

but some of the stories moved me to tears, much like the stories shared during the public hearings Butch Callery engineered in the run up to the Covington vote.

Our time might have been better spent getting to know one another as human beings, rather than supporters of a particular point of view; to share our stories with each other, to explain how-- rightly or wrongly-- we became who we are. I want atheists to know that preaching them into hell is nowhere on my preferred agenda. I want people who take the Bible more literally than I do to understand why I don't stand with them as a fellow believer, and how that does not give them the right to suggest I am not Christian any more than it gives me the right to say that they are not.

I think it would be a beginning. We might even forget where the hatchet was buried. Seeing each other through new eyes we might learn the true nature of justice, the true value of dignity.

While I am awaiting the knuckle draggers in the Kentucky General Assembly to repent and smell the coffee, I would be more than satisfied with that outcome.

Faithfully, I hope,

Don

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, Linda Bowen, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houp, Lynda Jaeger, Charlotte Owen, Marge McDermott, Inky Hall, Linda LaVelle and Linda Hils.

Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar and Evelyn Wallace.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Courtney Brown	4th	Jack Kleier	24th
Jo Shade	5th	David Weitzel	25th
Martha Bennett	10th	Amanda Wise	28th
John Mehl	17th	Robert Carlin	29th
Eric Dupps	21st		



FROM OUR TREASURER

GENERAL			MISSION			
			<u>Year - To - Date</u>			
2011	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Desig.</u>	<u>Other</u>
Beg. Balance	4,038	4,038	-358	305	547	-1,210
Income	8,051	8,051	247	67	25	155
Expense	<u>11,061</u>	<u>11,061</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>212</u>
End Balance	1,297	1,297	-400	296	572	-1,268

MISSION AT WORK

To begin with this month, I want to remind you all that there will be a night at Max and Erma's in Crestview Hills to help raise funds for the CLASP program. These fund raisers have been very successful in the past and raised a good amount of money for CLASP. They are easy to take part in. Pick up a coupon in the narthex, present it to your server on the night of the event and CLASP will receive 20% of your total bill. Mark your calendar for **March 22, 2011**. You can eat there any time during that day, eat in or carry out, have a good meal and CLASP will benefit from your dining experience. Remember, that's Max and Erma's, Crestview Hills, 2905 Dixie Highway. In front of the Crestview Hills Mall. See you there.

It has been a while since I wrote anything about the Mission Kiosk in the lobby. We have gifts and Equal Exchange products in the Kiosk. The gifts are from Nicaragua. The coffee, tea and chocolate products are from third world farmers around the world. The Kiosk operates on the honor system. Prices are marked on each item. Pick out what you want to purchase, fill out a yellow sales slip, put the money and the sales slip in an envelope that you will find on the top shelf. The envelope is marked Kiosk sale/ candy sale. It would help if you seal the envelope and lay it back on the top shelf. You will be getting a good product and helping someone in a developing country enjoy a little better life.

COF, Ft. Thomas, Mt. Washington and Union purchase items together to save on shipping cost and a cost called a mixed case charge. We submit orders on the third Sunday of the month to, Dean Shupe of Union Presbyterian. He submits the order and notifies each church when it arrives. I go to Union and pick it up.

BY: JACK KLEIER

In order to participate more broadly, I will have a green order form in the Kiosk. There will also be a list of products and their cost. You may fill out the order form and I will collect them and place the order on the third Sunday. I will then bring the filled order to church on the Sunday following pick up. So watch for the new order forms and reach out to farmers in poor countries to help improve their lives. It is truly the church in mission.

They offer coffee, regular and decaf, in a variety of flavors and roasts. You can get them in whole bean as well as drip grind. There are a number of teas in boxes of tea bags including Earl Grey, green and even one from Africa called Roobis. Candy bars come in Dark, very dark and milk chocolate. They have baking chocolate in powder form, mini chocolate bars and hot cocoa, all you do is add hot water.

I can also make arrangements to pick up gifts from the CAM Cabin Craft gift shop in Tennessee. They handle gifts made by crafters from the Appalachian area. The sales from this gift shop help to supplement the income of over 250 crafters from the Appalachian Area. They are located in Townsend, TN. If you visit the Smokies sometime and want to visit the gift shop please let me know and I will tell you its location.

We are in mission through the sale of items in the Kiosk. Each time we sell an item, we help a neighbor, who we do not know, by making their life a little better. Stop by the Kiosk and have a look. If you have an idea that will make it better let us know and we will consider it. After all, we are in Mission together.

FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

The Rite

Rated PG-13. John 15:16; Marketed as a horror movie, this is more of a spiritual thriller in that a veteran priest, wonderfully played by Anthony Hopkins, and a candidate for the priesthood struggle both with their faith and doubts and with demons taking possession of hapless women. (It is interesting that it is usually women who are possessed, the one exception that I know of being a boy in *The Last Exorcism*.) The critics have been unkind to this film because they miss the theological issues it raises, nor does it exploit the topic (a Catholic priest, part of a special group trained in Rome to be the exorcist for his diocese, served as the film's technical adviser). This would be a good film for a group to see in conjunction with a study of C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*.

The Company Men

Rated R. Ecclesiastes 2:22; Mark 8:36-37. If you liked *West Wing*, *E.R.* or *China Beach*, you should appreciate this one, because it marks the big screen debut of writer/director John Wells. The film is the best yet to show the effects on individuals and their families of the widespread corporate downsizing that has taken place since 2008. The terrific ensemble cast of stars, consisting of Ben Affleck, Tommy Lee Jones, Chris Cooper, Craig T. Nelson, and Kevin Costner, are supported by top-notch second tier stars playing wives and fellow workers. Those who are let go consist of upper and mid-level executives, all reacting in shocked disbelief, the young ones harboring illusions that they will soon find jobs, and the older ones learning

that they are too old and qualified for new ones. There is also the implied criticism of high-paid paper-shuffling careers in comparison to house renovator Kevin Costner whose hands produce something useful and tangible, the restoration of an older house. *Showing at the Kenwood Theaters.*

127 Hours

Rated R. Mark 9:43; Philippians 2:3-4 This can be seen as a parable of freedom in two ways. The physical level is shocking in that it involves a rock climber, whose arm is pinned to a crevice wall, struggling with the dawning realization that if he is to free himself and live, he will have to cut off his arm. The other freedom gained from the horrific experience is from his self-centeredness that led to his predicament in the first place. One brief scene is difficult to watch (which is why I waited for over four weeks before going to see it), but the film itself, up for some Academy Awards is well worth viewing. *Showing at the Esquire.*

Blue Valentine

Rated R. Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Cor. 13:4-7. This is not a film to watch on Valentine's Day, unless you regard it as a cautionary tale-- "This could be your marriage." This is an honest, and depressing, story of the disintegration of a marriage, one that, like virtually all marriages, began in passion and love, but which has slowly changed over the years. Actress Michelle Williams has deservedly been nominated for "Best Actress" Oscar. *Showing at the Esquire.*

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

Rabbit Hole

Rated PG-13. Job 9:22-23 & 13:5-7

Just a few minutes into this heart wrenching study of a wife and husband unable to get over their grief caused by the loss of their four year-old son, and you will see why Nicole Kidman was nominated for a "Best Actress" Oscar for this year. It is also a good study of how believers ought *not* to respond to the sorrowing with shallow "answers" to suffering and death, and how lack of faith leaves few resources for dealing with grief. *Showing at the Esquire.*

The Green Hornet

Rated PG-13. Psalm 64:5-6

Pure escapism but made more fun because of its tongue in cheek approach to the silly super hero genre. And for once the racial minority sidekick, Kato, gets the credit due to him. Tonto would love this urban tale of a useless playboy brought to his senses by the death of his newspaper editor father and his taking up mask and cape to fight against the Evil genius wanting to rule the city's crime world. One of the jokes will be appreciated mainly by those who heard the series on radio. Sidekick Kato nixes his boss's naming himself "The Green Bee." It doesn't have a very good sound, so, they come up with another insect that stings, "The Green Hornet." The theme song on the radio version was "The Flight of the Bumble Bee."

Burlesque

Rated PG-13. Proverbs 13:21

Not much of an original plot (girl from the sticks achieves great success in Big City show biz, combined with that of saving the show or farm or whatever from the villain), but full of tuneful songs and incredible dancing. Fortunately this has come to the cheap seats theaters, but even at full price, Cher and Christina Aguilera were worth your time and money. This is another of those backstage shows in which there must be an unsung Merlin in charge of the scenery, with the stage at times cabaret size, but for the Big Finale suddenly expanding to Rockefeller center size with zillions of strutting dancers, huge flashing lights, and a giant stairway. Also, one wonders, for a club that is threatened with closure for lack of money, how could they afford the lavish costumes and the thousands of flashing lights, as well as the electricity that could have powered a small city for a week?

Season of the Witch

Rated PG-13. James 4:7.

I loved Nicolas cage in such films as *Bringing Out the Dead*, *Peggy Sue Got Married*, and *Raising Arizona*, but over the years he has seemed unable to turn down working in a lot of films unworthy of his talents, and this medieval supernatural thriller is one of them. It is actually a buddy film with Cage's character and his sidekick returning from a Crusade after becoming sickened by the slaughter of so many innocent civilians. The pair is forced by an archbishop to escort an accused witch to a monastery where the prior possesses a book with an incantation that

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

will stop the deadly plague ravaging the country. Be prepared for a spectacular special effects driven climactic battle with the forces of the Devil. Supposedly the director was inspired by Ingmar Bergman's classic *The Seventh Seal*, but you would never suspect it by the results.

The Mechanic

Rated R. Psalm 9:16b

Film is such a powerful medium that it can easily seduce us into cheering for a morally reprehensible person, in this case a professional murderer, a.k.a. a "mechanic." Are you old enough to remember those films of the Forties in which Edward G. Robinson, James Cagney, and Humphrey Bogart played bad guys, the major difference between those films and today's being that the script writers accepted (or were forced to by the censors) a moral universe in which the screen "hero" always paid for his crimes by winding up dead or in prison. In this film our "mechanic," clever always to cover his tracks, is tops in his field, and when told to kill his mentor because he is suspected of selling out the organization, regretfully carries out his orders. Then the film gets interesting when he becomes mentor to the dead man's vengeance seeking son, and we wonder what will happen when the young man discovers the identity of his father's killer.

BY: ED McNULTY

Two films to anticipate:

I Am Number 4

Rated PG-13. Psalm 140:1-3

This film opens Feb. 14, but the Disney people forbid any reviews being posted beforehand, so all I can say now is that it is a better adventure film than I had expected, even though it is special effects driven. If you like sci-fi adventures involving aliens chasing down the hero, you might enjoy this one—good for a two-hour escape (to see if the hero can escape).

Of Gods and Men

A great many people in France, where this film was a huge box office success last year, are upset because this winner of the Cannes Film Festival's Grand Prize of the Jury was passed over for "Best Foreign Film" nomination. The story of the martyrdom of a group of Trappist monks in Algeria during its civil war in the Nineties, the film is so artistically made, and so filled with Biblical/theological insights, that I put it at the top of Visual Parables' Top Ten films for 2010. It is even better than *Vision: From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen*. I was privileged to see it via a screener, so it will not arrive here for some months. Look for more details about it when it does.

(The reflection/discussion portion of the review at visualparables.net contains 26 multi-part questions, this film is so rich and rewarding.)

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

NetFlix

That Hamilton Woman

I remember when I was a boy seeing this romance film starring the then married to each other Laurence Olivier as Lord Nelson and Vivien Leigh as his mistress Lady Hamilton, so I revisited it, and came away with the realization that even the more strictly censored British filmmakers at that time could get away with justifying adultery. Just make sure that the couple are hugely heroic saviors of their nation during troubled times. When Nelson commanded the navy, the big threat was Napoleon's plans to invade England; when the film was made in 1941, Hitler was the fearsome threat, and thus the film was accepted because it declared that Britannia would always rise to the occasion.

The Leopard

This is Luchino Visconti's masterpiece about a Sicilian prince and his nephew confronted with epochal changes. Garibaldi is forcefully uniting the city-states of Italy, with Sicily undergoing annexation and a new class (mainly of politicians and wealthy businessmen) replacing the old upper class. Burt Lancaster is Prince Don Fabrizio Salina, well aware that his world is disap-

pearing, but unable to take a leading role in the new one, even though he is invited to participate. All 185 minutes are riveting!

The Life of Leonardo Da Vinci

This two-disk production, originally shown as a mini-series on Italian television, will delight art lovers. A docudrama with a narrator in modern clothes, it is beautifully photographed and costumed, the cast transporting us back to the Renaissance and its tumultuous times that often forced Da Vinci to flee an invading army. Wonderful scenes of his painting such master pieces as "The Last Supper" and his two Madonnas, as well as his inventions that foresaw so many modern machines, such as the submarine, the airplane, and the machine gun.

Film Capsules is the Rev. Dr. Ed McNulty's synopses of current films plus suggested scripture readings with similar themes. Ed, an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Cincinnati shares his work at the request of those who attended the Ministers Retreat held in October 2008. Fuller descriptions and discussion questions are available by subscription at www.visualparables.net.



Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, calls and other expressions of kindness during my recovery from shoulder surgery. My therapy is slowly working and I hope to be back to church real soon.

Again, Thank you! *Marge McDermott*

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 13, 2011

A quorum was present.

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order in the church parlor on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 7:05 P.M. by the moderator, The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

DOCKET: The docket was approved with the following additions: Consideration of provisions for Infants and toddlers was placed under the Congregational Care Umbrella; the appointment of an audit committee was placed under New Business.

MINUTES: The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on, December 9, 2010, and the Special Session meeting held December 12, 2010, were approved as presented.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT:

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on Christmas Eve and on Sunday, January 2, 2011, at the morning worship service. The celebrations were both conducted by intinction. The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. presided with the assistance of several of the elders.

ACTION: Upon the recommendation of the clerk, the Session voted to remove the name of Eileen Hastings from the Active

Roll and place it on the deceased roll.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from David and Ann Mitchell thanking the church for allowing them to walk their dogs on church property.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Smith presented a written report of his activities on behalf of the church since the last Session meeting. He reported that, on December 12, 2011, he baptized Peyton Lorelai Suer, infant daughter of Mark Suer and Kimberly Suer.

Reception of a new member: Daniel Robert Farwick was examined as to his faith and intention to become a member of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church. **ACTION:** Having answered all questions in the affirmative, a motion to approved Dan's membership was adopted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Elder Roger Bell reported that Cincinnati Bell Yellow Pages is still trying to collect the money they consider that we owe them from the disputed Yellow Pages account.

ACTION: A decision was made by general consent to shut down the boiler at the Ludlow building. We will hire someone to do it correctly and safely.

ACTION: Upon recommendation by the Trustees, a motion to sell the Qwest stock for its present value (approx. \$1,500) in order to pay current bills was adopted.

Elder Bell reported that he had met with a realtor and discussed the possible sale of the Ludlow building.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Gary Willis provided a written report of the church's financial activity over the past month.

C.L.A.S.P.: Rev. Smith reported that attendance is still down because of the economy, but that the program is doing well in its new setting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Elder Roger Bell, Chair, reported that the committee has secured a full slate of candidates for officers.

UMBRELLA REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION: No report.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Preparations are being considered for ministry to young children who might attend with adults.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM: The Evangelism plan to contact members who attend infrequently is in progress.

Partnership with Rio San Juan Pastoral Committee – Bill Lindsay is planning a meeting in Madisonville, KY, to make recommendations for the partnership agreement.

NEW BUSINESS: ACTION: By general consent, the Session agreed to call a meeting

of the Congregation on Sunday, January 23, 2011, following morning worship, for the purpose of electing officers. Officers' training will be conducted on Saturday, February 5, 2011, and ordination and installation of officers will occur on Sunday, February 6, 2011.

ACTION: Motion made to set the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2011, following the morning worship service was approved.

Audit Committee: ACTION: Without objection, Bill Lindsay, Floyd Hastings and Roger Bell were appointed to the Audit Committee. The committee is requested to complete their audit in time to report to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

CLOSING: Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

The next meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca S. Lindsay,
Clerk of Session

COF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Congregation

Community of Faith Presbyterian Church January 23, 2011

Proper notice having been given pursuant to Section G-7.0303b of the Book of Order, a special meeting of the congregation of the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church,

Covington, KY, called by the Session of the church, convened at 12:04 P.M. following the regular Sunday morning worship service on the above date in the sanctuary of the church with the Reverend Donald H. Smith, Jr., presiding.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting was to elect elders, deacons and trustees.
Quorum (12): A quorum was present.

COF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION, CONTINUED

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev Smith who then turned the meeting over to Elder Roger Bell, chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Elders for consideration:

Erica Berry	Class of 2013
Jim Berry	Class of 2013
Jack Kleier	Class of 2013
Dawn Farwick	Class of 2011 (to complete Linda Hils' term)

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Deacons for consideration:

Freda Carlin	Class of 2013
Mary Lee Harrison	Class of 2013
Kelly Montana	Class of 2013
Sharon Carlin	Class of 2012 (to complete Faye Massey's term)

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was made and approved to close the nominations and have the clerk cast a unanimous ballot to elect the nominees.

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH January 30, 2011

A quorum was present.

PURPOSE: This special meeting was called by Elder Roger Bell and Rev. Smith to give Roger authority to enter into a contract with a realtor on behalf of COF.

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Session of the Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was held in the church parlor beginning at 10:32 A.M. on Sunday,

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of trustees for consideration:

Jack Kleier	Class of 2013
Dawn Farwick	Class of 2013

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was made and approved to close the nominations and have the clerk cast a unanimous ballot to elect the nominees.

A motion was made and approved to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee was dismissed with thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr.,
Rebecca S. Lindsay
Moderator, Clerk of Session

January 30, 2011. Rev. Smith opened the meeting with prayer and served as moderator.

ACTION: A motion to authorize Roger Bell to serve as representative of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church to hire a realtor to sell the church property in Ludlow was approved.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 A.M. Rev. Smith closed with prayer.

Rebecca S. Lindsay, Clerk of Session

Your Presbytery Link

The Presbytery of Cincinnati
met on February 8, 2011

at Grace Community
Presbyterian Church.
Highlights of the meeting:

Education – It's no secret that churches experience conflict. Deborah Fortel and David Sawyer shared their observations that flourishing congregations--or presbyteries--have learned from and worked through their conflicts. Flourishing congregations they have studied find the wisdom that leads to hope even in times of difficulty by listening to each other's stories and tending to agreed-upon rules and rituals.

Fellowship – Presbytery members and commissioners gathered around tables to share conversation and a light meal.

Worship – Members of the presbytery's Urban Ministry Network led worship. Homilies based on the day's lectionary readings were delivered by Clarence Wallace (pastor, Carmel), Drew Smith (pastor, College Hill), Don Smith (pastor, Community of Faith), and Dawne Sarchet (pastor, Reading-Lockland).

The presbytery took the following actions.

- Dismissed the administrative commissions that installed Randy Schafer (pastor, Crescent Springs) and Dan Sandifer-Stech (pastor, Glendale First)
- Elected people to fill vacancies on

presbytery committees, board of trustees, and permanent judicial commission. Approved proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Adding the Confession of Belhar to *The Book of Confessions* yes-117; no-47; abstain-4 Amending G-6.0106b (gifts & requirements for officers) in the *Book of Order* – yes-99; no-72; abstain-3 In order for them to take effect, 2/3 of the presbyteries must approve Belhar and a simple majority must approve the change to G-6.0106b.

- Referred to the Personnel Committee several proposed changes to the presbytery's personnel policies
- Renewed agreements for Jerry Hill's service as stated supply at Oak Hills and Sandy Fox's as commissioned lay pastor at Eastminster

Approved the agreement for Richard Fouse to serve as interim pastor at Union

The presbytery also received information:

- Ernesto Badillo, regional representative for the Board of Pensions, reported the pension plan is sound and medical benefits now include a vision component.
- Presbytery Council is planning leadership development events.
- The stated clerk has issued a letter of transfer to a member of the dissolved Seventh Church and sent the church's registers along with one from the dis-

Your Presbytery Link, continued

solved First Presbyterian Church in Newport and various 19th century papers to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

- Of the living elders who have served as moderators of the presbytery, all but one have indicated their intent to attend-and therefore have vote at-presbytery meetings.
- Financial statements for the year ending 12/31/10 were distributed.
- A legal settlement has been reached concerning the disposition of funds from the dissolved Seventh Church.

The Committee on Ministry has completed actions on behalf of the presbytery including these changes in calls:

Clement Street to interim pastor, Harrison First

Thom Shuman to interim pastor, Immanuel

Mark Wright transfer to the Presbytery of Carlisle (still serving as a mission co-worker in Honduras).

The Nominating Committee invited the presbytery to suggest potential nominees for the next vice-moderator and for commissioners to General Assembly 2012.

Upcoming events:

- Feb. 22 American Spiritual Ensemble Concert (Urban Ministry Network)

Mar. 12 Connection: sharing Christ with your social network (Evangelism Network)

For more information, visit www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org

NICA-AT-NIGHT — SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD 6:00PM

Our Nicaragua Delegation departs on Tuesday, March 1, they will return from Nicaragua on Sunday, March 13. On **Sunday, April 3 at 6:00pm** they will bring their adventure to life for you. You will not want to miss Nica-At-Night! We are still working on the details, but you can be sure it will involve, food, fellowship and sun, if only in the pictures.

Please pray for our delegates safe travels and mark your calendars for April 3rd.





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MARCH EVENTS

Choir 7:00pm	March 2, 16, 23, 30
Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	9th
Trustees & Session	10th
Daylight Saving Time Begins	13th
CLASP FUNdraiser at Max & Erma's	22nd

APRIL EVENTS

Nica-At-Night 6:00pm	3rd
Board of Trustees 6:30pm	14th
Session 7:00pm	14th
Making Palm Crosses, (time TBA)	16th
Palm Sunday 11:00am	17th
Maundy Thursday 7:00pm	21st
Easter Sunday Services 8:00am and 11:00am	24th
Easter Breakfast 8:45am	24th

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