

**PRESBYTERY MEETING AT AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
AVON LAKE, OHIO**

(The Mission Council encourages Clerks of Session to reproduce this summary for their sessions so they will be better informed of the work of the Presbytery.)

At its meeting on March 23, 2009, the Presbytery of the Western Reserve:

1. Held a pre-presbytery conversation with the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, Moderator of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
2. Opened by Moderator Ogie White with a prayer from the Old Stone Church Lenten Devotional.
3. Learned from the Stated Clerk's 2008 annual report that the Presbytery's membership is 11,127. Equalization of elders and ministers was not needed. The Stated Clerk thanked Clerks of Session, church treasurers and administrators, pastors, and others who contributed to the completion of annual statistical reports.
4. Approved the Consent Agenda, which included the enrollment of corresponding members; the report of Presbytery's transfer of members of the closed Bosworth Road Presbyterian Church to other congregations; Presbytery's guarantee of a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program to Independence Church; elections of persons to committees; and a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of actions taken including the continuation of Candidate Mary Susan Pisano (Bethany) following her annual consultation.
5. Received the report of the Special Administrative Review Committee (SARC) for Glenville New Life Community Church and rejoiced in the congregation's decision to remain in this presbytery and denomination. The Rev. Art Helin, SARC member, offered prayer in thanksgiving.
6. Heard from Elder Laura VanDale, Hunger Action Enabler, who encouraged presbyters to complete the hunger program survey that was distributed with the call.
7. Was addressed by the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, GA Moderator
8. Was warmly welcomed to Avon Lake Presbyterian Church by its Pastor, the Rev. Tom Robinson.
9. After a delicious meal, participated in small group discussions on proposed amendments 08-B, 08-F and 08-I to the Constitution of the PCUSA.
10. Worshipped, with the Rev. Jonyrma Singleton preaching on "Gift of Diversity."
11. Debated the proposed amendments in plenary, prayed and cast the ballot. Results of the vote (announced at the end of the meeting) were:
 - 08-F, Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators – On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730: 14 yes, 138 no, 2 abstentions
 - 08-I, Certified Christian Educators – On Amending G-14.0730: 14 yes, 138 no, 2 abstentions
 - 08-B, Ordained Officers – On Amending G6.0106b, G-14.0240 and G-14.0450: 107 yes, 42 no, 3 abstentions, 3 no vote cast
12. Learned that Church Development and Redevelopment Ministry (CDAR) took action to close New Life Fellowship as a New Church Development and celebrated the ministry of New Life Fellowship and the Rev. Tony Britt.

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13. Dissolved the relationship between the Presbytery and the Rev. Tony Britt as Organizing Pastor for New Life Fellowship and thanked the Rev. Britt for his service.
14. Commissioned Elder David Starke (Christ) as Lay Pastor for the Beachland Church.
15. Received the Rev. John Gruneich into the membership of the Presbytery. The Committee on Ministry appointed the Rev. Gruneich as Interim Pastor for First Church, Willoughby effective February 15, 2009.
16. Dissolved the Associate Pastor relationship between the Rev. Carol Duffy and John Knox Presbyterian Church effective March 31, 2009.
17. Granted the Rev. Willy Nieves the status of Honorably Retired effective January 31, 2009.
18. Approved the request of the Session of the Avon Lake Church to close the position of Associate Pastor effective January 11, 2009.
19. The following items were included in the written report of the COM:
 - ◆ The Rev. Tony Britt was granted the status of Minister Member-at-Large.
 - ◆ The Rev. Carol Duffy was granted the status of Minister Member-at-Large and placed on the Pulpit Supply List.
 - ◆ The transfer of the Rev. David Horne to John Knox Presbytery.
 - ◆ The renewals of several Parish Associate relationships.
 - ◆ The renewals of the following Stated Supply relationships: the Rev. Sandy Seaton-Todd at Orwell North, the Rev. Bobbie Davis-Newhouse at Maple Heights, the Rev. Lynn Anderson at Grace, and the Rev. Adrienne Lloyd at Brooklyn.
 - ◆ The renewal of Elder Wayne DeMarco as Commissioned Lay Pastor at First Church, Lorain.
 - ◆ Placing Elder Bob DeWitt (Highland Sixth), CLP Trainee, on the Pulpit Supply List.
 - ◆ Approval of the position description for a CLP at the New Lyme Church.
20. Adjourned at 10:02pm with prayer offered by the Rev. Jake Kim to serve God in Christ's love until the next stated **meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Christ Presbyterian Church** in Chesterland, Ohio.

For information:

The remaining schedule of stated presbytery meetings for 2009 is as follows:

Wednesday, May 27 at Christ Church in Chesterland
Monday, July 27 at Korean Central Church in Brecksville
Monday, September 28 at First Church in Ashtabula
Monday, November 23 at Forest Hill Church in Cleveland Heights