



Partners in Mission for Christ

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT TO COUNCIL

May 2010

ACTIVITIES

I am continuing to get to visit congregations and attend presbytery committee meetings on a regular basis. By the end of June, I am scheduled to have been in 30 of our congregations for worship leadership at least once. Others I have been to for meetings of committees or with the pastor or session.

More detailed activities can be seen in the Activities Calendars previously distributed.

CHURCH REVITALIZATION PROJECT

The 4-Presbytery cooperative project for congregational revitalization has received positive response. This project is not targeting an effort to increase membership nor to increase financial giving to ease a budget. The thrust of this 'revitalization' is to identify ways to strengthen the spirit of the members for mission within the congregation and the community. The 3-year program to which the congregations will commit is a beginning of a journey of life-long mission as a witness to God and Christ. As the congregation's members become alive in mission, a consequence may be more regular worship attendance, stronger benevolences and more attraction for visitors. However, the focus of the program is the deepening of the Spirit of the existing members.

I have been discussing the possibilities with the committee chairs and members of Committee on Ministry and Church Development Committee; with the Covenant Groups as I attend those gatherings; with people who have attended the exploratory workshops; with Tribal Elders; and in conversation with individual pastors. The need in Homestead is widespread and the support is as well.

The next step is to form a steering task group for the presbytery. People have already expressed interest in serving in this role. The first task of this group would be to speak to sessions to identify whether there is sufficient desire to have their congregation participate. There needs to be at least three congregations willing to initiate the 3-year program in January. This task group would also identify people (pastors or elders) willing to serve as coaches for the participating congregations.

If by the end of summer it is clear that Homestead has the critical mass of interest and participants, the first workshop for coaches will be in November, with the first workshop for congregational teams in January or February.

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

There is sufficient interest in exploring new ways of starting a new church that a presbytery task group can be formed to take the next (first) steps. The facility in Seward has been mentioned as a possible site. A school in southeast Lincoln's growing edge is another possibility. The task group would evaluate a most likely site for success, sketch out a strategy and anticipated costs, and contact others (sessions and pastors) who would be willing to partner in such a venture.

This task group would also identify any sources of financial support.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

Now that NUMHE has ended, the executives of the denominations active in NUMHE have begun exploring how to continue their cooperative campus/young adult ministries in a new way. It appears that the likely future will see the Reformed denominations (Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, UCC) continuing in some cooperative fashion, and the episcopate denominations (Lutherans, Methodist, Episcopalians, and Roman Catholics) continuing in separate ministries.

QUAD-PRESBYTERY COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES

The Councils of the four area presbyteries, Homestead, Central Nebraska, MRV and Prospect Hill, have had their second gathering recently. Some of the projects of the four include:

- *Board of Pension Retirement Seminars each year at Calvin Crest. The first two will be Pre-Retirement Planning for pastors and spouses October 26-27 and Render Unto Caesar, on taxes for pastors and treasurers.
- *COM/CPM training April 16-17 at Calvin Crest.
- *GA Commissioner training April 17 at Calvin Crest.
- *Church Revitalization Project

ST. EDWARD'S UPDATE

The PJC case has been dismissed. The lawyers for the Methodists have been slow to produce the deed changes. There is indication that the current pastor may be relocated this summer. There are recent actions of the Methodists in other matters which may have a bearing on how we wish to proceed.

SEWARD

The Commission is proceeding. There have been fruitful discussions with the Samaritan Counseling Center concerning lease of the church facilities.

The manse will be appraised for sale once the pastor has moved which is planned for sometime in April.

DATES AND SITES FOR HOMESTEAD ASSEMBLIES IN 2010

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| May 20, Thursday | United Presbyterian, Wymore |
| *August 26, Thursday | Schuyler with Prof. Tom Long. |
| November 18, Thursday | Calvin Crest |

Next Council Meeting is **JULY 15, 10 AM at Westminster.**

SELF-CARE

I am looking forward to a little exercise with the golf sticks.

My wife Donna and I continue our long-distance commute. I was able to spend a couple of long weekends with her in NH in February and March. We were planning her visiting in May over the Memorial Day weekend, but schedules at her work could not be accommodated so I will be traveling there again. In July we will be together during the General Assembly and during the following week in Lincoln.

March

DOC's ACTIVITY CALENDAR

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|--|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|--------------------|
| | 1 | 2 9:30 BHipple 10 Staff | 3 12 LNK Brn Bag 2 Korean PNC | 4 10 PubWkshp 12 w/Bentzinger 5 B&F W/mnstr | 5 | 6 |
| 7 LINCOLN 11 Korean | 8 9:30 SMSJ E'ridge | 9 9:30 CurricPresntatn 10 Staff 3 Personnel Comt | 10 BEATRICE 1 w/Shelbourn | 11 SCHUYLER 10 Central Cov | 12 TC/Olmeca Pby | 13 |
| 14 12:30 Sudanese Lincoln First Worship & conf HICKMAN 3 Ordination | 15 10:30 w/Davis(COM) 12 w/Sloan (web) LINCOLN 7 SoHgts Session | 16 Mahoney State Park 12 Ecumen Lunch 3:30 1 st Pres Lnk | 17 9:00car Freemont CALVIN CREST 10 Hisp Comm WAHOO 11:30 Strat&PlanCom | 18 NORFOLK 11 N. Cov. Grp | 19 DAY OFF | 20 In NH |
| 21 In NH | 22 SYNOD FORUM In NH | 23 SYNOD FORUM Day Off | 24 SYNOD FORUM | 25 10:30 CPM 4 th Lnk 11:30 FULL STAFF 1:30 Ecumen.Campus Ministry Pow Wow | 26 | 27 |
| 28 YORK 10:30 Liturgist | 29 3:30 w/Rennick Wstmnstr | 30 10 Staff | 31 11:30 Tribal Elders 2 Workers Comp. Rev | | | |

2010

April

DOC's ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

12 w/BHipple

6:15 @ 4th Lincoln

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3

4

LINCOLN
4th 8:30
10:30

5

FALLS CITY
10 SE Cov Group

6

10 Staff
1 MinRev w/Duling

7

12 LincBrownBag
1 Nom Comt.

8

12 w/Bentzinger

9

AUBURN
7 Puppet worship

10

TRAVEL

11

COLUMBUS
8:15 Preach
10:30 Preach
12 Lunch

12

10 SMS&J Comt
Eastridge

13

SCHUYLER
10 MinRev McCalla

14

WAKEFIELD
11 N Cov Group
[:301 IMN Budget]

16

CALVIN CREST
Quad Pby Consult.
COM Training

17

CALVIN CREST
GA Commr Training
COM meeting

18

HICKMAN
10:30 Liturgist

19

20

10 Staff
11:30 Full Staff

21

22

10 COUNCIL
Westminster

23

LINCOLN
7:30 Prayer Brkfst

24

25

GRESHAM
10 Liturgist

26

8 Hygine Kit Pickup
Westminster

27

FAIRBURY
~~10 SW Cov Group~~
TRAVEL
Los Angeles

28

LOS ANGELES
Bd of Pensions
Consultation

29

LOS ANGELES
Bd of Pensions
Consultation

30

KEARNEY
NUHME Board Mtg

2010

May

DOC'S ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

CALVIN CREST
10 Cong Develop

2

LINCOLN
10 Heritage MinRev

3

TBA
10 SE Cov Group

4

10 Staff

5

11 Commun Subcomt

6

6 BrownBaggers'

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**9 WAKEFIELD
BANCROFT**
Liturgist

10

11

10 Olmeca call

12

13

SCHUYLER
10 Central Cov.Grp

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16

CRAIG/ALDER GR
Liturgist

17

18

MAHONEY ST PK
12 IMN lunch

19

20

WYMORE
10 PBV ASSEMBLY

21

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23

**UNADILLA
PALMYRA**
Liturgist

24

FAIRBURY
10 SW Cov Grp

25

Pastors Day Out
11 SALT DOGS!

26

27

DAY OFF

28

In NH

29

30

In NH

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OFFICE CLOSED
Memorial Day

2010



The Rev. Richard O. Wyatt

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MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNCIL
FM: Richard Wyatt
DT: April 9, 2010
RE: Mission Allocation

I recommend that Council allocate \$4500 the un-allocated Council Mission Budget to Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska. This allocation would satisfy Homestead's requested fair share participation in this state-wide ecumenical organization.

There would remain in the Council's un-allocated Mission Budget \$5,270 for 2010.