

PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA
COUNCIL REPORT
September 12, 2009

The Council of the Presbytery of The Twin Cities Area met on Thursday, September 12, 2009, at Eagle Crest Presbyterian Homes, Roseville, MN. Council did not meet in July.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY

Council recommends that Presbytery approve the budget as presented by the Budget Task Force, David Colby, chair.

Council recommends that Presbytery approve the proposed change to the Manual of Operations regarding nominations for synod and general assembly commissioners, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, Betty Raitt, chair.

Council recommends that Presbytery approve the proposed addition to the Manual of Operations regarding recognition of elders from Immigrant Fellowships, as proposed by Church Development Team.

REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

Council reports that it approves for use by the Budget Task Force use of the newly designed mission pledge form, which will be sent to the churches this year inviting participation in helping the Finance team plan income and expense activity. The form is designed to better emphasize the benefits provided by the Presbytery, which are supported by the mission pledges, while still offering the opportunity for the individual session to divide its gift proportionately between the Presbytery and the higher governing bodies (Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and General Assembly.)

Council reports that it has approved, and sent to the Board of Trustees for final negotiation, a Memorandum of Understanding with the COLA to house in the Presbytery office the executive coordinator for 219th GA, 2010, and her administrative assistant.

Council reports that Scott Dobovsky will serve as Registrar for the 2010 Youth Triennium. Scott is currently serving Buffalo Presbyterian Church as youth director. Youth leaders and sessions will be hearing from Scott very soon about this exciting event scheduled for July 20-24, 2010.

Council reports that the plans for Presbyfest are nearing completion, with workshops for all adults and programs for youth and children in place. Scheduled for November 14 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, information is in the packet and online.

Council reports that it recommends for possible adoption, the new Commissioned Lay Pastors Manual, following review.