Executive Summary & Report to Presbytery
Conference Call Meeting February 16, 2015

Seven of the nine commissioners participated in this second meeting of the commission.

Co-chair Rev. Andrews began with a brief update of Coordinating Council discussions that relate to the work of the AC. A discussion followed that concerned keeping the work of the AC in front of the Presbytery and the best means to do that.

It was decided a written summary rather than minutes would be the best means of sharing general work product. To this end, AC members requested one of the co-chairs (Rev. Andrews or Rev. Shoaf) provide information in this form for the next meeting of Presbytery.

This information may also be shared verbally at Presbytery and may be disseminated in other forms of communications as the work of the AC continues.

This led to a discussion concerning the process necessary to carry out the specific tasks given to the AC and best practices of inclusion and openness with an eye on getting the job done. The process itself, internal and external AC communications and the Presbytery mission/vision will, in part, be the focus of meeting number three being planned for early March.

There was discussion first about the AC’s need for prayer and that we should request prayer for the work of the AC in various venues, including the Presbytery itself. Holding the work of mission and future planning up in prayer is to acknowledge the importance of the work itself and our reliance on God to achieve God’s will for the Presbytery.

Each AC member offered top priorities which generated a list very much reflective of previous Presbytery retreat outcomes. New church development, transformation and ministry entrepreneurship support, enhanced communications to connect with and support each other in missional outreach to the diverse people of the Presbytery topped the list.

One commission member summarized our charge as an AC “to begin with the end in mind” and to prayerfully accelerate our work in that direction. Another reminded us of words from the Presbytery meeting that created the AC and its task. “There are no sacred cows.”

The Lord has already created something new. We are already a new Presbytery. Our challenge, by God’s grace, is to see it and appreciate it; to love it and faithfully live into it.

The work continues.................

Meeting Summary & Report by Rev. Andrews
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