



WHITEWATER
VALLEY
PRESBYTERY

March 21, 2011

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that the One who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:3-11

To Our Sisters and Brothers in the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley:

The apostle Paul is mindful that deep and abiding relationships in Jesus Christ invite us to express our gratitude. And on the other side of our special Presbytery meeting for the purpose of voting, we wish to begin by expressing gratitude:

- ❖ To the First Presbyterian Church of Muncie for their gracious hospitality, for the provision of wonderful space in which to meet, and for the work invested in providing for our midday meal;
- ❖ To Richard Baker for his design of a model to encourage the gathered Presbytery assembly to be in dialogue around tables prior to the vote and to the many individuals who provided leadership as facilitators around the tables;
- ❖ To those who provided opportunities for the assembly to be in worship together before our one God... to Pat Smith who officiated at the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion; to Rex Espiritu and Kevin Boyd who led us in music; to Bob Heimach and Dena Vittorio who led us in prayer; to Mark Morningstar, Dena Vittorio, Joe Fields who brought the Word to us through lectio divina;
- ❖ To the members of the staff of the Presbytery for the work they did behind the scenes in preparation for the meeting;
- ❖ To those who made possible a gift of \$2340 to be presented to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance toward the work being done in Japan following the recent disasters there;
- ❖ To those gathered in assembly for the civil interaction possible as people of faith sought to be faithful.

Having given thanks, we also know that Paul called his sisters and brothers in the Philippi to let their love abound more and more, to approach their interaction with knowledge and discernment, to strive towards a life full of excellence, purity and integrity, and to be filled with the fruits of right relationship with God and with one another as made possible through Jesus as Lord. May we live in that reality and may we continue to make joyful prayers for one another in expression of gratitude to God. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits!

Judi Trabue, Presbytery Moderator

Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter

To see the voting results of Saturday's meeting, see the presbytery website: www.whitewatervalley.org