

PMC/LMC Ad Hoc Committee  
May 12, 2008

Present: Barry Kreider, Jan Landes, Tina Mast Burnett, Rebecca Pereverzoff  
(Ed Martin is also a member of this committee.)

1. Selected a coordinator – Rebecca P. Jan volunteered to be recorder.
2. Reviewed the affirmed modified proposal that is our assignment:  
“Therefore we propose that we identify and bless a group within Pilgrims who feels called to continue raising our voice for change in LMC. This group would identify changes in the areas of governance, communication processes, decision-making processes, and ordination of women that we would like to see implemented, and develop an action plan to be approved by the congregation at our next congregational meeting.”  
(February 24, 2008)
3. Reviewed the PMC/LMC actions that have taken place since the assignment.
  - a. Letter to credentialed leaders of LMC – March 7, 2008. Bishop Board will meet on May 16 and a writing team will present a conference-wide communication piece that will articulate their sense of direction.  
  
Barry's response affirmed the general direction of allowing congregations to ordain women, but disagreed with continuing to reserve the role of bishop for men.
  - b. Constituency Focus Group on Governance-Structure of LMC – Barry has been invited to be a part of this group. He reviewed the goals of this focus group – things to keep in the existing structure, things to replace, things to eliminate, things to add, missional needs.
  - c. Rebecca attended the listening meeting with LMC women and Ron Byler of MCUSA. It was explained why MCUSA cannot intervene in the current issue of women’s ordination in LMC. Ron was to take a report back to MCUSA and Iris DeLeon Hartshorn would continue as the liaison between MCUSA and LMC women.
4. Created an action plan.
  - a. Affirm Barry’s role on the Constituency Focus Group on Governance-Structure of LMC June 7, 2008 to keep PMC’s voice alive in the changes that need to come to the conference. He will present our views for a renewed governance structure that is a diverse body that includes both women and lay people. (Barry)
  - b. Send a letter to Keith Weaver and other pastors in our district, in Leon’s absence, encouraging Keith not to impede the work of the Focus Group by any actions taken at the May 16 meeting. (Barry)
  - c. Follow up on the status of the letter composed following the February 3<sup>rd</sup> East Chestnut Street meeting. (Barry and Rebecca)

- d. Commit to meet six times through the next year and each time plan to communicate our concerns to the conference (i.e. Table Talk in the Conference News, request an invitation to the Bishop Board, be active in any meetings held by the concerned LMC churches, send representation to the Fall Assembly) (All)
- e. Invite concerned Pilgrims to join our meetings. All meetings will be announced and all Pilgrims are welcome to attend. (Rebecca)
- f. Add a link on our webpage, "Our Voice," that will include our meeting minutes and our communications with the conference. (Jan)
- g. Follow up with Iris of MCUSA to see if there are any future meetings planned or next steps to be taken. (Rebecca)

***Next meeting: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 7:00 pm Sudan room/Meeting Place***

Recorder: Jan Landes