

Indiana Partners for Christian Unity  
and Mission

ANNUAL MEETING

Sisters of St. Joseph Conference Center  
Tipton, Indiana

February 8, 2010



# 2009 Annual Report

## Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission

### *2009 Servant Board Officers*

Rev. L. Cameron Manifold, President  
Rev. Fran Frellick, Vice President  
Della Stanley-Green, Treasurer  
Mrs. Terri Johns, Secretary

### *2009 Servant Board*

Rev. Judy Dunson	Church World Service IN/KY Region
Rev. Nancy Ferriani	Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis; retired during 2009
Rev. Jesse Abell	Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis
Rev. Fran Frellick	United Church of Christ, IN/KY
Rev. Jonathan Gosser	United Methodist Church, North IN Conf.
Rev. Len Jepson	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, IN/KY Synod
Mrs. Terri Johns	Roman Catholic Diocese of Ft. Wayne-So. Bend
MaryJo Matheny	Church Women United, Indiana
Mr. James MacDougall	Roman Catholic Diocese of Lafayette
Rev. L. Cameron Manifold	United Methodist Church, South IN Conf.
Rev. Bruce Naylor	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Marlene Pedigo	Western Yearly Meeting
Roger Reece	Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne & Allen Co.
Rev. Andrew Sampson	Church of the Brethren, South District
Della Stanley-Green	IN Network for Higher Education Ministries
	Western Yearly Meeting
Rev. Tina Velthuizen	Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana
Chris Wynn	The Salvation Army, IN Division
Mr. Frank Zirille	Wellspring Interfaith Social Services
website	
Rev. David Smith	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, IN/KY Synod

### *2009 Staff*

Executive Director	Rev. Dennis Frische-Mouri
Exec. Admin Asst.	Mrs. Juli Van Wyk

# WHO WE ARE

## Mission Preamble

We confess that we are created by God to be one in Christ, that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Christ, and that we are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit as we continue our journey together. Affirming our oneness in Christ, we join with one another as people of God in the State of Indiana to minister together in expressing God's love and care for the world.

## PURPOSE

We gather as Jesus gathered the disciples to:

1. WELCOME all who seek the unity that is ours in Christ but is not yet fully realized;
2. DISCOVER in similarity and diversity the many gifts which have been given by the Holy Spirit;
3. CREATE structures which encourage the sharing of these gifts for the common good;
4. SERVE the whole people of God through cooperative prayer, worship, word and action;
5. CHALLENGE one another "so that the world may believe,"
6. LEARN from one another about the richness God has offered through our different expressions of Christian faith, and
7. WORK for justice in God's world.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2009 began with the realization that four meetings a year is not enough to get done the ambitious agenda the Servant Board had set itself in preparing for a workshop/conference on hunger for early 2010. It was voted that 6 meetings a year was going to have to be enough to get things done, with the addition of conference calls and other between-meeting contacts. It was a good change. It did seem to crowd the time between meetings more than we were used to, however things did get done and as I write we are putting the finishing touches on an ambitious conference on addressing hunger through food banks and food pantries. It is an exciting project that has taken a good bit of time and energy and looks as if it will be well worth the work folks have put into this effort.

We have noticed our numbers in both partners and Servant Board meetings dropping and there are some creative ways to deal with this already on the table. One of the promising ways is to open the membership to interested individuals who are committed to the ecumenical effort even as many denominations lessen participation as they look to their own houses in terms of use of very limited resources. The change to individual memberships will certainly mean a drop in finances yet may be coupled with an increase in energy available from members willing to make sacrifices for the sake of ecumenicity. It continues to be an exciting and energizing endeavor for like-minded and hearted people to work together for a common goal. There may be some belt-tightening required that may at the same time make us more agile and adaptable.

One of my United Methodist colleagues noticed that her congregation is now being led by folks who have joined the congregation since she has been pastor and some of the folks who had been there long before she came have dropped out of leadership as well as the life of the congregation. She noted that the Israelites were unable to enter the Promised Land until all who had been a part of the generations from the exile in Egypt had died and the only ones left were those who were willing to move forward despite all the changes in what they felt called, led and energized to do. I have found myself a part of the "Back to Egypt Committee" in the past year and hope that this is the first any of you are aware of it. Whether I have demonstrated or simply felt my discomfort with the way things are going it is good that my term as President and my tenure on the IPCUM Servant Board are coming to an end. I do not go away with any negatives. I have made good friends, we have done good work and we have had good fun. And we have done it all as ecumenical colleagues with a heart for this part of the work of the whole Church with a mind to our own denominations at the same time.

I know that 2010 will be another in a series of great years for IPCUM and I pray that the hunger conference and the rest of the work IPCUM takes on through the Servant Board will be blessed and successful as it is touched by God in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Many Blessings,  
Cameron Maniford, President 2007-2009

## THE VISION AND MISSION OF IPCUM - 2008-2010

“We will gather around the table to explore diversities, to recognize God’s given gifts, and to celebrate our commonality.”

### Our Mission and Goals for the next two years

Recognizing that we live in the midst of faithful, yet fractured communities, IPCUM will strive to

1. Focus its ministry on those issues that keep the communions, communities and churches in a state of fracturedness.
2. Provide opportunities for open dialog about substantive issues of diversity focusing on issues and concerns related to both practice and theology of the church.
3. Provide opportunities for faithful people of all ages to come together in study and in service.
4. To strengthen the relationships among the Church Communions who serve in the state of Indiana.
5. To identify areas of mission that may be uniquely enhanced by the presence of IPCUM.
6. To explore the place of Inter-Faith dialog as part of the mission of IPCUM.
7. To provide an opportunity to review the covenant with our partners.

### Our Mission and Programming Goals for the next two years might encompass

Youth and Young Adults

Ecu Camp

Camp New Happenings

Worship

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Environment

Emergency Preparedness

Regional Ministries

Dialog

A Conference on Christian Unity

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As always, it has been a pleasure to serve as your Executive Director. This year has been a bit different for me and for IPCUM. As we finished our visioning process in 2008 this last year has been in search of a more specific focus. I am excited about the work we are doing on the Hunger Conference and believe we can have a significant impact on the hunger ministries of local congregations if only they will come.

Earlier in the year I served on the planning committee for the Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast and am presently serving on the planning committee for a national ecumenical peace conference, *Peace Among the Peoples*, which will be in Elkhart, Indiana, July 29-August 1, 2010.

In some ways I feel that this year there were more losses than gains. We have said goodbye to EcuCamp since we could not seem to interest enough young people and could no longer justify the cost of the event. There has also been the loss of partners due to financial considerations including, the Presbyterian Synod of Lincoln Trails, Church Women United of Indiana and the Salvation Army.

In addition we are losing two long time members of the Servant Board, Cameron Manifold and Della Stanley-Green. The merger of North and South Conferences of the United Methodist Church has brought their partnership into question and Della's ministry at Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries will prohibit her participation although the hope is INHEM will continue to be a partner.

On a more positive note, I certainly count as gains the wonderful Servant Board retreat and Leaders retreat we had with Dick Hamm in February at St. Joseph Center, Tipton, Indiana. And I would be remiss if I did not mention the joy that is found in the camaraderie among members of the Servant Board. I am deeply grateful for the support and prayers you offered on behalf of Linda and I during her illness.

I stated earlier in this report how pleased I am with the work we are doing on the hunger conference and look forward to the event on April 17. However, I am also deeply concerned for the future of IPCUM. There are fewer and fewer of us around the ecumenical table. In many places across the country ecumenical partners are withdrawing funds or even participation from State Councils of Churches for reasons of finances, re-structuring and re-prioritizing of ministries. While the ecumenical movement is growing stronger on a national setting with more heads of communions and ecumenical officers participating in Christian Churches Today—USA and a renewal of ministry at NCCC, there are great struggles in the state and local settings.

This may be a year when IPCUM will have to “re-make” itself. I do not know what that means, but after April we will need to take a hard look at how we will proceed into this new decade.

I cannot end this report without thanking Juli VanWyk for her patience and work on our behalf. She is the support and the glue that allows us to function and a reminder to me of what needs to be done.

May God Bless our ministry in 2010.

Shalom, Rev. Dennis L. Frische-Mouri

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Checking Balance as of 12/31/08</u>	<u>\$36,200.94</u>	
Checking Balance as of 12/31/09	\$33,655.74	
CD Fifth Third as of 6/21/09	\$ 2,379.97	
Ft. Wayne Community Fund		
Fund 1 as of 9/30/09	\$ 1,995.56	
Fund 2 as of 9/30/09	<u>\$11,582.16</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$49,613.43</b>

### 2009 INCOME

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	\$2,000.00	
Church World Service IN/KY	\$ 50.00	
Catholic Diocese of Ft. Wayne / So. Bend	\$1,000.00	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	\$1,500.00	
Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis	\$2,250.00	
Indiana Higher Education Ministry	-in kind-	
The Salvation Army	\$ 175.00	
Synod of Lincoln Trails	\$1,380.00	
United Church of Christ IN/KY	\$1,450.00	
United Methodist Church, North Conference	\$ 500.00	
United Methodist Church, South Conference	\$5,050.00	
Western Yearly Meeting	\$ 500.00	
Individual Gifts-Servant Board	\$ 410.00	
Wabash Christian	\$ 25.00	
Servant Board Retreat	\$ 376.50	
Bank Interest	\$ 16.13	
Servant Board lunch donations to host missions	\$ 95.85	
<b>2009 TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$16,778.48</b>

### 2009 EXPENSES

Executive Director	\$7,815.00	
Executive Assistant	\$1,956.37	
EcuCamp Director	\$2,400.00	
Supplies	\$ 8.52	
Telephone (incl.conf.calls, cell ph)	\$ 554.90	
Internet	\$ 193.42	
Postage	\$ 66.26	
Copies	\$ 4.90	
Travel	\$1,422.07	
Insurance	\$1,139.00	
Audit/Legal	\$ 712.25	
Camp New Happenings	\$ 500.00	
NAEIS membership	\$ 35.00	
Servant Board Meetings	\$ 468.67	
Servant Board Retreat	\$1,090.74	
Deposit on 2010 Serv.Board Retreat	\$ 100.00	
Servant Board Lunch Offerings	\$ 131.85	
Annual Meeting	\$ 243.00	
Executive Retreat	\$1,175.57	
Deposit on 2010 Hunger Conf. Facility	\$ 200.00	
EcuCamp-venue deposit	\$ 451.16	
<b>2009 TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$20,668.68</b>

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### *Annual Meeting*

was held the first week of February, in Tipton, IN at St. Joseph Conference Center, with Keynote Speaker Rev. Dick Hamm, Christian Churches Together. In addition to the Servant Board, in attendance were the following church leaders:

Rev. Steve Gray (United Church of Christ)  
Allen Kahler (Church of the Brethren)  
Marlene Pedigo (Western Yearly Meeting)  
Rev. Rick Spleth (Christian Church Disciples of Christ)

### *Annual Church Leader Retreat*

was held the following day, continuing with retreat leader Rev. Dick Hamm. The following church leaders attended:

Rev. Steve Gray (United Church of Christ).  
Allen Kahler (Church of the Brethren)  
Rev. Larry Mason (American Baptist Churches)  
Marlene Pedigo (Western Yearly Meeting)  
Rev. Rick Spleth (Christian Church Disciples of Christ)  
Bishop James Stuck (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)  
Rev. Dr. Angeliqe Walker-Smith (The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis)

### *CCT Statement on Poverty [copy included in appendix]*

was accepted at the April Servant Board meeting

### *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- Indianapolis*

Executive Director Rev. Dennis Frische-Mouri participated in the planning / organizing of The Church Federation's sponsorship of the Week of Prayer, celebrated in Indianapolis the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Services were held at a different denomination host church in each "quadrant" of the city, culminating in a coming-together in downtown Indianapolis at St. Mary Catholic Church on that Friday evening.

### *Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast*

Dennis was involved in the planning committee for the event which is held annual in October. The speaker was Serge LeClerc, who was once a hardened criminal in Canada and now serves in the government there. Approximately 400 people attended.

### *Camp New Happenings*

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, members of Catholic and Lutheran faiths, along with support from Indiana Partners, hosted the second Camp New Happenings, in August at Camp Mac in Milford, Indiana, for 36 children, age 8-11, of prisoners. It was an intense week but also a wonderful one and a learning experience.

### *EcuCamp 2009*

The EcuCamp Team met five times in 2009, working toward a 2009 EcuCamp event and beginning to explore having a young adult event.

The new EcuCamp experience for college students was meant to build on initial invitations to graduates of the high school EcuCamp. Della Stanley-Green, Executive Director of Indiana Network for Higher Education Ministries and a member of our EcuCamp Team, and I set up a lunch meeting on May 16, 2009 with several EcuCamp alums to explore their interest as well as their retention of learnings from their earlier EcuCamp experiences.

There were 4 former campers and 1 former staff member present in addition to Della and myself. The group was very interested in a future young adult EcuCamp. There was good conversation with the college students on how the EcuCamp experience benefitted their entry into the college world. Della and I told the group we would be in touch about another gathering to continue the conversation. That, of course, is not now continuing. The EcuCamp team also continued to work on redesign of the high school EcuCamp experience. The new EcuCamp was scheduled over the Labor Day weekend and would add a mission component to the explorations of faith practice which have been a core part of prior EcuCamps. Camp Mone'to, a camp of the Southern Indiana Conference of the UMC, was booked for the event.

As we moved into Summer 2009 some progress had been made on staff recruitment for the high school camp and on fund-raising. But the reports on recruitment of campers kept coming up short. After numerous emails and calls to little response, I made a decision August 13, 2009 to cancel the Labor Day weekend EcuCamp and to submit my resignation from service as EcuCamp director. Camp Mone'to was contacted and our booking canceled. We lost our deposit but incurred no other charges. Dennis Frische-Mouri was contacted and informed the IPCUM Servant Board officers. I notified the EcuCamp Team and all who had expressed interest in attending. All records and supplies were delivered to Dennis in September.

Over the years I served with the EcuCamp Team we had some very fine experiences with three small groups in EcuCamps 2004, 2006, 2008. Though never conceived as a large event, the event never caught on to grow any bigger than those small events and we seemed to only succeed in pulling it off every other year.

Camper recruitment was the largest EcuCamp challenge over the years. The EcuCamp Team struggled each year to come up with enough interested campers. In all cases, judicatory staff had much bigger programs on their plates and, though interested in EcuCamp, had little time to put into recruitment for this small event. While the IPCUM Servant Board continually provided critical financial support for EcuCamp, I am not aware of any camper or staff recruitment by the Board.

The biggest blessing of EcuCamp was the interaction of the campers and staff at each successful event. When we did pull together an event, all the participants were very enthusiastic and invested in sharing their own faith heritage and practice and in learning about that of other participants. Our beginning on follow up with the young adults as Della and I met with them in May indicated they still valued the experience several years later and felt it made them more open to a wider, more ecumenical faith journey as young adults.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as EcuCamp Director for all three EcuCamps, grateful for all those who served on the EcuCamp Team over those years, for the opportunities to work with Jim Dougans and Dennis Frische-Mouri, and for the support of the IPCUM Servant Board.

Blessings on IPCUM's continuing ministries.

Randy Kuss, Camp Director

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING----FEBRUARY 9, 2009

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met for the annual meeting on February 9, 2009 at the St. Joseph Conference Center in Tipton, Indiana.

Those present included staff: Dennis Frische-Mouri and Juli VanWyk; members: Cameron Manifold, Fran Frellick, Beth Sollenberger-Morphew, Len Jepson, Tina Velthuisen, Bruce Naylor, and Terri Johns, as well as guests: Dick Hamm, keynote speaker (Christian Churches Together), Marlene Pedigo (Western Yearly Meeting), Allen Kahler (Church of the Brethren), Rev. Rick Spleth (Christian Church Disciples of Christ), and Rev. Steve Gray (United Church of Christ).

The meeting opened at 6:40 p.m. with a welcome and introduction of guests by Cameron. Fran Frellick led the opening prayer and then led us in the reading of the mission preamble of IPCUM.

Cameron's president's report is in the annual meeting folder, but Cameron did speak of the messiness of ecumenism. "It leaves scars, stains, and is dirty and sticks to you, and is GOOD." These are badges of honor. We struggle with what to do and with whom and realize that with many judicatories and denominations ecumenism is important, but not on their urgent list. Cam asked those judicatory heads present for their prayers, strength, support, and blessing.

Dennis' executive director's report is also in the annual meeting folder. Dennis reflected on a passage from Ezekiel 37, where the Lord speaks of 2 sticks and 2 kingdoms and He will make them one. Dennis said that we are not 2 pieces, but are splintered into many and our task is, "How can we come together?" These are different and difficult times for ecumenism in Indiana.

Dennis then introduced our keynote speaker, Dick Hamm, of Christian Churches Together, who spoke of CUIC and CCT and the phases and formation of both. He said that the point of ecumenism is John 17:20-21. We cannot witness effectively when we are fragmented. As an IPCUM group, we need to listen to the Spirit to help us move forward.

Dennis then commissioned the IPCUM officers for 2009, Cameron Manifold as president, Tina Velthuisen as vice-president, Terri Johns as secretary, and Della Stanley-Green as treasurer.

Bruce Naylor closed the meeting with prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Johns, secretary

## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2009 SERVANT BOARD MEETING

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the St. Joseph Conference Center in Tipton, Indiana. Members present included: Cameron Manifold, Beth Sollenberger-Morphew, Len Jepson, Bruce Naylor, Fran Frellick, Terri Johns, and Juli Van Wyk. Marlene Pedigo, a Servant Board member, attended the Church Leader Retreat that was running concurrently with our meeting.

With our leader's retreat being held at the same time, we joined together for opening worship in the chapel at the conference center. Attending the Church Leader Retreat were Dick Hamm, Retreat leader, Bishop James Stuck (ELCA), Rev. Rick Spleth (CC DOC), Rev. Steve Gray (UCC), Rev. Larry Mason (ABC), Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith (The Church Federation). Dennis lit the Christ candle and led us in worship. We then carried the Christ candle to the meeting, which Cameron opened at 9:35 a.m. by declaring a quorum.

The minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting were looked over silently. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes. Len gave Terri a copy of the letter he wrote to the food pantry at his church that indicated our lunch donation that day. This letter will be placed with the minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**----Cameron had given his report in the annual report folder and also spoke a little last night, so did not give a formal report now. He did raise the question of where we are and where we are going.

Len suggested at this time whether it would be a good idea to change our meeting time and then invite parishioners from the churches in the area to join us for a closing time. He does feel we need to involve the people. It was also suggested that maybe inviting the area parishioners to join us for lunch would be good.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**----Dennis was in with the leader's retreat, but gave a written report. Much of his time since our last meeting has been spent with EcuCamp and working on the Hunger Conference. His report generated some conversation on EcuCamp. Beth questioned who was on the EcuCamp committee. Juli told us some of the different denominations represented on the committee. There were seven campers at the last two EcuCamps. It was questioned whether this was considered a success. A question was raised on whether there could be a time of ecumenism at the different church Confirmation camps. This probably would not work since most heads of denominations would not want the students learning about other religions at a camp teaching their own religion. All church camps seem to be dwindling in numbers.

TREASURER'S REPORT----Juli gave out a treasurer's report, as well as a proposed budget for 2009. She also gave out individual pledge cards that can be filled out by each member. Some of the judicatories have withdrawn support and membership. Juli was commended for the excellent report prepared for the annual report booklet. The checking account balance as of 12/31/2008 is \$36,200.94.

Terri questioned when the letters go out to the judicatory to indicate their pledges. Juli said that the treasurer usually did that and with three different treasurers recently, that has not been done.

Bruce moved and Beth seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

ECUCAMP-----Ecucamp discussion centered on compensation for Randy Kuss, the director. He proposed a total of \$3200, \$300 each month and \$500 the month of Sept. when the camp is held. Much discussion followed on how much this equates to per camper, how many times does the committee meet, how much time is spent in recruiting, what the young adult retreat will consist of and when, and how many campers do we need to be successful. Randy does not do an invoice or an accounting of his time.

Bruce made the following motion: "We will approve Randy's ECUCAMP salary as proposed by him, which is \$3200 for 2009, and we will evaluate the camp this year with the possibility of going in a different direction in the future. The minutes of the ECUCAMP meetings will be sent to the IPCUM list. If the camp is canceled, \$500 for that month will not be paid."  
This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Cameron then led the group in a body prayer of Confession.

## DISCUSSION

Bruce shared that the UCC & DOC ecumenical agencies had voted to accept the CCT statement on poverty that was adopted by all the member churches in 2007. We will share the CCT statement with the Servant Board and add it to the agenda in April for discussion and possible adoption.

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MEETINGS----It was presented by Cameron as a proposal to change the number of times we meet per year to six. Four does not seem to be enough to accomplish anything. The second Tuesday is often the day we meet. Fran moved that we meet six times for this year. It was seconded and passed. These are the dates and locations for the 2009 meetings.

April 14, 2009-----Wabash Christian Church, hosted by Dennis, in  
Wabash  
June 9, 2009-----Marion Temple UCC, hosted by Fran, in Marion  
August 11, 2009-----Mishawaka, hosted by Len and Bruce  
October 13, 2009-----Faith UMC, hosted by Cameron, in Indy  
December 8, 2009-----tentatively set for Associated Churches in Fort  
Wayne  
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Terri then led us in the Apostle's Creed and a lunch blessing. The lunch offering of \$95.85, which included a lunch offering from the leaders, will be given to the nuns here at St. Joseph's.

Our meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

RETREAT----Discussion centered on how dynamic Dick Hamm had been and how helpful his presentation was. Dennis shared that The Columbia Partnership, which Dick Hamm is a partner of, has online courses available. Dennis expressed appreciation for Dick's flexibility, especially with the leader's retreat. All felt that this facility was great for our retreat---the food was good, schedule was good, and rooms were good.

Dennis shared some ideas that had come out of the morning leader's retreat and how there is an ongoing need for the leaders to get together on a more frequent basis. Dennis will be doing some coordinating to make this happen.

Some ideas for keynote speakers for next year were given. It was suggested to have another ecumenical officer speak to give us that boost/spark. Lydia Veliko was suggested, so Dennis will talk to her.

ANNUAL REVIEWS----Dennis and Juli left the room and their job performance was discussed. With the realization of what Dennis' life situation is right now with his wife's health, separation of living and jobs, kids in college, etc. we appreciate what he has done. Dennis is very hospitable, with a strong spirituality. We did feel we wanted him to have more contact with judicatory heads, with the realization that everywhere in the United States it is hard to get judicatory heads interested in ecumenism. It was stated that more responsibility lies on the board now, which many of us have not been used to in the past.

Regarding Juli's job performance, everyone felt she was very efficient and had a real enthusiasm for IPCUM. She is on top of things. It was felt that communication needed to be better between her and Dennis.

Both were called back into the room and these things were shared with them. Dennis realizes the need to be in contact with judicatory heads, especially with the turnover this year. He shared that he has had some contact with Allen Kahler and the Southern Indiana Church of the Brethren may be back in. We asked what we could do to help. Dennis appreciates our prayers for his personal life and is happy about the prospects of the hunger conference and what was being shared with the leader's retreat. He would like to see from us a commitment to meetings and in planning events.

Juli shared that we don't have a finance or audit committee so she had to create the 2009 budget from past spending patterns. We need to form a new finance committee and audit committee, but no action was taken on this at the time. We also asked Juli what we could do to help her in her position. She would like the servant board to be more responsive to her e-mails and deadlines. We also need to give the minutes of our meetings to our judicatory heads or give Juli their e-mails so she can send them.

It was also mentioned that we need someone to take over responsibility for the list serve and we still need someone to manage the web site. Both jobs are being done by former members. If you can help, please let Dennis or Juli know.

HUNGER CONFERENCE-----Bruce asked Dennis if we would be able to target spring 2010 for the hunger conference as was suggested by Dave Miner. We are planning to do this. At this time, we don't have enough people to form teams to plan the conferences. It was brought up again at this time the possibility of changing our meeting time so that we can invite members of the congregations in the area and thus tap into some people who would have a passion for hunger and ecumenism. Dennis recommended that we first have clarity on our mission. Will doing this change our focus to congregations rather than judicatories? We might need to ask the judicatory what their congregations need before we say that this is what they do need. Even though this would get us down to the grassroots, no decisions were made at this time to change the structure of the meeting or of inviting others. Fran suggested that at our next meeting we look at networking possibilities, so this will be on our agenda for our April meeting.

CLOSING----Beth Sollenberger-Morphew said that this would be her last meeting. Also, Nancy Ferriani has resigned her position and therefore will no longer be a part of IPCUM.

## JOYS

Len's jokes and sense of humor

Fran---the promise of spring with the last 2 days of weather

Terri-----growing family with daughter, daughter-in-law, and step daughter-in-law all pregnant

Juli----2 daughters graduating, one from college and one from high school

Bruce---thanks for Dick Hamm's ministry

Dennis---thankful for this place

Len----enjoyed each person here

## CONCERNS

Chris Wynn's upcoming surgery

Della's health that kept her from attending this meeting

Bishop Kate's health

Bruce---1 year old grandson, Dermot, surgery on tear ducts

Terri----niece, Denise, pregnant with baby that shows some health issues

Bruce----economic recovery

Fran----new government administration

Dennis----Linda has 2 more chemo treatments and then will be in a 2 year trial treatment

Dennis---more times for judicatory heads to meet

Dennis----prayer for those who couldn't be here or won't

The meeting closed with Cameron leading prayer for all the joys and concerns at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Johns, secretary

## MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009 SERVANT BOARD MEETING

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Wabash Christian Church in Wabash, Indiana. Members present: Dennis Frische-Mouri, Cameron Manifold, Tina Velthuizen, Mary Jo Matheny, Fran Frellick, Terri Johns, Chris Wynn, Len Jepson, Bruce Naylor, Roger Reece (Associated Churches), Andrew Sampson (Church of the Brethren), and Herman Kauffman (Church of the Brethren).

The Christ Candle was lit at 10:07 a.m., after which we preceded to the chapel where Dennis led us in morning worship.

The meeting opened at 10:40 a.m. with introductions.

Tina moved and it was seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**----Cameron stated how impressed he was with the IPCUM board members and the work that gets done between meetings. He appreciates the change to more meetings and feels we will get more work accomplished and be able to remember each other's names and build more bonds.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**----Dennis has been in conversation with Larry Mason of the American Baptists, who was in attendance at the Leader's Retreat. Larry appreciated the retreat time. Dennis has also been in conversation with Rick Spleth and also with Herman Kauffman who he invited to this meeting.

Dennis reported that Linda has completed her chemo and is on a maintenance drug, but that it has side effects, which she is learning to deal with.

Dennis also spent a week in North Carolina being trained as a Christian life coach.

**TREASURER/FINANCE REPORT**---The financial and budget reports were e-mailed to the servant board by Juli this past week. Many have not submitted a pledge for 2009. It was stated that no letters have been sent out regarding pledges because of the treasurer transition issues, and therefore, some may not have IPCUM on the top of their agenda. Dennis will talk to Juli regarding sending out a letter. However, the board members need to nudge their judicatories regarding support. Board members were also encouraged to donate individually, which can be sent directly to Juli. Bruce moved and it was seconded that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.

Tina led a Prayer of Confession taken from the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

## DISCUSSION

ECUCAMP---We were given the March minutes of the Ecucamp meeting. Ecucamp will be at Camp Mone'to in Nashville, Indiana on Sept. 4-7. They are redesigning the high school program with a service/mission component, which will include helping in the flood recovery and rebuilding efforts in Columbus. The board is encouraged to recommend campers. Registrations should be sent to Juli. All members should have received an Ecucamp brochure via e-mail from Juli.

The committee is still looking at a college Ecucamp. Randy has also tried to expand the committee and is trying to seek people who work in the area of youth.

A question was raised on whether Randy had signed the contract approved at the last meeting. It has not been signed yet.

CCT STATEMENT ON POVERTY---We all received this statement via e-mail and were also given an addendum that explained the principles for implementing the objectives. Tina suggested reading the statement aloud before discussing. After Cameron read it, he talked of the state of the educational system.

Tina moved and it was seconded to accept the statement. There was discussion and questions raised as to where the figures in the document came from, what is the poverty level figure they base this on. In 2007, when this document was approved by the CCT, it was a broader/general statement. In 2009, some of that was clarified in the second document explaining the principles.

Questions were raised as to what is the purpose of IPCUM adopting this statement and what are we going to do with the document after adopting it. Dennis believes the primary purpose is in creating awareness. Tina felt this would be a good background for our hunger conference. Chris stated that we should encourage individual congregations to get involved in this statement and work on poverty. It was also stated that CCT would like other statewide organizations to support and recognize this document.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously to accept this CCT statement on poverty. Cameron will pass on both the document and the principles for implementation to the list serve. From there, each board member should be responsible to get the document to their judicatory.

Len Jepson led us in a statement of faith, after which he shared some thoughts and ideas on the recent conference he attended on the emerging church.

Dennis led us in the lunch blessing and we enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of his church. The lunch offering of \$87 will be given to the FISH (Friends in Service Here) pantry serving Wabash County.

## DISCUSSION

CCT STATEMENT ON POVERTY----After lunch, discussion continued on what we are going to do now that we've adopted this statement. Following are the ideas:

- \* Let all the judicatories know that we have adopted this document and send copies to them to distribute to their congregations.
- \* Ask judicatories what they are doing and what they can do to implement these principles.
- \* Encourage local churches to identify action groups and then cooperate with them.
- \* Use the internet to give information on available organizations/groups working on poverty and hunger.
- \* Put a link on our website and list these organizations.
- \* Publicize Bread for the World June conference and other upcoming hunger and poverty related events on the website.
- \* Let people know what CCT is and what they are doing.

If there are articles and/or resources you know about, send these to Juli to send to the web site or send them directly to David Smith. Dennis will send us instructions on how to send our info in to the web site.

HUNGER CONFERENCE---Because of the many events happening in the fall on hunger, our conferences will be held in the spring of 2010. The northern event may be different than the southern, so we broke into planning groups of northern--Fran, Roger, Bruce, Len, Tina, and Terri; and southern/central group of Cameron, Mary Jo, Chris, and Andrew. This group will need some added members. A summary of each group's discussion follows.

NORTHERN----The first choice for date is April 17, 2010 with a second choice of May 1, 2010. Bruce, Len, and Tina will check out locations to see what will work. First choice would be the American Farmers Market on Hi-way 19 & 20, second choice is Church World Service in Elkhart, and third choice is somewhere in Shipshewana. We need a large room to meet in with other break-out rooms. Our first choice for a keynoter is Dave Miner. Dennis will confirm that for us. Some co-sponsors suggested include: CWS, Northern Indiana Food Bank in South Bend, Associated Churches in Fort Wayne, United Religious Community in South Bend, Salvation Army, Bethel College, Goshen College, St. Francis College, Ancilla College, Mennonite Biblical Seminary, TAP, Community Harvest Food Bank, Wellspring. It was also suggested to divide these up into

financial and relational sponsors. We would like to contact some larger firms such as Parkview Hospital, Krogers, St. Joe Foundation, as well as major athletic teams in the area for financial sponsorship. A letter of purpose with the keynoters name on it would be prepared to introduce us to the potential sponsor. This letter would also introduce and explain IPCUM. Sponsors would get their name in a resource book, have a booth, and maybe do a workshop. Our first item would be to make sure Dave Miner is set for the date chosen. Then Len, Bruce, and Tina would check out the different venues for that date. Next would be letters sent out and personal visits.

SOUTHERN/CENTRAL----Their first date of choice is April 17, 2010 at a location to be determined. Thoughts were for holding the event at a church or college that would have the ability to have a large room and smaller breakout rooms. Jim Morris was suggested for their keynoter. Some co-sponsors suggested for their area would be: CTS, green groups, the legion, newspapers, Christ Cathedral, hospitals, colleges and universities, athletic organizations, Dick Lugar, churches, and judicatories.

#### JOYS

Len----great place to meet in Wabash

Fran---success of his visit to Mayo Clinic

Bruce---Dick Hamm will be publishing a piece he wrote for his grandchildren at inauguration time

#### CONCERNS

Terri---knee replacement surgery on April 27; 2 nieces pregnant with babies who have health issues

Bruce---wife, Pat, had back surgery month ago and experiencing slow recovery; grandson, Dermot, has upcoming tear duct surgery

Tina---for all who were baptized around Easter

Mary Jo---grieve that pirates had to be killed and for their families

Fran---10 homicides in Fort Wayne of mostly young people

Cam closed the meeting with prayer at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Johns, secretary

Next meeting: June 9, 2009 at Marion Temple UCC, Marion, hosted by Fran

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2009 SERVANT BOARD MEETING

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2009 at Southside Christian Church in South Bend, Indiana. Members present: Dennis Frische-Mouri, Cameron Manifold, Tina Velthuizen, Terri Johns, Della Stanley-Green, Fran Frellick, and Len Jepson.

The meeting opened at 10:12 a.m. with a welcome by Pastor Martha Carroll and the lighting of the Christ candle by Cameron.

Because of the absence of Bruce Naylor, our host for the day, there was no opening worship. Cameron shared a little from John's gospel where Jesus asked his disciples, "Do you also want to leave?" We tremble because we both want to run and to stay. We don't like being in this uncomfortable position, but we do want to be around You. It is up to us to decide. Cameron then opened with prayer.

There was discussion on whether we had a quorum. We need 6-7 people to have a quorum and it was determined we did.

Since there were no new members present, we dispensed with introductions and just did a catch up on the lives of those present.

Tina moved that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**—Cameron just thanked everyone for their good work.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**----Dennis is on the planning committee for the Indiana prayer breakfast, which is in its early stages. Most of the rest of his report will be covered in the agenda items.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**—Juli sent a report of income and expenses. Both our income and our support are down. Cameron reported that the United Methodist conference will not be supporting certain types of agencies, of which ours will be one. Solicitation can be done to individual congregations, however. Cameron also reported that he will be done as the UMC ecumenical officer at the end of this year. He has not received anything regarding the new contact person. Also Wellspring, Frank Zirille, will be resigning his membership because of the increase in his workload. Mary Jo Matheny may or may not be able to continue depending on what Church Women United can support. Dennis reported that the UCC will be giving the amount listed under the budget—\$1800. It is unknown what their support will be for 2010. The UCC has a meeting in November to determine their 2010 budget.

Concerns were voiced over the future of IPCUM because of support issues, both financial and interest wise. At issue will be how we define partners. We will need to look at how the constitution reads with regard to who can participate even if they can't financially support.

ECUCAMP—EcuCamp was canceled for the September dates. Randy Kuss has also resigned as director of EcuCamp and will be giving a final report soon. There was a question raised as to whether we should carry on this ministry or abandon it. Terri said that we tried it, were successful a couple times, but at this point, it is time to let it go. By consensus, it was agreed to drop the ministry of EcuCamp. It is unclear how much is still owed Randy. Della moved that what would have been Randy's salary of \$500 for the month of September be given to Camp New Happenings. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Della also reported that Plainfield Yearly Meeting had raised \$257 for EcuCamp and asked what she was to do with this. She will go back to Plainfield with either of these ideas for them—1) use it for the camp Tina works on, Camp New Happenings, or 2) use it for young people to attend the hunger conference.

CAMP NEW HAPPENINGS—Tina reported that there were 27 young people of diverse ethnicity in attendance at the camp, between 6 years old and 12 years old. These are children with one or both parents in prison. It was held at the Brethren camp in Milford in July. Support for the camp has come mostly from the Episcopal denomination and a couple of Catholic churches. They have raised funds mostly through grant funding, although Companions on the Journey did a fundraiser selling prisoner art with 1/3 of the money going to Camp New Happenings. The goal of Camp New Happenings is to incorporate as their own non-profit.

NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE 2011—Dennis gave out some information he has received from Kent Yoder on what they are requesting of IPCUM. A question was raised on what is expected of IPCUM. We do not have enough information yet. Dennis will be our representative and attend the next meeting and find out more information. It was agreed by consensus to get involved in this and do whatever we can. Dennis will bring more information to our next meeting. Please see e-mail notes that Dennis sent previously.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY—Tina is trying to get the National Workshop on Christian Unity to meet in South Bend, which presents an ideal situation with air travel, shuttles, restaurants, hotels, and church denominations. This would probably be held in 2012. She would like IPCUM to be an inviting partner, by writing a letter. This does not mean we have to put up any money. Tina will send to us what needs to be in the letter and what it would mean to your judicatory. It is imperative that the Roman Catholic bishop sign on to this event.

Terri led the Prayer of Confession.

Lunch was at the Hacienda restaurant not far from the church. The lunch offering of \$59 will be given to the United Religious Community Advocacy Center in South Bend.

The meeting re-convened at 1:25 p.m. with Fran leading us in a creed/statement of faith.

HUNGER CONFERENCE—Since we haven't been able to pull together a planning team for central Indiana, we will concentrate on hosting the event in northern Indiana. The date for this event is April 17, 2010. Dennis believes Dave Miner is available to be the keynote speaker, but will confirm that. The event would be held at the Shipshewana Center in Shipshewana. Len, Bruce, and Tina have seen the facility and believe it would work with an area for the keynote address and some breakout areas. Food can be catered in. We need to get final costs and also find out if internet is available as well as what other equipment might be necessary. There is also a hotel adjacent to the center for those who need to stay overnight. Len suggested that we have some type of registration. It was also suggested that we could have part of the registration be bringing a canned good.

Much discussion was held on how to network all the congregations and organizations that have pantries or food ministries. This could possibly be a workshop on that day. Some ideas on networking were suggested---1) One church becomes the cereal church, one church becomes the peanut butter church, one church becomes the soup church, etc., 2) Get each church to be open different days of the week.

Our hope is to have agencies represented at the marketplace area, but the focus of the day will be on the ministry of local churches. The hope is to have these different agencies also be co-sponsors, so the discussion then centered on the purpose of co-sponsors. It was felt that this would be an in-kind relationship, as well as financial. The following was decided on for the definition of a co-sponsor—1) May participate in the planning process, 2) Will lend their name to the project, 3) Will reach out to the community and constituencies for promoting the event, 4) May participate in a resource marketplace, 5) May help to underwrite and provide financial support, 6) May give in-kind contributions. Note the difference in may and will in this definition.

Tina suggested a change to the purpose statement Dennis had drawn up and given out at the last meeting as well as having sent via e-mail. The change would read that the purpose of the event is: To inform, inspire, challenge and equip local

congregations to expand their ministries **of alleviating hunger and to provide resources and facilitate networking to better accomplish this task.** (Bold indicates change.)

Fran has contacted Associated Churches to be a co-sponsor and they will participate. Tina has also talked to the United Religious Community and they also will participate. Della will talk to Judy Dunson of Church World Service. She will also talk to colleges, asking whether they have any programs or ministries dealing with hunger issues, if they do food drives, and whether they have any contact information. It is also a possibility that someone at the college level would be able to provide tech support. Della will also talk to Angel Food Ministries and Gleaners. Fran will find out about grant availability in Fort Wayne and talk with Frank Zirille to help out with this event. Tina will contact the local food bank, the URC, the local Salvation Army, and the community garden. Len Jepson will work on the publicity task force. It was suggested that maybe there are some marketing or media college students who could help with this as part of an internship. Dennis will be contacting the governor regarding this event.

These suggestions were made for the title of the event. 1) The War on Hunger-The Next Steps, 2) Feeding One Another, 3) Slow Food in The Fast Lane, 4) Got Hunger?, 5) Feeding Indiana, 6) When Your Neighbor is Hungry, 7) Hunger 2.0, 8) Hunger Resources & Networking, 9) Fishes & Loaves, 10) Freed to Eat. By consensus and through discussion, it was decided that the title would be Feeding Indiana with the addition of a subtitle, "People, Pantries, Participation," so the title is FEEDING INDIANA: PEOPLE, PANTRIES, PARTICIPATION.

A conference call to continue planning the hunger conference has been set up for Tuesday, September 29 at 11:00. Dennis will check with Juli to see if we pay by person or by call to see if it can be opened to all the servant board, which we would like to do.

#### CONCERNS

Cameron—a college student in his congregation that flunked out and finally had the courage to tell parents

Terri—daughter-in-law to have safe delivery and healthy baby coming next week

Fran—our country and the health care issues

Tina—the work of the hunger conference

Len—the unity of Christ's church

Cameron—travel safety

Cameron closed the meeting with prayer at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING----OCTOBER 13, 2009 at FAITH UMC, Indianapolis

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Johns, secretary

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2009 SERVANT BOARD MEETING

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Faith United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members present: Fran Frellick, Bruce Naylor, Cameron Manifold, Terri Johns, Roger Reece, and Dennis Frische-Mouri.

The meeting opened at 10:25 a.m. with morning worship in the church sanctuary led by Cameron. At 10:50 a.m., the Christ candle was lit and the business of the day started.

Introductions were made.

It was determined that we did not have a quorum present.

The minutes were distributed and will be filed as written. In the minutes of August 24, it was stated that we will be losing the financial support of the UMC, but that individual congregations could be solicited. Fran questioned whether congregations have been contacted, but Cameron said that there is no conduit in place for doing this. It might be possible to get something in an e-mail distribution.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**---Cameron said that we would need to set up a nominating committee to bring a slate of officers to the December meeting. He will be finished as president, as well as the UMC representative then. It was also suggested to revise the constitution to include as members those people who have a heart for ecumenism.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**---Dennis has been working on a committee planning the Indianapolis prayer breakfast, which will be held this Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The speaker for the event will be Serge LeClerc, who was once a hardened criminal in Canada and now serves in the government there. They are expecting approximately 400 people to be in attendance.

Dennis has also been working on the committee for a Peace Conference. This event will be July 28—August 1, 2010 at the Mennonite Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. This is an event to prepare people for the worldwide peace conference in 2011 to celebrate the decade to overcome violence. Michael Kinnamon will be one of the presenters. Dennis has also suggested getting Carrie Newcomer to be part of the event. They will be looking for support from congregations.

**TREASURER'S/FINANCE REPORT**---Cameron gave us the treasurer's report which was sent by Juli. There is a balance of \$11,419.49, as of Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Fran will be checking with his UCC denomination to see why their support has not been sent. The treasurer's report will be filed as written.

ANNUAL MEETING—The retreat and annual meeting are scheduled for February 8 & 9, 2010 at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton. We need to find a speaker for the retreat. Cam suggested maybe a sister at the retreat house could lead us. It would be more of a spiritual/prayer oriented retreat rather than an ecumenical piece. Dennis also suggested Dick Haynes, who is director of Paraclete Retreat Center in Brown County, as a speaker. Dennis will check at the retreat center first, then Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, and then with Dick. He will also contact Juli regarding deposit, contract, etc. The emphasis for the retreat will be more quiet and spiritual.

The question was raised on whether the annual meeting was accomplishing what it was meant to, that of bringing the judicatory heads and leaders together to update them on the work of IPCUM. Not many leaders have actually been in attendance. In the past, the evening was used for free time and fellowship among the members. By consensus, it was agreed to do away with the annual meeting. Annual reports will still be done and given out to the leaders.

The first day will be spent on the retreat with the evening being a continuation of the retreat or just an evening for quiet. The second day will be the servant board meeting.

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CHRISTIAN UNITY---Tina is waiting for an invitation letter from Bishop D'Arcy.

Bruce led the Prayer of Confession.

Terri led the Creed.

A delicious lunch was provided by Cameron's daughter, Allison. The lunch offering of \$37 will go to the Guardian Angels program at Cameron's church. This group provides coats and hats for students in the public schools.

HUNGER CONFERENCE---Dave Miner joined us by phone for this portion of our meeting. The Hunger Conference will be held at the Shipshewana Town Center on April 17, 2010. Dennis gave each of us a packet of information, which included a floor map of the center and a menu. He also included a tentative schedule and room breakdown.

Dave questioned who would be the key groups in the audience. We hope to target local churches/congregations and how they can grow their hunger ministries and work together. A question to ask clients would be whether they would rather come to an agency or a church to receive help. What are the criteria and right practices for pantries?

The subject of what workshops to offer was first on the agenda. There will be set of workshops, each offered twice. It was decided that a workshop on networking and the internet would be offered, but only once. The others would be offered twice. Besides the networking workshop, the following workshops were suggested with assignments given to do more work on that topic and to see if there is someone available to lead it.

Advocacy----Dennis	Urban/Rural Growing Projects---Fran
Pantries----Roger	Poverty Experience---Dave Miner
How To's---Grants & Funding----Roger & Frank	
Gardening----Bruce	ABC's of Hunger Ministry

Dave Miner will try to attend the program, "The Reality of Poverty," being held in Indianapolis on October 30<sup>th</sup>, to see if any of that information could be used for the Hunger Conference.

The third and last workshop at the end of the day would focus on networking. It was discussed how to arrange this geographically. One idea was to glean this information from the registrations. Dennis suggested providing 2-3 questions for each group, also a flip chart, and possibly someone to facilitate each group. It was also suggested to do some type of grouping at lunch time so people could talk to those doing the marketplace booths or co-sponsors, but also leaving space for those who just want to sit and eat lunch.

What food we offer during the day was discussed. Bruce said the prices of food and fees for rooms would be negotiable, depending on what we order and what we use. It was suggested that we offer a continental breakfast in the morning during registration, a farmer's box lunch for lunch, and nothing later in the afternoon, except for coffee, tea, and water. The menu does not list a vegetarian choice for the box lunch, so Dennis will ask about that.

An honorarium for the workshop leaders was discussed. Dave said that we would not need to pay him as the keynote speaker. For workshop leaders, we will pay the IRS standard for mileage. No decision was made on dollar amounts for leaders. Dennis did say he would come the night before and stay at the attached hotel and ask for access to the place to begin setting up.

Marketing and publicity were the next topics of discussion. It was suggested to have on the registration a place where people could check if they wanted their information compiled in a roster that would be given out some time after the event. Publicity could go out through food pantries contact lists. All servant board members are to work on contact lists from their judicatories, agencies, etc. Bruce suggested that we have a save the date flyer or card done as soon as possible. Roger will come up with some type of flyer of saving the date and will make it e-mailable. He has a graphics designer that will come up with a

letterhead logo with IPCUM's logo and possibly the state of Indiana with a cross. While discussing the logo, the name of the conference was changed to better reflect our key audience. The new name is **CONGREGATIONS FEEDING INDIANA: PEOPLE, PANTRIES, PARTICIPATION**. Roger will have this save the date flyer done by the end of November. Then we, as servant board members, need to get it out to our contact lists, possibly a small ad in our church bulletins or conference papers.

The end of January—early February will be when the registrations are done.

We hope we will be able to do most publicity for free. Roger will send a press release to Fort Wayne media since he has a list for that.

Next item for serious work is the need for co-sponsors. All are to be working on this. Roger will ask Jane Avery from the Community Harvest Food Bank in Fort Wayne to come to our meeting in December for the afternoon discussion. She would most likely want to be involved.

Bruce questioned whether interfaith groups would be involved since the URC in South Bend has already indicated willingness to help. Non-Christian congregations just need to understand that it is being sponsored by a Christian organization and there will be some element of prayer and worship.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE---The nominating committee is usually chaired by the vice-president, so Tina will be asked to head this committee with Len possible as helping. Cameron will contact Tina regarding this.

#### JOYS

Bruce—celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion

Dennis—Thank you for prayers for Linda and daughter, Sara, working in Chicago with homeless and loving it

#### CONCERNS

Fran---for Linda and Dennis as they head to New Orleans for the second stage of Linda's reconstructive surgery

Roger---Rabbi Marla in Ft Wayne has been relieved of her synagogue duties

Terri—relief from migraines and frozen shoulder

Cameron---wife, Becky, who is having serious stresses at work

Fran---unemployment and homelessness issues

Terri---niece, Jesse Mullenbach, serving in Afghanistan

Roger Reece will host the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at Associated Churches in Fort Wayne.

The meeting closed at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Johns, secretary

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2009 SERVANT BOARD MEETING

The Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at Associated Churches in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Members present: Dennis Frische-Mouri, Terri Johns, Roger Reece, Fran Frellick, Andrew Sampson, Tina Velthuisen, Bruce Naylor, Len Jepson, and Cameron Manifold. Dave Miner was in attendance as a guest.

The meeting opened at 10:16 a.m. with the lighting of the Christ candle and a welcome by Roger. Roger led us in worship using Luke's gospel of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus and the message of "Do not be afraid." There is transition and shifting in his ministry and in ours, but God speaks to us with the same message. Rich Hartman, president of the board of Associated Churches, provided music leadership during worship.

Cameron declared a quorum.

The minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were perused and Fran moved to accept them as written. Tina seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Since there was no quorum at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, the minutes of the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were brought to the attention of the board. It was moved and seconded and passed to accept the August 24<sup>th</sup> minutes as written.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**---Cameron will be ending his tenure as president, as well as his tenure on the board as of this meeting. He spoke of the future of ecumenism, stating that there is a place for us and that leaves us with hope.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**---Dennis appreciated Cam's words and how they hold truth for us. He feels that for the ecumenical movement, the light at the end of the tunnel is still there. Most of his report will be saved for the discussion later in the meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**---Dennis gave us the report of income and expenses from Juli. Fran reported that the UCC Indiana/Kentucky judicatory has given all they plan to give. He also felt that the report showed good stewardship on our part. Dennis said that the deposit given to the Shipshewana Town Center for the Hunger Conference is not recorded on this report. [correction: deposit is reflected in expense line item 412 Spring 2010 Hunger Conf.]

Introductions were made. Len asked for prayers for Bishop Stuck who had emergency surgery Thanksgiving weekend.

Andrew led the Prayer of Confession.

RETREAT---Our annual retreat will be February 8 & 9, 2010 at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton. Dennis doesn't have a spiritual leader yet, but is still working on getting a sister from the center. There will be no annual meeting in the evening, as decided at the last meeting.

NOMINATIONS---Tina is chairing this as vice-president. Since Cameron is done as president and Terri has served her three terms as secretary and Della is stepping off the board, a whole new slate of officers is needed. Tina said that she would step up to President and suggested Bruce or Len as vice-president. Len declined because of other commitments. The members were given time to think of suggestions and this will be brought up later in the meeting.

Len led us in a Statement of Faith.

HUNGER CONFERENCE DISCUSSION----Dennis gave us a report on his talk with Angie Abbott on how a poverty simulation would fit in with our conference. There would be a fee of \$1500 to include this. We would also do a schedule change to fit it in, which would leave time only for one workshop slot. There was a question raised on whether this would change the focus of the day, which is helping congregations deal with hunger issues. After some discussion, it was decided that it was best not to include this poverty simulation in the hunger conference.

Dave asked what we might want in the keynote address. He likes integrating stories in the talk. Inspiration and motivation are needed. There has been a nationwide study done of clients at soup kitchens, pantries, etc. The statistics may be out by then and he could incorporate them in the keynote or a workshop. Dennis suggested that Dave write up some stories from his interview experiences and then incorporate those in his talk.

Fran questioned what honorariums would be and setting registration fee may depend on those costs. The town center is charging \$4800 for the use of their facilities and lunch for 200. There is also a block of rooms set aside at the attached hotel till March 1<sup>st</sup> for a cost of \$79 per night. It was suggested that most of the people who would be doing workshops might be willing to do them for just travel expenses and lunch. It was also stated that if they work for an agency, that the agency might cover the expenses of their staff.

Roger offered grace and lunch was provided. The offering of \$76 will go to the food bank at Associated Churches.

During lunch, Roger showed a sample of a logo for the hunger conference that his graphic artist came up with. He received feedback and will make changes and then e-mail to the list serve. We are asked to give our feedback to him within three days of receiving the logo.

HUNGER CONFERENCE----After lunch, discussion continued on which workshops we would offer and titles of these. Bruce reported that the Disciples have extensive involvement in community gardens and passed around a packet of information on these. The person in charge of community gardens for the Disciples is Angela Herrmann in Indianapolis. He suggested that she might lead a workshop. The title for this workshop will be “One Tomato at a Time.”

The Advocacy workshop was discussed. The title for this one will be “Speak up for the Hungry.” Dave Miner or someone from the national staff of Bread for the World will lead this workshop. Dave will re-write the description for this workshop.

The next workshop for discussion was “The ABC’s of Hunger Ministry.” This was retained as the title for this one. Tina will ask someone from her contacts to lead this workshop. Dave suggested that the leader be someone from a food bank and a church.

A workshop on pantries was discussed. The title for this workshop will be “Expanding the Food Closet.” Discussion centered on how pantries are not an emergency response as they once were and how the food is not a balanced diet, as they are usually high on starch with no fresh vegetables and fruit, as well as little meat. All pantries are not associated with a food bank. Tina suggested that this workshop address the relationship between the food bank and pantry and clarify this relationship. Roger will work up a description for this workshop. A leader was not suggested.

A workshop on rural and city churches cooperating on growing food for the hungry was the next discussion item. This one will be titled, “No City Limits: Partnerships for Feeding the Hungry.” Fran will work on leaders for this one and re-write a description if need be. It was suggested that a panel of someone representing a rural church and an urban church, as well as a program that facilitates this type of program be the leaders of this workshop.

As Dennis was working on ideas for the conference, he came across multiple web sites that would be of assistance to those fighting hunger. Therefore, there will be a workshop titled, “When You Google Hunger?” It was suggested that web sites be available for those in attendance at this workshop. Juli might be good at this. Dennis will also call Della to possibly tap some college students who could do this. Andrew will also check with Manchester College to see if someone might be able to come up with something for this. This workshop and the No City Limits workshop would each be held only once, while the other workshops will be offered twice.

“Paying the Bill for Hunger Relief” will be a workshop. Roger has a grant writer who might come and lead this one. The other possibility would be Frank Zirille.

A summary of workshops and who is responsible for getting a leader or leading it and writing a description follows:

Speak Up for the Hungry---Dave Miner  
The ABC's of Hunger Ministries---Tina  
One Tomato at a Time---Bruce  
No City Limits: Partnerships for Feeding the Hungry-----Fran  
Paying the Bill for Hunger Relief---Roger or Frank  
Expanding the Food Closet---Roger  
When You Google Hunger?---Juli, Dennis, or college student

The following schedule was set. [Saturday, April 17, 2009]

9:00—9:30-----Registration  
9:30---9:45-----Welcome & Prayer  
9:45---11:00-----Keynote Address  
11:00--11:15-----Break  
11:15--12:30-----Workshop Session 1  
12:30---1:15-----Lunch  
1:30--2:45-----Workshop Session 2  
2:45--3:00-----Break  
3:00---3:30-----Closing & Worship (with feedback)

The fee for the conference was set at \$25. This is based on 200 attendees, but we are not limited to 200. The \$25 fee includes an all day program and a box lunch of ham or turkey sandwich, potato chips, fresh fruit, cookie, and soda. There will also be a vegetarian choice for lunch. Dennis estimated that we will need to come up with co-sponsor money of \$1000. Roger stated that Associated Churches will give \$250.

Other co-sponsors were suggested. The list includes the United Religious Community in South Bend, Salvation Army, St. Vincents, and Northern Indiana Food Bank. Tina has already been in contact with these people and all said they would be co-sponsors. Others suggested were Notre Dame, Bethel College, St. Mary's, Holy Cross, IUSB, Martins, Meijer, Target, Wal-Mart. Dennis would like to hold off on talking to stores, but Tina will contact Bethel. Len will do Notre Dame, St. Mary's, Holy Cross, and IUSB. Others suggested were Associated Churches, who have committed, Second Harvest, Campus Ministry, and Catholic Charities. Della will be contacted about Campus Ministries and Terri will contact Catholic Charities. Bread for the World will be a co-sponsor. Dennis will talk to CAM about being a co-sponsor. Bruce also suggested that Angela Herrmann may like to be involved. Tina will talk to Lisa Jaworski and ask her to communicate with her colleagues. Len asked for a letter to present to the people when asking them to be co-sponsors. This letter would include what is expected of a co-sponsor. That is:

They WILL lend their name.

They WILL reach out to constituency and circles of relationship to promote the hunger conference.

They MAY participate in the planning process.

They MAY participate in the Resource Marketplace.

They MAY provide financial support.

They MAY provide in-kind contributions.

These co-sponsors may be part of the marketplace. Dennis will also contact CWS and the Heifer Project to be part of the marketplace, as well as the food banks of northern Indiana. Also anyone related to the workshops being presented will be able to be part of the marketplace.

Dennis had sent via e-mail and also gave out at the meeting a suggested registration form. Lunch choices will be added to the registration to make it easier. The workshop name changes will be reflected on the registration form also. A registration deadline was discussed, but not set. Dennis will also work on a brochure/flyer based on the discussion.

A list will be generated with contacts/resources a month or two after the event and sent to all participants who want it.

Packets with final schedule and other info will be given out when participants arrive that day.

Dennis stated that there would be levels of marketing for the event---the web site, e-mail, and flyers. He needs from those working on the workshops a small description for the brochure/flyer, as well as a more detailed one for the web site. This should be done by the end of the year.

Roger will work on a save the date card with the name of the event, a brief description, and date and place. He will then send this to all he has access to, as well as Juli who will send it to the list serve and we need to get it out to our congregations. Each servant board member has been asked to contact their judicatory heads to send out e-mails with the save the date flyer and then later the registration forms. Also we may want to ask if they have snail mail publications and what the deadline for these would be to put something in that letter. We may ask whether they have any monies available for this project also.

Len volunteered to be responsible for the morning prayer and closing worship. He may have some youth who would lead some music for worship time.

The February meeting is our last available time to work on this, but it might be that we would have a conference call in January if need be.

A name tag was discussed. Dennis will talk to Juli about name tags and handling registration. Dennis plans to go the day before to get things ready and assemble packets, etc.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Tina brought up the slate of officers again. She will serve as president and Bruce agreed to serve as vice-president. No one volunteered as secretary or treasurer. By consensus, it was accepted. These people will be installed in February. If you can do one of the other offices, please let Tina know.

Because Cam will not be involved in the hunger conference or in IPCUM any more, he left early. Tina closed the meeting with prayer at 2:50 p.m.

#### JOYS

Dave---wonderful to meet everyone and be here

Bruce---recognize Cam & Della for what they have done for IPCUM

Andrew---new son, Eli, born, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### CONCERNS

Fran---continued prayers for Dennis' wife, Linda

Andrew---grandmother in Ohio near death

Terri---continued healing of frozen shoulder

Tina---niece's ex-husband, Chad, on edge of life and death

Fran---denominations and their budgets  
people out of work

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 9, 010 AT THE ST. JOSEPH  
RETREAT CENTER IN TIPTON.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Johns, secretary

# APPENDIX

CCT Statement on Poverty

IPCUM History

Bylaws

Constitution

## CHRISTIAN CHURCHES TOGETHER STATEMENT ON POVERTY

As Christian leaders in the wealthiest society on earth, we are called by God to urge our churches and nation to strengthen and expand efforts to address the scandal of widespread poverty in the United States and around the world.

The Gospel and our ethical principles place our service of the poor and vulnerable and our work for justice at the center of Christian life and witness. Our common faith compels us. Christ our Lord teaches us that when we serve and stand with “the least of these,” we serve and stand with Him. Our Bible teaches us in hundreds of places that the God we worship has a special concern for the poor. God judges individuals and societies by how they respond to the needs of the poor.

As leaders in Christian Churches Together, we believe that a renewed commitment to overcome poverty is central to the mission of the church and essential to our unity in Christ. Therefore in order to obey our God, respect the dignity of every person, and promote the common good of society, we must act. Our focus here is domestic poverty, but we reaffirm our commitment to overcome poverty all around the world. Widespread and persistent poverty challenges us to action. The painful truth is that about thirty seven million people in our country live below the poverty line. Tragically, 18 percent of all our children struggle in poverty. The sad reality is that millions in our nation work hard and still cannot escape poverty. We lament this ongoing poverty.

Our faith in Christ who is the truth compels us to confront the ignorance of and indifference to the scandal of widespread, persistent poverty in this rich nation. We must call this situation by its real names: moral failure, unacceptable injustice. Our faith in Christ drives us to call our churches and our society to a more urgent, united response. We are grateful for the vast array of ways our churches are already helping millions of struggling people. We want to build on these efforts, learn from each other, and collaborate more closely.

But we can, we must, do more.

We also recognize and encourage leaders in community, economic and public life who seek justice for poor people in our land. But we can, we must, do more. Our goal must be the elimination of poverty in this land.

As we as Christians renew and strengthen our efforts to overcome domestic poverty, we will seek to work with people of other faiths and all persons of good will in this urgent task. Unfortunately, partisan and ideological divisions too often promote one-sided solutions and prevent genuine progress. We believe substantial success in reducing domestic poverty requires an overall framework that insists that overcoming poverty requires both more personal responsibility and broader societal responsibility, both better choices by individuals and better policies and investments by government, both renewing wholesome families and strengthening economic incentives. We believe that genuine success in reducing American poverty will require greater commitment and concrete action by all four of the following: churches, neighborhoods, communities, and faith-based and other organizations;

government that implements better public policy at local, state, and federal levels; individuals and families; the market and private sector (employers, unions and other economic actors).

We are leaders of the Christian community, not an interest group. We have no partisan political agenda. We are conservatives and liberals, Independents, Republicans and Democrats. Together we believe that our faith demands and the people of this land yearn for concrete proposals that transcend divisive political divisions.

We give thanks to God for bringing together at one Christian table in Christian Churches Together for the first time in our history representatives of almost all the families in Christianity in the United States: Evangelicals/Pentecostals, Catholics, Racial/Ethnic, Orthodox and Historic Protestants. As a united voice of Christianity in this country, we pledge to strengthen our efforts to end the scandal of widespread poverty in the richest nation in history.

#### **Four Objectives**

CCT will promote its commitment to overcoming domestic poverty by inviting all Christians and all people, especially our leaders in public life, to embrace and implement the following objectives:

- a. to strengthen families and communities; because they are essential bulwarks against poverty;
- b. to reduce child poverty; we seek to cut child poverty by 50 percent in the next ten years;
- c. to make work work; by combating racism and guaranteeing that full time work offers a realistic escape from poverty and access to good health care;
- d. to strengthen the educational system in our country with particular attention to the public schools; because access to quality education offers perhaps the best way out of poverty.

For up-to-date information, see [www.christianchurchestogether.org](http://www.christianchurchestogether.org).

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## A HISTORY

### ANNUAL EVENTS

Quarterly Servant Board Meetings: February, May, August and November

February meeting is held in conjunction with a Retreat.

November meeting is Annual meeting

Promote National Day of Prayer and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to Indiana ministerial associations

FaithFest! (2000, 2001, 2002). Community Prayer Service

Fall Educational Conference

Bi-Annual Church Leader Retreats

- 1996** Jan. 29 Final Meeting of formation attended by 54 people approving Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and Funding Resolution. 25 Partners
- Feb. 29 First Servant Board meeting of IPCUM.
- Apr 15 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* Wayman Chapel AME Church, Kokomo. Dr Gilbert Stafford, Christian Theology, Anderson University
- May 1 First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug 28 St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Danville hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 14 *Called into Oneness-The 1<sup>st</sup> IN Conference on the Church and the Third Millennium.* North Christian Church, Columbus. Dr Charles Olsen. Seventy-three registrants
- Nov. 4 St. John's Catholic Church, Indianapolis (Fr Murphy) hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1997** Feb 3&4 First Servant Board Retreat. Home of Marilyn Moffett, Waynestown.
- Apr 17 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* Danville Friends Church, Danville. Rev James Lemler, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis. "Evangelism at the Turn of the Century: Can we do it Together?"

- Apr. 29 First Baptist UCC, Bloomington, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- IPCUM has 27 Partners and One Observer
- Aug. 19 First Friends Meeting, Kokomo, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 14 *Racial Reconciliation: Moving from Dialogue to Action.* Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. Dr Irma Tyler Wood. One hundred registrants
- Nov. 4 University Church, West Lafayette, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1998** Feb 2&3 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis
- Feb. 26 *Conference on Public Assistance.* Bethel AME Church, Indianapolis. Merle Strege. One hundred fifty attended. Co sponsor: The Church Federation
- Apr. 23 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* St Paul's Catholic Church, Bloomington. Rev David Burrell, Notre Dame. "Spirituality and Prayer, Foundation for Hope. Thirty five attended
- May 12 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ft. Wayne, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- May 18&19 *Church Executive Retreat.* St Joseph's Conference Center, Tipton. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, Lexington Theological Seminary. Twenty-three executives participated
- Aug. 25 Gobin UMC, Green Castle, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct. 13 *Exploring the Myths About Stewardship.* Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis; Trinity Episcopal Church, Ft Wayne. Dr Dean Hoge, Catholic University, Washington DC. One hundred people attended. Co-sponsor CTS
- Nov. 10 Holy Trinity Lutheran, Muncie, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 1999** [www.ipcum.org](http://www.ipcum.org) website was launched
- Feb 1&2 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Dr Perry Keas and Dr. Eugene Hensel
- Feb 19 EcuVitamin, an electronic newsletter reaching 250 subscribers

in Indiana comes into existence

- Apr. 27 *Spring Celebration of Renewal and Unity.* Park Place Church of God, Anderson. Dr Dorothy Bass, Valparaiso University “Shaping Communities of Faith. Thirty five in attendance
- May 18 Maple Grove Church of God, Anderson, Alan Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug. 24 West Central Neighborhood Ministries, Ft. Wayne, Andrea Thomas, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov. 9 Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov 18 *The Churches Response to Violence in our Culture.* Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis. Rev Daniel Buttry, Dr Alan Kolp and Rev Robert Hunter. Ten workshops and information fair. One hundred registrants
- 2000** Feb 7&8 Annual Servant Board Retreat, Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of Consultation on Church Union
- May 23 Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne & Allen Co., Ft. Wayne, Vernon Graham, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Aug. 29 Maple Grove Church of God, Anderson, Alan Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 11 *Christians and the Death Penalty.* Sr Helen Prejean. 270 people registered. Co-sponsor CTS
- Oct 25 *Churches Uniting in Christ.* Trinity Episcopal & Phillips Temple CME, Indpls. Bishop Thomas Hoyt, CME presenter. Fifty religious leaders present.
- Nov. 14 Holy Family Episcopal, Fishers, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of Faithfest 2000! sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- 2001** Feb.6 Annual Servant Board Retreat. Fr Noah Casey, OSB, Benedictine monk from St Meinrad spoke about the religious experience as the healthy and holy core of spirituality
- May 22 Castleton UMC, Indianapolis, hosted our Servant Board meeting

- Aug. 28 West Street Christian Church, Tipton, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 11 *Race, Class and Family Violence: A Multi-Cultural Response.* CTS, Indianapolis. Dr Susan Weitzman and Rev Aubra Love. Over 120 people attended. Co-sponsor CTS and Breaking Free
- IPCUM now has 34 Partners.
- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of Faithfest 2001! sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- Nov. 13 St. Thomas Orthodox Church, Kokomo, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- 2002** Feb. 5 Annual Servant Board Retreat at Waycross Conference Center, Morgantown led by Rev. Donald Lacy with special emphasis on the National Workshop on Christian Unity that was held in Indianapolis in 1989; the "Decalogue for Ecumenical Discipleship; the BEM document; and Vatican II's "Decree on Ecumenism"
- Mar 10 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Covenant Community Church, Indianapolis
- Apr. 28 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Waynedale UMC, Ft Wayne
- May 14 Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Ft. Wayne, Teri Johns, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- June 9 *A Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ.* Bethany Christian Church, Evansville
- Aug. 27 First Baptist, Greenwood, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 15 *Combating Racism: Best Practices of IN Churches.* CTS, Indianapolis. Fr. Clarence Earl Williams, Black Catholic Ministries for Archdioc. of Detroit
- Oct. 27 Ecumenical Worship Service of Hope and Healing from Family Violence, in collaboration with Breaking Free. Jones Tabernacle AME Zion, Indpls. Nov. 4. Religious Response Family Violence, a panel discussion in collaboration with Breaking Free. Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Indianapolis
- Nov. Plan and implement the concluding worship service of Faithfest 2002! sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis
- Nov. 12 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ft. Wayne, Teri Johns, hosted our Servant Board meeting

- 2003** Feb. 3&4 Annual Servant Board Retreat at Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Presenter Rev Phyllis Carter, retired Church of the Brethren pastor, retreat leader, conference and spiritual director. Theme Ecumenical Spirituality.
- Feb. 20 Help plan and fund Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast, an annual event presented in the same spirit as the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Featured speaker Steve Saint. An Ecuadorian Indian killed Steve's father Nate. Steve later reconciled with the man who killed his father.
- Apr 28 *Understanding 21<sup>st</sup> Century Terrorism: Political & Ethical Issues*. St. Michael's Episcopal, South Bend. Speaker Dr. George Lopez, senior Fellow & Director of Policy Studies, Joan B Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.
- May 20 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dunkirk, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Sept 22&23 Church Executive Retreat. Waycross Episcopal Camp, Bean Blossom Over 20 executives from around the state gathered to hear from former Mayor Steve Goldsmith, Bishop Woodie White, Dr. Arthur Farnsley on the theme, Religion and Government in Indiana.
- Aug. 27 St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, Ft. Wayne, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 5 Statewide Celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ, Downey Ave. Christian Church. Dr Richard Hamm, Gen. Min. of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Nov. 11 The Salvation Army, Indianapolis, Chris Wynn, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Nov 12 Three Abrahamic Faiths & Reconciliation, Mercy & Forgiveness. Part of 2003 Spirit & Place. Islamic Society of N America, Plainfield. Panelists: Dr Sayyid Syeed, Rabbi Lewis Weiss, Mrs Carol Cosby. 150+ attended.
- 2004** Feb 2-3 Eight Annual Servant Board Retreat at Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis. Presenter Evan Mehlenbacher, North Easton, MA, addressing the theme of "Forgiveness." The retreat was followed by Servant Board Meeting
- Feb. 4 Help plan the IN Leadership Prayer Breakfast.
- Apr 25 Conference on Religion & Media, in cooperation with Bridging the Gap, Christian Theological Seminary and the Center for Faith, Butler University. Speaker Sr Mary Margaret Funk, a Benedictine sister and Exec. Dir. of the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue Board and Ms Judith Cebula, former Religion writer for The Indianapolis Star and now, Director of Butler University's Center for Faith and Vocation.
- May 17 Servant Board Meeting, Anderson University, Anderson, Alan

- Overstreet, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- July 12-16 First EcuCamp, Camp Rivervale. Twelve high school youth from around the state, representing 7 denominations spent a week learning about their faiths...what makes them different and what they share in common.
- Aug 17 Liberty Center UMC, hosted our Servant Board meeting
- Oct 3 Organized a statewide celebration of Churches Uniting in Christ, held at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, South Bend. Preacher was Dr. Bertrice Woods, Executive Director, Churches Uniting in Christ
- Oct 5 Cultivating Non-Violence. Hosted at First Friends, Indianapolis. Speaker Bonnie Block, former Director of the Wisconsin Network for Peace & Justice. Non-Violence awards made to Citizens Against Gun Violence, Peace Learning Center
- Nov 14 2004 Spirit & Place: One Spirit: One Place. Guided tour of three religious buildings - a mosque (Islamic Center), a synagogue (Congregation Beth-El Zedeck) and a Christian building (Second Presbyterian)
- Nov 16 Servant Board Annual meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Nancy Ferriani, host. Focused on Asset Mapping. Honored nine years of service by Jim Dougans as Ministry Coordinator.
- 2005** Jan. 31, Feb. 1 Annual Servant Board Retreat and Meeting. Fatima Retreat Center, Allisonville Christian Church, Indpls. The presenter was Michael Dubruiel,
- March IPCUM helped to plan and fund the Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast. The Breakfast is an annual event presented in the same spirit as the National Prayer Breakfast held in Washington, DC.
- May Servant Board Meeting, Waldron United Methodist Church
- Aug Servant Board Meeting, Mt Pleasant Church of the Brethren
- Nov 15 Annual Servant Board Meeting, Lake Placid Conference Center
- 2006**
- Feb. 7 Servant Board Meeting, host Wellspring Interfaith, Ft Wayne, host Frank Zirille
- May 16 Servant Board Meeting, host First Christian Church, Crawfordsville, host Marilyn Moffett
- Aug. 8 Servant Board Meeting, host The Salvation Army, Chris Wynn
- Oct. 28 IPCUM 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration co sponsored by CTS
- Nov. 12 Spirit & Place in partnership with Bridging the Gap: One Mosque, One Synagogue, One Church - A Guided Tour of Three Faith Communities

- Nov. 14    Servant Board Meeting, host Episcopal Diocese of Northern IN, Tina Velthuisen
- Nov. 17-19    Second EcuCamp experience for high school youth, Western Yearly Meeting. Ten youth: 2male/8female; 2 CC (DOC), 2 Baptist, 2 Friends, 3 UCC, 1 Episcopal
- Implement Network for Good, an online donation tool

**2007**

- Feb.8-9    Church Executive Retreat. *The Church in Transition*. Led by David A. Roozen, Professor of Religion and Society; Director, Hartford Institute for Religion Research. 14 Leaders registered. Nine attended (weather and illness prevented remaining from attending)
- Feb.13    Servant Board Meeting, Kokomo
- Mar. 31    Workshop on Violence, Ft. Wayne. 50 people attended
- May 15    Servant Board Meeting University Church, Lafayette Rev David Smith (ELCA) host
- Aug. 21    Servant Board Meeting the Cathedral Center Terri Johns (Dioc of Ft Wayne South Bend) hostess
- Sept.    A new website goes online
- Nov. 20    Servant Board Meeting

**2008**

- Feb. 11-12    Annual Retreat / Meeting and Servant Board Meeting, St. Joseph Conference Center, Tipton, IN. Annual Meeting/ Retreat was led by Rev. Robert Welsh, president of the Disciples' Council on Christian Unity - "Going Together in God's Mission"
- Apr.13-15    Third EcuCamp experience for high school youth, Waycross Episc. Camp in Morgantown. Seven high school youth attended: 3 female/4 male; 3 Episcopal, 3 Christian Church, 1 UMC
- May 5-9    helped plan fifth service in The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Service held at St. Mary Catholic Church, downtown Indianapolis
- May 13    Servant Board Meeting, Church of the Holy Trinity, South Bend; Tina Velthuisen hostess
- Aug.    IPCUM helped sponsor Camp New Happenings for children of prison inmates
- Sept. 16    Servant Board Meeting, MaryJo Matheny, Church Women United, hosts at Indiana Interchurch Center
- Nov. 18    Servant Board Meeting, First English Lutheran, Mishawaka, Rev. Len Jepson host

## 2009

- Feb.9-10 Annual Meeting, Bi-Annual Retreat for Church Executives, Rev. Dr. Richard “Dick” Hamm presenter; Servant Board meeting, St. Joseph Retreat Center, Tipton - “Navigating the Perfect Storm: The Impact of Cultural Change Confronting the Church Today”
- Apr. 14 Servant Board meeting at Wabash Christian in Wabash, IN. The Servant Board accepted the CCT Statement on Poverty.
- June Servant Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of availability of members
- Aug. 24 Servant Board meeting at Southside Christian Church in South Bend. Servant agreed to involvement with the National Peace Conference of 2011 and involvement with National Workshop on Christian Unity in 2012 should it come to Indiana. EcuCamp (Sept.) was cancelled due to low registration numbers
- Oct. Servant Board meeting at Faith United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Dennis has been involved in planning committee for the Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast which is October 29 and working on committee for a Peace Conference to be held July 28-Aug 1 in Elkhart
- Dec. 8 Servant Board meeting at Associated Churches in Ft. Wayne.

Planning has continued all year at Servant Board meetings, thru conference calls and email, for a Hunger Conference in April 2010 in northern Indiana

**By-Laws**  
of  
**Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission (IPCUM)**  
Adopted May 1, 1996  
Amended August 28, 2001  
Amended November 18, 2008

**ARTICLE 1 NONPROFIT PURPOSES**

**SECTION 1. IRC SECTION 501 (C)(3) PURPOSES**

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE 2 SERVANT BOARD**

**SECTION 1. NUMBER**

The corporation shall have no fewer than 12 Partner members and collectively they shall be known as the Servant Board.

**SECTION 2. TERM OF OFFICE**

Servant Board members will be appointed by the partner through their own process and serve for a period to be determined by the partner. Executives are encouraged to serve on the Servant Board.

**SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Servant Board shall meet at least four times a year. Prior to the first meeting of the year there shall be an orientation to IPCUM for new members of the Servant Board. The November meeting of the Servant Board shall include passing a budget, election of officers, and completion of the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

**SECTION 4. ANNUAL MEETING**

- A. The annual meeting of IPCUM shall be held in February.
- B. The business of this meeting shall include the offering of reports on the budget and the past year's ministries and activities. At this meeting, there shall also be an installation of officers.
- C. The annual meeting should also include a period of inspiration through worship and a keynote address.
- D. The date for this meeting shall be determined at the May Servant Board meeting and notice of the annual meeting date shall be sent to the Partners at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

**SECTION 5. NON-LIABILITY OF SERVANT BOARD MEMBERS**

The members shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

## SECTION 6. RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER REPRESENTATION

In order to ensure racial, ethnic, and gender representation, at-large Servant Board members may be selected by the present membership. These at-large representatives shall not exceed 20% of the total Servant Board.

## SECTION 7. STANDING COMMITTEES

Committees which are accountable to the Servant Board shall include:

1. The Officers Committee shall be composed of the officers of IPCUM. The President may convene this committee to consult on matters relating to the members generally and IPCUM specifically. This committee is not a decision making body for IPCUM. They, may, however, act on behalf of the Servant Board on emergency matters that require urgent attention.
2. The Finance Committee shall prepare the budget for adoption by the Servant Board and shall evaluate fiscal performance by IPCUM. It shall also seek and make appropriate efforts for raising necessary revenues. It will provide for an annual audit prior to the annual meeting.
3. The Committee on Personnel and Evaluation shall establish guidelines for the hiring and release of employees or contracted staff for IPCUM. It shall conduct an annual performance review of employed or contracted staff and, following such review, shall make such recommendations as it sees fit to the Servant Board.

## ARTICLE 3 OFFICERS

### SECTION 1. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at meetings of the Servant Board and the Officers Committee and shall be an ex-officio member with vote, on all committees and task forces of IPCUM.

### SECTION 2. DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall act in the capacity of the President in the President's absence.

### SECTION 3. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the official minutes of the Servant Board and the Officers Committee and for ensuring the transmittal of official communications to or from IPCUM.

### SECTION 4. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall oversee the financial management of the assets of IPCUM and shall ensure the provision of financial reports and analyses to the Servant Board, staff, and governmental and funding agencies as required, and shall also serve as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount fixed by the Servant Board.

## SECTION 5. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The Servant Board may remove an officer at any time with or without cause pursuant to Indiana Code 23-17-14-3.

## ARTICLE 4 TASK FORCES

### SECTION 1.

The task forces of IPCUM shall be the major instruments of the work and witness of IPCUM. Their task is to apply the substance and insights of the Christian Gospel to life in Indiana. The task forces shall implement the policies set by the Servant Board of IPCUM.

### SECTION 2.

Task forces shall be created by the Servant Board following the determined procedure. The role of the Task Forces shall be fourfold. They shall monitor, inform, advocate, and act.

1. Each Task Force shall receive in writing from the Servant Board a definition of the concern to be addressed by it.
2. Each Task Force shall then be expected to develop a study/action plan, for approval by the Servant Board.
3. A written report of activities and progress shall be submitted to each meeting of the Servant Board or at the request of the Servant Board shall be made in person.

### SECTION 3.

Task Force Chairpersons shall be appointed and members shall be confirmed by the Servant Board.

### SECTION 4.

Task Forces are accountable directly and exclusively to the Servant Board.

### SECTION 5.

Each Task Force shall be authorized for up to one year. Following a review, the Servant Board may renew the Task Force for an additional period up to one year.

### SECTION 6.

A Task Force may be dissolved at any time by a simple majority vote of the Servant Board.

### SECTION 7.

The Servant Board shall be responsible for the funding of the task forces.

ARTICLE 5 AUTHORIZATION TO SPEAK  
SECTION 1.

Position statements, including each item within the annual IPCUM legislative agenda, shall be established only by unanimous vote by all members present and voting. At least two weeks notice shall be given before a vote. In lieu of a meeting, votes may be conducted by written or electronic communication.

ARTICLE 6 AFFILIATIONS  
SECTION 1.

IPCUM may formally affiliate with national and regional ecumenical organizations for the purpose of promoting, enhancing, and resourcing the ministries of IPCUM at the discretion of the Servant Board. A two-thirds vote of those present is required for such affiliation.

ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION  
SECTION 1.

If at any time, the Corporation, Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission, shall be dissolved, the remaining assets shall be gifted to an ecumenical entity designated by the Servant Board.

ARTICLE 8 BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS  
SECTION 1.

The Servant Board may amend the By-Laws at any official meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided that at least one month before the meeting the proposed amendment has been submitted to all members of the Servant Board.

**Constitution**  
of the  
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Adopted January 29, 1996  
Amended September 16, 2008

**Preamble**

We confess that we are created by God to be one in Christ, that we are redeemed by the death and resurrection of Christ, and that we are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit as we continue our journey together. Affirming our oneness in Christ, we join with one another as people of God in the State of Indiana to minister together in expressing God's love and care for the world.

**Article I–Name**

The name of this corporation as set forth in its Articles of Incorporation is the “Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and Mission,” hereinafter referred to as IPCUM.

**Article II–Purpose**

We gather as Jesus gathered the disciples to:

1. WELCOME all who seek the unity that is ours in Christ, but is not yet fully realized;
2. DISCOVER in similarity and diversity the many gifts which have been given by the Holy Spirit;
3. CREATE structures which encourage the sharing of these gifts for the common good;
4. SERVE the whole people of God through cooperative prayer, worship, word, and action;
5. CHALLENGE one another “so that the world may believe.”
6. LEARN from one another about the richness God has offered through our different expressions of Christian faith, and
7. WORK for justice in God's world.

**Article III–Partners in Unity and Mission**

A. IPCUM shall be composed of those communions and ecumenical agencies serving in Indiana which meet these criteria:

1. Subscribe to its purpose.
2. Agree to share in providing financial support.
3. Elect/appoint a representative to the Servant Board.
4. Agree to promote the ministries of IPCUM.
5. Sign a Covenant of Partnership annually.

B. Communions and ecumenical agencies which meet the criteria may be added to IPCUM by action of the Board.

#### **Article IV–Servant Board**

A. There shall be a Servant Board composed of the following:

1. One person designated by each Partner.
2. Each Servant Board member shall be designated according to the practice of each communion or ecumenical agency.
3. The length of service on the Servant Board shall be determined by the practice of each partner.

B. The Servant Board may appoint persons and/or committees to assist in the administration of IPCUM. The Servant Board may establish task forces for the purpose of addressing specific, short-term assignments. The structure, representation, initiation, and termination procedures and accountability processes of task forces shall be set by IPCUM's By-Laws.

C. The Servant Board is the policy-setting body of IPCUM. It shall meet and function as prescribed in the By-Laws.

D. The Servant Board may appoint an Advisory Council whose purpose would be to serve as a resource to the Executive Director and the Servant Board.

E. The quorum for a meeting of the Servant Board shall be one-third of the membership.

#### **Article V–Officers**

A. The officers of IPCUM shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

B. The officers shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Servant Board.

C. The officers of IPCUM shall fulfill the customary responsibilities as required by law and such additional duties as provided in the By-Laws or as may be assigned by the Servant Board. The President shall serve as ex-officio member of all working units.

D. In the event that an officer of IPCUM resigns or otherwise cannot complete a term of office, the Board shall have the power to appoint an interim officer until the next Annual Meeting.

E. The officers of IPCUM shall not serve more than three annual terms in succession, except for the Treasurer who shall not serve more than six annual terms in succession. The term of the Treasurer may be extended annually for cause by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Article VI–Staff**

To fulfill the mission of IPCUM, the Servant Board may hire staff, develop personnel policies, and adopt By-Laws governing job descriptions and conditions

of employment.

**Article VII–Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Servant Board by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted to the Servant Board and partners at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

**Article VIII–By-Laws**

IPCUM, as provided in its Articles of Incorporation, may adopt such By-Laws, in addition to this Constitution as it deems proper, provided they are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or this Constitution.