

Report of the Board of Trustees May 3, 2008

For ACTION:

1. The Board of Trustees received a communication on April 17, 2008, from Darien (CT): Noroton to the effect that they are in the process of acquiring another manse for one of their staff who does not have church provided housing at this time. Because the session hopes to be able to purchase the house prior to the next stated meeting of presbytery in September, the Board of Trustees requests that the presbytery empower the Board of Trustees to act on behalf of the presbytery in giving approval for the purchase, if the way be clear.

2. The Board of Trustees recommends that presbytery re-designate \$7,205 of Simsbury (CT): Covenant's first annual payment to the presbytery under the terms of the Dismissal Agreement approved by presbytery on February 9, 2008. This sum represents the Simsbury church's per capita apportionment to presbytery, synod and general assembly in 2008, and it will be re-designated to cover the Simsbury church's per capita in 2008.

Rationale: According to the action of the presbytery in February, this year's entire payment from the Simsbury church would be dedicated to New Church Development (see Recommendation Number 5 from the Review Team, under the Report of the Council). However, the Simsbury church will not be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church until later this year. In the meantime, they continue to be a church of the PCUSA and this presbytery, and so are subject to per capita apportionments, as are all other churches of the presbytery. Unless the requested action above is approved, the presbytery will be responsible for paying the Simsbury church's per capita to synod and general assembly (\$1,832), and have to cover the Simsbury church's per capita apportionment to presbytery (\$5,373), included as projected income in our 2008 budget, out of presbytery's funds.

3. The Board of Trustees recommends the presbytery, as owner of Unit Two of the Wilton Episcopal Presbyterian Condominium (WEPCO) for the benefit of Wilton Presbyterian Church, approve that the Wilton Episcopal Presbyterian Corporation, convey to Saint Matthew's [Episcopal] Parish, the owner of Unit One of the Condominium, the portion of the Common Elements of the Condominium; and, that Saint Matthew's Parish convey to the WEPCO the portion of Unit One such that Unit One has the revised boundaries agreed to by all interested and affected parties.

Explanation: As complicated as this sounds, this action amounts to a simple swap of small portions of land. Both churches are in full agreement on the proposed transfers. Presbytery's approval will make the way clear for the two churches to proceed with their plans.

For INFORMATION:

1. The Board of Trustees recommended to Council that the mileage reimbursement rate for presbytery related business be increased from 37 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile.
2. **Next Meeting** – July 17, 2008, at 9:30 A.M.