

2006 Indiana Regional Assembly Business Session Minutes
Saturday 4-5:30 p.m., November 11, 2006
Liberty Hall, Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana

Susan Deverall, Moderator, gave the opening address, "A Time of Change," using Dora the Explorer, as a theme. She spoke on how good communication helps us get back on track when we are lost. This necessitates the use of maps and tracks, and flexibility to find our way home. The roadmaps we use are A. Scriptures from the Bible. B. Prayer. (10,000 Disciples praying for our church and its leaders as requested by our General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins). C. Tradition. (Disciples gathering at the table in unity and experiencing new life and opportunities every day.)

The minutes of the 2004 Regional Assembly were presented by Janet Casey-Allen, Secretary. The minutes were received.

The Treasurer, Stuart Mill, presented the Financial Report. He expressed his appreciation for the fine work of Melissa Carlson, the Accountant for the Indiana Region. At the end of 2005, there was a slight decrease in the unrestricted funds. However, there is a deficit in excess of \$90,000. Stuart Mill encouraged more people to register for the Regional Assembly, and to encourage congregations to participate in the December offering. As a result of the deficit, Sylvia Mill's position will not be replaced. There will also be a reduction of hours for the receptionist, and a reduction in benefits for the staff.

Stuart Mill, Treasurer, presented the budget for 2006. The budget was received by the assembly.

There were prayers for the Finance Committee, which had a difficult struggle and task. The Stewardship Committee held a workshop for pastors and others who had financial responsibilities for the church. It was the programming of the church that dominated the church business and not the financial status. There will be a workshop on finances on March 17, 2007 in Rochester, Indiana.

Carolyn Reed gave a report on her journey to Africa. She said that her experiences in Africa focused on transformation issues. She said that transformation is contextual. The world is changing and the church must change. Transformation will happen if we make others feel like they belong. This requires patience. She gave a visual presentation of the places, people and congregations she met in Africa. She is available to speak to any congregation about her experiences and insights gained in Africa.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Miller, presented the nominating report. The report was accepted by the Committee. The nominating report was received.

Regional Officers:

Susan Deverall, 12-31-08, Chair
Ted Waggoner, 12-31-08, Vice-Chair
Janet Casey-Allen, 12-31-08, Secretary
Stuart Mill, 12-31-08, Treasurer

Regional Board:

At-large-

Ruben Roque, 13-31-08
Wally Fuetterer, 12-31-08
Linda Glover, 12-31-08
Yowanda Bowens, 12-31-08
Bill Horner, 12-31-08
Sue Sprinkle, 12-31-08
Becky Carter, 12-31-08
David Gelb, 12-31-08
Jim Millikan, 12-31-08
Franklin Berkey, 12-31-08
Roger Heimer, 12-31-08, Disciples Rep. to UCC Board
Gerry Ritchart, 12-31-08, Reconciliation/Community & Global Concerns, Chair
Jim Keown, 12-31-08, Stewardship & Development, Chair
Will Jewsbury, 12-31-08, Commission on the Ministry, Chair
Mark O'Brien, 12-31-08, Camps and Conferences, Chair
Randy Kuss, 12-31-08, Ecumenical Ministries, Chair

Dean Phelps, Director of Church Multiplication, presented the Church Multiplication Team report. He said there were seven congregations in various stages of formation. The Church Multiplication report was received.

Gary McManus presented the Resolution 0601, Celebrating Congregations in Formation. A member of Emmaus Christian Church, and Thom Albin, spoke in support of the resolution. The resolution 0601 was passed.

The video, "The Plate," was shown.

Bruce Barkhauer presented the Resolution 0602, In Support of Disciples Mission Fund. Roger Heimer, Robert Shaw, William Nottingham, and Paul Gray spoke in favor of the resolution. Resolution 0602 was passed.

During the Speak Out session, the following persons spoke: Stuart Mill, Todd Barnhizer, Paul Gray, Jim Keown, Garland White, and John Hart.

Susan Deverall moved that the regional business session be closed, and Bruce Barkhauer seconded the motion. The business session adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Casey-Allen, Secretary