

**EASTERN IOWA ASSOCIATION
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 25, 2010
Eden United Church of Christ, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Rev. William Jamison led the worship service with the Eden choir singing two anthems.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Moderator John Clark.

Pat Mundell, Secretary, reported that we had a quorum of clergy and lay persons. There were 60 attendees from 19 congregations; Church World Service, Our Sacred Space, Iowa Conference and Mayflower Homes in Grinnell.

Rev. Beverly Thompson-Travis moved that the 2009 minutes of the Eastern Iowa Spring meeting be approved. Seconded. Motion carried.

Pat Mundell introduced the Kay Paxton as the nominee for Treasurer. Pat Mundell presented the 2009 Treasurer's report. Ron Clingempeel made a motion to accept this report. Seconded by Rev. Beverly Thompson-Travis. Motion carried.

Pat Mundell presented the 2011 proposed budget. Rev. Fritz Mellberg moved to accept this budget. Seconded by Judy Parks. Motion carried.

Fritz Mellberg gave the Committee on Ministry report. He explained the responsibilities of the Committee. Those recognized for Ordination anniversaries in 2010 were:

Bruce Kittle – 5 years
Margaret Debner – 10 years
Nancy Bickel and David Mears – 15 years
Peter Wenzel – 20 years
Jay Keppel, David Lorenzen and William Lovin – 25 years
Glenn Hunt – 40 years
Bud Brownsberger and John Christy – 45 years

Church anniversaries in 2010 are:

Summit Cong UCC – 120 years
Peace UCC – Monticello – 135 years
Grace UCC – Wilton- 150 years
United Church of Monticello – 150 years

Grace United Church of Christ in Wilton will have a celebration on Sunday, September 5, 2010. Watch for invitations.

Fritz then introduced John and Pam Small from Church World Service – Build. They are currently in Cedar Rapids, living in their camper on the Hope Hiawatha parking lot.

John explained that they are coordinating efforts to begin work on Flood Relief in Cedar Rapids for six weeks. Pam schedules all UCC churches for the UCC Build program. Pam mentioned that they are showering at the fire station and there are so many “young fireman” at that station. So many.

Rev. Dianne Grace presented the Nominating Report. She asked for Nominations from the floor.

Byron Henn, First Congregational UCC in Cedar Rapids, volunteered to fill the position of Conference Board of Directors. Paul Bixby made a motion to accept the nominating committee report with the addition of Byron Henn. Seconded by Barb Taylor. Motion carried.

Rev. Ken Bickel announced the death of Donna Knobloch. Ms. Knobloch resided in Pennsylvania; had been ordained in 1996 by this Association and had been “in care” with Community Congregation in Clinton.

Rev. Jonna Jensen gave a report on the Bentrott’s, missionaries in Haiti from Maquoketa.

Jonna also mentioned that we would be taking a collection at the closing of the service.

Rev. Vicki Engelman spoke on Our Sacred Space. She thanked all churches for all that this Association has done for the camp. Each church received a packet. She reported that lots of churches in the area are using the site; they are also renting this site out for hospitality – for weddings, receptions, etc.

Rev. Beverly Thompson-Travis moved that we adopt the following resolutions recommended by the Advisory Council. Dianne Grace seconded. Motion carried.

The Advisory Council recommends that Eastern Iowa continue the Tradition of donating one-half the balance at the end of the year by Contributing 25% of the 2009 balance to OCWM and 25% to Eden United Church of Christ, Cedar Rapids

The Advisory Council recommends that the offering received at the 2010 Spring Meeting of the Eastern Iowa Association be given to Eden United Church of Christ, Cedar Rapids.

MacKenzie Lorenzen from Tipton told us how she had become involved with the Regional Youth Event. She invited youth to get involved with the Iowa Conference Meeting in Grinnell on June 10 -1 2, 2010; and that the Regional Youth Event will be July 14 – 18, 2010 in Parkersburg, Missouri. The theme is “Agape: God’s Love for Us All”. Registration guidelines will be available in May.

Jonna reminded us of the Annual Meeting of the Conference in June in Grinnell.

Jonna then led the Installation of Officers.

As we sang "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" the offering was collected.

Rev. Jonna Jensen concluded the meeting with a prayer.

David Lorenzen moved that we express our gratitude for our gracious hosts at Eden UCC who are witnesses to a resurrection faith. David Mears seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

A time of fellowship and dinner followed the meeting. Thanks to the folks at Eden UCC in Cedar Rapids for hosting this meeting.

Sincerely,

Pat Mundell
Secretary