

Partners in Ministry
2011 Annual Meeting Report

PIM began this year by electing at its January meeting, Mary Ann Jopperi as chairperson and Cynda Lenarz as secretary.

Courses offered for 2011:

Journey thru Self Discovery Work, Introduction to Biblical Studies, Leadership, Homiletics, New Testament I, Rites and Sacraments, ½ credit elective Palette of Faith Conference, Internships.

Accepted into PIM during 2011:

Dennis Coy, Canton Trinity UCC; Karen Adolphson, Bath Church UCC; Diane Smith, Canton Trinity UCC; Jerry Smith, Canton Trinity UCC; Matthew Williams, Canton Grace UCC, Earl Grove, East Canton's St. Paul's; John Sohar St. Michael's of Marshallville.

Receiving PIM certification in 2011: Jack Acri and Steve Miller

Earning accreditation in 2011: Karen Leidy, Constance McCambridge and Tracy Glaser

The 2011 PIM Convocation will be on November 5 at Trinity UCC in Akron with Felix Carrion as the guest speaker. There will be a special recognition of long time PIM member Wayne Patterson.

During this year representatives of the Partners in Ministry Steering Committee have been meeting with the WRA Laity School Steering Committee to discuss how the two groups can have more commonality in program format; sharing resources; and having joint activities such as a Journey thru Self Discovery Work class and/or an annual convocation. There will be further discussions on classes and curriculum.

Our thanks go to those Steering Committee members who will be leaving us at the end of 2011, Don Evans, Conni McCambridge, Dotty Hartzell, Leila Jindra. Those remaining on the Steering Committee will be Will Smith, Cynda Lenarz, John Gossett and Mary Ann Jopperi.

Our thanks also goes to Rev. Jay Schmidt, who was the clergy representative on the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is appreciative of all the hard work of Rich Plant and Mabelle Miller in making PIM a great program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Jopperi