



## The Rhythm of the Synod

Faith Notes from the Summer Meeting of the Synod of the Trinity  
Gathering in the Presbytery of West Virginia  
June 5-7, 2006

"Awake-Aware-Alive" was a Synod Summer Conference for people who want to be awake, aware and alive to Christ in their churches and in their own lives! The main speaker was the Rev. Graham Standish. The Rev. Eugenia Gamble was the conference pastor and Mr. Bruce Smith was the conference worship music director.

Meeting on the campus of our Synod-related college in West Virginia, Davis & Elkins College, participants enjoyed worship services, presentations, group discussions, and a concert of Appalachian music with John Lilly. Special times with Graham Standish and Eugenia Gamble were made available for anyone who wished to have a conversation with them. There were meetings of Synod committees and Synod Mission Networks, as well as displays provided by various groups from within the Synod.

Conference Co-Chairpersons, Alan Adams, General Presbyter of Beaver-Butler Presbytery, and Karen Robinson, Synod Commissioner and staff member of West Virginia Presbytery, led a planning team that developed the conference. The team members were pleased to see 160 registered persons enjoying the event which was inspired by Graham Standish's book, *Becoming a Blessed Church*.

At the Synod business meeting, Commissioners heard reports from our seven Mission Networks. Commissioners approved the recognition of a new Network called the Synod of the Trinity Korean Presbyterian Network. This new Network has been endorsed by the Presbyteries of Northumberland and Philadelphia. It was announced that at least two other Networks are in the process of forming.

Also at the business meeting, Synod's portion of per capita was set at \$2.00. It was noted that this is the same per capita amount as last year.

Synod Moderator, Ruth Rusling, appointed the Co-Chairpersons for the 2007 Summer Conference: Steve Shussett, Teaching Presbyter of Lehigh Presbytery, and Shawn Zanicky, Synod Commissioner from Lackawanna Presbytery. Next summer's Conference Meeting will be held June 13-15 on the campus of another Synod-related college, Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania, located in the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

The next Synod business meeting will be held October 19-20, 2006 in West Middlesex, Pennsylvania in the Presbytery of Shenango.

Submitted Joyfully in the Name of Christ,  
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