

PPL Board of Directors meeting



The Board of Directors of Presbyterians Pro-Life met October 8-10 at First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois to begin planning for the 219th GA (July 2010) in Minneapolis and to set the organization's budget and strategic plan for the coming year.

Presbyterians Pro-Life broke some new ground at this meeting. For the first time we were able to access the internet during our time together. In fact one Board member went online and made a [donation to PPL](#) using Paypal to demonstrate how accessible this process is for our donors. At another point in the meeting, two of us began to post a nearly identical statement on PPL's [Facebook](#) page at the same time. PPL's Facebook page and [blog](#) were only ideas at our 2008 meeting but in one year have become real and fast-growing ways we routinely connect with pro-life Presbyterians.

In our fellowship, prayer, and deliberations together it became apparent that God is moving in a particular way in two areas of PPL's work: General Assembly planning and a new Bible Study on *Pregnant Women of the Bible*.

At the 219th General Assembly to be held in July 2010 in Minneapolis, PPL will host two luncheon events for commissioners. The first will feature The Rev. Dr. David Swanson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, as our special guest speaker. The second PPL luncheon event will launch PPL's new Bible Study on *Pregnant Women of the Bible*. Anita Gutschick, an outstanding actress who performed at the Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women, will give a dramatic performance of two women from the many biblical stories of pregnant women. We anticipate that *Pregnant Women of the Bible* will be ready for distribution by summer of 2010.

The Board also approved resources for church sessions and individuals who wish to bring a life-affirming overture to the General Assembly. The time to initiate overtures is NOW and we can help with the process. Please contact the PPL office if you would like overture ideas or assistance with the overture process.

Presbyterians Pro-Life has been present at every General Assembly for 30 years. Our GA team members give testimony in committee, provide resources and hospitality for commissioners, hold a pro-life event, sponsor a booth in the exhibit hall, and publish a newsletter at the assembly. Our dedicated team

comes at their own expense, many using precious vacation days, to stand as a witness for those who cannot speak for themselves: those at the beginning and end of life, and those who are severely limited. Our presence serves as a reminder to the PC(USA) that every human life is valued by God, made in his image, and set apart for his glory.

In addition to planning for our General Assembly effort, the PPL Board approved a 2010 operating budget, elected board members to the class of 2012, and elected a slate of officers for the coming year. Current PPL Board members are as follows:

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