

**Minutes – Disaster Response Preparedness Team
October 14, 2006 – Shenandoah Presbytery
10:00am – 12:00 noon**

The October 14 meeting was convened by Christopher Crotwell.

Christopher reported that each group had made progress and is nearing completion of their duties. As such, they have scheduled a meeting for Nov. 18 at 10 AM at the presby office. At that point they are anticipating that they will have had complete documents submitted to be placed on line so that whole committee can review them. Along with Christopher and Dave Thalman, Doug Sensabaugh has been asked to help convene this last meeting.

The workgroups are all very close to having a nice document with healthy appendices that will enable us to easily be ready for a presentation at the Jan. 9, 2007 Presbytery council meeting.

Here are the tasks that are to take place between now and the Nov. 18 meeting:

- 1) Dave Thalman wanted to visit Phil Sieck and Tom Hay about some of the polity pieces that are a part of our plans for a Presbytery Disaster Response Team. There were also some issues about what sorts of polity issues will come into play as PDA and ministers associated with PDA would come and "labor in the bounds of our presbytery" for an extended time after a disaster. Patrick Pettit had ideas/questions about this sort of stuff too. Lastly, it was thought that it would be helpful if a basic job description for the proposed Presbytery Disaster Response Director was created. Dave was to put something together on that too.
- 2) Pettit had a couple of resource folks that he was wanting to hear back from regarding utilizing the presbytery office as a center for hosting those affected by disaster (wanted to talk with local red cross folks). Pettit was also going to visit with appropriate folks to learn about establishing a "memorandum of understanding" with a few churches in the presbytery that would be willing to provide office space for us in the event that something happened to our presbytery building. Pettit figured it would only take a couple of hours to pull this remaining info together once he had a chance to speak with the appropriate folks.
- 3) Lastly, it was noted that at our next meeting (Nov. 18) we would submit some suggestions to the presby council on possible names for Co-Director of the Presbytery Disaster Response Team (along with some possible additional names from our current group) for consideration.
- 4) Dave Thalman and Patrick Pettit (and perhaps Carolyn Thalman) would be willing to make a presentation on our behalf at the council meeting on Jan. 9.

Notes on this meeting are submitted by Christopher Crotwell
October 17, 2006