

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY
RACIAL ETHNIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
May 23, 2010

The Racial Ethnic Concerns Committee met on April 10, 2010.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Racial Ethnic Weekend 2010

Racial Ethnic Week-end 2010 was held April 17-18, 2010 at Hermon Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. The Fellowship luncheon on Sunday was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rock Hill. The theme for the week-end was "Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing: Renewing Corporate Worship for the Sake of the Gospel." Dr. Tony McNeill, musician, consultant, and founder of Call 2 Worship, LLC, was the facilitator for Saturday's workshops. Approximately 40 persons were in attendance. Dr. McNeill placed great emphasis on the role of music in worship, and the difficulty occasioned trying to meet different musical tastes within a congregation.

Dr. McNeill has been invited back to Providence Presbytery to present at E3 in January 2011. On Sunday, the guest preacher for the joint worship was Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, Pastor of the New Faith Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, SC. Dr. Ridgill is the former Chaplain at Thornwell Children's Home, and is a dynamic preacher and teacher. More than 100 people were in attendance. Dr. T. Mark Verdery brought greetings from Providence Presbytery and assisted with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Kathryn McGregor, Associate for Educating and Resourcing, provided an excellent display of books and other materials that are available from the Resource Center. The Committee will meet for reflection and planning later in the year.

Queen Miller Memorial Scholarship

The Racial Ethnic Concerns Committee is supporting four students who are pursuing post secondary education. The 2008 scholarship recipient, Levor Ross has completed Feather River Community College, Quincy, California, and will be attending the University of California, San Diego, beginning Fall 2010. Levor is a member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Christopher and Nicholas Feemster are the recipients of the 2009 scholarship. They are students at Coastal Carolina University and members of Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church. Andrew Cureton was awarded a book scholarship. Andrew is a student at Claflin University, and is a member of Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church. Information about our scholarship recipients was printed on the Racial Ethnic Week-end worship bulletin. The bulletin also acknowledged the passing of Rev. John C. Miller, Sr. Recommendations have been made to re-name the Queen Miller Memorial Scholarship the Rev. John C., Sr. and Queen Miller Memorial Scholarship. The Committee will consider this recommendation at its next meeting.