

2009 Annual Report
Vice-Moderator / Chair of NJ Council

With a shake up in leadership of the Council due to the resignation of the Council Chair, I stepped down as Moderator and assumed the position of vice-moderator and Chair of the NJ council.

Probably the biggest issue the council tackled this year was the question raised as to the "purpose" of the Association. We were reminded that "we" are the association. Lengthy discussions were held in council meetings culminating with an open discussion in the fall for any member of the association who wanted to weigh in. I think Ellen Witko summed it up well when she said the purpose was to "hold on to each other and pray". A summary of that meeting was sent to each person who attended and left an e-mail address.

The council changed the meeting date to Thursday, due to a lack of members able to attend Tuesday meetings and cut out a couple of meetings during the year. So far it seems that this has increased our efficiency and attendance at meetings.

The other "big" issue we have started to address is a constitutional review. To date a couple of changes have been made (the number of persons on commissions and committees) and it is hoped that in the coming year more will be looked at and the constitution will be brought up to date. We are still working on education with regard to the Association becoming O & A.

Business was conducted, the bills were paid, a budget was purposed, and great Association meetings were held. It is satisfying working with this dedicated group of ordained and lay folks.

Thanks to all the council members for the hard work they put into the commissions and the association as a whole. Thanks to Sherry for her leadership and support.

Rev. Heather Cherrey