

**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
STATED MEETING DOCKET
Saturday, February 13, 2010**

Elder Neal Donaldson, Moderator

Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk

**Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
14820 Conway Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017**

- 8:30-9:30 REGISTRATION**
- 9:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER**
- 10:00 a.m. CONVENING THE MEETING** Elder Neal Donaldson
Declaration of Quorum Rev. Terry Epling
Approval of Docket
Introductions of new minister members and first time commissioners
Welcome from Host Church and Pastors
Consent Agenda (A) Rev. Epling
- 10:30 a.m. COUNCIL DISCERNMENT TEAM (B)** Elder Jim Cook
- 11:30 a.m. RECOGNITION OF HONORABLE RETIREMENTS**
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. RECONVENE**
- BUSINESS**
- Committee on Ministry (C) Rev. Pam Laing
Board of Pensions Update Rev. Douglas Kelly
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (D) Rev. Dieter Heinzl
Mission Council (E) Rev. Carol DeV Vaughan
Overture to General Assembly (F) Rev. Epling
Other Business
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper**
Offering in support of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Haiti Earthquake Relief
- 3:00 p.m. Benediction** Elder Donaldson

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Thursday, May 20, 2010
First Presbyterian Church, Jerseyville, Illinois

The Mission of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy is to build relationships that lead congregations in life transforming ministries so that we together embrace the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Description of the Consent Agenda...

"The Consent Agenda helps to manage presbytery business in a concise manner. The consent agenda may include significant motions related to committee recommendations. This process places in the hands of presbyters the responsibility for the substance and length of the business meeting. The omnibus motion is a decisive moment when members and commissioners act to adopt all the items in the consent agenda by silent agreement, or ask that an item be withdrawn for full consideration and action.

"The Consent Agenda comes before presbytery for action at the beginning of the business portion of the meeting. At that time the Moderator provides an opportunity to ask a question or seek clarification; this is not a time for discussion or debate. Following the period of questions, any presbyter has the right to ask that an item be taken out of the omnibus motion to be set aside for later consideration. Such a request requires no second, and without debate the item is removed from the omnibus motion. Any items not removed from the consent agenda will be part of the record of the meeting."

Worship

Worship at this meeting will focus on themes from the Transfiguration of the Lord.

Mission Council Discernment Team

Mission Council commissioned a team to develop a process that will lead to a new strategic plan for the presbytery. The presbytery's officers, staff, and several others make up the team of thirteen. Elder Jim Cook will report on its initial plan for how to listen to congregations through the discernment of their sessions and the anticipated next steps in the process.

Honorable Retirements

Presbytery will celebrate the honorable retirements of the Rev. Paul Kabo from First Presbyterian Church, Cape Girardeau, and the Rev. William Gillespie, pastor for over 53 years of Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church in St. Louis.

Committee on Ministry/Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The COM meets on Tuesday, February 9th and will report any business from that meeting. The Rev. Doug Kelly from the Board of Pensions will speak to the presbytery about changes in the plan, particularly regarding healthcare benefits.

Mission Council

Mission Council proposes to overture the General Assembly to expand the scope of the review of biennial assemblies to give the review team broader responsibilities to include the decision making models used at the assembly, the committee structure and participants, and the environmental impact of assemblies.

Overture to General Assembly

The presbytery has received an overture from the session of Second Presbyterian Church to concur with the overture of Western Reserve Presbytery to amend G-6.0106b.

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