



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy  
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Florissant, Missouri  
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**Rev. Carol DeVaughan installed as Moderator  
Elder Neal Donaldson installed as Vice-Moderator**



The Rev. **Carol DeVaughan**, pastor of Hillside Church, House Springs, Missouri, was elected and installed as the 25th Moderator of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Elder **Neal Donaldson**, (Calvary Church, Mehlville, Missouri) was installed as Vice-Moderator.

The 24th Moderator, Elder **Elly Commings** (John Knox Church, Florissant) passed the gavel after sharing reflections on her year of service. Elder Commings will serve in 2009 as Moderator of Mission Council following the Rev. Dr. **Lewis Trotter** who served in 2008. Elder Commings co-presided with the Rev. Dr. **Dean Thompson**, president of Louisville Seminary, during morning worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Synod Interim Executive Greets Presbytery**



The Rev. **Nancy Kahaian**, began as Synod's Interim Executive recently and hit the ground running. Rev. Kahaian greeted presbyters and spoke of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the Synod in the coming years.

The Rev. **Paul Bembower** (Farmington) chairs the Synod committee responsible for studying the future direction of the Synod. Elder **Rance Thomas** (John Knox) is Moderator of the Synod.

Find out more about the Synod at [www.synodma.org](http://www.synodma.org)

**EP reports on Extended Study Leave**

The Rev. Dr. **Paul Reiter** reported on his recent three month sabbatical and extended study leave. His time focused on spiritual direction and discernment in decision making. He will seek to integrate his learnings into the life of the presbytery in the coming year.

**Next Stated Meeting:  
Saturday, February 21, 2009  
Third Presbyterian Church,  
Moline Acres, Missouri**



**Mission Website Launched**

In an effort to connect missions with congregations in innovative ways, the presbytery announced an interactive *Missions in Action* website.

[www.presbyterymissions.org](http://www.presbyterymissions.org).

**Events to Note:**

**Leadership Day for Teams and Council**  
Jan. 10th, 9-2 at First Church, Kirkwood

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events**  
January 17 (9-2) & 18 (3-5) at Westminster Church, St. Louis with columnist Sylvester Brown of the *Post-Dispatch*.

**30th annual Christian Education Event**  
Saturday, February 28th, Webster Groves

**Check the website for a complete calendar  
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## Business Highlights:

- **2009 Budget adopted**

Presbytery approved a budget of \$1.16 million for 2009. The budget is the same as in 2008 due to an anticipated decline in General Mission receipts because of the economy. The presbytery portion of per capita in 2009 is \$13.47 per member (up 39 cents). Total per capita (Presbytery, General Assembly, and Synod of Mid-America) increased to \$22.96 (up 96 cents).

- **Candidate Enrolled**

Presbytery enrolled **Jae Wan Chung**, a member of Taiwanese Church, Ballwin, as a candidate for ministry of Word and Sacrament. Mr. Chung, a graduate of Eden Seminary, was examined and approved for candidacy. He is currently serving an internship at Agape Korean New Church Development in Panama City, Florida.

- **Personnel**

Presbytery adopted a personnel plan for 2009, approved amendments to the Personnel Policy, authorized a tax-exempt medical savings plan for employees, and updated the job description for the Stated Clerk.

- **Sexual Misconduct Policy**

Presbytery adopted a new Sexual Misconduct Policy. The new policy requires ministers to renew their training periodically.

- **Property**

Presbytery now requires the filing of property trust affidavits whenever presbytery guarantees a mortgage loan against a church property.

## Comings & Goings...

**Lori Shafer** from temporary member as pastor of First, Brighton, returning to service in the United Church of Christ.

**Craig King** from pastor, First, Perryville, and Brazeau, to Arkansas Presbytery as pastor, Wynne Church.

**Kristy Forbes Vits** from service beyond the jurisdiction as Associate Pastor, St. Paul UCC, Belleville, to member-at-large.

**Joanne Neeley** from commissioned lay pastor of Richmond Heights.

**Barbara Sutton** from commissioned lay pastor of Westminster, Belleville

**Mary Arnold** from member-at-large to the Presbytery of East Iowa for a validated ministry as hospice chaplain.

**Lewis Trotter** from pastor, First, Granite City, to honorably retired.

**George Humber** from pastor, College Avenue, Alton to honorably retired.

**Joe Pallikkathyil** from Heartland Presbytery to interim pastor, Grace, Crystal City.

**Ann Jones** from Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois to interim pastor of Pacific.

**Amy Hunt** from member-at-large to Grace Presbytery.

## The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Elder Elly Commings, Moderator

Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk

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