

Our Vision

We would be faithful people...

- acknowledging God's claim on our lives and our resources,
- listening for God's dream for our future,
- claiming ministries that will embody God's kingdom in our time and our place.

We would be faithful communities...

- connected to the needs and aspirations of our neighbors,
- creatively living out the tensions of the faith,
- nurtured by tradition but liberated to the newness of God's possibilities.

We would be churches...

- enlivened by the gospel,
- enriched by the active discipleship of persons of all ages,
- equipping each person for ministry,
- engaging in fruitful partnership with our communities,
- empowered by the realization of cooperative ministry.

We would be congregations...

- blessed by our difference, bound by common values rooted in scripture and tradition,
- led by passionate leaders committed to proclamation, mission, and health,
- renewed in response to the newness and need of the world around us.

Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy



Elder Elly Commings, 2007 Vice Moderator

Dr. Lewis Trotter, 2007 Moderator

About Us

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy is a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and is part of the Synod of Mid-America., with 94 congregations, one new church development and two immigrant communities in the presbytery with nearly 23,000 members and 196 ministers.

The Presbytery is a dismantling racism governing body and has adopted equity in employment and business practice policies

Presbytery Center

2236 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110-3596

Phone: 314-772-2395

Fax: 314-772-2309

Web page: www.glpby.org



2008 Narrative Budget



St. Mark
Presbyterian
Church in
Ballwin,
Missouri

Hurricane
Relief Work
Group in
Houma,
Louisiana



Administrative
Personnel
Conference at
Mound Ridge
Camp & Re-
treat Center

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.

Total Presbytery Budget:
\$ 1,165,721

Congregational Development

Through the Congregational Development Ministry Team, working collaboratively across the Presbytery, we assist our congregations in enabling their transformation and renewal so they can be more effective witnesses to God's love and justice in their neighborhood and their world. This purpose and a three year consultation aids congregations in implementing their vision. We work with immigrant communities while developing potential relationships with emerging immigrant groups. The team assists in the development of new churches across the presbytery. Summer program grants are provided to congregations and validated ministries. The new Congregations in Mission Action Team encourages partnerships in mission.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$200,379 17%

Dismantling Racism & Privilege

The Dismantling Racism and Privilege Ministry Team seeks to build a greater understanding of racism and privilege. They seek to help congregations understand how racism and privilege negatively impact the whole community. They also seek to provide information about racism in the governing body and have adopted equity in employment and business practices policies.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$65,304 6%

Partnering for Justice & Compassion

The Presbytery provides opportunities for congregations and members to be active in bringing the love and grace of Jesus Christ to those who are hurting and in need both locally and throughout the world. Whether it is providing human resources to rebuild after Katrina, or helping children who have been poisoned by lead pollution in Peru, or feeding the hungry throughout the Presbytery, our gifts bring Christ's compassion to God's children.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$103,098 9%

Leadership in Ministry

Through this team the presbytery nurtures healthy relationships between pastors, congregations, and the presbytery itself. Our focus is in the identification, development and support of pastoral leadership. Our committees engage individuals and congregations in discernment of their calling, facilitate the call process, offer pastoral and financial support in times of crisis, and assist when conflict emerges. Funds are also committed to scholarships for professional development, and to an intensive training program for elders called to serve as lay pastors.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$178,946 15%

Ministry at Mound Ridge

Mound Ridge exists to strengthen congregations so they may continue to do the work of the Church by providing facilities, environments, and programs that support the mission of the Presbytery, allowing diverse congregations to be equipped with skills to spread the Gospel through hosted programs, congregation-planned events, and summer program for children and youth, and an avenue for youth and young adult leadership training. Scholarships are provided for those in need of financial assistance. Mound Ridge facilities, governed by the Camp & Conference Ministry Team, allow all people to be on the same playing field, a place that has no walls, or barriers, a wide open natural sanctuary.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$133,243 11%

Resourcing & Equipping Congregations

The Resourcing & Equipping Ministry Team helps to provide and maintain the Resource Center for congregations with current resources to meet the needs of all aspects of ministry: Christian education, mission, stewardship, spiritual formation, older adults, leadership training for laity, arts and worship. This includes not just paper resources but also technology: equipment, website resources and videos/DVDs. Events are developed in conjunction with other Presbytery Teams and congregations to bring noted leadership in specialized ministries that reflect the needs and goals of local congregations.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$147,687 13%

Ecclesiastical Functions

The Presbytery holds quarterly stated meetings, reviews session records of each congregation, provides a Permanent Judicial Commission, maintains a Nominating Committee and a Committee on Representation and therefore, is able to conduct its business prayerfully and effectively, in compliance with the *Book of Order*.

TOTAL BUDGET: \$144,687 12%

Presbytery Benevolences Through Synod and GA Per Capita:

TOTAL BUDGET: \$199,168 17%



The New Addition at the Presbytery Center