

CONSENT AGENDA
Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
February 12, 2012

Explanation of Procedure

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members and commissioners act to adopt all the items in the consent agenda by silent agreement, or ask that an item be withdrawn for full consideration and action.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

The Consent Agenda comes before presbytery for action at the beginning 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 as actions taken.

FOR ACTION BY CONSENT & ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Minutes

The Mission Council Executive Committee reviewed the minutes of the presbytery's Stated Meeting on November 12, 2011 and recommends their approval.

Copies of the minutes of presbytery meetings from 2002 to the present are available on the presbytery's website located at www.glpby.org/Minutes/archives.htm. The minutes are password protected for security of information. The password is "reformed" and may be shared by commissioners with persons having a need to access the minutes. Printed copies are also available for review by written request to the Stated Clerk.

2. Equalization of Teaching Elder Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners

Mission Council, on the advice of the Stated Clerk, recommends the adoption of the following equalization formula to redress the imbalance of resident Teaching Elders and the number of Ruling Elders commissioned to presbytery in 2012:

Elders Commissioned by Sessions:

Based on their membership as of December 31, 2010 (*pending receipt of 2011 numbers*):

Churches with memberships over 1501 are invited to commission five (5) Ruling Elders:

Ladue Chapel (1594)

Commissioners: 5

Churches with memberships between 1001-1500 are invited to commission four (4) Ruling Elders:

Bonhomme, Chesterfield (1493)

Dardenne, Dardenne Prairie (1110)

Webster Groves (1110)

First, Kirkwood (1080)

Commissioners: 16

Churches with memberships between 501-1000 are invited to commission three (3) Ruling Elders:

St. Mark, Ballwin (858)

First United, Belleville (763)

Southminster, Crestwood (567)

Commissioners: 9

Churches with memberships between 101-400 are invited to commission two (2) Ruling Elders:

First, Edwardsville (426)
 Cote Brillante, St. Louis (415)
 Florissant (398)
 St. Charles (369)
 New Hope, St. Peters (367)
 Trinity, University City (339)
 College Avenue, Alton (319)
 Third, Moline Acres (306)
 First United, Granite City (298)
 John Knox, Florissant (251)
 First, Cape Girardeau (247)
 The United, Wood River (223)
 John Calvin, Bridgeton (221)
 Second, St. Louis (210)
 First, Jackson (207)
 First, Collinsville (194)
 Grace, Crystal City (188)
 First, Alton (178)
 First, Ferguson (168)
 Woodlawn Chapel, Wildwood (167)
 First, Jerseyville (144)
 Glendale (143)
 The Presbyterian Church, Washington (142)
 Oak Hill, St. Louis (138)
 Steelville (138)
 Pacific (135)
 Farmington (129)
 Hillside, House Springs (120)
 Hunter Memorial First, Sikeston (119)
 New Horizons, Overland (115)

Commissioners: 60

The remaining 51 churches are invited to commission one Ruling Elder:

Commissioners: 51

Subtotal: 141

Additional Elders

Ruling Elders serving in the following positions will be enrolled as commissioners to presbytery during the term of their service or office: officers of presbytery (Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, or Treasurer); moderators of constitutional committees (Permanent Judicial Commission and Committee on Representation); moderators of presbytery committees (Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Nominating Committee); members of Mission Council; and, members of presbytery staff.

In addition, Commissioned Ruling Elders may be commissioned to responsibilities that include voice and vote at presbytery meetings.

The following elders are therefore enrolled as commissioners to presbytery:

Stephanie Knopf, St. Mark, Ballwin	Presbytery Moderator
Don Marshall, St. Mark, Ballwin	Treasurer
Carol Gruber, First, Union	Mission Council

Dale Vandiver, First United Belleville	Mission Council
Linda Dencker, New Hope, St. Peters	Mission Council
Thom Hood, Cote Brilliante, St. Louis	Mission Council
Bernice Thompson, Third, Moline Acres	Mission Council
Robert Thornberry, First, Alton	Mission Council
Mike Willock, Second, St. Louis	Mission Council
Susan Knight, Ladue Chapel	Nominating Committee Moderator
Lawson Calhoun, Cote Brilliante	Committee on Representation Moderator
Jim Cook, Calvary	Committee on Ministry Moderator
Cindy Corley, John Calvin	Presbytery staff
Christy Foster, Steelville	Presbytery staff
Judy Pickett, John Calvin	Presbytery staff
Robert Cardwell, Argo	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Julie Gvillo, The United, Wood River	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Carolyn Newcomb, St. Charles	Commissioned Lay Pastor
John O'Connor, St. Andrew	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Cedric Portis, Third, Moline Acres	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Debra Tracy, Poplar Bluff	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Jerry Wray, Bethalto	Commissioned Lay Pastor
Jeanne Zimmerman, Maryland Heights	Commissioned Lay Pastor

Commissioners: 23

Total Elder Commissioners: 164

Total Resident Ministers on the Roll: 163

Total Imbalance: 1

Correction of the Imbalance

Mission Council recommends that presbytery continue its rule, established in 2003, whereby any imbalance is redressed in 2012 by the lack of participation of most honorably retired resident ministers.

3. Nominations

The Nominating Committee recommends the election by acclamation of the following persons. If there are nominations from the floor for any of these seats please ask to pull that slate from the omni-motion when the Moderator calls for consideration of the consent agenda. The Moderator will remove that race from the omni-motion and bring it to the floor separately for consideration.

a. Committee on Ministry

CLASS of 2014	WFR	Rita Maager	First, Perryville
	WFT	Susan Hayes	St. Mark
CLASS of 2013	WFR	Jonelle McNeely	First, Jackson
CLASS of 2012	WFT	Helen Young	Florissant

b. Resourcing and Equipping Ministry Team

CLASS of 2014	WFT	Joan Marshall	Honorably Retired
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c. Congregational Development Ministry Team

WMT	Dan Anderson-Little	2012 Moderator only
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d. Camp and Conference Ministry Team

CLASS of 2013 WMR Todd Van Buren John Calvin

e. Dismantling Racism and Privilege Ministry Team

CLASS of 2012 WFR Patty Stone First United, Belleville

4. Original Jurisdiction

The Session of Cote Brilliante Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, requests that presbytery assume original jurisdiction of the disciplinary judicial process begun in response to a complaint of an offense made against a member of the congregation.

5. Synod of Mid-America Called Meeting

The Moderator of the Synod of Mid-America has called a special meeting of the Synod for Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Leawood Presbyterian Church, 2715 W 83rd Street, Leawood, Kansas 66206, for the purpose of amending the bylaws regarding commissioners to the Synod from Presbyteries.

The current Synod rules allow that any Teaching Elder member of this presbytery may be a commissioner to the Synod, and any Ruling Elder commissioned by a session to this meeting of the Presbytery may be a commissioner to the Synod. If you would like to be a commissioner to this special meeting of the Synod please indicate that to the Stated Clerk, Rev. Terry Epling, as soon as possible. Provide your name and e-mail address. Registration information will be sent to you by the Synod Clerk.

Lunch will be provided at the meeting. A reception honoring Kerry Lancaster's 35 years of service on the Synod staff will also be held.

6. Leadership in Ministry

Mission Council, at the request of the Leadership in Ministry Team, recommends that presbytery dissolve the Leadership in Ministry Team and suspend those portions of the *Manual of Operations* that regard the Leadership in Ministry Team until further notice.