

**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy**  
**STATED MEETING DOCKET**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2009**  
*Transformation Emphasis: From Why to How*

**Rev. Carol DeVaughan, Moderator**

**Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk**

**Hillside Presbyterian Church**  
**4848 Highway 30, House Springs, Missouri 63051**

**8:30-9:30 REGISTRATION**

**9:30 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP** Rev. Carol DeVaughan

**9:45 a.m. CONVENING THE MEETING** Rev. Terry Epling  
Declaration of Quorum  
Approval of Docket  
Welcome from the Host Church  
Corresponding Members  
Introductions of new minister members and first time commissioners

**CONSENT AGENDA (A)**

**10:00 a.m. TRANSFORMATION EMPHASIS (B)** Martha Grace Reese  
*Unbinding your Soul*

**11:30 a.m.** Commissioning of POINT Persons  
Presentation of the Peacemaking Award

**12:00 p.m. LUNCH**

**1:00 p.m. RECONVENE**  
**Recognition of Honorable Retirements**

**1:30 P.M. BUSINESS** Elder Elly Commings  
**Mission Council (C)** Rev. Pam Laing  
**Committee on Ministry (D)**  
*Lay Pastor Commissioning*  
**Nominating Committee (E)** Rev. Wesley Cummins  
**Business lifted from the Omni-Motion (if any)**

**2:00 p.m. CLOSING WORSHIP**  
**Installation of Moderator & Vice-Moderator**  
**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**  
*Offering in support of Congregational Development in the Presbytery*

**3:00 p.m. BENEDICTION** Elder Neal Donaldson

**Next Stated Meeting:**  
Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, Chesterfield, Missouri

*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.*

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Carol DeVaughan, 25<sup>th</sup> Moderator of the Presbytery**

Each Moderator usually has a particular focus for the year. I have chosen to focus on the Stated Meeting, trying to allow time for worship and relationship building, and more in-depth learning and consideration of our common life as people of faith. All the programs and activities of the Presbytery are important, but our time together does not permit discussion of each one. So I have asked that we utilize the consent agenda as fully as possible, thereby allowing commissioners to determine what items need fuller discussion by pulling out an item if necessary. I am also encouraging new and creative ways of promoting activities and programs, rather than expecting each one to have time on the docket. It's a learning experience for us all, and I welcome your comments and suggestions.

### ***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."

### ***Transformation Emphasis: Martha Grace Reese***

The Rev. Martha Grace Reese, MDiv, JD, embodies the experience of a researcher, corporate attorney, congregational pastor, middle judicatory minister and church consultant. She has initiated and given primary leadership to four national Lilly Endowment projects in evangelism and congregational transformation. The *Unbinding the Gospel* series is grounded in two of those initiatives. The *Mainline Evangelism Project* studied highly effective evangelism in mainline churches across the country. It included 1200 interviews. The new *Unbinding the Gospel Project* will provide coaching support to, and learn along with, 1000 congregations as they work with the *Unbinding Series*. Reese serves as president of GraceNet, Inc. on-line at [www.GraceNet.info](http://www.GraceNet.info).