

**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy  
STATED MEETING DOCKET  
Thursday, May 20, 2010**

Elder Neal Donaldson, Moderator

Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk

**First Presbyterian Church  
400 South State Street, Jerseyville, Illinois 62052**

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

**9:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER**

**CONVENING THE MEETING**

Declaration of Quorum

Approval of Docket

Introductions of new minister members and first time commissioners

Welcome from Host Church and Pastor

Consent Agenda (A)

Elder Neal Donaldson

Rev. Terry Epling

Rev. Donald Stribling

Rev. Epling

**Young Adult Volunteer in Mission (B)**

**Youth Triennium (C)**

**General Assembly Commissioners (D)**

Ms. Miriam Foltz

Elder Julie Gvillo

Rev. Epling

**10:30 a.m. Proposed New Form of Government (E)**

*Rev. Paul Hooker, member, General Assembly Form of Government Task Force,  
and the Advisory Committee on the Constitution*

**Small Group Discussions**

Rev. Paul Reiter

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

**1:00 p.m. RECONVENE**

**BUSINESS**

Mission Council (F)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (G)

Committee on Ministry (H)

Congregational Development Ministry Team (I)

Other Business

Rev. Carol DeVaughan

Rev. Dieter Heinzl

Rev. Pam Laing

Rev. Linda Maconochie

**2:00 p.m.**

**Closing Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*Offering in support of Presbyterian Children's Services and Youth Triennium  
Commissioning to General Assembly, Triennium, International Mission, and  
Immigrant Mission Advocates*

**3:00 p.m.**

**Benediction**

Elder Donaldson

**Next Stated Meeting:**

**Thursday, September 2, 2010\* *please note the date change!***

Affton Presbyterian Church, Affton, 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.*

### ***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members and commissioners act to adopt all the items in the consent agenda by silent agreement, or ask that an item be withdrawn for full consideration and action.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 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.”

### **New Form of Government (nFOG) Presentation**

The Rev. Paul Hooker is a member of the General Assembly Form of Government (FOG) Task Force and the Advisory Committee on the Constitution. The 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) will consider the recommendations of the FOG task force to adopt a transformative new Form of Government to emphasize flexibility to meet the needs of particular contexts while maintain standards appropriate to the practice of the whole church. The presentation will conclude with small group discussions of the proposal.

### **Worship**

Worship at this meeting will focus on themes of Pentecost. It will include commissioning liturgy as we send commissioners to General Assembly, a young adult missionary to Northern Ireland, youth to Triennium, and Mission Advocates for our immigrant congregations. The offering will support scholarships for Triennium, and programs at Presbyterian Children’s Services. The Rev. Greg Stovell, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Belleville, will preach. We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

### **Mission Council**

Mission Council commissioned a discernment team to develop a process that will lead to a new strategic plan for the presbytery. The presbytery’s officers, staff, and several others made up the team of thirteen. At the last stated meeting, the team invited the discernment of the entire presbytery during Lent. Elder Jim Cook will report on what has been heard during that discernment period and plans for a design team to shape what comes next.

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