



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy  
**STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, Frontenac  
 May 18, 2006

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**Our Mission is to build relationships that lead congregations in life-transforming ministries so that we together embrace the fullness of the Kingdom of God.**

**Celebrating the Ordination of Women**



Presbytery celebrated the anniversaries of the first ordinations of women as deacons, elders, and ministers of Word and Sacrament at the stated meeting. Women were first ordained as deacons 100

years ago, as elders 76 years ago, and as ministers 50 years ago.

Rev. Norma Crader was the first woman ordained as a minister by a predecessor of this presbytery on November 3, 1963. Rev. Crader, who lives in Marble Hill, could not be present for the celebration but was recognized. Her portrait hangs in the Presbytery Center along with the portraits of the first African-American and Asian-American ministers ordained by our predecessor presbyteries.

The worship leaders were Karen Blanchard, Sara Cleeland, Anne Epling, Evlyn Fulton, Emma Kanerva, Katharine Kilpatric, Zoe Martin, Jemimah Ngatia, Joanne Robbins, Judi Sutherland, Lula Thompson, and John Walsh.

The elders serving communion were: Mary Beth Reynolds, Flora Robinson, Dorothy Spades, Muriel Stephens, and Barbara Sutton.

**216th GA Moderator  
 Elder Rick Ufford-Chase**

The Moderator of the General Assembly visited the presbytery May 16-18 and spoke briefly at the stated meeting. During his stay he met with youth, pastors, and those involved in missions to Latin America.



**Next Stated Meeting:**  
**Thursday, August 24, 2006**  
**New Horizons Presbyterian Church, Overland, MO**

**Dr. Cynthia Campbell Preached**

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, President of McCormick Seminary, Chicago, preached the sermon titled "Voices Silent No Longer" based on Mark 14:3-9.

Dr. Campbell challenged the presbytery to read the scriptures through the eyes of Jesus as portrayed in the Gospels and to create a church that welcomes women in leadership.



Dr. Cynthia Campbell

**Events to Note:**

**National Youth Connection High School  
 Event: Shine Like the Stars**  
 June 12-15, Birmingham

**217th General Assembly**  
 June 15-22, Birmingham

**Mission Trip to Alaska**  
 June 18-July 1

**Mission Trip to Nicaragua**  
 July 27-August 6

**Leadership Development Days**  
**Being and Becoming Church Together**  
 Sunday, September 17, 3-5 at Pacific  
 Sunday, October 22, 3-5 at First, Alton

**Check the website for a complete calendar of all meetings and events with flyers, maps, and links to websites @ [www.glpby.org](http://www.glpby.org)**

**Call the Presbytery Center for more information at 314.772.2395 x100**



## Business Highlights:

- **2005 Statistics**

The Stated Clerk reported that the churches of the presbytery declined by 344 members in 2005. This is the smallest loss in membership in decades.

- **Church Related Organizations**

The Mission Council Moderator, Rev. Linda Shugert, was authorized to form a task force to study the nature of the relationship between the church and St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors and St. Luke's Episcopal-Presbyterian Hospital. Presbytery requested those church-sponsored organizations to report annually concerning their ministries.

- **Candidates required to complete CPE**

Candidates for ministry coming under care of the presbytery will now be required to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in addition to the other requirements for ordination.

- **Methodist Minister joins PC(USA)**

Rev. Wendy Downing, pastor of Fisk Church, was examined and approved for transfer of membership to the PC(USA). Rev. Downing has served at Fisk for ten years. Her husband, John Goodwin, is a PC(USA) minister and is pastor of Hunter Memorial Church, Sikeston.

- **Elm Street and First, Alton Yoked**

An agreement for shared leadership at Elm Street Church and First Church, Alton was approved. The churches will work with presbytery to identify a Designated Pastor.



## General Assembly 217 Commissioners

Presbytery commissioned Elder Marion Mitchell (Bonhomme), Elder Teresa Bryce (First of St. Louis), Rev. Paul Kabo, and Rev. Susan Niesen to the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham.

Leah Maconochie (First, Union) was elected as Youth Advisory Delegate.

The Assembly convenes on Thursday, June 15th and concludes Thursday, June 22nd.

>> Visit <http://www.pcusa.org/ga217/> for news of the General Assembly.

## Comings & Goings...

**Rev. Jennifer Horton** to Interim Pastor, First Church, Jerseyville, Illinois from Associate Pastor, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area.

**Rev. Elizabeth Dick** to Interim Associate Pastor, First United, Belleville, from Member at Large.

**Rev. Jay Kanerva** to temporary supply Elm Street Church, Alton.

**Rev. Pam'la Cowan** to Member at Large and temporary supply at First Church, Fredericktown and Ironton Church from Member at Large, Philadelphia Presbytery.

**Rev. Jean Dicken** (United Methodist) to temporary supply at First Church, Poplar Bluff.

## The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

Elder Jim Cook, Moderator

Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk

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