

CONSENT AGENDA
September 2, 2010

Explanation of Procedure

The Consent Agenda (Omni-Motion) helps to manage presbytery business in a concise manner. The Omni-Motion may include significant motions related to committee recommendations. The process places in the hands of presbyters the responsibility for the substance and length of the docket. The Omni-Motion is a decisive moment when members and commissioners act to adopt all the items in the Omni-Motion by silent agreement, or to ask that an item be withdrawn for full consideration and action at the designated place on the docket.

The Omni-Motion comes before presbytery for action following the seating of corresponding members and introductions. At that time the Moderator will provide 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 Omni-Motion and be set aside for later consideration. Such a request requires no second, and without debate the item is removed for later consideration. Any items not removed from the Omni-Motion will be part of the record of the meeting.

FOR ACTION BY CONSENT & ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Stated Clerk**A. Minutes**

The Mission Council reviewed the minutes of the presbytery's Stated Meeting on May 20, 2010 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.*

B. Session Records Peer Review

The Stated Clerk's Session Records Peer Review was held on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at The United Presbyterian Church, Wood River, Illinois, and Sunday, August 22, 2010 at Farmington Presbyterian Church, Farmington, Missouri, and recommends the following:

a. Approved without exception

That the records of the following sessions be approved without exception:

- Bethalto Church, Bethalto, Illinois
- Elm Street Church, Alton, Illinois
- Farmington Church, Farmington, Missouri
- First Church, Brighton, Illinois
- First Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- First Church, Dexter, Missouri
- First Church, Fredericktown, Missouri
- First Church, Granite City, Illinois
- First Church, Ironton, Missouri
- First Church, Perryville, Missouri
- Hunter Memorial First Church, Sikeston, Missouri
- The United Church, Wood River, Illinois

b. Approved with Exceptions and Comments

That the records of the following sessions be approved with exceptions and comments noted and reported to the sessions on the review sheets for correction and inclusion in their minutes:

Brazeau Church, Brazeau, Illinois – election of the treasurer is not noted; statistical report was approved by not recorded in the minutes; presbytery commissioners report not noted in the minutes; minutes do not record the review of the adequacy of compensation for employees; minutes do not record the completion of a period of study and preparation of church officers, their examination by the session, or their installation/ordination; no record of authorization for a baptism.

College Avenue Church, Alton, Illinois – church does not have an elected treasurer as required by G-10.0401; no record of the election of commissioners to presbytery; records of the deacons were not examined; the observance of the sacrament of baptism was not recorded in the minutes.

First Church, Collinsville, Illinois – full financial review was conducted but not noted in minutes; minutes do not record the election or report of commissioners to presbytery; records of the deacons were not examined by the session and a meeting of the session and deacons was not held; minutes do not record the ordination/installation of officers; the church rolls were not up to date.

First Church, Jerseyville, Illinois – annual statistical report approved but not included in the minutes; minutes should record the review of the adequacy of compensation for all employees; records of the deacons were not examined although the deacons do report at each meeting of session.

First Church, Potosi – various funds of the church not reported to the session annually; no review of the church membership roll; commissioners were not elected to presbytery; no record of the completion of study/preparation of officers or their examination by the session; ordination/installation not recorded; reviewer noted that details vital to understanding actions of the session/congregation were not clearly recorded; the minutes contained blank pages; the church register is not up to date (registers of elders and pastors not complete).

First Church, Ste. Genevieve, Missouri – no record of a full financial review; reviewer noted some blank space/pages, or erasures/insertions.

Moro Church, Moro, Illinois – some minutes did not state the time or place of the meeting; no record of a full financial review; commissioners were not elected to presbytery; no report to session from presbytery commissioners; minutes of congregational meeting not signed by moderator; minutes do not record the ordination/installation of officers;

Saint Charles Church, St. Charles, Missouri – statistical report approved by session but not included in the minutes; minutes do not record the review of the adequacy of compensation for all employees; minutes do not record the ordination/installation of officers; the observance of the Lord's Supper is not recorded.

Salem Church, Alton, Illinois – commissioners are not elected to presbytery; no record of the completion of a period of study and preparation for officers or their examination by the session.

Westminster Church, Belleville, Illinois – some minutes of congregational meetings not signed by the moderator; records of the deacons were not examined; minutes do not record the ordination/installation of officers; minutes do not record the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Westminster Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri – financial review completed but not recorded in the minutes; no report from presbytery commissioners; no record of the review of the adequacy of compensation of all employees; records of the deacons were not examined.

Woodlawn Chapel, Wildwood, Missouri – various funds of the church were not reported to the session at least annually; reviewer noted blank spaces or erasures, footnotes, or other insertions.

C. Administrative Commissions

a. Ordination of Jennifer McCann Spivey

The administrative commission authorized by the presbytery and appointed by the moderator to ordain Jennifer McCann Spivey was convened by the moderator, Elder Neal Donaldson, at Glendale Presbyterian Church, Glendale, Missouri, at 2:20 p.m. on May 30, 2010. The meeting was opened with prayer. The commission elected Elder Mary Diboll as its clerk.

A quorum was present consisting of the following persons: Rev. Linda Maconochie, Rev. Damayanthi Niles, Rev. Clint McCann, Rev. Deborah Krause, Rev. Edwin Zumwinkel, Elder Neal Donaldson (Moderator), Elder Mary Diboll (Westminster, St. Louis), Elder Matthew Foresman (Glendale), and Elder Jim Shollenberger (First, Union).

The commission welcomed the following corresponding members: Rev. Nancy Rowland (New Castle Presbytery), Elder Sarah McCann (New Castle Presbyterian Church, Delaware), and Ms. Felicia Scott (Pilgrim Congregational Church (UCC), St. Louis).

The order of worship was reviewed. The candidate answered affirmatively all the constitutional questions required for ordination. The meeting to conduct the service of ordination was adjourned following worship with the benediction given by the Rev. Jennifer M. Spivey.

b. Installation of Karen S. Dumey

The administrative commission authorized by the presbytery and appointed by the moderator to install the Rev. Karen S. Dumey as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, was convened at the church by the moderator, Elder Neal Donaldson, at 3:00 p.m. on August 1, 2010. The meeting was opened with prayer. A quorum was present consisting of the following persons: Rev. John Goodwin, Rev. Wendy Downing, Elder Neal Donaldson (Moderator), Elder Barbara Port (First Church, Cape Girardeau), Elder Doris J. Ford (Westminster Church, Cape Girardeau). The commission elected Elder Ford as its clerk.

The order of worship was reviewed. The minister answered affirmatively all the constitutional questions required for installation. The meeting to conduct the installation was adjourned following worship with the benediction given by the Rev. Karen Dumey.

D. Review of Presbytery Minutes

The Synod of Mid-America reviewed the 2009 minutes of the presbytery on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church, Gardner, Kansas. The minutes of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy were approved without exception and the following comments: no record of triennial visits; in general the minutes were well done.

E. Correspondence**a. Synod of Mid-America**

The Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America notified the presbytery on July 19, 2010 that its per capita apportionment recommendation for 2011 will be \$2.72, pending approval of the synod at its October 2010 meeting.

b. General Assembly

The Office of the General Assembly wrote to thank the presbytery for its per capita payments in 2009 amounting to \$118,280.36 of the total apportionment of \$129,033.15, which left an unpaid balance of \$10,752.79. The OGA expressed concern that the presbytery was unable to complete its payments in 2009 and inquired about any particular issues that may be emerging here. This was the first time Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery failed to pay its full per capita apportionment to the General Assembly.

c. Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

The Omaha Foundation notified the presbytery on August 9, 2010 that it has awarded an Apollos Scholarship totaling \$3,000 to Sudie E. Niesen, an inquirer under our care who is studying at Austin Seminary. Sudie is the daughter of the Rev. Susan and Elder Chuck Niesen and a member of Glendale Presbyterian Church.

2. Presbytery Treasurer**a. Financial Reports**

On behalf of the Mission Council and its Financial Management Committee, the treasurer, Elder Don Marshall, provides reports on the budget, the balance sheet, and contributions to presbytery by sessions as of July 31, 2010.

b. 2009 Audit

The Treasurer reports that the audit of finances for 2009 is complete. Copies of the audit report are provided with the presbytery papers and will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

3. Mission Council**A. Financial Management****a. Financial Manager Authorization**

Mission Council acted on the advice of its Financial Management Committee to authorize the Financial Manager, Faye Chiou, to establish credit card accounts.

b. Revolving Loan

Mission Council on the advice of its Financial Management Committee authorized a loan from the Revolving Loan Fund to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, for up to \$50,000 to replace the roof and heating system and repair the parking lot. The loan is subject to a review and concurrence by the Property Committee of the proposed projects.

B. Personnel and Office Management

a. Acting Executive Presbyter

Personnel reported that it completed a process of negotiating and finalizing terms of employment for Elder Jim Cook as Acting Executive Presbyter, as authorized by the Council and presbytery. The terms for the sixteen week period are based on one-quarter (1/4) of the current salary and benefits of the Executive Presbyter (excluding Board of Pensions dues) prorated to 16 weeks:

Salary	\$6,507
FICA	\$488
Professional Expenses of	\$770
One week vacation	
Sick leave per the current personnel policy.	

b. Committee Resignation

With the employment of Jim Cook as Acting Executive Presbyter, Elder Pat Cook resigned as a member and chair of the Personnel and Office Management Committee. Council expressed its appreciation for her service over the past three and a half years. Rev. John Carothers was approved as chair of the committee for the remainder of 2010.