



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

First Presbyterian, Ferguson, November 12, 2005
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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.

Elder Jim Cook Installed as Moderator

Elder Jim Cook, a member of Calvary Church, Mehlville, Missouri, was installed as the 22nd Moderator of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Elder Cook is active in presbytery serving most recently as a member of Mission Council, chair of the Missional Outreach Ministry Team, and moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission.

Jim grew up in the Oak Hill Church in St. Louis. He is married to Pat and is an attorney. Jim retired last year from Ameren UE.

Rev. Lewis Trotter, pastor of First Church, Granite City, Illinois was installed as Vice-Moderator.



Presbytery Ordains its first Evangelist and the First Woman Immigrant Minister in the PC(USA)



Jemimah Ngatia was ordained by presbytery as an Evangelist. Rev. Ngatia (pronounced "gah-t-uh"), a Kenyan immigrant, was a member of Rock Hill-South Webster Church. She completed her MDiv at McCormick Seminary and was a candidate under the care of this presbytery.

The United African Presbyterian Community, which meets in the building of the former Rock Hill-South Webster Church, was recognized by presbytery as a worshipping community in August in a step toward becoming a fellowship and potentially a new church development. Rev. Ngatia will conduct a feasibility study in 2006 to determine the resources necessary for the project to be successful and the availability of those resources. Presbytery is providing assistance during the study phase including employing the Evangelist and paying for building expenses. A grant from the General Assembly will fund the feasibility study.

Rev. Ngatia is the first immigrant woman to be ordained as a minister in the PC(USA).

Next Stated Meeting:
Saturday, February 18, 2006
Third Church, St. Louis, MO

Events to Note:

Austin Activators—Sr. High Youth Event
January 13-15 at Mound Ridge

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
January 15, 3:00 at Carondelet-Markham

Hurricane Relief Mission Trip
D'Iberville, Mississippi, January 14-21

Multi Media Worship Workshop
February 10-11 at First, Granite City

APCE—National Christian Ed. Conference
February 1-4, St. Louis

Festive Education—Christian Ed. Event
March 11 at Ladue Chapel

Emerging Worship Workshop
March 16 at the Presbytery Center

Middle School Youth Event
March 17-19 at Mound Ridge

Call the Presbytery Center for more information at 314.772.2395 x100 and Check the website for flyers and an up-to-date calendar of meetings and events @ www.glpby.org



Business Highlights:

- ***New Horizons Church Created***
Overland Church and Home Heights Church, St. John, MO were authorized to merge as New Horizons Church. The property of Home Heights will be sold immediately. A new home for the congregation is being sought. The congregation will worship at Overland until it moves to a permanent location.
- ***Creve Coeur Property to be Sold***
The property of the former Hope Church, Creve Coeur, MO was authorized to be sold after January 3, 2006 unless an appropriate use can be identified in the meantime.
- ***Peacemaking Award***
The annual Peacemaking Award was presented to Rev. George Humbert (College Avenue, Alton, IL), Rev. Elinor Stock, and Rev. Carleton Stock (Northminster, Dellwood, MO).
- ***Candidate Enrolled***
Elder Susan Hayes (First, Ferguson) was enrolled as a Candidate
- ***Inquirers Enrolled***
Mr. Michael Lamm (Ladue Chapel), Ms. Dana Schindler (Affton), and Elder Cedric Portis (Third, St. Louis) were enrolled as Inquirers.
- ***Family Leave Policy Adopted***
A new policy was approved which sets minimum standards for leave when pastors need time off due to temporary disability, to care for a family member, or at the birth or adoption of a child.
- ***Terms of Call Report***
Pastoral compensation for 2005 was reported to presbytery by the Committee on Ministry.

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- ***Representation Reported***

The Committee on Representation report noted net membership losses of 1,061 at the end of 2004. Racial ethnic membership is at 4.7%, far short of the goal of 10% by 2010. The leadership of presbytery is more diverse than the presbytery overall. Asians and women ministers are under-represented. Women pastors earn an average of \$21,000 per year less than male pastors.

- ***General Assembly Commissioners Elected***

Rev. Paul Kabo, *First, Cape Girardeau*, Rev. Susan Niesen, *presbytery staff*, Elder Teresa Bryce, *First of St. Louis*, and Elder Marion Mitchell, *Bonhomme, Chesterfield*, were elected as commissioners to the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham, Alabama, June 15-22, 2006.

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Comings & Goings...

Rev. Pat Cleeland from Associate Pastor, Second, St. Louis, MO to Member at Large

Rev. Andrew Cullen to Interim Pastor, First, Kirkwood, MO

Rev. Larry Jackman from Presbyterian Children's Services to Honorably Retired.

Rev. Stanley Martin from pastor, First, Jerseyville, IL to pastor in Minnesota

Elder Cedric Portis from Temporary Supply to Commissioned Lay Pastor, Third, St. Louis

Rev. Daniel Snider from pastor, Poplar Bluff, MO to pastor, Del Rio, Texas

Rev. Joel Stevenor from pastor, Overland, MO to pastor Mt. Zion, IL

Elder Mark Stone to Commissioned Lay Pastor, Zion, Fosterburg, IL