



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
 Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, St. Louis
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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.

Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter installed as Moderator
Elder Elly Commings installed as Vice-Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter, pastor of First Church, Granite City, Illinois, was elected and installed as the 23rd Moderator of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Elder Elly Commings, (John Knox Church, Florissant, Missouri) was installed as Vice-Moderator.

Elder Jim Cook (Calvary Church, Mehlville, Missouri) passed the gavel to Dr. Trotter during worship at the stated meeting. Elder Cook will serve in 2007 as Moderator of Mission Council. He preached during worship and the sermon is posted on the presbytery website, by popular demand.



Elder Elly Commings, Vice Moderator
 Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter, Moderator

Nicaraguan Missionary Visits Presbytery



Ellen Sherby, our PC(USA) mission co-worker in Nicaragua, visited the presbytery to share news of our mission efforts in central America. The presbytery has been in partnership in Nicaragua since 1995, particularly in Plan Grande Dos.

Learn more about this ministry on the website where there are also links to Ellen's newsletters from the mission field.

Peru Partnership Expands

The presbytery's mission efforts in Peru through Joining Hands have expanded the capacity of Peruvian artisans to reach American markets. The result is a new enterprise called Bridge of Hope. The independent not-for-profit imports goods for sale through US churches. The profits are returned to Peru for the benefit of communities there. Joining Hands continues to work on environmental and social justice issues in Peru.

Next Stated Meeting:
Saturday, February 10, 2007
The Presbyterian Church, Washington, Missouri

Events to Note:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
 Jan. 14th, 3:30 at Second Church, St. Louis

Summoned to Lead with Leonard Sweet
 February 22-23 at Ladue Chapel

Render Unto Caesar
 Board of Pensions tax seminar
 March 14th at the Presbytery Center

Getting into Shape Fiscally
 Board of Pensions financial planning workshop for ministers not nearing retirement
 March 15th at the Presbytery Center

Clerk of Session Training
 Saturday, March 24, 10:00 to 1:00, at the Presbytery Center
 Lunch provided for \$5.00
 Session records review to follow, 12:30 to 2:30

Check the website for a complete calendar of all meetings and events with flyers, maps, and links to websites @ www.glpby.org

Call the Presbytery Center for more information at 314.772.2395 x100



Business Highlights:

- **2007 Budget adopted**

Presbytery approved a budget of \$1.2 million for 2007. The budget is \$30,000 less than in 2006 and the smallest budget since 2004. The presbytery portion of per capita did not increase in 2007 and remains at \$12.62 per member. Total per capita (Presbytery, General Assembly, and Synod of Mid-America) increased to \$21.36, up 36 cents.

- **Hurricane Recovery Efforts**

Presbytery authorized its Katrina and Rita Recovery Action Team (KARRAT) to solicit financial support directly from sessions to continue the presbytery-wide mission project in Houma, Louisiana. Volunteers are always needed too!

- **Crisis Response Plan Reviewed**

Mission Council developed a crisis response plan to facilitate the work and mission of presbytery during a crisis. Council requested feedback from presbyters to improve the plan. The proposed plan is on the website for review.

- **Process for Separation Proposed**

Council also developed a first draft of a process for addressing churches seeking to separate from the PC(USA). Again, Council hopes for feedback to improve the process. The process emphasizes dialogue and the hope of reconciliation while addressing the serious polity and legal issues surrounding separation.

- **Progress at New Creation NCD**

The presbytery's new church development project in O'Fallon, Illinois is developing leaders even as it searches for a new pastor. Presbytery elected an administrative commission to assist the NCD as it progresses toward becoming a chartered congregation.

Comings & Goings...

Kristy Forbes Vits to associate pastor, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Belleville, from associate pastor, St. Mark, Ballwin

Steve Ranney to pastor, St. Mark, Ballwin, from Denver Presbytery

John Johnson to stated supply, Mizpah, Bridgeton, from member-at-large

Mary Lou McClure to honorably retired from pastor, Wurdack Memorial, St. Louis

Paul Phillips to Clinical Pastoral Education resident, St. Luke's Hospital, Chesterfield, from Los Ranchos Presbytery

Pam'la Cowan to designated pastor, First, Fredericktown, and First, Ironton, from member-at-large

Ian Lamont to co-pastor, Dardenne, Dardenne Prairie, from Peace River Presbytery

Julie March to designated associate pastor, Trinity, University City, from John Calvin Presbytery

William Perman to temporary supply, Southampton, St. Louis from member-at-large

Bruce Meyer to member-at-large from interim pastor, St. Mark, Ballwin

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy

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Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk

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