



**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
Steeleville Presbyterian, August 25, 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.



The Presbytery Center
A Place of History—
A Place of Hospitality

Presbytery Center Re-Dedication

The Presbytery Center, which for decades has been home to the Resource Center and the offices of staff, and has hosted countless meetings and events, has been renovated. The nine-month project resulted in a building that is more functional, easier to maintain, and considerably more hospitable.

Zoned heating and cooling, new windows and carpeting, upgraded electrical systems and lighting, expanded off-street parking, and an elevator, are among the improvements. In addition, some spaces have been reconfigured to better accommodate meetings and events.

The building will be re-dedicated at an Open House on Sunday, October 9th. Tours will start and refreshments served beginning at 2:00. The service of worship will begin at 3:00.

African Church Feasibility Study

Presbytery approved a grant to study the feasibility of forming an African Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. The 12-month study will determine the resources necessary for the project to be successful and the availability of those resources.

The African Church started as a mission of Rock Hill-South Webster Church and gathers around 40 immigrants from Africa for weekly worship in their native language, Swahili. The group was recognized by presbytery as a worshipping community in a step toward becoming a fellowship and potentially a new church development.

Presbytery will provide assistance during the study phase including employing an Evangelist and paying for building expenses.

The Rock Hill-South Webster congregation was dissolved at their request on August 25th. The ministry of the congregation was remembered at the stated meeting.

Next Stated Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2005—Ferguson, MO

Dates to Remember:

Ordination of Holly Davis, September 18th, 6:30 at Dardenne Church

Presbytery Center Re-Dedication
October 9th from 2:00-4:00

Older Adult Event, Thursday, October 13th
at Mound Ridge from 10:00-3:00
Lunch \$5, Transportation \$15

Ordination of Stacy Welsh, Saturday,
October 15th, 3:00 at First, Kirkwood

Pastors' Retreat, October 16-18 at ToddHall

History Tour: *Lincoln in Springfield*,
November 2nd, \$40 includes transportation
and Lincoln museum admission

**Call the Presbytery Center for more
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**Check the website frequently for a full and
up-to-date calendar of meetings and
events @ www.glpby.org**



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Business Highlights:

Presbytery recognized the certification by the Administrative Personnel Association of **Marjorie Bryant** (Elm Street, Alton) and **Becky Buckhorn** (Washington). APA is a professional organization for church administrative staff and secretaries.
>>Visit APA on-line at <http://pcusa-apa.org>

Congregational Development grants were awarded to **Union Church** (\$3000 over 2 years) to expand its music ministry and **Carondelet-Markham** (\$67,000 over 5 years) to minister to refugees in their neighborhood.

Church Development Corporation awarded a \$2500 small church grant to **Third Church** for building improvements.

The Lay Pastor Training class of 2008 was announced. The members are **Carol Dean** (Westminster, Cape Girardeau), **Erastus Gachingiri** (Kenyan Community), **Stephen Karugia** (Home Heights), **Rick Sabbert** (Dardenne), **Carol Stepp** (Woodlawn Chapel), **Deb Tracy** (Westminster, Cape Girardeau), **David Westrich** (Dardenne) and **Jerry Wray** (Elm Street, Alton).

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Comings & Goings...

Charles Brock to First, Alton as Interim Pastor effective July 15th

Lori Shafer to First, Brighton as Pastor effective May 22nd

Wesley Cummings to Taiwanese of Greater St. Louis as Associate Pastor effective July 1st

Barbara Sutton to Westminster, Belleville as Commissioned Lay Pastor effective September 1st

John O'Connor to St. Andrew as Commissioned Lay Pastor effective September 1st

Greg Stovell to First United, Belleville as Pastor effective September 12th

Ronald Osborn to St. Charles as Pastor effective September 15th

Mark Thomas to Ladue Chapel as Pastor effective October 1st

Gary Ferbet to Bonhomme as Executive Pastor effective October 3rd

Stacy Welsh to St. Luke's Hospital as Chaplain Resident

Holly Davis to Dardenne as Pastoral Resident

Elizabeth Kanerva from Interim Pastor of First United, Belleville to Member at Large

Thomas Oxtoby from Interim Pastor of St. Charles to Member at Large

Thomas Green from Interim Pastor of Ladue Chapel to Member at Large

Jesse Perry from Pastor of Farmington to Pastor at Northern Lights United, Juneau, Alaska

Craig Barton from Member at Large to Associate Pastor at Christ Memorial, Columbia, Maryland

Susan Guyer Birch from Member at Large to Pastor at Faith, Silver Lake, Minnesota