



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
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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.

Strategic Plan 2005 & Beyond Adopted

After three years of talking, listening, and planning Presbytery adopted a strategic plan to focus its work for the coming years. Mission Council met 12 times in 2004 to draft the plan, which is based on discussions in 28 listening sessions held throughout the presbytery over three years.

While recognizing evangelism as a primary concern, the plan identifies four strategic challenges and opportunities that will shape the presbytery's budget and staff design:

- Transforming Congregations and New Church Development
- Resourcing and Equipping Congregations for Effectiveness
- Dismantling Racism and Privilege
- Building a Structure for the Future

The full strategic plan and proposed new By-laws and Manual of Operations is posted on the presbytery website at www.glpby.org.

Business Highlights

Congregational Development Associate Search Begins

Presbytery approved the creation of a full-time Associate Executive Presbyter for Congregational Development and authorized a national search to fill the position. The job description will be posted on the presbytery website.

Ministry Teams Expanded

The four six-member Ministry Teams were expanded to nine members each. The teams are visioning groups that are responsive to Ministry Areas and presbytery-wide concerns and needs in their areas of responsibility.

The four teams are: Congregational Development; Missional Outreach; Leadership in Ministry; and Resourcing and Equipping.

Dates to Remember:

Dismantling Racism Training
Wednesday, April 6th at Cote Brillante

New Adventures in Caring: Pastoral Care Workshop, Saturday, April 16th at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

Leadership Development Day and Session Records Review, April 17, 3:00 at First, Cape Girardeau

Mission Council, April 20, 4:00

Leadership Development Day and Session Records Review, May 1, 3:00 at Taiwanese Church, Ballwin

Celebration of Aging, Wednesday, May 4, 9:00 at Florissant Presbyterian

Stated Meeting, Thursday, May 19, Ladue Chapel 9:30



APCE Coming to St. Louis

The Resourcing and Equipping Ministry Team announced that St. Louis has been chosen as the site for the 2006 Association of Christian Educators' (APCE) conference February 1-4 at the Renaissance Grand Hotel.

The event is for everyone serving in educational ministries. Visit www.apcenet.org for more information.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the APCE conference. If you'd be interested in volunteering contact Rev. Kristy Forbes Vits at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 636.394.2233.



Taco Bell Truth Tour

In 2002 the General Assembly approved a boycott of Taco Bell in response to the exploitation of Florida farm workers. The Truth Tour was an educational caravan which passed through St. Louis on March 2nd on its way to Taco Bell headquarters in Louisville.

On March 8th the workers and Taco Bell management reached an agreement that will enhance the human rights of tomato pickers. In response, Rev. Cliff Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk, called on Presbyterians to end the boycott of Taco Bell.

Information about the boycott and its outcome is online at www.pcusa.org/boycott/

Comings & Goings

Rev. William Hedrick (HR) transferred to Santa Fe Presbytery.

Rev. Richard Miller (HR) has become interim pastor of Calvary Church, Mehlville.

Rev. Nancy Wagner has become interim pastor of Glendale Church.

Rev. William Perman has become temporary supply at Home Heights Church, St. John.

Rev. John Conley has become interim pastor of Second Church, St. Louis, transferring from the Presbytery of Sacramento

Rev. Nicole Richardson transferred to Donegal Presbytery to become associate pastor of First Church, York, PA.

Presbytery Opposes Proposed Cuts in Medicaid in Missouri

The Social Witness Action Team of Missional Outreach proposed and presbytery adopted a statement opposing the Missouri Governor's proposed \$600 million cuts in funding for Medicaid programs in 2006. Expressing its particular concern for the poor, the marginalized and the most vulnerable, the presbytery said that the cuts would most affect families, the elderly and the disabled and encouraged the stated to preserve Medicaid unless and until there is another means to provide equivalent medical care and services.

The full statement was sent to elected representatives and is on the presbytery website.

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