



**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy  
STATED MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
Ladue Chapel, May 19, 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.**



**Moderator Linda Shugert**

### **Bylaws and Manual of Operations Adopted**

The presbytery, in seeking to implement its new Strategic Plan, adopted new Bylaws and a *Manual of Operations* to structure our work. These documents put into place the team and ministry area structure the presbytery has been living into the past few years. Mission Council also presented a new staff design proposal for review. It will be brought for action at the August stated meeting. The new staff design includes a full-time Associate Executive Presbyter for Congregational Development to administer the presbytery's primary commitment to evangelism and congregational development.

The Strategic Plan and new By-laws and Manual of Operations are posted on the presbytery website at [www.glpby.org](http://www.glpby.org).

## **Business Highlights**

### **Constitutional Amendments**

Presbytery approved 14 amendments to the *Book of Order* recommended by the 216th General Assembly. All the amendments have now also passed a majority of the presbyteries.

The amendments affect the way presbyteries treat immigrant fellowships, and address concerns about child abuse and the Rules of Discipline, among other things.

Information about the assembly and the amendments can be found at [www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/index.htm](http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/index.htm)

### **Dates to Remember:**

**June 26, 5:00—Installation** of Liz Lindsey as pastor of Rock Presbyterian Church, Imperial

**July 5 –15—Offices Closed** for the move back to Tower Grove Avenue

**July 26—Mission Council** meeting at Florissant Presbyterian Church

**July 31—Installation** of Lori Shafer as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Brighton

**August 24-25—Overnight Retreat and Stated Meeting** at Mound Ridge Camp and Steelville Presbyterian Church

**October 16-18- Pastor's Retreat**

**Check the website frequently for a full and up-to-date calendar of meetings and events @ [www.glpby.org](http://www.glpby.org)**



### Three Retirements Celebrated

Presbytery celebrated the honorable retirements of the Rev. Clarence "Dub" Koon, Associate Pastor of Ladue Chapel Church, Rev. Milton Olson, Member at Large, and Rev. Joan Marshall, Associate Executive Presbyter for Resourcing and Equipping.

### Executive Receives Interfaith Award

Dr. Paul Reiter, Executive Presbyter, was honored by the Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis with the William Chapman Faith and Action Award. The award honors people of faith for their continued commitment to social justice. It recognized those whose commitment has focused particularly on racial and economic justice, who have encouraged collaboration among faith groups, and who have taken risks in pursuit of justice.

>> Visit [www.interfaithpartnership.org](http://www.interfaithpartnership.org)



### Next Stated Meeting

**August 24-25, 2005—Steelville, Missouri**

An overnight retreat is in the works for the August stated meeting. Plan now to spend the night at Mound Ridge and enjoy thoughtful discussions and warm hospitality at the presbytery's retreat and conference center.

>>visit: [www.moundridge.org](http://www.moundridge.org)

>>visit: [www.steelvillepresbyterian.org](http://www.steelvillepresbyterian.org)

### Comings & Goings

**Mary Arnold** has been called as pastor of Steelville Church and First Church, Cuba effective July 15th, pending ordination by East Iowa Presbytery

**Liz Lindsey** has been called as pastor of Rock Church, Imperial effective June 1st, pending ordination by Arkansas Presbytery

**Lori Shafer** has been called as pastor of First Church, Brighton effective June 5th, pending ordination by the U. C. C.

**Rev. Budge Gere** has become a development officer for the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, leaving as head of staff at First Church, Kirkwood.

**Rev. Judy Hill** has become temporary supply at New Creation, O'Fallon, IL

**Rev. Jay Kanerva** has become temporary supply at Elm Street Church, Alton.

**Rev. Robert Rademaker** has become parish associate at John Calvin Church, Bridgeton

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