

Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
GATHERING MINUTES
Saturday, June 4, 2016

Bellevue Presbyterian Church
Caledonia, Missouri

Ruling Elder Michelle Smith, Moderator
Rev. Erin Counihan, Vice-Moderator
Rev. Terry L. Epling, Stated Clerk

Convening the Gathering

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy met for a stated meeting on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at the former Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Caledonia, Missouri. The church was the first organized by the Rev. Salmon Giddings in 1816, and the first Presbyterian congregation organized west of the Mississippi River.

The Moderator, Dr. Michelle Smith, called the gathering to order in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Smith led a call to worship based on 1 Chronicles 16:31-34

Declaration of a Quorum

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Terry Epling, affirmed that a sufficient number of commissioners and Teaching Elder members were registered to constitute a quorum. The Moderator declared that a quorum was present.

*The roll of all registered attendees is attached as **Addendum I**. A quorum is 10% of the active enrolled Teaching Elders, and Ruling Elders representing at least 10% of our congregations.*

Adoption of the Docket

The proposed schedule for the gathering was approved without objection.

Corresponding Members, New Commissioners, and New Members

The Rev. Terry Epling, Stated Clerk, introduced Ruling Elder Heath Rada, Moderator of the 221st General Assembly. The Presbytery rose to welcome the Moderator. Presbytery also welcomed the Rev. Landon Whitsitt (Heartland Presbytery) Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America, and the Rev. Ed Wicklein (Santa Fe Presbytery) Honorably Retired. On the recommendation of the Stated Clerk, without objection, they were seated as corresponding members.

The Moderator welcomed the Ruling Elder commissioners attending a meeting of this presbytery for the first time and invited them to stand. She encouraged presbyters to greet and welcome them.

Welcome from the Host

The Moderator thanked the Presbytery History Committee for making arrangements for this gathering. She welcomed Mr. John Robinson, III, president of the Caledonia Historical Society, which owns and maintains the Bellevue Presbyterian Church property. Mr. Robinson, who is also mayor of Caledonia, welcomed the presbytery and introduced descendants of three of the founding families of the church: Miles and Sarah Goforth, James L. and Jane Robinson, II, and William Goforth Eversole.

Preparation for Ministry Administrative Commission

The Rev. Sean Butler, Moderator of the Preparation for Ministry Commission introduced Joy Ridge, a member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church and an Inquirer. Ms. Ridge, with the endorsement of her Session, applied for enrollment as a Candidate for the ministry of Teaching Elder. Ms. Ridge made a statement of her Christian faith, forms of Christian service she has undertaken, and her motives for seeking the ministry.

After an initial question arising from the commission, the Moderator opened the floor for further questions. There were two questions from the floor. Since there were no further questions, the commission moved and presbytery approved the enrollment of Joy Ridge as a Candidate for the ordered ministry of Teaching Elder.

The Moderator led a litany of care for the Candidate, which ended with a charge and blessing.

Personnel

Ruling Elder Jim Ford, chair of the Personnel Committee, invited presbyters to an event honoring departing staff on July 15, 2016, at the Presbytery Center. Presbytery stood and applauded in appreciation for the service of Judy Pickett and Cindy Corley. The Rev. Dr. Anita Hendrix, Presbytery Leader, presented them with gifts.

Mr. Ford reported that the committee is proceeding with implementation of the personnel plan approved at the April presbytery gathering. Committee members met with staff in April to discuss individual plans. Performance reviews are being prepared for the remaining staff members. The Office Manager/Communicator and Business Manager positions were being advertised. New staff will be hired with a 90 day probationary period. Mr. Ford responded to questions from the floor.

Vision Team

The Moderator, Michelle Smith, relinquished the chair to the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Erin Counihan, in order to make the report of the Vision Team.

a. Bonhomme Settlement

The Vision Team recommended that Presbyter apply the proceeds of the settlement with Bonhomme Presbyterian Church as follows:

- i. Reimburse the General Fund \$63,000 for payments made to Synod and General Assembly on behalf of Bonhomme;
- ii. Distribute the remaining \$1,037,000 according to the Presbytery formula for proceeds from the sale of church property – 90% to the Held Properties Fund (\$933,300); 8% to the Church Development Fund (\$82,960); and, 2% to the Unrestricted Fund (\$20,740).

The recommendation was discussed. Ruling Elder Jim Form moved to call the question. The motion to call the question was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved on a voice vote.

b. Loan Repayments

The Vision Team recommended that Presbytery apply \$700,000 from the Held Properties Fund to the loan on the Hillside property, reducing the loan balance to \$500,000 (which should be realized when the property is sold) and, pay the Presbytery's St. Charles loan in full, applying \$150,000 from the Investment Funds and \$550,000 from the Held Properties Fund (that leaves a balance of \$300,000 in the Held Properties Fund and there is no need to take a lien on the Presbytery Center building).

The recommendation was discussed. The Rev. Rob Dyer moved to call the question. The motion to call the question was seconded and approved.

The main motion was approved with a hand vote.

c. 2016 Budget

The Vision Team recommended the adoption of the 2016 Budget. (ADDENDUM II)

The recommendation was discussed. It was requested that the budget include a comparison with prior years. The recommendation was adopted on a voice vote.

The Moderator resumed the chair.

Omnibus Motion

a. Treasurer

The Treasurer, Ruling Elder Don Marshall, submitted for the information of presbytery the unaudited financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2016.

b. Stated Clerk

Minutes

Presbytery reviewed and approved the minutes of the stated meeting on April 14, 2016.

c. Committee on Representation and Nominations

On the recommendation of the Committee on Representation and Nominations, there being no nominations from the floor, presbytery elected the following persons:

John Rawlings (WMR, Webster Groves), Dynamic Leaders Team, Moderator, Class of 2018

Lawson Calhoun (BMR, Westminster, St. Louis), Leadership Training, Class of 2018

Johanna Wagner (WFT), Pastoral Transitions Commission, Moderator, Class of 2018

Jay Summerville (WMR, Second), Policy and Procedures, Moderator, Class of 2018

d. Pastoral Transitions Administrative Commission

i. Temporary Pastoral Relationship

The Pastoral Transitions Administrative Commission approved the contract with the Rev. Joan Marshall and the session of New Horizons Presbyterian Church, Overland, Missouri, for a part-time temporary supply position beginning on May 1, 2016, for three months following the dissolution of the previous installed pastoral relationship.

ii. Honorable Retirement

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in a duly called congregational meeting on May 22, 2016, voted to concur in the request of the Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson to recommend that presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship effective July 31, 2016. The Pastoral Transitions Administrative Commission approved the dissolution, and designated Rev. Nelson as honorably retired effective August 1, 2016.

iii. Transfer of Membership

The Pastoral Transitions Administrative Commission approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Pamela Laing to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois effective August 1, 2016, as she begins an interim pastorate there at First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Illinois.

Worship

Presbytery sang the hymn *The Church's One Foundation*. The Rev. Dr. Anita Hendrix led a confession of sin and assurance of pardon. Presbyters shared the peace of Christ. Ruling Elder Heath Rada delivered the sermon titled *The Time is Now* based on Luke 9:57-62. The offering was received in

support of the Committee on Local Arrangements as it prepares for the 223rd General Assembly meeting in St. Louis in 2018.

Adjournment

Following the singing of the hymn *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*, there being no further business to come before presbytery, Ruling Elder Michelle Smith, Moderator, prayed a closing prayer. Mr. Rada delivered the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Rev. Terry Epling,
Stated Clerk

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Roll - Presbytery Gathering – Ruling Elders **June 4, 2016**

AFFTON		DEXTER, FIRST	
Elder Verna Pickles	(x)	Elder	()
ALTON, ELM STREET		DONIPHAN, FIRST	
Elder Tom Wyatt	()	Elder	()
ALTON, FIRST		EDWARDSVILLE, FIRST	
Elder Ruth Wimp	()	Elder Donna Crider	()
Elder Emily Wigger	(x)	Elder Ray Daniels	()
ALTON, SALEM		FARMINGTON	
Elder	()	Elder Margaret Bembowe	()
BALLWIN, ST. MARK		FERGUSON, FIRST	
Elder Bertha Larez	(x)	Elder	()
Elder Cay Noble	()	Elder	()
Elder Bruce Cranston	()	FISK	
BALLWIN, TAIWANESE of GREATER StL		Elder	()
Elder	()	FLORISSANT	
BELLEVILLE, FIRST UNITED		Elder Candy Shelton	()
Elder Lorenzo Clayton	(x)	Elder	()
Elder Andy Morgan	(x)	FLORISSANT, JOHN KNOX	
Elder Dwight Lied	(x)	Elder John Thomas	(x)
BELLEVILLE, WESTMINSTER		Elder Jackie Proctor	(x)
Elder Laurie Brown	(x)	FREDERICKTOWN, FIRST	
BETHALTO		Elder Scott Mier	(x)
Elder Dale Dickerson	()	FRONTENAC, FAITH & DES PERES	
BOURBON, OLD ARGO		Elder Kathy Sherrick	()
Elder	()	GERALD, BOEUFF	
BRIDGETON, JOHN CALVIN		Elder	()
Elder Rosalea Vogler	(x)	GLENDALE	
Elder Virginia Messersmith	(x)	Elder Steven Stroud	(x)
BRIDGETON, MIZPAH		GRANITE CITY, FIRST UNITED	
Elder	()	Elder Ken Aud	(x)
BRIGHTON, FIRST		Elder Beverly Scroggins	()
Elder Kay Long	()	HARDIN, FIRST	
CAPE GIRARDEAU, FIRST		Elder Dwight Ringhausen	()
Elder	()	HILLSBORO, FIRST	
Elder	()	Elder	()
CAPE GIRARDEAU, WESTMINSTER		HOUSE SPRINGS, HILLSIDE	
Elder	()	Elder Katherine Kilpatric	()
COLLINSVILLE, FIRST		IMPERIAL, ROCK	
Elder Judee Kleb	()	Elder	()
Elder	()	IRONTON, FIRST	
CRESTWOOD, SOUTHMINSTER		Elder	()
Elder	()	JACKSON, FIRST	
Elder	()	Elder	()
CRYSTAL CITY, GRACE		Elder	()
Elder Janice Aucutt	()	JERSEYVILLE, FIRST	
Elder Mark Trautwein	(x)	Elder	()
CUBA, FIRST		Elder	()
Elder	()	KAMPSVILLE, FIRST UNITED	
CUBA, TRINITY CHAPEL		Elder Keith Dirks	()
Elder Ed Windle	(x)	KIRKWOOD, FIRST	
DARDENNE PRAIRIE, DARDENNE		Elder Al Murray	(x)
Elder Steve Collier	()	Elder James Madson	(x)
Elder Judy Lowery	()	Elder Lisa Ward	(x)
Elder Steve Cox	()		

Roll - Presbytery Gathering – Ruling Elders **June 4, 2016**

LADUE CHAPEL		Elder Donna Cook	(x)
Elder Sarah Yancey	(x)	Elder Carolyn Ream	(x)
Elder Mark Templeton	()	ST. LOUIS, SECOND	
Elder Jane Geer	()	Elder Mike Willock	(x)
Elder Colleen Ruiz	(x)	Elder Barbara Bowyer	(x)
Elder Lynn Broeder	(x)	ST. LOUIS, ST. ANDREW	
MARBLE HILL, LUTESVILLE		Elder	()
Elder	()	ST. LOUIS, WEST	
MARYLAND HEIGHTS		Elder	()
Elder	()	ST. LOUIS, WESTMINSTER	
MEHLVILLE, CALVARY		Elder Sharon McCaslin	(x)
Elder Neal Donaldson	(x)	ST. LOUIS, WURDACK MEMORIAL	
MOLINE ACRES, THIRD		Elder	()
Elder Bernice Thompson	()	STE. GENEVIEVE, FIRST	
Elder Dorothy Spates	()	Elder Cindy Fieg	(x)
MORO		STEELVILLE	
Elder	()	Elder Caroline Viehman	(x)
OVERLAND, NEW HORIZONS		Elder Rob Viehman	(x)
Elder Barbara Hause	()	SULLIVAN, FIRST	
PACIFIC		Elder Tonette Barnes	()
Elder Becky Reed	()	UNION, FIRST	
Elder Marianne Perez	(x)	Elder Myron Gruber	()
PARK HILLS, FIRST		UNIVERSITY CITY, FIRST of ST. LOUIS	
Elder	()	Elder	()
PERRYVILLE, FIRST		UNIVERSITY CITY, TRINITY	
Elder	()	Elder	()
POPLAR BLUFF, FIRST		Elder	()
Elder	()	WASHINGTON	
POTOSI		Elder Vivian Marshall	(x)
Elder Debby Bust	(x)	Elder	()
SEDGEWICKVILLE, WHITEWATER		WEBSTER GROVES	
Elder Crystal Haberman	()	Elder Harriet Hall	()
SIKESTON, HUNTER MEMORIAL FIRST		Elder John Rawlings	()
Elder Jim Starks	(x)	Elder John Wagner	()
Elder	()	WILDWOOD, WOODLAWN CHAPEL	
ST. CHARLES, NEW HOPE		Elder Bob Rowlands	()
Elder	()	Elder Dean Keating	()
Elder	()	WOOD RIVER, COLLEGE AVENUE	
ST. CHARLES		Elder Karen Wilson	()
Elder	()	Elder Maggie Dillinger	()
Elder	()	WOOD RIVER, THE UNITED	
ST. LOUIS, BERA		Elder Brenda Donohoo	(x)
Elder	()	Elder Faye Buerk	(x)
ST. LOUIS, COTE BRILLIANTE			
Elder Milton Robinson	()		
Elder Pasadena Weathersby	()		
ST. LOUIS, CURBY MEMORIAL			
Elder	()		
ST. LOUIS, GIBSON HEIGHTS			
Elder Ron Norgard	()		
ST. LOUIS, OAK HILL			

PRESBYTERY STAFF (Ruling Elders)

Cindy Corley (x)
Christy Foster (x)
Judy Pickett (x)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Fieg (x)

VISION LEADERSHIP TEAM

RE Michelle Smith (x)
TE Erin Counihan (x)
TE Anita Hendrix (x)
RE Thom Hood ()
TE Terry Epling (x)
RE Linda Dencker ()
RE Dale Dickerson ()
RE Donald Marshall ()
TE Cedric Portis ()
TE Mark Thomas ()
RE Joyce Wilks-Love ()
RE Jim Ford (x)

**CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL**

RE Marjory L. Bryant ()
RE Becky Vogt, Washington ()
RE Emily Holman, Ladue Chapel ()
RE Judy Pickett (x)
RE Cindy Corley (x)

MODERATORS CONST. COMMITTEES

Committee on Representation/Nominating (x)
Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) ()

Presbytery Gathering – June 4, 2016 – Teaching Elders, CREs

Altman, Ann	
Anderson-Little, Dan	
Andrews, Susan	
Artz, Steven	
Bass, Thomas	
Bembower, Paul	
Bennett, Carl	
Berger, Julie Allen	
Blanchard, Karen	
Brenner, Bart	
Brown, Marsha	
Brown, Vicky	
Burgonio-Watson, Thelma	
Butler, Sean	x
Calkins, Kurt	
Cardwell, Rob	x
Carothers, John	
Carter, Richard	
Charlton, William	
Chi, James	
Cleeland, Patricia	
Cochran, Donald	
Cooper, Paula	
Counihan, Erin	x
Crowley, David	
Crumpton, Clyde	
Cummins, Wesley	
Dalton, Richard	
Dempsey, Brendan	
DeVaughan, Carol	
DeWall, Kenneth	
Dobson, Emma	
Dobson, Kenneth	
Douglas, Jerry	
Dowd, James	

Downing, Wendy	x
Dumey, Karen	
Dyer, Robert	x
Edelman, Kenneth	
Embrey, Jillian	
Epling, Anne	x
Epling, Terry	x
Faison, Bert	
Ferbet, Gary	
Foltz, Miriam	
Frazier, Paul	
Gaeddert, Barry	
Garrison, David	
Gibbs, Reagan	
Gillard, Grant	
Gillard, Nancy	x
Gleason, Howard	
Glenn, Tom	
Goodwin, John	x
Gruber, Patrick	
Gvillo, Julie	x
Handley, Helen	
Hanks, Thomas	
Harrison, John	
Hartley, James	x
Hause, Richard	
Hayes, Susan	
Heinzl, Dieter	
Hembruch, John	
Hendrix, Anita	x
Higgins, John	x
Hoekstra, Charles	
Holyan, David	
Huber, Kemper	x
Hudson, Dan	

Humbert, George	
James, Christopher	
Johnson, John	
Kabo, Paul	
Kanerva, Elizabeth	
Kanerva, Jay	
Kasberg, Andrew	
Keating, Carol	
Keating, Chris	
Kimmel, Lewis	
Knopf, Stephanie	
Koon, W. Clarence	
Koppelman, Ron	
Kornell, Gary	
Kramer, Andrew	
Kratz, Donald	
Krause, Deborah	
Kroener, J. Scott	
Lahmeyer, Van	
Lai, David	
Laing, Pamela	x
Landes, Robert	
Lane, Belden	
Looman, Gary	
Maconochie, Linda	
MacVittie, Paul	
Magnuson, James	
Maley, Larry	x
Mankell, Doug	
March, Julie	
Marshall, David	x
Marshall, Joan	x
Marting, Joseph	
Mason, George	
Mason, Michael	

Presbytery Gathering – June 4, 2016 – Teaching Elders, CREs

McCann, Clinton	
McClelland, Robert	
McKie, Eldon	
McRae, Murdoch	
Melton, Bruce	
Mercado-Heinzl, R.	
Meyers, Alan	x
Miller, Mark	
Miller, D. Richard	
Mulley, Earl	
Myers, Gary	
Myers, Joy	
Nelson, Kim	
Ngatia, Jemimah	
Niesen, Susan	
Niles, Damayanthi	
Noah, Joshua	x
O'Brien, Haskell	
O'Connor, John	
Ohlsen, Milton	
Olson, David	
Osborn, Ronald	
Overstreet, Meg	
Perman, William	
Pfautch, Roy	
Poinsett, James	
Portis, Cedric	
Rain, Ronald	
Rand, Jane	
Reiter, Paul	
Rogers, Robert	
Rosario, Ruben	
Russell, William	

Sayers, Thirza	
Seabaugh, David	
Shaw, Lloyd	
Shear, John	
Shugert, Linda	
Smith, Melanie	
Smith, V. Scott	
Smutz, William	
Snell, Jeffrey	x
Stewart, Hugh	
Stock, Elinor	x
Stock, R. Carleton	x
Stone, Patty	x
Strothmann, Mark	x
Tabscott, Robert	
Thomas, Mark	
Tracy, Debra	x
Trautman, Michael	
VanBuskirk, Jocelyn	x
Wagner, Johanna	
Wagner, Nancy	
Wanyoike, Isaac	
Ward, Wynn	x
Weems, Donald	
Welch, Jeffery	x
Welton, John	
Wendleton, J. Marc	x
Wiley, Mark	x
Williams, Denise	x
Willock, Barbara	x
Wilson, Joe	
Wray, Jerry	

Wren, Jeannine	
Young, Jeff	x
Zimmermann, J.	
Zumwinkel, Edwin	
Zweh, David	

Corresponding Members:

Ed Wicklein – Santa Fe
 Landon Whitsitt – Synod of
 Mid-America
 Ruling Elder Heath Rada – GA
 Moderator

May 20, 2016
Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
General Fund
Statement of Support, Revenue and Expenditures
For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2016

	Current Month	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2016 Budget	Remaining Actual Budget	
Revenues						
40090G	General Mission	\$ 57,931.05	81,453.26	114,283.68	342,851.00	261,397.74
40095G	Per Capita	31,947.44	147,076.08	127,887.32	383,662.00	236,585.92
40097G	Special Fund Emphasis	20.00	786.00	1,666.68	5,000.00	4,214.00
47000G	Investment Income	453.59	753.59	13,333.32	40,000.00	39,246.41
48090G	Misc. Income	0.00	6,980.23	1,666.68	5,000.00	(1,980.23)
<u>Program Fees</u>						
	--E & R Older Adult Prg	895.00	1,407.00	833.36	2,500.00	1,093.00
	--Mound Ridge Fees	1,865.10	9,395.07	44,622.32	134,267.00	124,871.93
	--Congregational Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	--COM	0.00	3,022.00	166.68	500.00	(2,522.00)
<u>Other Income</u>						
	--Medical Trust Acctg Fees	0.00	4,500.00	6,000.00	18,000.00	13,500.00
	--Equipping & Resourcing	10.00	55.95	500.00	1,500.00	1,444.05
	--Mound Ridge Gifts	481.34	1,481.87	1,666.64	5,000.00	3,518.13
43626G	Donations-DRAP	0.00	576.75	0.00	0.00	(576.75)
<u>Transfers</u>						
49015G	Transfer Clarkson Carpenter	0.00	0.00	1,666.68	5,000.00	5,000.00
49360G	Transfer MR Camp Scholarships	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	Transfer Unrestricted GA 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	Transfer to NWCC	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
49800G	Transfer Held Property Fund	61,692.00	75,657.00	37,666.68	157,692.00	82,035.00
	Total Revenues	155,295.52	333,144.80	358,960.04	1,187,972.00	854,827.20
Expenditures						
	Equipping & Resourcing	24.95	6,519.21	3,408.36	9,475.00	2,955.79
	Mound Ridge	13,126.78	41,384.44	68,572.00	205,716.00	164,331.56
	NWCC	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
	CDMT	0.00	0.00	1,583.32	4,750.00	4,750.00
	COM	0.00	4,664.18	7,150.04	21,450.00	16,785.82
	Justice & Compassion	298.20	552.20	11,183.36	27,350.00	26,797.80
	DRAP	0.00	1,365.27	1,710.00	5,130.00	3,764.73
	GA 2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Leadership Team						
	**Finance - Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
	**Governance	53.53	705.97	1,833.32	5,600.00	4,894.03
	**Office Operations	16,976.42	72,876.52	12,122.96	36,369.00	(36,507.52)
	**Personnel	41,152.72	177,872.36	193,185.32	579,556.00	401,683.64
	**Property	4,742.56	18,212.23	20,966.72	62,900.00	44,687.77
	**St. Charles Loan	4,655.00	18,620.00	18,666.68	56,000.00	37,380.00
	**Hillside Loan & Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00	80,000.00
80000G	GA Per Capita	8,936.19	35,744.76	32,863.68	98,591.00	62,846.24
80001G	Synod Per Capita	3,413.82	13,655.28	12,643.68	37,931.00	24,275.72
	Total Expenses	93,380.17	392,172.42	435,889.44	1,322,318.00	930,145.58
	Net Income including Transfers	61,915.35	(59,027.62)	(76,929.40)	(134,346.00)	(75,318.38)
Transfers						
	Transfers	(61,692.00)	(75,657.00)	(46,333.36)	249,692.00	325,349.00
	Net Income from Operations	223.35	(134,684.62)	(123,262.76)	115,346.00	250,030.62