

**Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy
GATHERING MINUTES
Thursday, June 11, 2015**

Steelville Presbyterian Church
Steelville, Missouri

Rev. Dr. John Hembruch, Moderator
Rev. Terry L. Epling, Stated Clerk

Convening the Gathering

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy met for a stated meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Steelville Presbyterian Church, Steelville, Missouri.

The Moderator, Rev. Dr. John Hembruch, called the gathering to order in the church's sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Hembruch led an opening litany. The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Terry Epling, reported that at that time 43 Ruling Elders were registered and 32 Teaching Elders. 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.*

The proposed schedule for the gathering was approved without objection.

Welcome from the Host Church

The Moderator thanked the session and members of Steelville Presbyterian Church for hosting this meeting of presbytery. The Rev. John Welton, pastor, welcomed presbytery on behalf of the congregation.

New Commissioners

The Moderator yielded the chair to the Vice-Moderator, Ruling Elder Michelle Smith.

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

The Rev. Susan Niesen, Associate Presbyter for Leadership, introduced the Rev. Kemper Huber, interim pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Crestwood, Missouri, and Mr. Joshua Noah, pastor-elect of Grace Presbyterian Church, Crystal City, Missouri.

Confession of Sin

The Vice-Moderator invited presbytery to a moment of confession of sin. Presbyters prayed a unison prayer of confession and were assured of God's pardon followed by sharing the peace of Christ and singing the *Gloria Patri*.

Treasurer

The Treasurer, Ruling Elder Don Marshall, reported regarding the presbytery's finances. He reported that the O'Fallon, Illinois, property sale would close in August. He had researched the source of funds for the original purchase and determined that the funds came from several sources including the Revolving Loan Fund.

The Revolving Loan Fund balance is currently \$232,000 and \$150,000 of that is invested with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program in order to secure a lower interest rate on the St. Charles Presbyterian Church loan. The fund began in the late 1970's

or early 1980's due to high interest rates at the time. One million dollars was used from the fund in 2005 to cover expense overages on the presbytery office building renovation.

The net proceeds from the O'Fallon property sale will be applied at 8% to the Church Development Fund, 2% to the Leadership Team unrestricted fund, and 90% to the Held Properties Fund to maintain church properties until they are sold.

The Moderator resumed the chair and thanked the Vice Moderator for her leadership.

New Worshiping Communities Administrative Commission

The Rev. Dr. John Shear, moderator of the New Worshiping Communities Administrative Commission, reported for the commission.

Dr. Shear reported on the progress of UKirk. The Rev. Miriam Foltz is pastor of the ministry and is cooperating with campus ministries sponsored by the ELCA and the Episcopal Church (USA). Summer programs were held in Tower Grove Park. A \$9,000 grant was received from General Assembly along with \$20,000 from individual donors and church sessions.

The commission's next meeting will be held at Southampton in St. Louis. Amen House at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church has provided many volunteer hours working on the building this summer. The SOHA Ministries began a Facebook page. A pastoral search is underway with several candidates under consideration.

The commission reported that the Living Waters NCD project was suspended due to funding limitations and health concerns for one of the organizing pastors. The commission reviewed the project and noted how much they had learned along the way. The ministry funds were audited and the balance returned. The Rev. Dr. Dan Anderson-Little spoke about the experience and encouraged the presbytery to experiment more not less.

Committee on Ministry

1. Pastoral Transitions

a. Rev. Steven Ranney

The Committee on Ministry received and reviewed the terms of call to the Rev. Steven P. Ranney as pastor of the Tustin Presbyterian Church, Tustin, California, and found them in order. The committee concurred with the request of the St. Mark congregation, meeting on April 19, 2015, to accept Rev. Ranney's request for dissolution and dissolved the pastoral relationship effective April 25, 2015. The committee dismissed Rev. Ranney to membership in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos effective May 1, 2015.

b. Rev. Mary Gene Boteler

In a duly called congregational meeting on May 17, 2015, the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church voted to concur in the request of the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective May 31, 2015, so that she may be free to accept a call as interim pastor of Mount Washington Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Committee on Ministry acted on behalf of the presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship and transferred Rev. Boteler to membership in the Presbytery of Cincinnati effective June 1, 2015.

c. Rev. Sarah Brouwer

In a duly called congregational meeting on May 3, 2015, the congregation of Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church voted to concur in the request of the Rev. Sarah Brouwer to dissolve the associate pastoral relationship effective May 21, 2015, as she accepts a position as interim associate pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Committee on Ministry acted on behalf of presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship and to dismiss Rev. Brouwer to membership in the Presbytery of the Twin Cities, upon their request.

d. Rev. Kimberly Skilling

The Rev. Kimberly A. Skilling resigned from a temporary supply pastoral relationship with Affton Presbyterian Church effective June 30, 2015. The Committee on Ministry concurred in the dissolution and will dismiss Rev. Skilling upon a request for transfer of membership. She will relocate with her husband, Rev. Steven Ranney, in early July and is seeking a new call in California. She was enrolled as a Member at Large.

2. Appointment as Moderator of Session

The Committee on Ministry appointed the Rev. Deborah Krause as Moderator of the session of Second Presbyterian Church, effective June 1, 2015.

3. Honorable Retirements

a. Rev. Paul Wang

After receipt of appropriate reports and an interview with the Rev. Paul Wang, the Committee on Ministry acted on behalf of presbytery to restore Rev. Wang to the roll of active members, in order to consider his request for honorable retirement. Rev. Wang retired from active service in the U.S. Navy in February, 2014. The Committee on Ministry acted to approve his request for honorable retirement from active ministry, effective May 31, 2015, and added his name to the roll of Honorably Retired members.

b. Rev. John Carothers

The Committee on Ministry acted on behalf of the presbytery to approve the honorable retirement of the Rev. Dr. John S. Carothers, effective June 1, 2015, and added his name to the presbytery's roll of Honorably Retired members.

4. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Committee on Ministry reauthorized Ruling Elder Tom Cavicchia to preside at the table at Affton Presbyterian Church through June 15, 2016. Mr. Cavicchia has been previously trained to offer this service in his congregation.

The Committee on Ministry authorized the serving of communion at the ordination service of Joshua Noah, as requested by the pastor-elect and session of Grace Presbyterian Church, pending approval of the pastoral call by the presbytery.

Board of Pensions dues in full, including family medical coverage

Reimbursable allowances

Travel at the IRS rate \$750

Continuing Education \$750

Professional Expenses \$500

Moving Expenses up to \$10,000

Vacation of 4 weeks annually

Continuing Education leave of 2 weeks annually, cumulative to 3 weeks

A representative of the Pastoral Nominating Committee spoke to the call on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Noah presented his statement of faith and was examined. There were four questions from three Teaching Elders and one Ruling Elder. The Rev. John Welton moved, it was seconded and approved to arrest the examination. The Moderation put the question of sustaining the examination and called for discussion. There was no discussion. The motion to sustain the examination was approved on a voice vote. The committee recommended approval of the terms of call and authorization for the Moderator to appoint a commission to ordain and install on July 18, 2015. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.

Honorable Retirement Recognition

The Moderator invited the Rev. Dr. John Carothers to come to the chancel for a blessing upon approval of his honorable retirement. The Moderator led presbytery in a litany and offered words of thanksgiving for the active ministry of Dr. Carothers, inviting him to a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings. The Moderator prayed for Dr. Carothers and the whole church.

Scripture and Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John Carothers read from Romans 12:2-6a, 21, and preached a sermon titled *Living the Dream*. Presbytery sang the hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*.

Minutes

The Minutes of the presbytery gathering on April 16, 2015, were reviewed and approved without objection.

Affirmation of Faith and Pastoral Prayer

Presbytery affirmed its faith by reciting the presbytery mission statement. The Rev. Dr. Anita Hendrix, Presbytery Leader, invited the sharing of joys and concerns and led the presbytery in prayer.

Offering

The offering was received in support of Mound Ridge Retreat Center and the Nicaragua Community Partnership. Ruling Elder Robert Bowness (Steelville) played *Mist Covered Mountains* and *Syke Boat Song* on the bagpipes as the offering was taken.

Commissioning

Ruling Elder Harriet Hall (Webster Groves) spoke to the ministries of the Nicaragua Community Partnership as it prepares to leave for Nicaragua this summer. Ruling Elder

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Christy Foster, Camp Director, spoke to the ministry of Mound Ridge Retreat Center and introduced the summer camp staff.

The Moderator led a commissioning liturgy giving thanks to God for the transformation that occurs through these programs of the presbytery. Presbytery sang the hymn *Lord, When I Came into this Life*.

Adjournment

There being no further items to come before presbytery, the Rev. Dr. John Hembruch, Moderator, thanked the organist, Ruling Elder Delores Bell (Steelville), and reminded presbyters of the next scheduled gathering on August 29, 2015. He delivered the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Rev. Terry Epling,
Stated Clerk

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Quorum & Roll - Presbytery Gathering – Ruling Elders

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AFFTON		CRYSTAL CITY, GRACE	
Elder Verna Pickles	(x)	Elder Bob Denison	(x)
ALTON, COLLEGE AVENUE		Elder Muriel Stephens	(x)
Elder Karen Wilson	()	CUBA, FIRST	
Elder Karen Gunte	()	Elder Marilyn Stewart	(x)
ALTON, ELM STREET		CUBA, TRINITY CHAPEL	
Elder Tom Wyatt	()	Elder Ed Windle	()
ALTON, FIRST		DARDENNE PRAIRIE, DARDENNE	
Elder Ruth Wimp	()	Elder Bonnie Gilmore	(x)
Elder Bob Thornberry	()	Elder Lisa Elles-Borrson	(x)
ALTON, SALEM		Elder Steve Collier	(x)
Elder Danny Gerdt	()	DEXTER, FIRST	
BALLWIN, ST. MARK		Elder	()
Elder Bruce Cranston	(x)	DONIPHAN, FIRST	
Elder Cay Noble	(x)	Elder	()
Elder Cliff Schoep	(x)	EDWARDSVILLE, FIRST	
BALLWIN, TAIWANESE of GREATER StL		Elder Ray Daniels	(x)
Elder Tony Su	()	Elder Joyce Toussaint	()
BELLEVILLE, FIRST UNITED		FARMINGTON	
Elder Jackie Bainter	(x)	Elder Margaret Bembower	()
Elder Andrew Morgan	(x)	FERGUSON, FIRST	
Elder John Mann	(x)	Elder	()
BELLEVILLE, WESTMINSTER		Elder	()
Elder Laurie Brown	(x)	FISK	
BETHALTO		Elder	()
Elder Dale Dickerson	()	FLORISSANT	
BOURBON, OLD ARGO		Elder Lynn Bohler	()
Elder	()	Elder	()
BRIDGETON, JOHN CALVIN		FLORISSANT, JOHN KNOX	
Elder Virginia Messersmith	()	Elder John Thomas	(x)
Elder Rosalea Vogler	()	Elder Jeannette Blincoe	(x)
BRIDGETON, MIZPAH		FREDERICKTOWN, FIRST	
Elder	()	Elder	()
BRIGHTON, FIRST		FRONTENAC, FAITH & DES PERES	
Elder Kay Long	()	Elder Dorcas Case	(x)
CAPE GIRARDEAU, FIRST		GERALD, BOEUFF	
Elder Donna Pikey	()	Elder Ron Koppelman Jr.	()
Elder Joyce Rayfield	()	GLENDALE	
CAPE GIRARDEAU, WESTMINSTER		Elder Katie Cook	(x)
Elder Jeff Jernigan	()	GRANITE CITY, FIRST UNITED	
CHESTERFIELD, BONHOMME		Elder Ken Aud	()
Elder	()	Elder Steve Anderson	(x)
Elder	()	HARDIN, FIRST	
Elder	()	Elder Dwight Ringhausen	()
Elder	()	HILLSBORO, FIRST	
COLLINSVILLE, FIRST		Elder	()
Elder Paul Muniz	()	HOUSE SPRINGS, HILLSIDE	
Elder Calvin Butts	()	Elder Katharine Kilpatric	()
CRESTWOOD, SOUTHMINSTER		IMPERIAL, ROCK	
Elder Larry Charpiot	(x)	Elder Renay Kusmec	(x)
Elder	()		

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IRONTON, FIRST		ST. CHARLES	
Elder	()	Elder Nathan Carrington	()
JACKSON, FIRST		Elder Carolyn Newcomb	()
Elder	()	ST. LOUIS, BEREA	
Elder	()	Elder	()
JERSEYVILLE, FIRST		ST. LOUIS, COTE BRILLIANTE	
Elder Fredrick A. Borger	()	Elder Milton Robinson	(x)
Elder Chris Bear	()	Elder Mary Ann Tillman	()
KAMPSVILLE, FIRST UNITED		ST. LOUIS, CURBY MEMORIAL	
Elder Keith Dirks	()	Elder Terry Hicks	(x)
KIRKWOOD, FIRST		ST. LOUIS, GIBSON HEIGHTS	
Elder Jessie Douglas	()	Elder Ron Norgard	()
Elder James Madson	(x)	ST. LOUIS, OAK HILL	
Elder Al Murray	(x)	Elder Jan Stanford	()
LADUE CHAPEL		Elder Donna Cook	()
Elder Dale Knight	(x)	ST. LOUIS, SECOND	
Elder Carol Olsen	(x)	Elder Kevin Gritzke	()
Elder Jane Geer	(x)	Elder Charlet Cochran	()
Elder Ted Peachee	()	ST. LOUIS, ST. ANDREW	
Elder Jack Carr	()	Elder Valgard Jonsson	()
MARBLE HILL, LUTESVILLE		ST. LOUIS, WEST	
Elder	()	Elder	()
MARYLAND HEIGHTS		ST. LOUIS, WESTMINSTER	
Elder	()	Elder Sharon McCaslin	(x)
MEHLVILLE, CALVARY		ST. LOUIS, WURDACK MEMORIAL	
Elder Jim Cook	()	Elder	()
MOLINE ACRES, THIRD		STE. GENEVIEVE, FIRST	
Elder Bernice Thompson	()	Elder	()
Elder Walter Hearn	()	STEELVILLE	
MORO		Elder Bill Cape	(x)
Elder Kirk Johnson	()	Elder Kim Zeiss	(x)
OVERLAND, NEW HORIZONS		SULLIVAN, FIRST	
Elder Bill Lohness	()	Elder Tonette Barnes	(x)
PACIFIC		UNION, FIRST	
Elder Becky Reed	()	Elder Myron Gruber	()
Elder Marianne Perez	()	UNIVERSITY CITY, FIRST of ST. LOUIS	
PARK HILLS, FIRST		Elder	()
Elder	()	UNIVERSITY CITY, TRINITY	
PERRYVILLE, FIRST		Elder Michelle Smith	()
Elder	()	Elder Larry Dontious	()
POPLAR BLUFF, FIRST		WASHINGTON	
Elder Mary Jane Bader	()	Elder Vivian Marshall	(x)
POTOSI		Elder	()
Elder	()	WEBSTER GROVES	
SEDGEWICKVILLE, WHITEWATER		Elder Harriet Hall	(x)
Elder	()	Elder Sue Scott	()
SIKESTON, HUNTER MEMORIAL FIRST		Elder John Dames	()
Elder Jim Starks	(x)	WILDWOOD, WOODLAWN CHAPEL	
Elder Marilyn Starks	(x)	Elder	()
ST. CHARLES, NEW HOPE		Elder	()
Elder Deb Garten	()	WOOD RIVER, THE UNITED	
Elder	()	Elder Leroy Duncan	()
		Elder Alice Buzzard	(x)

PRESBYTERY STAFF (Ruling Elders)

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Fieg ()

LEADERSHIP TEAM

TE John Hembruch (x)
 RE Michelle Smith (x)
 TE Anita Hendrix (x)
 RE Thom Hood ()
 TE Terry Epling (x)
 TE Julie Allen Berger ()
 RE Linda Dencker ()
 RE Donald Marshall (x)
 TE Cedric Portis ()
 TE Mark Thomas (x)
 RE Dale Vandiver (x)
 RE Mike Willock (x)
 RE Joyce Wilks-Love ()
 RE Jim Ford ()
 TE Rob Dyer (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 ()
 RE Elly Commings
 Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) ()

MODERATORS PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES

Committee on Ministry (x)
 TE Gary Ferbet
 Committee on Preparation for Ministry ()
 TE Clint McCann
 Nominating Committee ()
 CRE Rob Cardwell

MODERATORS MINISTRY TEAMS

Camp & Conference (x)
 TE John Welton
 Justice & Compassion (x)
 TE Mark Strothmann
 Resourcing ()
 RE Barbi Smith
 Congregational Development (x)
 RE Janice McMillen
 Dismantling Racism ()
 RE Peggy Swing

Gathering Attendance – June 11, 2015 – Teaching Elders, CREs

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

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

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

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Mason, George	
Mason, Michael	
McCann, Clinton	
McClelland, Robert	
McKie, Eldon	
McRae, Murdoch	
Melton, Bruce	
Mercado-Heinzl, R.	
Meyers, Alan	
Miller, Mark	x
Miller, D. Richard	
Mordhorst, Dean	
Mulley, Earl	
Myers, Joy	
Nelson, Kim	
Ngatia, Jemimah	
Niesen, Susan	x
Noah, Joshua	x
Niles, Damayanthi	
O'Brien, Haskell	
O'Connor, John	
Ohlsen, Milton	
Olson, David	
Osborn, Ronald	
Overstreet, Meg	
Perman, William	
Pfautch, Roy	
Pfizenmaier, Thomas	
Portis, Cedric	
Rain, Ronald	
Rand, Jane	
Ranney, Steve	
Rawlings, John	

Reiter, Paul	
Rogers, Robert	
Rosario-Rodriguez, R	
Russell, William	
Sayers, Thirza	
Scroggs, Marilee	
Seabaugh, David	
Shaw, Lloyd	
Shear, John	x
Shugert, Linda	
Skilling, Kim	
Slater, Doug	
Smith, Melanie	
Smith, V. Scott	
Smutz, William	x
Stewart, Hugh	
Stock, Elinor	x
Stock, R. Carleton	x
Stone, Patty	x
Stribling, Don	x
Strothmann, Mark	x
Tabscott, Robert	
Thomas, Mark	x
Tracy, Debra	x
Trautman, Michael	
VanBuskirk, Jocelyn	
Wagner, Johanna	
Wagner, Nancy	
Wanyoike, Isaac	
Ward, Wynn	
Weems, Donald	
Welch, Jeffery	x

Welton, John	x
Wendleton, J. Marc	x
Wiley, Mark	x
Williams, Denise	
Williams, Thomas	
Willock, Barbara	x
Wilson, Joe	
Wray, Jerry	
Wren, Jeannine	
Young, Jeff	x
Zimmermann, J.	
Zumwinkel, Edwin	
Zweh, David	

Corresponding Members: