



PRESBYTERY ANNOUNCES ITS 5-YEAR FINANCIAL PROJECTION PLAN



Stated Clerk Cindy Bean

On behalf of the Financial Management Task Force, (TE Bill McLean, *Presbyter for Congregational Care*, TE Cindy Bean, *Stated Clerk*, RE Paul Saegesser, *Presbytery Treasurer*, TE Dennis Hamilton, *Tilden*; TE Stacy Tate, *UCC*; and RE Bill Capel, *Champaign, McKinley*) Stated Clerk Cindy Bean presented a timeline of the Presbytery's membership and leadership changes since 1972 focusing on the last 10 years. **In 1972**, the Presbytery had over 27,000 members and 123 congregations. **At the end of 2015**, the presbytery had 6,787 members, and today there are 83 congregations. **In 2006** there were 110 minister members of Presbytery and 33% (37) were Honorably Retired or Members at Large. **In 2016** there are 94 minister members and 51% (48) of whom are Honorably Retired or members at large. While there are fewer congregations and active members, the Presbytery has a

smaller percentage of minister members working with the congregations. This is a big change that requires more service from each minister member. Meanwhile, the Presbytery staffing has stayed the same during those same 10 years with the exceptions of the Presbyter for Congregational Care being reduced from full-time to 65% time and the Camp Director position being increased from a 1/3 time position to a full time position.

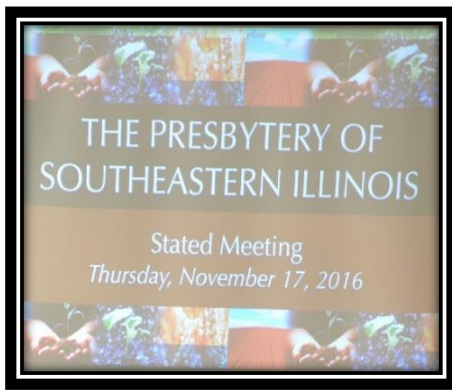
In 2013, the Presbytery formed a Generosity Task Force to address the stewardship issues of the presbytery. After attending a Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference the group narrowed their focus to addressing congregational stewardship education and shared what they had learned with many of the congregations in this presbytery. This left a void since there still wasn't a group to address the Presbytery's financial issues. **In 2014**, General Council formed a Financial Management Task Force (FMTF) and they developed a new Presbytery financial policy and long range financial projections for the Presbytery. The FMTF also worked with the Camp Carew Finance Committee to develop better reports, work toward a financial review and understand common struggles.

Throughout the life of the Presbytery, there has been a strong commitment to support the ministry of Camp Carew. **In 2010**, the Presbytery committed to funding a full-time Camp Director salary (for five years and this was renewed for two additional years) in addition to providing some Camp Carew Program support. These expenses were to be paid from the Presbytery's Mission Giving received from the congregations. Cindy shared that the decline in mission giving over the years has forced the Presbytery to take from its per capita funds and reserves to meet the financial commitment for the full-time Camp Director and forced a reduction in Program Support.

The Presbytery has also made a commitment to hold per capita steady despite GA per capita increases every year. The Presbytery's portion of the 2017 per capita will be \$28.70, a decrease of 22 cents from 2016. In the last few years, the Presbytery has lost over 1,000 members due to churches closing or being dismissed to another denomination. Cindy gave examples of how the financial support of the Presbytery could increase – increased membership in the congregations, increased Mission Giving, increase reserves/investments through donations, draw more out of reserves/investments that are not permanently restricted.

Cindy presented a five year financial projection plan for the Presbytery. If nothing changes financially, the Presbytery will deplete its reserves by 2019. The Presbytery must begin addressing the shifts in our presbytery which have led to declining resources (decreasing number of congregations and minister members to serve congregations, decreasing per capita and financial reserves). The bottom line – the Presbytery does **not** have the option to “close up shop” and cease to be a presbytery. The options are to:

- Increase income
- Decrease expenses
- Share expenses for some functions with another presbytery
- Dissolve as a presbytery and join with another presbytery, thereby increasing our already large geographic borders
- Pursue other creative options, like dividing into smaller presbyteries that can be staffed by one part-time person.



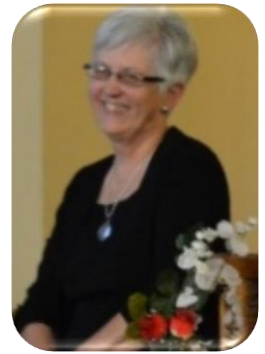
Presbytery elects its 2017 Moderator and Vice Moderator



TE Laurie Fields, and TE Rodger Allen

Outgoing Moderator RECOGNIZED

Ruling Elder Jan Mandernach, Decatur, First was recognized for her outstanding service as Presbytery's 2016 Moderator. Jan requested that a donation be given in her honor to the Marion Medical Mission in lieu of the customary plaque.



Janice West (TE), Carbondale, First welcomed the presbyters to her church at the beginning of the November 17, 2016 Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois meeting

Before The Meeting



Left to right: Elizabeth Moses (TE), Carmi Stacy Tate (TE), UCC Bill Capel (RE), Champaign, McKinley Bill Lawser (TE), Honorably Retired, and Wade Halva (TE), Marion, First

Kemmerer Village

Alice Christenberry presented the Kemmerer Village (KV) Annual Report. KV has 44 children in its residential off campus program and 57 children in its foster care program. Because of the support from the community, churches, organizations, and individuals, Kemmerer Village has not had to cut any of its programs. KV collected General Mills box tops as a fundraiser, and by doing so they raised over \$30,000. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be used towards the needs of the school. Kemmerer Village asked that they be kept in the presbytery's prayers.



MISSION TRIPS

Heifer Ranch

Madeline Fields-Halva (left) and Joseph Prest shared their experiences while at the Heifer Ranch. Carbondale, First church received a Mission and Ministry grant in the amount of \$3,000. The funds were used on a mission trip to the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas. There were seven youth and four adults from the Carbondale and Marion churches that went.



Marion Medical Mission



Dan and Susie Selock (REs), Marion, First; Wade Halva (TE), Marion, First; and Janice West (TE), Carbondale, First shared their experiences while on a mission trip to Malawi Africa where they installed wells for safe drinking water. Laura Johnston (TE), Champaign, Westminster demonstrated what it was like for the locals to carry water, for miles to their villages - before the wells were installed. This year there were 2,578 wells installed. It was announced that the cholera virus has been eradicated in the areas where the wells have been installed.

Musical Ensemble Available



Jean Rene' Balekita & Bomoyi, an accomplished professional musical ensemble is available to bring their talents to worship services and other events at area churches. They have been enthusiastically received in services at Assumption, Champaign, Philo, Tolono and Urbana. They have also performed in various venues in the surrounding community.

The repertoire of Jean Rene' Balekita and Bomoyi includes hymns familiar to Presbyterians and Congolese music with flavors of gospel, jazz and African rhythms. Bomoyi means "life" in the native language of Lingala. In addition to Lingala they sing in English, French, Kikongo, Swahili and Tshiluba. Well known in D.R. Congo, Jean Rene' Balekita and Bomoyi have recently gained enthusiastic audiences in the United States. Jean Rene' on acoustic guitar is joined by vocalist Laetitia Kyungu with Victor Matondo on bass guitar.

Jean Rene' is a recording artist, composer, director and teacher of music. He teaches voice, guitar, keyboard, African rhythm and percussion.

For more information, contact Bob Kirby, 356-5915.

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Mission and Ministry

The Presbytery's *Mission and Ministry Grants* applications are available. The project must be **sponsored by** a congregation in our presbytery.

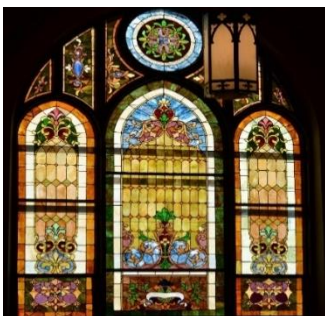
The grant committee encourage **new** projects but will consider an already operating project (e.g. support for individuals going on a mission trip).

Please contact the Presbytery Office for an application.

The **deadline** for receiving applications is **Wednesday, March 30.**

Pastor Support and Enrichment

The *Pastor Support and Enrichment Grants* are available for pastors serving in this presbytery. Contact the Presbytery office at office@psei.net or 1-800-456-7734 for an application.



One of the beautifully stained glass windows at the First Presbyterian Church, Carbondale

Presbytery Election

The Presbytery held an election at its November 17, 2016 meeting to elect, or reelect the following members to the committees of the Presbytery. *Stars indicate when a term ends.*

OFFICER OF THE PRESBYTERY (clergy and elders only)

Moderator	Laurie Fields (TE), Member at Large	2017*
Vice Moderator	Rodger Allen (TE), Paris, The	2017*

GENERAL COUNCIL

Moderator	Jan Mandernach, (RE), Decatur, 1st	2017
Vice Moderator	<i>POSITION SUSPENDED</i>	
At Large	Wade Meranda (TE), Hoopeston	2019*

COMMISSION OF TRUSTEES:

First Capital	Suzanne Wood (RE), Centralia, First	2018
Greater Decatur	Susan Gant-Reynolds (RE), Decatur, West	2019
Salt Fork	Wade Meranda (TE), Hoopeston	2019*

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Salt Fork	Robert McNabb (RE), Monticello	2019*
First Capital	Rob Aarons (RE), Centralia	2019*

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – TE and RE only

Moderator	Rachel Helgeson (TE), Mt. Vernon	2019
Salt Fork	Jason Schiller (TE), Philo-Tolono	2019*
Greater Decatur	Michel Wakeland (TE), Mt. Zion	2019*
The Bridge	Beau Brown (TE), Olney	2019*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Moderator	Stacy Tate (TE), UCC Irvington	2019*
Salt Fork	Laurie Williams (TE), Paris	2019*

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

First Capital	Susan Bryant (RE), Greenville	2019*
The Bridge	Karen Russell (TE), Palestine	2019
River to River	Kerry Bean (TE), Cobden	2019

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Moderator	Dennis Hamilton (TE), Tilden	2019*
First Capital	Jane Hopkins (RE), Donnellson	2019
At-Large	Beau Brown (TE), Olney	2018
	Sutton Decker (RE),	2018
	Libby Milner (RE), Danville	2019

RESPONSE TEAM (+ 2nd Term; * 3rd Term)

Moderator	Roger Lyons	2019*
Members	Janice West (TE), Carbondale, First	2018
	Connie Bandy (TE), UCC Champ	2019*
	Melissa Keeble (TE), Champaign, CC	2019+

COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD

Teaching Elder	Ann Schwartz (TE), Hoopeston	2019
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Clergy Ordination Celebrations

The following will celebrate the years of answering His call

45 years	Walter Baker	January 09, 1972
35 years	Cindy Shepherd	January 28, 1982
30 years	Robert Spurgin	February 1, 1987
10 years	Stacy Tate	March 11, 2007



MCKINLEY CHURCH & FOUNDATION SAYS FAREWELL

to its Executive Director Kathleen Robbins



After six years, Kathleen Robbins will be retiring from the McKinley Foundation as Executive Director effective December 31, 2016. During her six years, Kathleen has accomplished the following:

1. Over 1,500 student lives touched through McKinley programs and the Presby ethos of community service and inclusivity,
2. Presby debt reduced on schedule by over \$2,500,000,
3. An excellent working relationship with Key Bank, our financiers
4. An endowment that is no longer being rapidly depleted.

Thanks to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois, the Foundation is in the process of having a new metal roof (sorely needed) put on the Foundation building along with 68 solar panels in the spring adding another very visible example of McKinley's dedication to sustainability.

Although Kathleen is leaving the Foundation in good hands, the Foundation still need help to continue and expand the impact of the McKinley Foundation on students and the university community. Please contact the McKinley Foundation at 217-344-0297

YEAREND REPORTS

By now you should have received your Session On-Line Annual Statistical Reports packet. The deadline for the online report is MIDNIGHT, EST (11 PM, CST) on Friday, February 10th.

The Mission Opportunity Survey should be completed by all Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders, then returned to Presbytery Office, 132 S Water, Suite 352, Decatur, IL 62523. If possible, email it to office@psei.net.

The 2017 Remittance Form and ALL checks should be mailed to:

Treasurer Paul Saegesser, 104 Oman Ct., Mattoon, IL 61938

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES will be published during the month of January, April, July, and October. All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the Presbytery office three weeks prior to the published month. Send your articles to office@psei.net, or 132 S Water, Suite 352, Decatur, IL 62523.

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES

If you, or someone you know, would like to serve on a Presbytery Committee please contact the Moderator of Committee on Representation Dennis Hamilton, at tildenpc@frontier.com

Synod of Lincoln Trails

Funding Opportunity For 2017

MISSION INITIATIVE GRANTS

Mission Initiative Grants are one-time grants of 'seed' money designed to help begin new congregation based missional activities. These one-time grants are for dollar amounts up to \$1,500 and grant recipients will be able to share their stories and progress six months and one year after receipt of the grant.

The Synod meets two times in 2017 and applications received prior to each meeting will be reviewed at that meeting. If you have any questions concerning the new Mission Initiative Grants, please contact Judy Lucas judy@lincolntrails.org at the Synod office.

Please note application deadlines: March 3rd for consideration at the March 24-25 Synod meeting; and, October 2nd for consideration at the October 20-21 Synod meeting.

Clergy Emergency Financial Support

The Synod of Lincoln Trails, in partnership with five of our eight presbyteries administers the **Fund for Ministerial Concerns**. Funds are available to clergy, and their families, who are members of these presbyteries: Blackhawk, Great Rivers, Ohio Valley, Southeastern Illinois and Wabash Valley. Funds are granted by the synod executive in consultation with the presbytery executive or general presbyter and the Shared Grants Office of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions.

Traditional areas covered are:

- Unusual medical and dental expenses not covered by the major medical portion of the Board of Pensions coverage
- Therapeutic treatment beyond Board of Pensions coverage
- Vocational counseling of a crisis nature

Contact the Synod office at 800-566-5996 for more information.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE)

ANNUAL EVENT

January 25-28, 2017 / Denver, Colorado

For more information contact

Candace Hill at 502-569-5166

Save The Date



July 6-8, 2017

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

Be inspired... Become equipped... Get connected.

More information coming soon!

Presbytery's First Quarterly Meetings

JANUARY

Camps and Conferences

Saturday, 21st / 9:30am / Effingham, First

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Tuesday, 24 / 10am / Effingham, First

Interim/Covenant Pastor Meeting

Wednesday, 25th / 9:30 - noon

General Council Meeting

Thursday, 26 / 10am / Effingham, First

COM Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, 31st / 10:30am / Mt. Vernon, First

FEBRUARY

PW Coordinating Team Mtg

Saturday, 11th / 10am / Pana, United in Faith

Stated Meeting Materials Due / Monday, 6th
Stated Meeting Packet Posted / Monday, 13th

Committee on Ministry Meeting

Thursday, 9th / 10am / Effingham

Committee on Representation

Training/Meeting

Thursday, 16th / 9:30am / Effingham

Interim/Covenant Pastor Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd / 9:30 – noon / Effingham, First

Stated Meeting

Saturday, 25th / 10 am / Mattoon, First

MARCH

COM Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, 7th / 10:30am / Mt. Vernon, First

Financial Management TF Meeting

Tuesday, 14th / 10am / Effingham, First

Presbytery Planning Team Meeting

Tuesday, 14th / 11:30am / Conference Call

Committee on Ministry Meeting

Thursday, 16th / 10am / Mt. Vernon, First

Presbytery Worship Team

Planning Meeting

Tuesday 21st / 12:30am / Conference Call

Interim Pastor Meeting

Wednesday 22nd / 9:30am / Effingham

General Council Meeting

Thursday, 30th / 10am / Effingham, First

CLERK OF SESSION TRAINING

February 12 – EFFINGHAM, FIRST – 600 W Temple

February 19 – URBANA, FIRST – 602 W Green

February 26 – CARBONDALE, FIRST- 310 S University Ave

CLERGY ON THE MOVE

Decatur, First - welcomed Revs. Bob and Jean Wollenberg as Co-Pastors effective December 1, 2016. The Wollenberg transferred from East Iowa.

Centralia, First United - the Rev. Stan Martin was installed as Pastor on November 13, 2016.

Shelbyville, First - welcomed the Rev. Andy Sonneborn as Pastor effective November 6, 2016. Rev. Sonneborn transferred from Norther Kansas.

Danville, First - welcomed the Rev. Ann Schwartz as Covenant Pastor, effective November 14, 2016 through November 13, 2018

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Special Offerings collected from February 20 – March 27

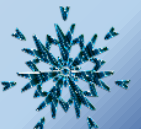
A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Presbytery Office Closing

February 20th - Presidents Day

Send ALL contact (addresses and/or phone) changes to Marsha Mower at marshamower@psei.net or 1-800-456-7734.

Send all newsletter articles to Brenda Garry at brendagarry@psei.net.





March 31-April 2

2017

*Pastors: Stu Smith, Dan Whitfield
Chris Williams,*

CONFIRMATION CAMP



AT CAMP CAREW

Camp Carew will once again be hosting a Confirmation Camp at Camp Carew at no cost to churches of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois.

Free to all the
churches of the
Presbytery

Start Friday
5pm to
Sunday 1pm

Session 1-The Church

Session 2--Mission

Session 3-Christian Living

Session 4- Being Presbyterian

Session 5- Worship

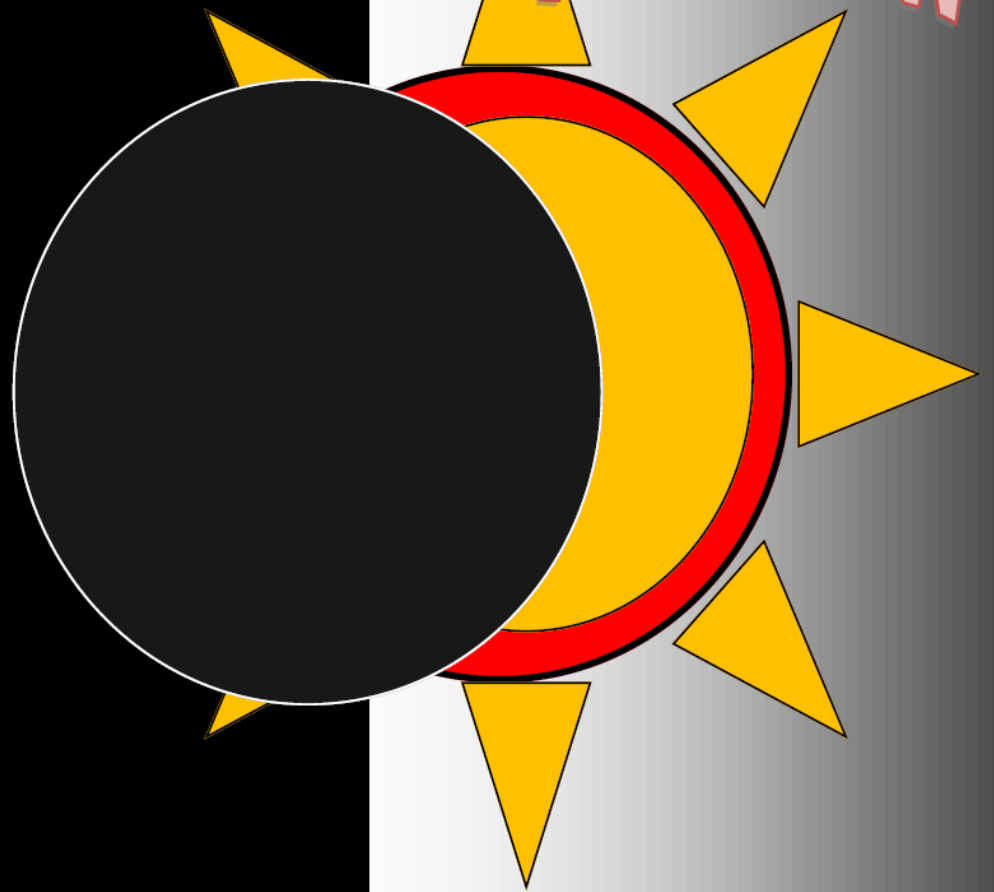
Session 6- "Sacraments"

For young adults in the 6th through 12th grades

Register by calling 1-800-456-7734 today!

Please RSVP by March 30th

Presbyterian Camp Carew



Eclipse Event



August 21st 2017

Call to make a reservation: 618-457-5596 or 1-800-456-7734