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CALL TO THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY
NOVEMBER 21, 2015 9:00 AM
ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 5020 W. BELLFORT, HOUSTON

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited that Heath Rada, the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly, will be with us at our November meeting. Heath has an engaging personality and loves to tell the “good news” of the PC(USA). I am grateful to have him representing our denomination around the world. I have had several opportunities to have conversations with him since his election, and I always feel better after talking with him. Heath will be our morning preacher, as well as our keynote speaker. I hope you will enjoy hearing from him, too!

As we begin preparing for the next General Assembly, we will be voting on overtures that have come from sessions who are asking the commissioners to consider some type of action on some issue. In our presbytery, there are people who are passionate about alternatives to divesting from fossil fuel companies. We can expect to be hearing more about that. We will look at least one overture that has been submitted by another presbytery. At this moment, a month out from our meeting, I can't be certain of how many we will be asked to consider, but I know that there are some in process. If you want to read more about the overtures that have already been submitted to the General Assembly, go to www.pc-biz.org, and click on the “explorer” tab, and then click on the “search” button.

In this year of “Engaging Community”, we are offering another mission fair opportunity – this time with a congregationally based focus. Does your congregation have a ministry that you would like to share with others in the presbytery? Request a table and bring your display, and your enthusiasm. Others might be encouraged to join with you or to duplicate your efforts in their own community. Let's be inspired by how we are reaching out to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.

There is still a bit of “up in the air” about the meeting. What I hope is that you will be with us, and will be uplifted by our time together. Thank you for your work in your part of the Presbytery of New Covenant!

With gratitude,
Lynn Hargrove
Stated and Recording Clerk