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THE BANNER

IGPonderings by Interim General Presbyter Rev. Sallie M. Watson

Dear friends –

I have thought a lot about how to present the State of the Presbytery. I thought about listing David Letterman’s top 10 things about the Presbytery, I thought about being totally positive Pollyanna, and I thought about doing something funny that would rock the house. But our times do not call for any of those things, do they?

I have the feeling that the state of the presbytery is nervous, maybe even a little testy. Some of you are rattled about money, whether it’s your church’s money or your own. Make that most of us, actually. I’ve heard there’s a recession going on. And then there’s that denomination of ours. Whatever General Assembly does, it seems, is not going to please us. We read about the emerging church, which seems to refer to the demise of denominations, and it sometimes seems like ours is leading the way. We all know we’re headed somewhere, but just not sure where that is.

One of my doctoral professors, Craig Satterlee, wrote a book about preaching in times of congregational transition. He took a lot of the literature that’s out there in the business world about transitions – beginning, middle, end – and adapted it for life in the church. Bottom line, he says, is that we’re ALWAYS in transition, which I suspect is not exactly what any of us want to hear.

Here’s a list of just a few of our own transitions, which we marked at the last presbytery meeting alone: welcoming first-time commissioners; retirements of long-time members of this presbytery and ordinations of two new ones; looking for a General Presbyter AND a Stated Clerk; changing from one Presbytery moderator to the next; and that’s only part of the list. That’s not to mention our concerns over loved ones in the hospital, new babies being born, children preparing to go to college – and all of that while we worry about bailout numbers too large to comprehend and how something that seems so beyond our control has a very real impact on our

own well-being. No wonder we’re feeling nervous.

Dan Aleshire, who heads up the Association of Theological Schools, met with the trustees from Austin Seminary last month as the Seminary is undergoing the same tough times as everyone else. Dan’s words to the board were: “Never miss the opportunity of a good crisis.” The Chinese in their wisdom have taught us that crisis is one part danger and one part opportunity. We know the dangers pretty well – so what’s the opportunity for us?

Friends, the opportunity is the good news of the gospel. What you and I get to witness to in these times is this: Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. I see it when I come and worship with you, when bread is broken and babies are baptized, when Sunday School teachers stay up late to prepare a lesson, when Sessions struggle with hard issues, when we go to help neighbors in need and to share ministry in Mexico, when the light at the end of the tunnel is provided by solar energy, when congregations and committees laugh and cry and play together, when volunteers work harder for the presbytery than they do their day job. You are living into your baptism every day, and that is exactly what God asks of us. You live into it by serving, and by following, and by hoping, and by living lives that are congruent with the gospel.

No matter how much we want things to stay the same, it’s too late for that. We who are “Reformed and always being Reformed” should know that best of all. And you know what? In God’s economy, I’d say that means that things are okay. We’re doing ministry together every day and moving forward, faithfully giving our time, our talents and our treasures to serve the God that we know in Jesus Christ. Based on that, friends, I’m happy to say that the state of the presbytery is sound – not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

Blessings to you,

Sallie

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The Presbytery of Arkansas is a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas. We are composed of over 15,300 Presbyterians gathered in 91 congregations, two New Church Developments and two fellowships located in various towns and cities in this geographical region.

Arkansas Welcomes Honored Educator



Acting Stated Clerk Rev. Cathy Ulrich (left) presented a framed certificate to retired Certified Christian Educator Linda LeBron at the February presbytery meeting. LeBron recently moved to Little Rock where her daughter, Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, is an associate pastor at Second Presbyterian. Linda was named "Christian Educator of the Year" by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators in January, pictured on the cover of "The Presbyterian Outlook" and featured in a March 9th article in that publication on Christian Educators.

- Last Call -

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR MINISTERS, EDUCATORS AND COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

Sunday, March 29 – Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Fencliff Camp and Conference Center
"Struggling with Scripture: The Book of Revelation"
Presented by Rev. Brian Blount

Rev. Brian K. Blount is President and Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. He was called to this position in 2007, after serving for 15 years as the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary.

This retreat is sponsored by the Presbytery of Arkansas and the Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals.

Easter week starts AFTER this event.

This is a time for:

*Relaxation *Reflection *Restoration *Reconnection
In Preparation for the Resurrection
Register by March 22; \$146/person

<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmPresbyteryDocuments.asp>

Tax Changes for Church Employees: Note for Church Treasurers and Session Personnel Committees

Feb 21, 2009

The Internal Revenue Service today released new withholding tables that will result in more take-home pay this spring for millions of American workers (including church employees).

The new tables incorporate the new Making Work Pay credit, one of the key tax provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that became law earlier this week.

The IRS asks that employers begin using these tables in lieu of the applicable previously published tables as soon as possible, but no later than April 1, 2009.

Employees do not need to fill out a new Form W-4. These new tables have been developed to apply for all employees and to take into account all current tax provisions.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204521,00.html>

Pink Hat Day for Presbyterian Women

Saturday, April 4

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home
745 Old Warren Road
Monticello, Arkansas

9:00 Lyon Gym
Registration & Tour of Homes

10:00 Welcome
Parade of Hats & Youth Style
Show

Noon Lunch

RSVP 1.877.353.6430



Cluster I Churches to Review Records

The 21 congregations in Cluster I (northwest Arkansas) are reminded of the important meeting at Noon on Thursday, March 18, at First, Rogers. Session minutes and church registers containing membership rolls, baptisms, ordinations and deaths for unexamined years will be examined and approved.

A Polity Point

by Rev. Cathy Ulrich, Acting Stated Clerk

The Privilege of the Vote

Our Presbytery has recently convened, deliberated, and adjourned. This is one of the years when one of the items of business before us was amendments to our constitution. Because of the wonders of technology, we have had access to these proposed changes since last summer. In our presbytery amendment booklets were given out in October and mailed out in November.

The opportunity to vote on a change in our constitution, specifically affecting the Book of Order, is one of the ways our church shows its balance between clergy and laity. Last summer our General Assembly brought together equal numbers of elders and ministers to vote on the matters of the church. In like manner our Presbytery seeks a balance of elder commissioners and minister commissioners to conduct its business (voting on committee moderators, job descriptions, the annual

budget to name a few) and vote on proposed amendments. Actually the elders attending our Presbytery meeting outnumbered the ministers by 29. The 173 presbyteries of the PC(USA) will be voting on the amendments through May 18.

These Presbytery commissioners have the privilege of the vote and seek to discern the mind of Christ as they gather for worship and business, fellowship and discernment. While there are several expectations of the commissioners, we do need to keep in mind that this is an exercise in polity. Voting on proposed amendments, or any other business, is a privilege shared. This is how we participate in our form of government.

Blessings and peace, Cathy

General Assembly Committees

There is currently no one from the Presbytery of Arkansas on a General Assembly committee. Please contact the Stated Clerk at the Presbytery Office or download a packet <http://www.pcusa.org/nominations>

Together in God's Grace

by Associate General Presbyter Joan Erickson

I woke up this morning thinking about the scripture that was read at the worship service when my husband Rob and I got married. 1 John clearly states that "God is Love," while 1 Corinthians describes love - "Love is patient; love is kind: love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful. It rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

My mind went quickly to our Presbyterian church. "The Church of Jesus Christ is the provisional demonstration of what God intends for all of humanity." This Book of Order description lets us know that we just can't get it all right. We are provisional, yet we try to make ourselves permanent. To be provisional is to be temporary, makeshift, short-term, or a draft. But we don't want to think of our churches in that way. Our claim of being a reformed and reforming faith does give credence to the notion that we will keep trying forever to try to be what God intends for us.

So let's look at the love passages, thinking about our church. I admit that I do get boastful about all the brilliant ministry I see taking place throughout our presbytery. My love for the church "hopes all things." Maybe in addition to what we hope for as solid, the church is also made up of that transitory smile, the offering of food that will be eaten then gone, and those kind and patient words that, once spoken, have disappeared. It may be

that these provisional demonstrations within our churches are also part of the solid foundation of our churches.

Joan

"Joined and Knit Together in Love" 2009 Spring Gathering Presbyterian Women of Arkansas Presbytery

Park Hill Presbyterian Church
3520 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock, AR 72116
Saturday, April 25, 2009
Registration 9:00 • Program begins 9:30
Lunch 12:30

Worship Leader: Rev. Cathy Ulrich
Keynote Speaker: Mary Beth Lysobey
2008 Global Exchange Participant: Mary Beth will share experiences and insights of her three-week visit to Eastern Europe as an Arkansas Presbyterian Woman.

Lunch: \$6.50 Reservations should be received by **Wed., April 15**. Send list of NAMES and church to Sue Rennie, 5404 Vine, N. Little Rock 72116 or d.rennie@sbcglobal.net or (501) 753-4805.

Nursery Provided: A nursery will be provided if requested in advance. If you need a nursery, include children's names and ages with your registration prior to April 15. You are asked to bring a sack lunch for your child.

PEOPLE and CHURCH NEWS

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

- **Becky Purcell** has resigned as program facilitator at First, Springdale so that she can concentrate on her studies at Union Seminary-Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA.
- **Rev. David Gill**, executive director of Ferncliff, authored an article in the March 2nd issue of "The Presbyterian Outlook" on "Marshmallows to Mission."
- **Maruka Recer** is the new youth director of First, Benton.

NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS & MINISTRIES

- **First, Jonesboro** junior high youth sponsored a Sweetheart Banquet and the Mariners family group shared a Valentine's Dinner.
- **West Fork Presbyterian** (northwest Arkansas) is pleased that four of their 63 members are among the 30 people registered for the Presbytery's lay academy.
- **First, Gurdon** has begun a weekly yoga class open to the community and is experiencing good attendance.
- **Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs** will welcome their missionaries from Guatemala, Roger and Gloria Marriott, on March 15.
- **Spring River Presbyterian, Hardy** held an Ash Wednesday Service with imposition of ashes, communion and lunch on February 25 and Lenten Luncheons with food, music and lessons on Wednesdays.
- Presbyterian Women from **First, Siloam Springs** are preparing for their annual rummage sale on April 17-18 to support mission work.
- Students from **United Campus Ministry at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville** visited First, Springdale on February 15 to explain their on-campus activities and seek volunteers to serve on committees, prepare dinner, and relate to students.
- **Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista** heard in January Rev. Judy Henderson share her experience as an associate pastor and teacher of homelitics and church history at the University of Livingstonia in Malawi, Africa.
- **First, Bentonville** reports feeding over 3,096 people through their Saturday food pantry.
- **Central Presbyterian, Russellville's** program for "Adults with Zeal" combines a monthly potluck breakfast with a trip to a musical program, live theater performance, and garden visit in the last two months.
- **Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village** hosted Dr. Tom Long as a guest lecturer in their Midwinter Lecture Series. Dr. Long spoke on "How can we believe in a

God of love in a world like this one?" A four CD set of Long's lectures is available for \$5.75 and can be ordered by mail: Ted Smith, 1 Carmona Drive, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-4326.

- Bible study is offered every Wednesday evening at **Ferguson Memorial Presbyterian, Coal Hill**.
- **First, Pocahontas'** Temporary Supply minister, Rev. Robert Norvell of Jonesboro, is recuperating from a health problem. He is a member of Mid-South Presbytery.
- **Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals** will host preventive health screenings on May 20.
- **Vaughn Presbyterian, Bentonville** will host and house missionary to the Congo Larry Sthreshley in early April.

THE CHURCH CONNECTIONAL

- **First, Clarksville** and **Harmony Presbyterian, Clarksville** cooperated on Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on February 24, Ash Wednesday service on February 25, and will cooperate on feeding Presbyterian students at the University of the Ozarks on March 31 and hosting Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services in April.

NEWS OF OUR RETIRED PERSONS

- **Rev. Mike Seitz** of Hot Springs Village has been hired as part-time interim pastor at First, Hot Springs.

Men's Group Helps Family



Rev. Bob Hadley (left) assists the men's group of Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay with a construction project for a family at nearby Shirley.

Idea of the Month

First, Harrison reminded members to inform the church staff of hospitalization and to inform the hospital that the patient is a Presbyterian who will permit the Presbyterian pastor to visit. This change is necessary because of privacy policies in hospitals.

NEWS and OPPORTUNITIES

Financial Corner: The Presbytery Budget

February Revenue	\$32,067.46
February Expenses	<u>\$90,206.45</u>
February Deficit	\$58,138.99-

Year-to-Date Actual as of Feb. 28	
Revenue	\$ 85,478.76
Expenses	<u>\$140,984.85</u>
Deficit	\$ 55,506.09-

Are you current with your congregation's pledge? The presbytery needs and appreciates your support.

Time for Camp Registration

Though the calendar still says winter, it's time to register for summer camp at Ferncliff, Little Rock. Beginning with Family Camp May 22-25 for parents, grandparents and children through specialty camps (gender specific, sports, drama, music, service) and traditional camps, Ferncliff offers hiking, canoeing, worship, games, campfires and swimming to kindergarten children through 12th grade youth at www.ferncliff.org. These camps fill quickly so register now.



First, Conway Hosts Lenten Retreat

The members of First, Conway would like to invite you to Lenten Listening, a Lenten retreat which will meet every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until Noon through March 31. If you are interested in the class please call the church office at 501.329.6483 and reserve your space.

IGP ITINERARY

IGP Sallie Watson will be in the following settings between now and the next Banner publication:

- Mar 15 First, Bentonville & First, Morrilton
- Mar 24-Apr 1 Vacation
- Apr 4 General Council, First, Searcy
- Apr 7 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway



This first-of-its-kind event combines 10 national Presbyterian conferences (health ministry, communicators, multicultural church, stewardship and investment, evangelism, elders, peacemaking, social justice, racial- ethnic and new immigrant ministries) under one roof at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. (<http://www.pcusa.org/bigtent>)

Fasting and Food Crisis

by Mindy Marcal

Has your congregation joined with Presbyterians around the country in the monthly 40-hour fasts to help discern ways to respond to the Global Food Crisis? Last summer the General Assembly invited all Presbyterians to join in the spiritual practice of fasting and include discernment and reflection, which we hope will lead to meaningful and coordinated actions to accompany those who are poor and hungry around the world.

Each month the resources that accompany the fast center around a particular country and a specific cause that has contributed to the global food crisis. The fasts typically take place on the first weekend of every month, beginning on Friday evening and ending with Communion or a communal meal on Sunday. It's a powerful way to be in community and contemplate how your life and the life of your community can respond to this devastating situation.

You can listen to an interview with participant Carol Frame Matthews about the Global Food Crisis, courtesy of WFPL radio, Louisville, Kentucky, sign up to participate, locate the fasting materials and more information on this crisis at www.pcusa.org/foodcrisis.



General Council Moderator Jackson Farrow Jr., Presbytery Moderator Claire Rhodes and Interim General Presbyter Sallie Watson take time out to celebrate John Calvin's birthday (he looks great for 500!) at the 110th Meeting of Presbytery at University of the Ozarks, Clarksville.

Louisville Not Only Hosts the Most Exciting 2 Minutes in Sports, but the Most Exciting 5 Days in the PC(USA)!

by Kathy White

Let's sound the bugle call! It's off to the races for the 2009 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, July 11–15, 2009!

PW is in the homestretch of this triennium! Your registration will see you to the finish line (and the dawn of a brand new PW day)!

Race to register—early registrants (by May 15) will have an easy gallop to the winners' circle by saving \$50 on full registration fee.

Make the Churchwide Gathering your vacation destination for summer 2009—and bring your children and grandchildren and spouse! Programs for children and youth, plus golf outings and other Louisville-area attractions can make this a truly memorable time for the whole family. Special hotel rates have been arranged for July 8—18 at downtown Louisville hotels for just this purpose.

Registration is an easy sprint! You can register online at www.pcusa.org/pwgathering. Limited scholarships are still available.

Or, you may complete and mail or fax a completed registration form (available online or at Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612, item #CWG-09-001).

10 Reasons to Attend the PW Churchwide Gathering

1. To nurture your faith
2. To be in community with other women
3. To broaden your PW involvement
4. To gather resources and learn new skills as a PW leader
5. To learn about current issues in the church and the world
6. To learn about missions and mission opportunities
7. To be part of an exciting churchwide event
8. To participate in the business meeting as a voting representative
9. To meet international participants
10. To participate in Bible study

Youth News

Youth (age 16 by June 27), college students, and adults are encouraged to consider participating with the presbytery in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Youth Mission Week, June 27 - July 4 in Houma, LA for hurricane recovery work (construction and demolition). It will be an amazing service/faithbuilding week! For info contact Heather Kilpatrick at 501.663.6383, heather@west-overhills.org, or on facebook. (Last year's group is featured on the cover of the current "Mission Mosaic" magazine.)

Dates:

Senior High YouthQuake: March 13-15, Ferncliff

Montreat balance due April 14

Mission Trip & Junior High Jubilee balance due April 17

Youth Council Meeting April 18, First, Newport

Summer Trip sponsors meeting May 9 - Presbytery Office

Mission Trip, June 27-July 4, Houma, LA

Junior High Jubilee July 11-17, Mo-Ranch, TX

Montreat July 25-August 1, Montreat, NC

Youth Council Retreat August 7, Ferncliff

Disaster Preparedness and Response Volunteer Director Training Set

Volunteer directors who will facilitate disaster response and recovery among our churches are needed, and training will be provided on Wednesday, April 29, 1-3 p.m., at the Presbytery Office.

If you are interested in learning more about this please contact the committee moderator Carol Dunkle at 501.268.5297 or vice moderator Chris McRae at 479.648.9966.

Stated Clerk Position Opens

Presbytery's Nominating Committee has appointed Elder Judy Crawford, MWS Ed Granger and Elder Dan Roebuck to develop procedures for selection of and accept letters of interest for the position of Stated Clerk. The initial meeting is scheduled for March 12th. Applications are to be sent to the Presbytery Office:

Stated Clerk Nominating Committee
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The job description for Stated Clerk can be found on our web site under "Presbytery News."



RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

March, 2009

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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— Our churches are busy planning for their Vacation Bible Schools this summer. “The Presbyterian Outlook” recently published synopses of popular curricula (YOUR Resource Center has the detailed version) and following are the highlights:

PC(USA) in partnership with Augsburg Fortress produced “**Discovery Canyon: Explore the Wonders of World**” which is based on Psalm 9:1 and includes the stories of Miriam, Hannah, a storm, and three healing miracles. Cokesbury has published “Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience and Discover God Everywhere” based on Psalm 118:14a. It is an extreme adventure camp model with music, sports videos, science activities, recreation, crafts and stories from Joshua, Matthew, Luke, and John. Cokesbury also produced “On the Move: God’s Grace from Place to Place,” a multi-cultural Christian Education resource on the Civil Rights Movement and stories from Judges, Genesis, Luke, Matthew, 1 Kings, Acts and 2 Timothy. The Resource Center has all three of these exam kits on hand.

— Continuing the year-long salute to the Father of Presbyterianism John Calvin, check out the new hour-long DVD “**John Calvin: His Life &**

Legacy,” the first definitive documentary to set context and conditions for Calvin’s effect on the church and Western civilization. A five-week, 20-page printable Study Guide and 51-page PowerPoint supplement are included. Coming up is “The Calvin Jubilee” event July 8-11 at Montreat Conference Center, NC with a discounted registration fee through March 30 (see <http://www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship>)

— Church Mutual Insurance provided some helpful DVDs at the last presbytery meeting which your Session may want to view. “**Preventing Workplace Injuries Is No Accident**” shows how to avoid slips, trips, falls and other injuries at worship centers, camps and preschools. “**Safety Tips On a Sensitive Subject: Child Sexual Abuse**” features an attorney and a psychologist who suggest how to prevent such occurrences.

— Alban Institute also issued this week a list of “red flags” for church finances: a person who does it all (counts money, records and deposits money), any opportunity for temptation (leaving cash unattended) and inadequate oversight (board assumes the truth without checking procedures regularly). Let’s not be guilty of these financial practices.

MORE IDEAS ON SAVING MONEY, RESCUING PROGRAMS

This first tip is aimed at church professionals. Guard your book allowance carefully by checking with YOUR Resource Center on new titles you see from Westminster/John Knox Press. We often have these books on hand as part of our discounted subscription with these Reformed publishers so you could check them out to read before deciding if they are worth purchasing for your personal or church library.

For classes and small groups of adults we have several books that contain leader’s guides or discussion questions. One favorite series is “**Interpretation Bible Studies**” which now covers **Hebrews** (the newest book, Acc. #BK9118), as well as Matthew through John, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Philippians and Galatians, Revelation and six books in the Old Testament. The teacher/leader could assign the 10 key readings from the Bible book and then purchase and use only one “Interpretation” guide for the class discussion, saving precious programming dollars.

Another tact to take is to check out a discussion guide that reflects on popular books or movies. Two that are appropriate for group use would be “**The Gospel According to Harry Potter (revised)**” (Acc. #BK9120) that explores books 1 through 7 and “**Chocolate for Lent**” which is based on the Oscar-nominated movie “Chocolat.”

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**ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED**

CALENDAR

Mar 13-15 Senior High YouthQuake, Ferncliff
Mar 13-14 Cursillo Staff Training, Kirk in the Pines,
Hot Springs Village
Mar 13-14 African-American Ministry Southwest Region,
National Black Presbyterian Caucus, Irving, TX
Mar 17 Cluster III Meeting, First, Walnut Ridge
Mar 18 Cluster I Session Records Review, First, Rogers
Mar 21-28 Presbytery Mission Trip to Lacandon Presbytery
Mar 21 Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Presbytery
Office
Mar 26 Committee on Christian Education & Nurture,
Presbytery Office
Mar 29-31 Ministers, Educators & Commissioned Lay Pastors
Retreat, Ferncliff
Mar 29 Ordination/Installation of Steve Merrin, First,
Fort Smith
Apr 4 General Council, First, Searcy
Apr 6 Cluster IX Meeting, Grace, Little Rock
Apr 7 Deadline for Banner Submissions
Apr 7 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway
For details and additional activities please go to our website.

GENERAL PRESBYTER SEARCH

Made up of 91 congregations in the heart of America, the Presbytery of Arkansas enjoys a collegial atmosphere with a history of supporting our ministers and congregations, and a cultural diversity enhanced by our growing Hispanic population.

Our mission is to inspire, challenge, and help our congregations, agencies, ministers, and leaders fulfill their call to serve as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We seek a spiritual leader to help us achieve our mission.

To learn more visit <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmNews.aspx>.

Inquiries and PIFs can be sent to Search Committee Chair, The Rev. Steve Hancock at stevehancock@secondpreslr.org or to his attention at:
Second Presbyterian Church
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Deadline May 15.