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Church _____

- CLERKS ONLY (Select only one)**
Session Records Review

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Workshop A Selections

- Introduction to Reformed Theology
- Nurturing Spiritual Life of Leaders
- Working in Community as a Session
- Book of Order, Past and Present
- Pastoral Care for Church Officers

Workshop B Selections

- Deeper Dive into Reformed Theology
- Nurturing Spiritual Life of Leaders (*repeat*)
- Working in Community as a Session (*repeat*)
- Book of Order, Past and Present (*repeat*)
- Pastoral Care for Church Officers (*repeat*)

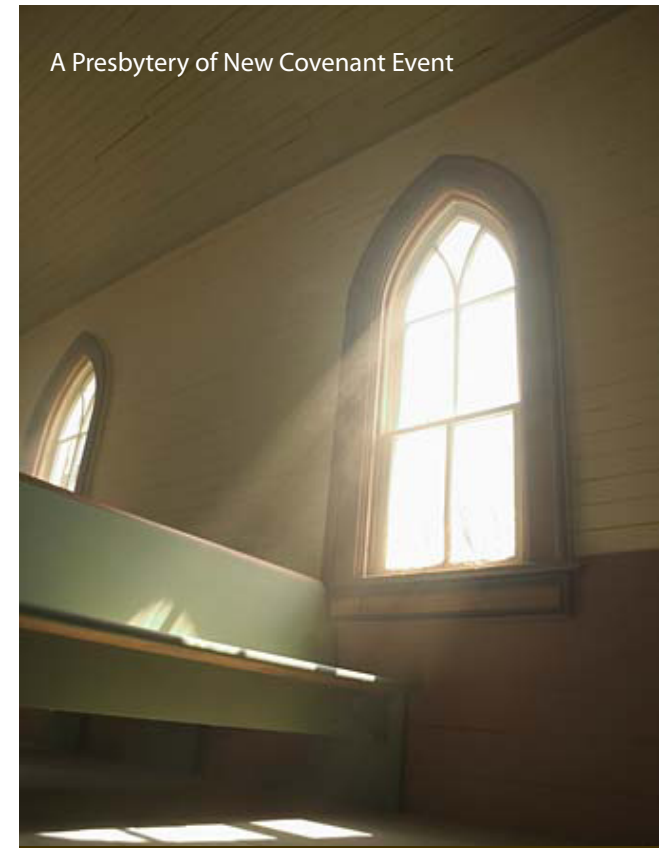
Please send your registration form to:

Presbytery of New Covenant
1110 Lovett Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006-3808
Attn: Carrie Walker

Please register by January 18, 2008

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A Presbytery of New Covenant Event



Church Officer Training and Enrichment

Saturday, January 26, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Registration begins at 8:45

Hosted by

St. Giles Presbyterian Church

5900 Pinemont, Houston, TX 77092

Sponsored by the Presbytery of New Covenant
and the Congregational Resourcing Committee.



Equipping Christians for Life in Jesus Christ.

Equipping, Enrichment and Encouragement for all church officers – newly ordained or with years of experience

Begin the year together as we seek to serve Jesus Christ with “energy, intelligence, imagination and love”.

Cost?

A free will offering will be received to cover the costs of the event.

Bookstore

There will be a bookstore onsite.

Workshops Offered

Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Church Leaders (OFFERED TWICE)

In the midst of the busy pace of today’s world, it is easy to forget to nurture our relationship with the One who calls us to serve. It has been said that “overwork and burnout occur when we forget that we are friends of the Messiah, not the Messiah himself!” In this workshop, we will explore ways to grow in our faith, so that we might lead God’s people with “energy, imagination, intelligence, and love.” This workshop is designed for new and experienced officers.

JoAnn Currie is an educator at large in our presbytery and a frequent workshop and retreat leader on topics related to spirituality.

The Book of Order – Past and Future (OFFERED TWICE)

Come for an overview of the Book of Order – how it reflects our theology, describes our discipleship, tells about our calls to ministry, and guides the governance of our church. The proposed revised Form of Government will be included in the discussion.

Julie MacLemore is an elder at Southminster. She has served at many levels in the life of the presbytery, including as stated clerk, GA Commissioner, and member of many committees, task forces, and commissions. Currently she is a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and chairs the presbytery’s task force to study the proposed Form of Government.

An Intro to Reformed Theology Themes: The Basics Explored for Relevancy (OFFERED A ONLY)

In any profession, art, science, or sport, a working knowledge of the basic elements, developments, and rationales is essential. Being a Presbyterian church officer is no different. Bring a Book of Order and Book of Confessions if you have one or both, but neither is essential. Handouts will be provided.

Ted Foote is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas and he is co-author, with P. Alex Thornburg, of: “Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt” (2000); and “Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World” (2003).

A Deeper Dive into Reformed Theology Themes: Relevant Nuances, Diversifications, Mutations, and Strengths Less Frequently Explored (OFFERED B ONLY)

The “Intro to Reformed Theology Themes” is not required for the “Deeper Dive” class, but this opportunity will explore history and theology as more than simply tracing the route of a pinball in the pinball machine. Similar to considering a pinball machine, we’ll examine the relationships of force, velocity, vectors, ricochets, etc., in the lives of certain Reformed disciples of Jesus across the past 600 years. *Ted Foote, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bryan, Texas and he co-author, with P. Alex Thornburg, of: “Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt” (2000); and “Being Disciples of Jesus in a Dot.Com World” (2003).*

Working in Community as the Session (OFFERED TWICE)

Community cannot be lived in isolation. Learn how your Session can establish practices that lead to

a more vital team as you exhibit trust, learn from confrontation, hold one another accountable and pay increased attention to results.

Mike Alexander, Project Administrator of Pinemont Apartments, Inc. and owner of MLA Consulting.

Help! I Am a Church Officer and They Want Me to Visit Members (OFFERED TWICE)

Are you a new officer? Have you been an officer before? Are you nervous about the prospects of making visits in homes, hospitals, or other facilities? Are you unsure about what to do? Would you like to learn some practical skills that would make visitation easier? Then come with your questions to this seminar, and let’s look for some answers together. *Blake Brinegar, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Houston.*

I Am a Treasurer, Now What? (OFFERED TWICE)

Are you a new treasurer? Are you in search of answers to questions about your role as treasurer? The Book of Order offers responsibilities, but what does that really mean? Come and learn what your role as treasurer means, and what your relationship with the Presbytery entails. Come with your questions too! *Rick Lilliott and Forbes Baker. Rick is an Elder at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Forbes is the Director of Business Affairs for the Presbytery of New Covenant.*

Session Records Review (All morning)

This is the first of five or six opportunities in 2008 for clerks of sessions to gather to review the past year’s minutes. All of the churches whose mailing address is HOUSTON are assigned to this date, although other churches may register as well. Each clerk must pre-register and bring to the event the Session Minutes Book and Church Register. Questions or more information? Contact Diane Prevary, Stated Clerk: dprevary@pbyofnewcovenant.org.