

drawn from experience in working with churches. *Elder Jim Bushong is a retired Army Colonel, who has served as an organizational consultant to the Chief of Staff, Army in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel. He has worked with a wide variety of organizations in the military, private sector and in ecclesiastical settings.*

Praying Out Loud (SESSION A AND B)

Deacons and Elders are called to spiritual leadership in their congregations. They are typically people of deep faith. Yet all too often these leaders are intimidated by the practice of praying out aloud. Practice ways in which you can gain confidence as well as competence in framing spontaneous, heart felt prayers in worship, meetings or compassionate care settings.

Elder Dianne Harrington is a member and Stephen Minister at Pines Presbyterian Church.

From Gate keeping to Door Opening: Operating as a Permission-Giving Session (SESSION A AND B)

How does a Session properly exercise its responsibility for congregational leadership in a way that does not stifle the faithfulness, creative energy and passions of its membership? We will look at the necessary groundwork of vision and communication that engenders trust and facilitates ministry inside the church and magnifies ministry in and with our communities.

Elder Mary Marcotte is a Certified Christian Educator who serves as Associate General Presbyter for Discipleship and Leadership Development for the Presbytery of New Covenant.

I Said Yes to What? (The Ordination Questions) (SESSION A AND B)

Deacons, Elders, Certified church Educators and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament are all asked the same seven questions when they are ordained – and the eighth is only distinguished by the particular office to which they are ordained. The first three

questions deal with standards of belief – the last five deal with a way of being and serving. Come explore the particular implications of these “way of being” questions that make a profound statement about the character of the individual the quality of their leadership.

Rev. Stuart MacColl, HR, has served congregations of this presbytery as head of staff and as Interim Pastor and is a favorite instructor and mentor of leaders.

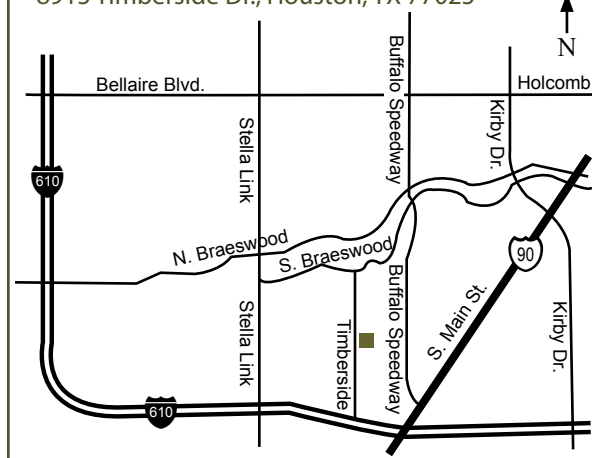
The Five Points of Calvinism (SESSION A AND B)

In 1610, followers of a Dutch professor, James Arminius, drew up a five-point statement of faith based on his teachings. The Five Points of Calvinism were developed as an argument against the Arminians. Today, they provide a convenient introduction to the core principles of Reformed theology. This class will explore the five points. *Elder Bill Hargrove is a life-long Presbyterian, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Houston, and most importantly, the husband of Lynn Hargrove, pastor of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.*

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

8:30 a.m.	Registration begins
9:00 a.m.	Opening Gathering in the Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Workshop A begins
10:40 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m.	Workshop B begins

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church is located at
8915 Timberside Dr., Houston, TX 77025



CHURCH OFFICER ENRICHMENT

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Church _____

Please make your workshop selection.

Extended Morning Sessions (If you plan to attend an extended morning session, do not make a "B" selection)

- Session Records Review and Clerk's Forum
- I Am a Treasurer, Now What?

Workshop A Selections

- "We're Not in Kansas Anymore"
- A Fresh Word - New Ways for Sessions
- Managing Conflict in the Church
- Praying Out Loud
- From Gate keeping to Door Opening
- I Said Yes to What? (The Ordination Questions)
- The Five Points of Calvinism

Workshop B Selections

- "We're Not in Kansas Anymore" (repeat)
- A Fresh Word - New Ways for Sessions (repeat)
- Managing Conflict in the Church (repeat)
- Praying Out Loud (repeat)
- From Gate keeping to Door Opening (repeat)
- I Said Yes to What? ... (repeat)
- The Five Points of Calvinism (repeat)

Please send your registration form to:

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

Call Carrie at 713-526-2585, ext. 205 or email to:

cwalker@pbyofnewcovenant.org

Please register by January 18, 2010

FREE Child care is available by early registration only.

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. Cash or checks only.

Childcare

Free child care is available but you **must** register early.

WORKSHOPS OFFERED

Session Records Review and Clerk's Forum (EXTENDED MORNING SESSION)

This is the first of the regional events for clerks of session to participate in peer-review of session minutes and registers. Following the review, guided conversations will provide helpful guidance for clerks new and long term. Clerks of churches that have Houston addresses are particularly invited, but any clerk may attend.

Rev. Diane Prevary serves as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Covenant.

I Am a Treasurer, Now What? (EXTENDED MORNING SESSION)

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!

Elder Forbes Baker serves as Director of Finance for the Presbytery of New Covenant.

"We're not in Kansas Anymore"

(SESSION A AND B)

Just as Dorothy realized things were very different in Munchkinland, many church leaders are realizing that things have changed substantially in our communities and culture since mid-century when churches were booming. In this course we'll explore and begin to understand the changing context we find ourselves in and the implications for effective ministry today.

Rev. Wendy Bailey serves as Associate General Presbyter for Evangelism, Renewal and New Church Development.

A Fresh Word - New Ways for Sessions

(SESSION A AND B)

When is the last time you looked at your by-laws, committee structure, manual of operations, etc? Are our written rules for ourselves helping or hindering the work of the church? Sometimes sessions can free themselves to be more effective in their ministry and leave energy burning busy-work behind-by looking at who they are and what they do: Too many committees or too few? Right committees or traditional ones? Too many elders or too few? We'll look at right-sizing Sessions and right-writing by-laws and operational manuals to help instead of hindering what we seek to do in our churches.

Rev. Mary Miller Currie has worked with small and mid-sized churches in redevelopment after conflict or crisis for 30 years. She is a Member at large and ViM at Presbytery Office.

Managing Conflict in the Church

(SESSION A AND B)

Conflict is an essential part of life. People and organizations grow through learning how to effectively use the tension created by the juxtaposition of concepts and relationships. Conflict can also turn destructive if not properly managed. Good leaders know how to manage creative conflict and plan for preventing and dealing with destructive conflict. This workshop is designed to remind participants of common sense approaches to dealing with conflict and to introduce some applications