

**PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA  
REGULAR STATED MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2011  
VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
GOLDEN VALLEY, MINNESOTA**

*“We fearlessly follow the **Holy Spirit** into a changing world.”*

**Call to Meeting**

In accordance with *Book of Order*, Form of Government G-11.0200, and the Bylaws of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Article I, The Presbytery will meet in regular stated session, 9:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 12, 2011, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, 3100 Lilac Drive North, Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Preceding the meeting, at 8:00 a.m., a Pre-Presbytery event, sponsored by the Bills and Overtures Committee, will provide an opportunity for presbyters to learn about the proposed amendments to the Constitution, Part III, *Book of Order*. There is an information/discussion session planned for April 2, 2011, at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, 2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, Minnesota, for additional information on these amendments.

At 8:30 a.m., all clergy and elders new to the Presbytery, or attending for the first time, are invited to an orientation led by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Elder Nancy Gritman.

Registration and fellowship will begin at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Charles Amjad-Ali, Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Justice and Christian Community at Luther Seminary in St. Paul will be the guest preacher for the worship. The theme of worship will center on “*a changing world*” as emphasized in the Vision of the Strategic Plan.

The Call to Meeting for September outlined the schedule for dealing with the amendments sent down from 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, July 2010. At this March meeting, the voting will be on the proposed **New Form of Government**. This vote is an up or down vote. It is not open to amendment. A majority of commissioners voting in favor of replacing the current **Form of Government** with the proposed **nFog** will result in a report of “YES” from Twin Cities Area Presbytery. In order to become part of the constitution, a simple majority of the 173 presbyteries (87) must cast a positive vote.

Honoring the Strategic Plan, which was approved overwhelmingly at the November 9, 2010, meeting of this Presbytery, the Bills and Overtures has developed a process, which has been approved by Council, for presenting the nFog for discussion and voting. This process follows the Strategic Plan, especially Goal Number 4: Establish a culture in which controversial issues

are consistently addressed in a Christ-honoring, honest, civil, respectful, healthy, mutually affirming manner. Please be familiar of the process, which follows.

Small group time will be centered on the Proposed Amendments, Part III, which will be voted on in May. Please read through your copy of Amendment Booklet Part III, which was distributed in January. It can also be found online. Additional resources are also online, on the Bills and Overtures website, which include comparison/side-by-side charts and the synopses prepared by the Association of Stated Clerks, PC (U.S.A.). In your packet for the Presbytery meeting, you will find brief synopses of the amendments prepared by the Bills and Overtures Committee.

**Process for Voting:**

- Barbara Anne Keely, Chair of B&O, will present the document, reminding Presbyters that this is an “up or down” (yes or no) vote
- Vince Gin, Moderator, will moderate the debate, which is on the motion on nFog, not the debate itself
- Presentation in support of nFog – 10 minutes
- Presentation of reasons against nFog – 10 minutes
- Time for silent reflection; any **additional** responses; moderator asks if Presbyters are ready to vote
- Barbara Anne Keely offers prayer
- Moderator calls for vote, which will be by secret ballot
- Bills and Overtures presents Amendments to the *Constitution Part III*.

Dates to remember:

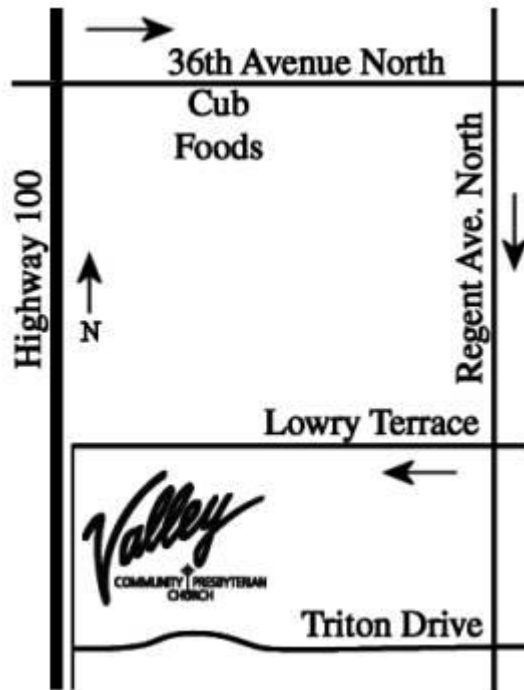
- March 12, 2011: Regular Stated Meeting, Valley Presbyterian Church, Golden Valley, MN: vote on New Form of Government (nFog); study remaining proposed amendments to the constitution.
- April 2, 2011: Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon: Open Forum Workshop on remaining amendments.
- May 10, 2011: Annual Stated Meeting, Peace Presbyterian Church, St. Louis Park, MN. Voting on all remaining proposed amendments. Guest will be Moderator of the General Assembly, Elder Cindy Bolbach.

Please consider prayerfully electing continuing commissioners to each stated meeting in order to be better prepared to vote.

For the March 12, 2011 meeting, 150 meals (12 vegetarian) have been ordered and are guaranteed by the Presbytery. Tickets are \$7.00 each.

Grace and peace,

Nancy E. Gritman  
Stated Clerk



### Map and Directions

#### **From Highway 100 N**

- Turn east onto 36th Ave N.
- Turn right onto Regent, which is the first residential street past Cub Foods.
- Continue 5 blocks on Regent
- Turn right onto Lowry Terrace (there is a city park at the corner).
- Continue on Lowry for 2 blocks
- Turn left into the Valley parking lot.

#### **From Highway 100 S**

- Exit right (east) on Duluth St.
- At the 4 way stop at Regent Ave., turn left (north).
- Continue north for about 11 blocks to Triton Drive.
- Turn left (west) on Triton (there is a park at the intersection)
- Go about 2 blocks to the Church.

