

**Call to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon  
Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, 2006**

**Gilbert Presbyterian Church**

235 E. Guadalupe Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85234

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**TO:** Clerks of Session, Minister Members, Elder Commissioners and Other Presbyters

**FROM:** Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

**DATE:** March 4, 2006

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon is hereby called to meet for its Stated Meeting on Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, 2006 at Gilbert Presbyterian Church, Gilbert, AZ. Registration is scheduled to begin at 3:00 PM on Friday, with the meeting to begin promptly at 4:00 PM.

Highlights for this Stated Meeting as reflected on the Tentative Agenda are the following:

- Rev. Dr. Marian McClure, Director of Worldwide Ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be with us on both Friday and Saturday. She will lead Worship on Friday and she will make a presentation on Saturday with opportunity for dialogue. The Worldwide Ministries Division (WMD) empowers the church in each place to share the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. The staff is divided into three main work areas. One sends people, one sends resources, and one builds relationships with partner churches. Under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Marian McClure, the Director's Office coordinates the work of the Division, including a staff of approximately 100 employees based in the U.S., 400 long-term mission personnel in 65 countries, 75 short-term mission personnel. Besides day-to-day management of the WMD, the Director's Office is working closely with the Mission Initiative: Joining Hearts & Hands campaign. Over a five-year period, the Mission Initiative will raise \$40 million that will be devoted to funding additional international mission personnel and starting new congregations in the United States. Of that amount, \$21.5 million will be dedicated to international mission workers and \$19.5 million will be used for new church development and re-development in the U.S. The Mission Initiative was approved by the 214th General Assembly in June 2002.
- Reception of New Minister Members
- Report of the Executive Presbyter
- Report of Council/Trustees and Report of the Synod of the Southwest Meeting
- Report of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
- Enrollment of Candidates from Inquirer, Kristen Willett and Brandon Willett
- Presentation of the George Brooks Awards
- Report on Multicultural Task Force Activities

We look forward to your participation in the March Stated Meeting and the opportunity it provides to re-connect with one another, to celebrate community and to joyfully offer ourselves to God and be equipped for God's service in the world through Worship.

**Cost for dinner** will be \$6.00 per person.

**Housing available:** A limited number of host homes are available. Contact the church office at Gilbert Presbyterian Church at 480-892-6753 by March 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve a place with a host family.

**Childcare:** Available by request, please contact the church office at 480-892-6753 by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**For Questions Regarding Disability Accommodations:** Call 480-892-6753 by Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**For an excused absence:** you will need to send a letter to the Stated Clerk, or you may send an e-mail to the following address at the Presbytery office: [marciam@pbygc.org](mailto:marciam@pbygc.org)

**Announcements:** Announcements will be included in written form only in the packet of information distributed at the time of registration. Individuals who wish to lift up items for the attention of the presbytery as a whole are asked to **provide the announcement in a brief written form in advance of the meeting to Linda Bailey at [click6@aol.com](mailto:click6@aol.com) or by fax at 602-468-3824** in order that they may be included in a printed announcements insert in the packet distributed at the meeting. (**Announcements must be received by Tuesday, March 14th.**)