

July 17, 2009

Re: August 21-22 Stated Meeting

The August Stated Meeting has been "on the books" for some time, but there are some recent developments that will make the overnight event worth the time and effort!

#1 The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Mendenhall, Past President of Columbia Theological Seminary, will provide keynote, preach, and offer workshop materials around the theme /"Do Not Be Afraid: Stewardship in Church and Life"/. Each presentation will be "stand alone" and cover different material.

#2 A copy of the book \_Generous Saints: /Congregations Rethinking Ethics and Money/\_ /by James Hudnut-Beumler will be provided to each congregation that sends a commissioner to the meeting (and, yes, you must be present to receive the book!).

#3 J. Jay Wilkinson, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of The Synod of Lakes and Prairies will offer a workshop on the theme /"Orientation and Reorientation: an Update for Church Treasurers"/ Topics will include - General information for Treasurers (veteran and beginner), changes in IRS regulations governing churches and contributions, updated Board of Pensions information for Treasurers. Each Treasurer will receive an updated Manual for Treasurers (and, yes, you must be present to receive the Manual!).

Plan Ahead: Please be watching for the details of registration. Clerks/ Moderators of Session might want to send members of their Stewardship Committees as Commissioners as well as plan for the participation of their Church Treasurers.

It is our desire for each congregation to receive a good amount of "take away" that will assist them to plan for their fall Stewardship Campaigns and will provide support for their Church Treasurers.

See you at Calvin Crest!

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