

## PULPIT SUPPLY LIST INFORMATION SHEET

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Church Status (check one):  
 Pastor                       CLP                       Elder  
 Educator                       Other                       Honorably Retired Pastor  
 Pastor of another denomination

Church of membership (if an elder, educator, CLP): Mostly involved with Quincy New Church Development

Date of Ordination and Ordaining Body (if ordained): 23 January, 1983, Giddings-Lovejoy

Are you willing to serve communion as part of the worship? (Applies only to ordained ministers in good standing with PGR) Yes

How far you are willing to drive to fill a pulpit: 60 miles; farther if Sat. night accommodations are provided

What parts of the worship service are you willing to lead (i.e. will you just preach or would you do the liturgy, children's moments etc)? Anything but sing with a live mic; I want people to stay for the whole service.

Please briefly describe your style of preaching. I generally follow the lectionary, though not always for a one-time visit. I like Fosdick's advice to prepare a sermon with the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other (I suppose it would now be the Internet). In other words, a sermon must be applicable to the world as it is, not as it used to be or as we wish it were. I use a New Testament lesson (usually a gospel passage) and an Old Testament lesson, and try to relate them together to contemporary issues and needs.

What are some key theological issues that shape your ministry? Being a science teacher I am interested in the relationship between science/technology and the spiritual aspects of living. I am also concerned with revitalization of the Church in general in America. The Church needs to bring people in (evangelism) and also to take itself into the culture to influence it (mission/service). For this to happen, however, the Church will need to rediscover God's calling and re-examine who we are and who we are supposed to be. Christians are constantly in need of growing, being more willing to risk failure in the near-term to avoid total failure in the long-term, of being more creative in their practice of the faith.