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The Maya Quiche Partnership returned recently from Guatemala. Maya Quiche and Heartland Presbyteries are working on coordinated hands-on mission trips to do construction or programming with their churches. Details will be available in 2010.

The presbytery thanked all the members of committees, commissions, divisions and council who have concluded their service in 2009. You are why this presbytery is great!

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Southminster Presbyterian Church**

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