

*The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee is a community of churches and church leaders whose role is to guide and support the work of its constituents, striving to build up the body of Christ through connections of mutual support, creating a culture of leadership development and church transformation.*

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH STATED MEETING  
THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA  
SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019**

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8:30 am	1.	Registration (Order of the Day in CAPS)
9:00 am		Orientation for First Time Commissioners and Prayer for Presbytery – (20 min)
9:30 am	2.	CALL TO ORDER / WORSHIP (Offering: Youth Triennium)
10:30 am	3.	Break
10:45 am	4.	Reconvene / Establishment of Quorum / Statement of Procedures / Welcome by Host / Recognition of First Time Presbyters / Seating of Corresponding Members / Adoption of Agenda
11:00 am	5.	Stated Clerk’s Report – Therese Howell (5 minutes)
11:05 am	6.	Administrative Committee – Theresa Denton (5 min)
11:10 am	7.	Finance Committee – Mike Ingram (5 minutes)
11:15 am	8.	Committee on Leadership Excellence – Sally Hughes (5 min)
11:20 am	9.	Committee on Ministry – Stephen Yates (35 min) • Examination of Candidates for Ordination
11:55 am	10.	Hunger Action Advocate Report – Stuart Wilson-Patton (5 min)
Noon	11.	Prayer of Thanksgiving / Lunch
1:00 pm		Reconvene
	12.	The Village Church Isaiah 1:18 Team Report – (45 min)
1:45 pm	13.	Co-Executive Presbyters’ Report – Robin and Ray Thomas (10 min)
1:55 pm	14.	Concerns, Celebrations, and Announcements – Thomases (15 min)
2:10 pm	15.	Unfinished Business <b>139th Stated Meeting – Thursday, October 17, 2019, Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville</b>
2:15 pm	16.	Closing Prayer / Adjourn

**Stated Clerk's Report  
to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
July 20, 2019**

**ADMIT TO RECORD**

1. The Stated Clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install The Rev. Shane Smith as pastor of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Nashville.
2. The Stated Clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install The Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller as Pastor of Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. The minutes and roll of the 137th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee (May 30, 2019) are presented for approval.

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**PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
MINUTES OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH STATED MEETING  
MAY 30, 2019**

The 137th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held Saturday, May 30, 2019, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Stated Clerk Therese Howell led an orientation and time of prayer for first time commissioners. Moderator John Hinkle was out of the country; Vice-Moderator Theresa Denton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**WORSHIP / INSTALLATION OF CO-EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS**

Worship included the installation of Co-Executive Presbyters Ray and Robin Thomas. Participating in worship was Steve Douse (First Nashville), Andy Thomas (Holy Way Tucson), Melinda Sanders (Woodland), Sally Hughes (Trinity), Ed Lancaster (First Columbia), Theresa Denton (Emmanuel), Terry Newland (Synod of Living Waters), Donovan Drake (Westminster Nashville), Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest), Warner Durnell (First Springfield), and Ashley McFaul-Erwin (Nashville CPE Partnership). The offering was collected for CPM scholarships. Special music was provided by Will Berger (organ, piano), Harold Skelton (instrumentalist), and a choir composed of persons from 14 Presbyterian churches.

Dr. Hughes preached the sermon, Moderator Denton propounded the constitutional questions to the Thomases and the Presbytery; all were answered in the affirmative. Rev. Newland offered the prayer of installation, and Moderator Denton declared Ray and Robin Thomas installed as co-executive presbyters of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Dr. Drake charged the presbytery, and Mr. Rocha charged the co-executive presbyters. Mr. Douse, on behalf of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, provided stoles to the co-executive presbyters, and Mr. Rocha presented crosses to them from the Synod of the Southwest.

Rev. Durnell and Rev. McFaul-Erwin presided over the Lord's Supper, and worship was closed with a charge and benediction pronounced by Ray and Robin Thomas.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM / STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES / WELCOME BY HOST / FIRST TIME COMMISSIONERS / CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

The meeting reconvened after worship; Moderator Denton declared a quorum was present and reviewed procedures for the meeting. Dr. Sally Hughes, pastor of the host church, welcomed commissioners to Trinity. First time commissioners to presbytery were recognized and welcomed. Rev. Terry Newland, executive of the Synod of Living Waters, was recognized, and commissioners were encouraged to thank him for his service upon his retirement scheduled for July 1, 2019.

The Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual and the *Book of Order* provide for the seating of corresponding members and teaching and ruling elders with voice and those with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as presbytery's Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Moderator-in-Nomination, chairs of committees, members of the Administrative Committee, members of the Finance Committee, and the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, are enrolled as members of presbytery and shall have voice and vote. Ruling elders commissioned to particular pastoral service, and ruling elders who have previously served as presbytery moderator, within five years of completion of his/her term of service, are enrolled as members of presbytery with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as a committee representative to a particular meeting of presbytery in the absence of the chair shall have the privilege of voice and vote for that particular meeting of the presbytery. Persons certified in church service who are ruling elders shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the presbytery, during their term of

1 service in ministry in the presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Persons certified in church service, who are  
2 members of congregations in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, shall have the privilege of voice at all  
3 meetings of the presbytery during their term of service in a congregation or other ministry validated by  
4 the presbytery. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may  
5 resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Corresponding  
6 members were seated without objection, and are listed with the roll.

#### 7 **ROLL**

8 The roll of commissioners, corresponding members, and visitors attending the presbytery  
9 meeting is attached (Attachment A).

#### 10 **AGENDA**

11 The Moderator stated that the agenda for the meeting had been provided in advance to  
12 commissioners. The motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The Moderator reported  
13 there would be an item of new business following unfinished business. There were no questions or  
14 objections, and the following agenda was approved without objection:

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|----|----------|-----|---|
| 15 | 8:00 am  | 1.  | Registration (Order of the Day in CAPS)   |
| 16 | 8:30 am  |     | Orientation for First Time Commissioners and Prayer for Presbytery – (20 min)           |
| 17 | 9:00 am  | 2.  | CALL TO ORDER / WORSHIP   |
| 18 |          |     | (Offering: CPM Scholarships)  |
| 19 |          |     | • Installation of Co-Executive Presbyters   |
| 20 | 10:00 am | 3.  | Break   |
| 21 | 10:15 am | 4.  | Reconvene / Establishment of Quorum / Statement of Procedures / Welcome by Host /       |
| 22 |          |     | Recognition of First Time Presbyters / Seating of Corresponding Members / Adoption of   |
| 23 |          |     | Agenda  |
| 24 | 10:25 am | 5.  | Stated Clerk’s Report – Therese Howell (5 minutes)                                      |
| 25 | 10:30 am | 6.  | Administrative Committee – Chris Joiner (10 min)  |
| 26 | 10:50 am | 7.  | Finance Committee – Mike Ingram (5 minutes)   |
| 27 | 10:55 am | 8.  | Guatemala Task Force Update – David Carlton (5 min)                                     |
| 28 | 11:00 am | 9.  | Board of Pensions Update – Keenan Rodgers (5 min)                                       |
| 29 | 11:05 am | 10. | Committee on Ministry – Stephen Yates (10 min)  |
| 30 | 11:15 am | 11. | Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Mike Wilson (45 min)                            |
| 31 |          |     | • Inquirers to Candidates   |
| 32 | Noon     | 12. | Co-Executive Presbyters’ Reports – Robin and Ray Thomas (10 min)                        |
| 33 | 12:10 pm | 13. | Concerns, Celebrations, and Announcements – Thomases (15 min)                           |
| 34 | 12:25 pm | 14. | Unfinished Business   |
| 35 |          |     | <b>138th Stated Meeting – Saturday, July 20, 2019, Westminster Presbyterian Church,</b> |
| 36 |          |     | <b>Columbia</b>   |
| 37 | 12:30 pm | 15. | Closing Prayer / Adjourn  |
| 38 |          |     | <b><i>Reception for Robin and Ray Thomas</i></b>  |

#### 39 **REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

40 The Stated Clerk called attention to reports from the Committee on Leadership Excellence and  
41 Presbyterian Women included in the packet. The Stated Clerk presented the following report.

#### 42 2018 Church Statistical Reports

43 Church Statistical Reports were received / filed on behalf of the churches in the Presbytery of  
44 Middle Tennessee. The 2018 Summary Membership Report was included in the packet (Attachment B).

#### 45 2018 Summary B

46 The 2018 report of ministerial receptions, ordinations, and dismissals (2018 Summary B) was  
47 included in the packet (Attachment C).

#### 48 2018 End of Year Reports

49 End of the year reports for 2018 were filed on behalf of the Presbytery.

1 Remedial Complaint – Handlson v. Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

2 Patrick Handlson has filed a remedial complaint with the General Assembly Permanent Judicial  
3 Commission related to the decision of the Synod of Living Waters Permanent Judicial Commission on  
4 January 10, 2019. The remedial trial before the GAPJC is scheduled for Friday, October 11, 2019.

5 John A. Smith / First Presbyterian Church, Dickson, and Ellis Grove Presbyterian Church, Waverly

6 The Stated Clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install The Rev. John A. Smith as  
7 pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Dickson, and Ellis Grove Presbyterian Church, Waverly. [*minutes to*  
8 *be included in permanent record*]

9 Sarah Bird / First Presbyterian Church, Nashville

10 The Stated Clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install The Rev. Sarah Bird as  
11 Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Nashville. [*minutes to be included in permanent record*]

12 Mary Sellers Shaw / First Presbyterian Church, Franklin

13 The Stated Clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install The Rev. Mary Sellers  
14 Shaw as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. [*minutes to be included in permanent*  
15 *record*]

16 Minutes of the 136<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (February 14, 2019)

17 The Stated Clerk presented the minutes of the 136<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (February 14, 2019) of the  
18 Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for approval. The motion was made and seconded to approve the  
19 minutes. After corrections, the minutes were approved as amended.

20 Minutes of Special Called Meeting (February 25, 2019)

21 The Stated Clerk presented the minutes of the Special Called Meeting (February 25, 2019) of the  
22 Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for approval. The minutes were approved as presented upon motion  
23 made and seconded.

24 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

25 The Rev. Chris Joiner, Moderator-in-Nomination, presented the Administrative Committee  
26 report.

27 New Creation Church, Hendersonville / Sam & Helen Walton Award

28 The Administrative Committee was informed that the New Creation Church was the 2019  
29 recipient of the Sam & Helen Walton Award. The \$50,000 award was established by the Walton family  
30 in order to recognize excellent new worshipping communities. Persons present from New Creation were  
31 recognized, and commended for this award.

32 2019 Nominating Task Force

33 The Ad Hoc Appointing Group met and the following Nominating Task Force was appointed for  
34 2019: Ken Diehl (elder, First Tullahoma), Leslie Traylor (pastor, Hermitage), Ashley McFaul-Erwin (pastor,  
35 The Next Door), Anne Parsons (elder, First Franklin). Rev. David Sawyer will serve as chair for 2019.

36 May Presbytery Meeting

37 The Administrative Committee was informed that Trinity Presbyterian Church, Nashville, would  
38 like to host the May presbytery meeting, but May 23 is graduation for the school housed at the church.  
39 The Administrative Committee agreed to change the May meeting date to May 30. Dr. Hinkle will be out  
40 of the country; Vice-Moderator Theresa Denton will moderate. The committee approved the offering  
41 for CPM scholarships, and approved the Presbytery meeting agenda with the addition of a report from  
42 the Board of Pensions representative Keenan Rodgers. The Co-Executive Presbyters will be installed  
43 during worship.

44 Youth Triennium / 2020 Budget

45 The Administrative Committee approved adding \$3,000 to the 2020 budget for Youth Triennium,  
46 and to roll those funds into a designated fund at year end.

1 Youth Task Force

2 The Administrative Committee discussed the need for a Youth Task Force, and will recommend a  
3 change to the Mission and Operations Manual to add this to the Committee on Mutual Support.

4 Proposed Revision / Personnel Policies

5 The Administrative Committee reviewed a proposed revision to the Presbytery's Personnel  
6 Policies. The Administrative Committee postponed action until its June 20 meeting.

7 Proposed Revision to the *Mission and Operations Manual*

8 Rev. Joiner reported the Administrative Committee discussed the need for a youth task force,  
9 and recommended the following change to the *Mission and Operations Manual*, page 13, line 27, as  
10 follows (language to be added is underlined):

11 **COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL SUPPORT**

12 The Presbytery seeks to encourage collaboration and community among its member  
13 congregations through the Committee on Mutual Support. This committee shall seek  
14 opportunities for the presbytery to learn and work together in mission and ministry. Such work  
15 may include (but is not limited to) annual neighborhood meetings, youth, campus ministries,  
16 Guatemalan Partnership, technology "think tank", and hunger action programs. The Executive  
17 Presbyter shall serve as support to the Committee on Mutual Support.

18 There was no discussion, and the revision was approved by the required two-thirds vote.

19 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

20 Ruling Elder Mike Ingram, chair of the Finance Committee, presented the committee's report. He  
21 reported the Finance Committee met monthly in conjunction with the Administrative Committee.

22 Financials

23 The Finance Committee provided financials as of April 20, 2019. Mr. Ingram briefly reviewed the  
24 financials.

25 First United Presbyterian Church, Sparta / Sale of Property

26 Mr. Ingram reported the Finance Committee recommended approval for First United  
27 Presbyterian Church, Sparta, Tennessee, to sell a parcel of property that was gifted to the church.  
28 Details of the sale will be provided at the presbytery meeting. The property, located at 21 N. Main Street,  
29 Sparta, was assessed by White County at \$47,300. The Upper Cumberland Entrepreneurial Foundation,  
30 a non-profit organization, would like to purchase the property for \$50,000. There were no questions or  
31 objections, and this was so ordered by the Moderator.

32 **GUATEMALA TASK FORCE REPORT**

33 Ruling Elder David Carlton (Second), chair of the Guatemala Task Force, provided a report and  
34 update on the task force's work in Guatemala. He called attention to two trips in 2020: March 7-14, a  
35 medical trip to be lead by Dr. Mike Magee; and a youth trip, in the preliminary planning stages, scheduled  
36 for July 7-14.

37 **BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT**

38 Ruling Elder Keenan Rodgers, Board of Pensions representative for the Presbytery, provided an  
39 update on the Board of Pensions programs. Highlights included the elimination of vacancy dues,  
40 education debt support for ministers, Healthy Pastors program, Pathways to Renewal program, and the  
41 possibility of a program for presbyteries to provide benefits for pastors of new worshipping communities  
42 and new church development pastors.

43 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT**

44 The Rev. Stephen Yates, chair of the Committee on Ministry, presented the COM's report.

45 Committee on Ministry Meetings

46 The Committee on Ministry meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4PM at Westminster  
47 Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

1 Pastoral Care Team

2 The COM receives regular reports from Rev. Janet Salyer, chair of the Pastoral Care Team.

3 Mediation Task Force

4 The COM receives regular reports from Rev. Jane Herring, chair of the Mediation Task Force.

5 Women in Ministry Luncheon

6 The Pastoral Care Team held a Women in Ministry luncheon March 25, 2019.

7 Woodland Presbyterian Church, Nashville

8 The COM receives regular updates on Woodland Presbyterian Church and Ministry Architects.

9 Bellevue Administrative Commission

10 The COM receives regular updates from the Bellevue Administrative Commission.

11 Handlson Care Team

12 The COM received a report from Pat Handlson's Care Team.

13 COM Liaisons

14 Ruling Elder Debbie Fraley was approved as liaison for Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Milton,  
15 and Ruling Elder David Wood was approved as liaison for Glencliff Presbyterian Church, Nashville.

16 Len Carrell / First Presbyterian Church, Columbia

17 The COM approved the call to Len Carrell, a minister member of the Presbytery of Heartland, to  
18 serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia. A copy of Rev. Carrell's statement of faith and  
19 biographical statement was included in the packet. The COM approved the reception of Rev. Carrell into  
20 the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and the following terms of call: Salary \$52,000; Housing \$27,000;  
21 Medical / Pension \$29,230; Dental \$1,632; Professional Expenses \$5,000; Social Security \$4,898; four  
22 weeks vacation; two weeks study leave. The following commission to install was approved upon motion  
23 made and seconded: Sunday, September 29, 2019, Teaching Elders – Chris Joiner (First Franklin), chair;  
24 C. Nolan Huizenga (Second); Carol Tate (member-at-large); Ruling Elders – Argie Satterwhite (First  
25 Columbia), Leonard Jordan (St. Andrews); Guests – Ted Wardlaw (President, Austin Presbyterian  
26 Theological Seminary), Christi Armstrong (Hannaway Street Church of God, Columbia); Doug King (Brick  
27 Presbyterian Church, New York). Persons present in support of Rev. Carrell were recognized.

28 Shane Smith / Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Nashville

29 The COM approved the call to Shane Smith, a minister member of the Presbytery of Holston, to  
30 serve as pastor of Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Nashville, effective June 3, 2019. A copy of Rev. Smith's  
31 statement of faith and biographical statement was included in the packet. The COM approved the  
32 reception of Rev. Smith into the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and approved the following terms of  
33 call: Salary \$45,000; Housing \$24,000; SECA \$5,175; Board of Pensions \$25,185; Dental \$1,160;  
34 Professional Expenses \$3,500; One time moving expenses up to \$3,000; four weeks vacation; two weeks  
35 study leave; Development Sundays – one Sunday every eight weeks (six per year) to worship with  
36 another congregation and gather ideas for ministry; report to the session and any relevant committees.  
37 The following commission to install was approved upon motion made and seconded: Sunday, June 16,  
38 3PM; Teaching Elders – Shawn Thomas Smith (First Smyrna), chair; Chris Joiner (First Franklin); Ray  
39 Thomas (Co-Executive Presbyter); Ruling Elders – Cindy Blume (Hillsboro); Donna Simpson (First  
40 Cookeville); Robin Thomas (Co-Executive Presbyter); Guest – Dr. Richard Voetz (Union Seminary).  
41 Persons present in support of Rev. Smith were recognized.

42 Toby Mueller / Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin

43 The COM approved the call to Toby Mueller to serve as pastor of Historic Franklin Presbyterian  
44 Church, Franklin, effective May 19, 2019, and approved the following terms of call: Salary \$52,500;  
45 Housing \$10,000; Professional Expenses \$3,000; Social Security Supplement \$2,275; Medical/Pension  
46 \$23,450; five weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education; three months sabbatical after six years  
47 of continuous full-time service. A copy of Dr. Mueller's statement of faith and biographical statement  
48 was included in the packet. The following commission to install was approved upon motion made and

1 seconded: Sunday, June 30, 3PM; Teaching Elders – Guy Griffith (Westminster Nashville); Mark Mueller  
2 (The Outreach Foundation); Rob Weingartner (The Outreach Foundation); Ruling Elders – Theresa  
3 Denton (Emmanuel), chair; Therese Howell (Stated Clerk); Suzie Lane (Westminster Nashville); Debra  
4 Van Derveer (Historic Franklin). Persons present in support of Dr. Mueller were recognized.

5 Carol A. Tate

6 The COM thanked Dr. Carol Tate for her service as Interim Executive Presbyter.

7 **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

8 The Rev. Mike Wilson, chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, presented the  
9 committee's report.

10 Michael Cuppert

11 The Committee on Preparation for Ministry received Michael Cuppert (Trinity) as an inquirer  
12 under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee as of February 19, 2019.

13 Kody Whitaker

14 The Committee on Preparation for Ministry received Kody Whitaker (First Nashville) as an  
15 inquirer under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee as of February 19, 2019.

16 Carly Misenheimer / Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville

17 Rev. Wilson stated the Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended that Inquirer Carly  
18 Misenheimer (Second) be examined for candidacy. Ms. Misenheimer spoke of her call to ministry and  
19 Christian service undertaken. She responded to questions from commissioners.

20 Aaron Stauffer / Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville

21 Rev. Wilson stated the Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended that Inquirer Aaron  
22 Stauffer (Second) be examined for candidacy. Mr. Stauffer responded to questions from commissioners.

23 Rev. Bobby Harding escorted Ms. Misenheimer and Mr. Stauffer from the meeting. There was  
24 no further discussion.

25 The motion to enroll Carly Misenheimer as a candidate under care of the Presbytery was  
26 unanimously approved. The motion to enroll Mr. Stauffer as a candidate under care of the Presbytery  
27 was unanimously approved.

28 Rev. Harding escorted Ms. Misenheimer and Mr. Stauffer back into the meeting, and the  
29 Moderator informed them of the vote. The Presbytery applauded both new candidates for ministry.

30 Following a liturgy of welcome for the new candidates, the Presbytery again welcomed the new  
31 candidates for ministry. Rev. Huizenga offered a charge and prayer for Carly Misenheimer, and Dr. Mary  
32 Louise McCullough (Second) offered a charge and prayer for Aaron Stauffer. Dr. McCullough stated both  
33 Carly and Aaron are a blessing to the church.

34 **CO-EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS' REPORT**

35 Robin and Ray Thomas thanked the Presbytery for the stoles, and reminded the Presbytery of  
36 the focus of their call: leadership development, congregational transformation, and making  
37 connections. The Presbytery applauded the newly installed co-executive presbyters.

38 **CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

39 The Thomases led the Presbytery in the sharing of concerns, celebrations, and announcements.  
40 Announcements and celebrations included:

41 + Ellis Grove Presbyterian Church – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, June 23

42 + John Bell, hymn composer, event at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, September 28, 2PM

43 + Gary Kelly and Bruce McVey – leading a trip to the Holy Land in January

44 + Ashley McFaul-Erwin – information on Nashville Pride parade, June 21

45 + First Pulaski – 16 people will depart for a mission trip on June 8

46 + Teddy Chiquimia - Fiesta Celebration, June 30, 11AM (bilingual service)

47 + Celebration of the completion of the Doctor of Ministry program for Chris Joiner and Rosanna Anderson  
48 (both at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary)



1 + Leslie Deslausiers – leading kayak trips here in Tennessee (liturgy on the water) July 22-26; see Andrew  
2 Smith for details

3 Concerns were shared, and Ray Thomas offered a prayer.

4 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5 There was no unfinished business.

6 **NEW BUSINESS**

7 The Moderator stated there was an item of new business from the Eastminster Administrative  
8 Commission.

9 Eastminster Administrative Commission

10 Ruling Elder Melinda Sanders (Woodland), a member of the Eastminster Administrative  
11 Commission, presented the following motion from the commission:

12 It is moved that the Trustees for the Presbytery – the Moderator, the Chair of the Administrative  
13 Committee, and the Chair of the Finance Committee – be authorized to approve and execute the  
14 necessary paperwork to sell the property on Gallatin Road that was the site for Eastminster  
15 Presbyterian Church and to ensure that the proceeds be deposited into the designated account  
16 that contains the insurance proceeds from the fire of the church.

17 Mrs. Sanders spoke to the motion, reminding the Presbytery of the history of the church and the  
18 commission. After a question from the floor, the motion was approved.

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20 The 138<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting would be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, at Westminster Presbyterian  
21 Church, Columbia.

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23 The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator 12:20pm upon motion made,  
24 seconded, and approved without objection. A reception for the newly-installed co-executive presbyters  
25 followed the meeting.

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28 Therese P. Howell

29 Stated Clerk

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**Teaching Elders**

\_E\_Adams, Chris  
 \_E\_Allen, Bill  
 \_E\_Anderson, David  
 \_P\_Anderson, Rosanna  
 \_E\_Angel, Erin Howton  
 \_E\_Angel, Jonathan  
 \_E\_Asbury, Beverly  
 \_E\_Barger, Bill  
 \_E\_Beisswenger, Philip  
 \_P\_Berger, Will  
 \_P\_Bird, Sarah  
 \_E\_Bonner, Leigh  
 \_E\_Bradley, Mike  
 \_E\_Bray, Linda  
 \_E\_Bryan, Mark  
 \_E\_Bryant, William T.  
 \_E\_Burgener, John "Bo"  
 \_E\_Caldwell, Elizabeth  
 \_E\_Canon, Amelia  
 \_P\_Carrell, Len  
 \_P\_Casner, Paul  
 \_E\_Cejka, III, Joseph  
 \_E\_Cheetham, John T.  
 \_P\_Chuquimia, Teddy  
 \_E\_Clewer, Harry  
 \_E\_Coates, Coleman Lewis  
 \_E\_Cowan, John  
 \_E\_Crawford, John  
 \_E\_Crigger, III, A. S.  
 \_P\_Cross, III, Allen  
 \_E\_Crumby, Robert  
 \_E\_Crumpler, David  
 \_E\_Danner, Charles  
 \_E\_Davis, Michael  
 \_P\_DeVries, Adam  
 \_P\_DeVries, Mark  
 \_P\_Drake, Donovan  
 \_P\_Durnell, Warner R.  
 \_E\_Early, Kim Maphis  
 \_E\_Early, Robert  
 \_P\_Edington, Sherard  
 \_P\_Eisenmenger, David  
 \_E\_Fraser, Carrie  
 \_E\_Gasser, Anna D.

\_E\_Gay, Andy  
 \_E\_Gilliam, Elizabeth  
 \_P\_Gilliss, Martha Schull  
 \_P\_Glover, Gregory  
 \_E\_Glover, Leslie  
 \_E\_Gordon, Stuart  
 \_P\_Graham, Evelyn  
 \_P\_Griffith, Guy D.  
 \_E\_Groves, Lindsey  
 \_E\_Gundersen, Carl A.  
 \_E\_Gung, Justin  
 \_E\_Gunter, Keith  
 \_E\_Hamman, Jaco  
 \_I\_Handlson, Pat  
 \_P\_Harding, Bobby  
 \_E\_Harkness, David  
 \_E\_Harrell, James E.  
 \_E\_Hassall, Harry S.  
 \_E\_Hawthorne, Blake  
 \_E\_Herring, Jane  
 \_P\_Hilley, John R.  
 \_E\_Hinkle, John  
 \_E\_Hodgson, Peter  
 \_E\_Hoechst, Jeanne'  
 \_E\_Horn, John  
 \_P\_Hudnut-Beumler, Heidi  
 \_P\_Hudnut-Beumler, Jim  
 \_P\_Hughes, Sally  
 \_P\_Huie, Scott  
 \_P\_Huizenga, C. Nolan  
 \_P\_Hunter, Jeannie  
 \_E\_Jackson, J. Harold  
 \_E\_Jarvis, Jennifer  
 \_E\_Johnson, Charles N.  
 \_P Joiner, Christopher A.  
 \_E\_Jones, Phyllis  
 \_E\_Jones, Todd B.  
 \_P\_Kane, Jeff  
 \_E\_Kang, Byung Hee  
 \_E\_Kang, Se Bong  
 \_E\_Kang, Shin  
 \_E\_Kaufman, John E.  
 \_P\_Kelly, Gary  
 \_P\_Kelly, Joel  
 \_E\_Kidd, David

**May 30, 2019 Stated Meeting Roll**

\_E\_Kim, Yoon Min  
 \_P\_Klein, Candace  
 \_E\_Knight, Carole  
 \_E\_Lancaster, Jimmie  
 \_E\_Larson, John  
 \_E\_Leftwich, Phil  
 \_P\_Lewis, John  
 \_E\_Lipsey, McCurdy  
 \_E\_Logan, Gail  
 \_P\_Magee, Michael J.  
 \_P\_McCaw, Beth  
 \_E\_McClure, Annie  
 \_E\_McCormack, Robert E.  
 \_E\_McCullough, John  
 \_P\_McCullough, Mary Louise  
 \_E\_McDaniel, Mark  
 \_P\_McFaul-Erwin, Ashley  
 \_E\_McLaughlin, Michael  
 \_E\_McMillion, Claude  
 \_E\_McRight, Dan  
 \_P\_McVey, Bruce  
 \_E\_Moffatt, III, Charles L.  
 \_E\_Moiso, Aimee  
 \_P\_Montgomery, Robert  
 \_E\_Moore, Kristi  
 \_P\_Mueller, Mark  
 \_P\_Mueller, Toby  
 \_E\_Muse, Perry  
 \_E\_Musgrave, John  
 \_E\_Nally, Sara  
 \_E\_Nash, Jim  
 \_E\_Neil, Richard  
 \_E\_Newsom, Ernest B.  
 \_E\_Nguot, Peter Lul  
 \_E\_Nichols, H. Gudger, Jr.  
 \_E\_Nichols, James A.  
 \_E\_Nickell, Kay Pickens  
 \_P\_Nyhuis, Jule  
 \_E\_Paddon, Richard  
 \_E\_Padget, Donald  
 \_E\_Page, Fred  
 \_E\_Patton, Tom  
 \_E\_Penmore, Rachel  
 \_E\_Pentecost, Mike  
 \_E\_Picard, John Paul  
 \_E\_Pope, Craig  
 \_E\_Ramirez-Jimenez, Lila  
 \_E\_Randleman, Sandra  
 \_P\_Rector, Stacy  
 \_E\_Richardson, W. W.  
 \_E\_Ritchie, Jeff  
 \_E\_Ritchie, Megan  
 \_E\_Rogers-Vaughn, Annette  
 \_P\_Rodriguez, Josh  
 \_E\_Rouquie, Richard  
 \_E\_Salyer, Carson  
 \_E\_Salyer, Janet  
 \_E\_Sawyer, David  
 \_E\_Schultz, Harris  
 \_P\_Schwartz, Cindy  
 \_P\_Shaw, Mary Sellers  
 \_E\_Skelly, John J., III  
 \_E\_Smathers, Mike  
 \_E\_Smith, Jimmy D.  
 \_P\_Smith, John A.  
 \_P\_Smith, Katherine  
 \_E\_Smith, Shane  
 \_P\_Smith, Shawn Thomas  
 \_P\_Soderquist, Ann  
 \_E\_Tate, Carol  
 \_P\_Thomas, C. S. (Steve) III  
 \_E\_Thompson, C.J.  
 \_E\_Thompson, Marjorie  
 \_P\_Todd, John  
 \_E\_Traylor, Leslie  
 \_E\_Tuck, Janet  
 \_E\_Tyndall, Thomas B.  
 \_E\_Venable, III, Sid  
 \_E\_Walker, Thomas D.  
 \_E\_Wallace, Morgan  
 \_E>Weingartner, Robert J.  
 \_E\_White, Jack  
 \_E\_White, Linda  
 \_P\_Wilson, Amos L.  
 \_P\_Wilson, Mike  
 \_E\_Yang, Sunggu  
 \_P\_Yates, Stephen  
 \_E\_Zeigler, Richard

P - Present  
 E - Excused

A - Absent  
 I - Inactive

**Ruling Elder Commissioners**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Alexandria, Liberty Hill		Manchester, First	
Allardt, First		McMinnville, First	
Alpine, Christ		Milton, Hopewell	
Ardmore, Bethany	Elizabeth May	Mt. Pleasant, First	
Belfast		Murfreesboro, First	1. Jim Crumley
Bethpage, Oak Grove			2. Bob Potter
Brentwood, Brentwood First			3.
East	1.	Northminster	Larry McElroy
	2.	Nashville, Bellevue	1.
Harpeth	1. Molly Nugen		2.
	2. Andrew Ring	Donelson	1. Beth Chiles
Buffalo Valley	Shirley Puckett		2.
Byrdstown, Smyrna		Downtown	1.
Clarksville, First	1.		2.
	2.	Eastminster	1. Anna Baker
	3.		2.
Macedonia		Emmanuel	John Sevier
Columbia, First	1.	First	1.
	2.		2.
	3.		3.
Westminster			4.
Cookeville, Double Springs			5.
First	1. Chelsea Holland		6.
	2.	Glen Leven	7.
Post Oak			1. Mike Arnott
Cowan, Fellowship			2. Jody Stanton
Crossville, Calvary	1. Bev Talbott	Glenciff	Betty Currey
Decherd		Hillsboro	1.
Dickson, First			2.
Pond		Hillwood	1. Jennifer Stootsberry
Fairfield Glade, Westminster			2.
Fayetteville, First	1. Harold Dawkins	Korean	1.
	2. Martha Kelly		2.
St. John		Priest Lake	
Franklin, First	1. Cindy Blackburn	Second	1. Clee Lee
	2.		2. Pam Reese
	3.		3.
Historic	1. Carolyn Mays	Southminster	
	2. Lynne Welch	St. Andrews	1.
New Hope			2.
Gallatin, First	1. Ann Thurman	Trinity	1. Vira Baker
	2.		2. Vera Billington
Sudanese		Village	1.
Hendersonville, First	1. Evelyn Kemp		2.
	2. June Still	Westminster	1. Suzanne Allen
New Creation			2. Danna Brooks
Hermitage	1. Linda Douglas		3. Jodie Falk
	2.		4. Linda Koon
Lawrenceburg, First			5.
Lebanon, First	1. Pat Bone		6.
	2.	Woodland	
Spring Creek		Normandy	
Lewisburg, Bethberei		Old Hickory	
First	1.	Petersburg, First	
	2.	Pulaski, Brick Church	
Lynnville, First	Doyle Trigg		

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Pulaski, continued	
First	1. 2.
Readyville, Cripple Creek	
Shelbyville, First	1. 2.
Silver Point, Mattie Smith	
Smyrna, First	1. Brian Wildes 2.
Sparta, Blue Spring	Judy Clemow
First United	
Hickory Valley	
Robinson Chapel	
Spring Hill, First	
Springfield, First	1. Ross Thomas; 2.
Milldale	
Thompson Station, Bethesda	
Tullahoma, First	1. Keith Kushman 2. Jessica Smith
Watertown, First	
Waverly, Ellis Grove	Gary Rickenbrode

### **Commissioned Ruling Elders**

Teresa Burns, First Pulaski; Andrew Smith, Blue Spring Sparta

### **Ruling Elders, Voice and Vote:**

Theresa Denton, Vice Moderator; Therese Howell, Stated Clerk; Mike Ingram, Treasurer; Allen Kennedy, Finance Committee; Ed Lancaster, 2018 Moderator; Geeta McMillan, Administrative Committee; Melinda Sanders, 2014 Moderator; Robin Thomas, Co-Executive Presbyter; Diane Thurston, Presbyterian Women Moderator

### **Corresponding Members, Voice, without Vote:**

David Carlton, Guatemala Task Force; Marshall Gupton (SBC), Northminster; Carly Misenheimer, Second; Terry Newland, Synod of Living Waters; Roy Paterik (RCA), Cripple Creek; Conrad Rocha, Synod of the Southwest; Keenan Rodgers, Board of Pensions; Aaron Stauffer, Second; Micah Watson, UKIRK MTSU; Stuart Wilson-Patton, Hunger Action Advocate

### **Visitors**

Kay Campbell, First Fayetteville; Martha Bess DeWitt, Second; Deborah Dobbins, Historic Franklin; Patrick Handlson, Cookeville; Pamela Kelly, Calvary of Big Lick; Lillian Stewart, Historic Franklin; Andy Thomas, Holy Way Presbyterian Church, Tucson; Marion Thomas, Rancho Bernando Presbyterian Church; Claudia Torrey, First Nashville; Mary Trigg, First Lynnville; Jean White, Glencliff

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
JULY 20, 2019**

**Information**

1. The Administrative Committee usually meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2019, 12:30pm, at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin.
2. The committee receives reports from the Co-Executive Presbyters, the Stated Clerk, and the Treasurer.
3. The committee was informed of the resignation of Mary Ann Daniel-Kashuba, the Administrative Assistant. The Thomases are reaching out to local churches, as well as Vanderbilt Divinity School, seeking persons who might be interested in the position.
4. "Meet and Greet" opportunities with the Co-Executive Presbyters continue. Contact the Thomases to host an event.
5. The Administrative Committee had a discussion regarding the high costs of new church developments, new worshipping communities, and the need for planning and process.

**Admit to Record**

1. The Administrative Committee approved the grant request for the new worshipping community, Telos at Southminster. Telos has scheduled its first worship service on the first Sunday of July at 9AM in the sanctuary at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville.
2. The committee received an update on Handlson v. Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.
3. The committee received a report from The Village Church Isaiah 1:18 Team. The Village Church has asked to be dismissed to the Disciples of Christ; Kelli X, the ruling elder approved to preach and lead worship, is scheduled to be ordained by the Disciples of Christ on July 14.
4. The committee approved the agenda for the July 20 Presbytery meeting. Two candidates for ordination, Whitney Book Lockard and Meredith Cox, will preach during worship. The offering was approved for Youth Triennium scholarships; the Presbytery will hear a report on Triennium at the October meeting (the youth do not return from Triennium until July 20).
5. The Rock Eternal Presbyterian Church (the Arabic speaking Egyptian NCD at Priest Lake) received a \$7,500 seed grant from 1001 Worshipping Communities.

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**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee**  
**Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance**  
 As of May 31, 2019

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1005 · Pinnacle Bank	47,522.21
Total Checking/Savings	47,522.21
Other Current Assets	
1300 · Baird Investments	
1300-04 · Baird Invest. - Cash Equiv.	75,607.49
1300-01 · Baird Invest. - Pooled	997,210.33
1300-02 · Baird Invest. - Default reserve	629,766.84
1300-03 · Baird Invest. - Endowment	10,749.80
Total 1300 · Baird Investments	1,713,334.46
Total Other Current Assets	1,713,334.46
Total Current Assets	1,760,856.67
Fixed Assets	
1500 · Fixed Assets	
1500-01 · Leasehold Improvements	31,500.00
1500-02 · Furniture and Equipment	16,960.37
1500-10 · Accumulated Depreciation	-27,227.62
Total 1500 · Fixed Assets	21,232.75
Total Fixed Assets	21,232.75
Other Assets	
1800 · Other Assets	
1801-01 · Gift In-Kind Receivable	50,666.66
1801-02 · Discount of in-Kind Receivable	-594.85
Total 1800 · Other Assets	50,071.81
Total Other Assets	50,071.81
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,832,161.23</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
2300 · Payroll Withholdings	0.05
2500 · Designated gifts	
2500-01 · Joy gift	4,035.76
2500-02 · One Great Hour of Sharing	8,072.12
2500-03 · Peacemaking - GA	61.50
2500-04 · Theological education	200.00
2500-05 · Pentecost	196.80
2500-06 · Mission Personnel	750.00
2500-12 · Campus Ministries	300.00
2500-20 · Disaster relief - other	3,005.00
Total 2500 · Designated gifts	16,621.18
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,621.23
Total Current Liabilities	16,621.23
Long Term Liabilities	
2800-01 · Loan payable - WPC	18,375.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	18,375.00
Total Liabilities	34,996.23

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	<u>May 31, 19</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
3001 · Unrestricted Net Assets	
3001-06 · Designation - Small Church Fund	111,490.93
3001-01 · Allowance for church defaults	629,766.84
3001-02 · Functional Endow. NCD & Revital	96,029.99
3001-04 · Designation - NCD (Properties)	115,651.55
3001 · Unrestricted Net Assets - Other	661,177.87
<b>Total 3001 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>1,614,117.18</b>
3002 · Temporarily restricted funds	
3002-01 · Centsability	31,300.97
3002-02 · Peacemaking	431.08
3002-03 · Ferguson Funds	4.73
3002-05 · Guatemalan Support Funds	1,892.35
3002-06 · Pastoral Care	4,249.81
3002-10 · Triennium	869.99
3002-12 · Women in Ministry	1,290.00
3002-15 · Hispanic Fellowship	549.28
3002-18 · LEAD Event	2,152.68
3002-19 · COYAM Event	1,093.83
3002-23 · New Church Development	800.00
3002-26 · Sabbatical Assistance	4,625.82
3002-27 · Hispanic New Church Dev	0.38
3002-28 · Church Support & Training	2,073.19
3002-32 · CPM - Scholarships	4,191.28
3002-50 · St. Andrews Fund	56,541.16
3002-52 · Other restricted funds	5,000.00
3002-60 · Small Church Fund	42,862.91
3002-62 · Pastor to Pastors	4,884.92
3002-75 · In-Kind Gift Lease	65,491.83
<b>Total 3002 · Temporarily restricted funds</b>	<b>230,306.19</b>
3003 · Permanently restricted funds	10,749.80
3100 · Restricted/Designated Income	-14,403.86
32000 · Retained Earnings	-14,213.68
Net Income	-29,390.63
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,797,165.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,832,161.23</b>

**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee**  
**Actual to Budget Receipts and Disbursements**  
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	May 19	Budget	Jan - May 19	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
Income					
4000 - Pledged giving	39,821.65	40,000.00	151,788.49	195,000.00	600,000.00
4010 - GA Hunger Action Advocate	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
4070 - Investment Income					
4070-10 - Investment Income	4,636.99	2,500.00	11,483.81	12,500.00	30,000.00
<b>Total 4070 - Investment income</b>	<b>4,636.99</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>11,483.81</b>	<b>12,500.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,458.64</b>	<b>42,500.00</b>	<b>166,272.30</b>	<b>210,500.00</b>	<b>633,000.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>44,458.64</b>	<b>42,500.00</b>	<b>166,272.30</b>	<b>210,500.00</b>	<b>633,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
5000 - Finance					
5000-01 - Occupancy	990.00	1,000.00	15,450.00	17,000.00	24,000.00
5000-02 - Equipment	7,414.23	1,167.00	9,367.47	5,831.00	14,000.00
5000-03 - Insurance	0.00	333.00	3,578.00	1,665.00	4,000.00
5000-04 - Travel - support staff	0.00	17.00	0.00	81.00	200.00
5000-05 - Office supplies	779.02	417.00	2,081.77	2,081.00	5,000.00
5000-06 - Postage	1,003.00	83.00	1,003.00	419.00	1,000.00
5000-07 - Telephone	736.18	375.00	1,717.23	1,875.00	4,500.00
5000-08 - Audit Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
5000-12 - Webpage	105.34	75.00	628.53	375.00	900.00
5070-01 - GA Per Capita	0.00	12,150.00	0.00	60,750.00	145,805.00
5070-02 - GA Mission Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5070-03 - Synod Per Capita	0.00	5,403.00	0.00	27,016.00	64,838.00
5070-04 - Synod Mission Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 5000 - Finance</b>	<b>11,027.77</b>	<b>21,020.00</b>	<b>33,826.00</b>	<b>117,093.00</b>	<b>273,243.00</b>
5200 - Comm. on Leadership Excellence					
5200-01 - Leadership Excellence	0.00	417.00	0.00	2,081.00	5,000.00
<b>Total 5200 - Comm. on Leadership Excellence</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>417.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,081.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
5020 - Committee on Mutual Support					
5020-03 - NaCoMe Camp	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00
5020-02 - MTSU Campus Ministry	1,602.96	1,603.00	8,014.80	8,015.00	19,251.00
5020-03 - TTU Campus Ministry	1,373.97	1,374.00	6,869.85	6,870.00	16,498.00
5020-05 - Vanderbilt Campus Ministry	1,602.96	1,603.00	8,014.80	8,015.00	19,251.00
5020-06 - Synod - Campus Ministry Support	-2,096.00	-2,096.00	-10,482.90	-10,480.00	-25,159.00
5020-10 - Neighborhood meetings	0.00	125.00	0.00	625.00	1,500.00
<b>Total 5020 - Committee on Mutual Support</b>	<b>7,483.31</b>	<b>7,609.00</b>	<b>32,416.55</b>	<b>33,045.00</b>	<b>56,341.00</b>



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5030 - Committee on Ministry					
5030-01 - Retreat - COM	0.00	25.00	0.00	125.00	300.00
5030-02 - Pastoral Care	0.00	250.00	100.00	1,250.00	3,000.00
5030-04 - Background Checks	454.10	42.00	454.10	206.00	500.00
<b>Total 5030 - Committee on Ministry</b>	<b>454.10</b>	<b>317.00</b>	<b>554.10</b>	<b>1,581.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>
5040 - Comm. on Prep. for Ministry					
5040-01 - Career Testing & Counseling	0.00	42.00	0.00	206.00	500.00
<b>Total 5040 - Comm. on Prep. for Ministry</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>206.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
5050 - Comm. on Church Transformation					
5050-11 - Hispanic Ministry salary/hsg	3,458.34	3,458.00	17,291.70	17,294.00	41,500.00
5050-13 - Hispanic Ministry FICA	331.50	331.00	1,657.50	1,656.00	3,978.00
5050-14 - Hispanic Ministry BOP	1,867.23	1,967.00	9,598.55	9,831.00	23,600.00
5050-15 - Hispanic NCD Reimbursement	-250.00	-250.00	-1,250.00	-1,250.00	-3,000.00
5050-12 - East Nashville Training HUB	0.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	12,500.00	30,000.00
5050-07 - Sudanese church support	2,500.00	2,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	30,000.00
<b>Total 5050 - Comm. on Church Transformation</b>	<b>7,907.07</b>	<b>10,506.00</b>	<b>47,297.75</b>	<b>52,530.00</b>	<b>126,078.00</b>
5100 - Administrative Committee					
5100-02 - Admin. comm. expenses	0.00	42.00	20.00	206.00	500.00
5100-03 - Moderators conference	0.00	84.00	317.50	417.00	2,500.00
5100-01 - Presbytery meetings	0.00	0.00	27,095.81	27,097.00	1,000.00
5100-04 - Exec. Pres. Salary/Housing	0.00	0.00	1,521.10	1,521.00	27,097.00
5100-02 - Exec. Pres. FICA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,521.00
5100-05 - Co-EP Salary	1,480.32	833.00	6,515.55	4,169.00	10,000.00
5100-06 - Co-EP Housing	1,916.66	1,917.00	2,491.66	2,492.00	15,908.00
5100-07 - Co-EP FICA	3,750.00	3,750.00	4,875.00	4,875.00	31,125.00
5100-08 - Co-EP Medical/Pension	433.50	434.00	563.55	564.00	3,598.00
5100-14 - Co-EP 403b Match	322.44	2,370.00	322.44	2,370.00	18,561.00
5100-09 - Co-EP 2 Salary	216.66	167.00	216.66	217.00	1,383.00
5100-09 - Co-EP 2 FICA/Med	5,666.66	5,667.00	7,366.66	7,367.00	47,034.00
5100-10 - Co-EP 2 Pension	433.50	434.00	563.55	564.00	3,598.00
5100-12 - Co-EP 2 Pension	884.00	884.00	884.00	884.00	5,644.00
5100-15 - Co-EP 2 403b Match	216.66	167.00	216.66	217.00	1,383.00
5100-18 - EP Moving Expense	8,913.71	10,000.00	8,913.71	10,000.00	10,000.00
5100-20 - Stated Clerk Salary	2,475.28	2,475.00	12,376.40	12,375.00	29,703.00
5100-21 - Stated Clerk FICA	189.36	189.00	946.80	945.00	2,273.00
5100-22 - Stated Clerk Medical/Pension	1,644.66	1,645.00	8,223.30	8,225.00	19,740.00
5100-23 - Stated Clerk expenses	0.00	292.00	105.62	1,456.00	3,500.00
5100-30 - Administrative Asst. Salary	1,175.00	1,500.00	1,175.00	7,500.00	18,000.00
5100-31 - Administrative Asst. FICA	89.89	115.00	89.89	575.00	1,380.00
5100-37 - Hunger Action Advocate expenses	0.00	250.00	0.00	1,250.00	3,000.00
5100-51 - Accounting	1,727.15	1,833.00	8,743.04	9,165.00	22,000.00

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5100-75 · Office Temps	0.00		762.93		
5100-80 · EP Search expenses	0.00	157.00	2,642.68	831.00	2,000.00
<b>Total 5100 · Administrative Committee</b>	<b>31,535.45</b>	<b>35,215.00</b>	<b>96,949.51</b>	<b>105,282.00</b>	<b>282,848.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,407.70</b>	<b>75,126.00</b>	<b>211,043.91</b>	<b>311,818.00</b>	<b>747,810.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-13,949.06</b>	<b>-32,626.00</b>	<b>-44,771.61</b>	<b>-101,316.00</b>	<b>-114,810.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Other Income</b>					
7001 · Unbudgeted Income					
7001-20 · Designated receipts	6,889.41		48,003.47		
7001-21 · Temp. Restricted-Receipts	790.60		16,659.19		
7001-15 · Unrealized gain/loss Baird	-13,113.35		25,301.23		
7001-05 · Other unbudgeted income	0.00		8,100.00		
7001-50 · In-Kind Contribution Revenue	74.07		413.32		
<b>Total 7001 · Unbudgeted Income</b>	<b>-5,359.27</b>		<b>98,477.21</b>		
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-5,359.27</b>		<b>98,477.21</b>		
<b>Other Expense</b>					
7002 · Unbudgeted expenses					
7002-20 · Designated disbursements	0.00		31,382.29		
7002-21 · Temp. Restricted disbursements	360.00		18,590.12		
7002-02 · PJC expenses - disciplinary	301.00		17,290.48		
7002-50 · In-Kind Rent	3,166.67		15,833.34		
<b>Total 7002 · Unbudgeted expenses</b>	<b>3,827.67</b>		<b>83,096.23</b>		
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>3,827.67</b>		<b>83,096.23</b>		
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-9,186.94</b>		<b>15,380.98</b>		
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-23,136.00</b>	<b>-32,626.00</b>	<b>-29,390.63</b>	<b>-101,318.00</b>	<b>-114,810.00</b>

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<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
Income							
4000 - Pledged giving	38,821.65	40,000.00	-178.35	151,788.48	195,000.00	-43,211.51	600,000.00
4010 - GA Hunger Action Advocate	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
4070 - Investment income							
4070-10 - Investment income	4,636.59	2,500.00	2,136.59	11,483.81	12,500.00	-1,016.19	30,000.00
Total 4070 - Investment income	4,636.59	2,500.00	2,136.59	11,483.81	12,500.00	-1,016.19	30,000.00
Total Income	44,458.64	42,500.00	1,958.64	166,272.30	210,500.00	-44,227.70	633,000.00
Gross Profit	44,458.64	42,500.00	1,958.64	166,272.30	210,500.00	-44,227.70	633,000.00
Expense							
5000 - Finance							
5000-01 - Occupancy	990.00	1,000.00	-10.00	15,450.00	17,000.00	-1,550.00	24,000.00
5000-02 - Equipment	7,414.23	1,167.00	6,247.23	9,367.47	5,831.00	3,536.47	14,000.00
5000-03 - Insurance	0.00	333.00	-333.00	3,578.00	1,635.00	1,943.00	4,000.00
5000-04 - Travel - support staff	0.00	17.00	-17.00	0.00	81.00	-81.00	200.00
5000-05 - Office supplies	779.02	417.00	362.02	2,081.77	2,081.00	0.77	5,000.00
5000-06 - Postage	1,033.00	83.00	950.00	1,005.00	415.00	590.00	1,500.00
5000-07 - Telephone	795.18	375.00	420.18	1,717.23	1,675.00	42.23	4,500.00
5000-08 - Audit Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
5000-12 - Webpage	103.34	75.00	28.34	628.53	375.00	253.53	900.00
5070-01 - GA Per Capita	0.00	12,150.00	-12,150.00	0.00	60,750.00	-60,750.00	145,805.00
5070-02 - GA Mission Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5070-03 - Synod Per Capita	0.00	5,403.00	-5,403.00	0.00	27,016.00	-27,016.00	84,838.00
5070-04 - Synod Mission Giving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 - Finance	11,027.17	21,030.00	-9,992.23	33,826.00	117,093.00	-83,267.00	273,243.00
5200 - Comm. on Leadership Excellence							
5200-01 - Leadership Excellence	0.00	417.00	-417.00	0.00	2,081.00	-2,081.00	5,000.00
Total 5200 - Comm. on Leadership Excellence	0.00	417.00	-417.00	0.00	2,081.00	-2,081.00	5,000.00
5020 - Committee on Mutual Support							
5010-03 - Nacofee Camp	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
5020-02 - MTSU Campus Ministry	1,622.96	1,503.00	119.96	8,014.80	8,015.00	-0.20	19,251.00
5020-03 - TTU Campus Ministry	1,373.97	1,374.00	-0.03	6,859.65	6,870.00	-10.35	16,486.00
5020-05 - Vanderbilt Campus Ministry	1,502.96	1,503.00	-0.04	8,014.80	8,015.00	-0.20	19,251.00
5020-06 - Synod - Campus Ministry Support	-2,096.58	-2,096.00	-0.58	-10,482.90	-10,480.00	-2.90	-25,159.00
5020-10 - Neighborhood meetings	0.00	125.00	-125.00	0.00	625.00	-625.00	1,500.00
Total 5020 - Committee on Mutual Support	7,483.31	7,609.00	-125.69	32,416.55	33,045.00	-628.45	56,341.00
5030 - Committee on Ministry							
5030-01 - Retreat - COM	0.00	35.00	-35.00	0.00	125.00	-125.00	300.00
5030-02 - Pastoral Care	454.10	250.00	204.10	100.00	1,250.00	-1,150.00	3,000.00
5030-04 - Background Checks		42.00	-42.00	454.10	206.00	248.10	500.00
Total 5030 - Committee on Ministry	454.10	317.00	137.10	554.10	1,581.00	-1,026.90	3,800.00
5040 - Comm. on Prep. for Ministry							
5040-01 - Career, Testing & Counseling	0.00	42.00	-42.00	0.00	206.00	-206.00	500.00
Total 5040 - Comm. on Prep. for Ministry	0.00	42.00	-42.00	0.00	206.00	-206.00	500.00

**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
Actual to Budget Receipts and Disbursements  
May 2019**

	May 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - May 19	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
5050 - Comm. on Church Transformation							
5050-11 - Hispanic Ministry salary/hsg	3,458.34	3,458.00	0.34	17,291.70	17,294.00	-2.30	41,500.00
5050-13 - Hispanic Ministry FICA	331.50	331.00	0.50	1,657.50	1,656.00	1.50	3,978.00
5050-14 - Hispanic Ministry BOP	1,967.23	1,967.00	-0.23	9,598.55	9,631.00	-32.45	23,600.00
5050-15 - Hispanic NCD Reimbursement	-250.00	-250.00	0.00	-1,250.00	-1,250.00	0.00	-3,000.00
5050-12 - East Nashville Training HUS	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	7,500.00	12,500.00	-5,000.00	30,000.00
5050-07 - Sudanese church support	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	30,000.00
<b>Total 5050 - Comm. on Church Transformation</b>	<b>7,907.07</b>	<b>10,506.00</b>	<b>-2,598.93</b>	<b>47,287.75</b>	<b>52,630.00</b>	<b>-5,332.25</b>	<b>126,078.00</b>
5100 - Administrative Committee							
5100-02 - Admin. comm. expenses	0.00	42.00	-42.00	20.00	206.00	-166.00	500.00
5100-03 - Moderators conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
5100-01 - Presbytery meetings	0.00	84.00	-84.00	317.50	417.00	-99.50	1,000.00
5100-04 - Exec. Pres. Salary/Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,095.81	27,097.00	-1.19	27,097.00
5100-02 - Exec. Pres. FICA	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,521.10	1,521.00	0.10	1,521.00
5100-04 - Exec. Pres. expenses	1,480.32	893.00	587.32	6,515.55	4,169.00	2,346.55	10,000.00
5100-05 - Co-EP Salary	1,916.66	1,917.00	-0.34	2,491.65	2,492.00	-0.34	15,908.00
5100-06 - Co-EP Housing	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	4,875.00	4,875.00	0.00	31,125.00
5100-07 - Co-EP FICA	433.50	434.00	-0.50	553.55	564.00	-10.45	3,598.00
5100-08 - Co-EP Medical/Pension	322.44	2,370.00	-2,047.56	322.44	2,370.00	-2,047.56	18,951.00
5100-14 - Co-EP 403b Match	216.66	167.00	49.66	216.66	217.00	-0.34	1,363.00
5100-09 - Co-EP 2 Salary	5,666.66	5,667.00	-0.34	7,366.66	7,367.00	-0.34	47,034.00
5100-10 - Co-EP 2 FICA/Med	433.50	494.00	-60.50	563.55	564.00	-0.45	3,598.00
5100-12 - Co-EP 2 Pension	884.00	884.00	0.00	884.00	884.00	0.00	5,644.00
5100-15 - Co-EP 2 403b Match	216.66	167.00	49.66	216.66	217.00	-0.34	1,363.00
5100-18 - EP Moving Expense	8,913.71	10,000.00	-1,086.29	8,913.71	10,000.00	-1,086.29	10,000.00
5100-20 - Stated Clerk Salary	2,475.28	2,475.00	0.28	12,376.40	12,375.00	1.40	29,703.00
5100-21 - Stated Clerk FICA	189.36	189.00	0.36	946.80	945.00	1.80	2,273.00
5100-22 - Stated Clerk Medical/Pension	1,644.66	1,645.00	-0.34	8,223.30	8,225.00	-1.70	19,740.00
5100-23 - Stated Clerk expenses	0.00	292.00	-292.00	1,053.62	1,456.00	-1,350.38	3,500.00
5100-30 - Administrative Asst. Salary	1,175.00	1,500.00	-325.00	1,175.00	7,500.00	-6,325.00	18,000.00
5100-31 - Administrative Asst. FICA	89.89	115.00	-25.11	89.89	575.00	-485.11	1,360.00
5100-37 - Hunger Action Advocate expenses	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00	3,000.00
5100-61 - Accounting	1,727.15	1,893.00	-165.85	6,743.04	9,165.00	-2,421.96	22,000.00
5100-75 - Office Temps	0.00	0.00	0.00	762.93	762.93	0.00	2,000.00
5100-80 - EP Search expenses	0.00	157.00	-157.00	2,542.68	831.00	1,811.68	2,000.00
<b>Total 5100 - Administrative Committee</b>	<b>31,535.45</b>	<b>35,215.00</b>	<b>-3,679.55</b>	<b>96,949.51</b>	<b>105,262.00</b>	<b>-8,332.49</b>	<b>285,848.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,407.70</b>	<b>75,126.00</b>	<b>-16,718.30</b>	<b>211,043.91</b>	<b>311,818.00</b>	<b>-100,774.09</b>	<b>747,810.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-13,949.05</b>	<b>-32,626.00</b>	<b>18,676.94</b>	<b>-44,771.61</b>	<b>-101,318.00</b>	<b>56,546.39</b>	<b>-114,810.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>							
Other Income							
7001 - Unbudgeted Income							
7001-20 - Designated receipts	6,889.41			48,003.47			
7001-21 - Temp. Restricted Receipts	790.60			16,659.19			
7001-15 - Unrealized gain/loss Baird	-13,113.35			25,301.23			
7001-05 - Other unbudgeted income	0.00			8,100.00			
7001-50 - In-Kind Contribution Revenue	74.07			413.32			
<b>Total 7001 - Unbudgeted Income</b>	<b>-5,359.27</b>			<b>98,477.21</b>			
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>-5,359.27</b>			<b>98,477.21</b>			

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Cash Basis

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
Actual to Budget Receipts and Disbursements  
May 2019

	May 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - May 19	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Other Expense</b>							
7002 - Unbudgeted expenses	0.00			31,392.29			
7002-20 - Designated disbursements	360.00			18,590.12			
7002-21 - Temp. Restricted disbursements	301.00			17,290.48			
7002-02 - PJC expenses - disciplinary	3,168.67			15,833.34			
7002-50 - In-Kind Rent				83,096.23			
<b>Total 7002 - Unbudgeted expenses</b>	<b>3,827.67</b>			<b>83,096.23</b>			
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>3,827.67</b>			<b>83,096.23</b>			
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-8,186.84</b>			<b>15,360.98</b>			
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-23,136.00</b>	<b>-32,626.00</b>	<b>9,490.00</b>	<b>-29,390.63</b>	<b>-101,216.00</b>	<b>71,927.37</b>	<b>-114,810.00</b>

**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
Restricted Funds Analysis**

	Dec. 31, 2018	Receipts	Disbursements	May 31, 2019
<b>3001 - Unrestricted Net Assets</b>				
3001-06 - Designation - Small Church Fund	111,490.93			111,490.93
3001-01 - Allowance for church defaults	629,766.84			629,766.84
3001-02 - Functional Endow. NCD & Revital	96,029.99			96,029.99
3001-04 - Designation - NCD (Properties)	115,651.55			115,651.55
3001 - Unrestricted Net Assets - Other	661,177.87			661,177.87
<b>Total 3001 - Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>1,614,117.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,614,117.18</b>
<b>3002 - Temporarily restricted funds</b>				
3002-01 - Centsability	24,205.03	9,455.94	(2,360.00)	31,300.97
3002-02 - Peacemaking	1,817.83	113.25	(1,500.00)	431.08
3002-03 - Ferguson Funds	504.73		(500.00)	4.73
3002-05 - Guatemalan Support Funds	4,233.85	6,890.00	(9,231.50)	1,892.35
3002-06 - Pastoral Care	4,249.81			4,249.81
3002-10 - Triennium	3,869.99		(3,000.00)	869.99
3002-12 - Women in Ministry	1,290.00			1,290.00
3002-14 - New Creation NCD	0.00			-
3002-15 - Hispanic Fellowship	549.26			549.26
3002-18 - LEAD Event	2,152.68			2,152.68
3002-19 - COYAM Event	1,093.83			1,093.83
3002-23 - New Church Development	800.00			800.00
3002-26 - Sabbatical Assistance	4,625.82			4,625.82
3002-27 - Hispanic New Church Dev	0.38	200.00	(200.00)	0.38
3002-28 - Church Support & Training	3,273.19		(1,200.00)	2,073.19
3002-32 - CPM Scholarships	4,191.28			4,191.28
3002-40 - Leadership Excell. Scholarship	0.00			-
3002-50 - St. Andrews Fund	56,541.16			56,541.16
3002-52 - Other restricted funds	5,000.00			5,000.00
3002-60 - Small Church Fund	42,862.91			42,862.91
3002-62 - Pastor to Pastors	5,483.54		(598.62)	4,884.92
3002-75 - In-Kind Gift Lease	65,491.83			65,491.83
<b>Total 3002 - Temporarily restricted funds</b>	<b>232,237.12</b>	<b>16,659.19</b>	<b>(18,590.12)</b>	<b>230,306.19</b>
<b>3003 - Permanently restricted funds</b>	<b>10,749.80</b>			<b>10,749.80</b>

**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
Designated Gifts Analysis**

	Dec. 31, 2018	Receipts	Disbursements	May 31, 2019
<b>2500 - Designated Gifts</b>				
2500-01 · Joy gift	-	18,124.74	(14,088.98)	4,035.76
2500-02 · One Great Hour of Sharing	-	10,418.26	(2,346.14)	8,072.12
2500-03 · Peacemaking - GA	-	226.50	(165.00)	61.50
2500-04 · Theological education	-	200.00		200.00
2500-05 · Pentecost	-	196.80		196.80
2500-06 · Mission Personnel	-	2,867.92	(2,117.92)	750.00
2500-09 · Heifer Program	-	600.00	(600.00)	-
2500-11 · Outreach Foundation	-			-
2500-12 · Campus Ministries	-	300.00		300.00
2500-15 · Living Water for the World	-			-
2500-20 · Disaster relief - other	-	3,830.00	(825.00)	3,005.00
2500-31 · Presbytery Offering	-	1,407.00	(1,407.00)	-
2500-30 · Other designated gifts	-	9,832.25	(9,832.25)	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	48,003.47	(31,382.29)	16,621.18

**Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
2019 Pledge to Actual**

	Pledge 2018	Paid 2018	Pledge 2019	Paid 5/31/2019
Allardt Presbyterian Church	960.00	960.00	960.00	400.00
Belfast Presbyterian Church		3,000.00		-
Bellvue Presbyterian Church				-
Bethany Presbyterian Church	400.00	400.00		-
Bethbirel Lewisburg	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Bethesda Presbyterian Church	1,500.00	1,500.00		-
Blue Spring Presbyterian Church		2,500.00		-
Brentwood First Presbyterian Church		2,400.00		-
Buffalo Valley Presbyterian Church	1,250.00			-
Calvary Presbyterian Church	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	250.00
Christ Church Presbyterian	750.00	750.00		-
Clarksville First Presbyterian Church	23,227.00	23,257.56		9,717.30
Columbia First Presbyterian	30,000.00	32,500.00	30,000.00	10,000.00
Columbia Westminster Presbyterian Church	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00
Cookeville First Presbyterian	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	1,500.00
Cowan Fellowship	2,500.00	2,500.00		1,500.00
Cripple Creek Presbyterian	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Decherd Presbyterian Church				-
Dickson First Presbyterian				2,000.00
Donelson Presbyterian Church	4,000.00	4,000.00		-
Double Springs Presbyterian Church			800.00	800.00
Downtown Presbyterian Church	4,950.00	9,900.00		-
East Brentwood Presbyterian	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	3,250.00
Eastminster Presbyterian Church	250.00	250.00		-
Ellis Grove Presbyterian Church	800.00	800.00	800.00	200.00
Emmanuel	2,000.00	2,000.00		-
Fayetteville First Presbyterian Church	5,000.00	5,000.00		2,500.00
FFG Westminster Presbyterian Church		2,000.00		500.00
Franklin First Presbyterian	30,000.00	30,000.00		13,750.00
Gallatin First Presbyterian	2,400.00	2,000.00		900.00
Glen Leven Presbyterian Church	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
Glenciff Presbyterian Church	1,000.00	1,000.00		416.69
Harpeth Presbyterian Church	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	750.00
Hendersonville First Presbyterian	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	6,250.00
Hermitage Presbyterian Church	500.00	1,546.07	1,546.08	644.20
Hickory Valley Presbyterian Church				-
Hillsboro Presbyterian Church	14,000.00	14,000.00		7,000.00
Hillwood Presbyterian Church	570.00	570.00		-
Hispanic New Church Development				-
Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	3,300.00
Hopewell Presbyterian Church	500.00			-
Korean Presbyterian Church	3,500.00	3,500.00		-
Lawrenceburg First Presbyterian	2,000.00	2,000.00		-
Lebanon First Presbyterian		7,085.00		-
Lewisburg First Presbyterian				-
Liberty Hill Presbyterian				-
Lynnville First Presbyterian				-
Macedonia Presbyterian Church				-
Manchester First Presbyterian	6,500.00			-
Mattie Smith Mem. Presbyterian Church				-
McMinnville First Presbyterian	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,600.00	1,300.00
Milledale Presbyterian Church				-
Mt. Pleasant First Presbyterian Church				-
Murfreesboro First Presbyterian	15,000.00	13,750.00	15,000.00	3,750.00
Nashville First Presbyterian	180,000.00	180,065.00	180,000.00	54,000.00
Nashville Westminster Presbyterian Church	110,000.00	110,000.00	110,000.00	-
New Creation Church				-
Normandy Presbyterian Church	3,500.00	3,500.00		2,000.00
Northminster Presbyterian Church	1,000.00	1,000.00		-
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church	3,000.00	3,000.00		-



	Pledge 2018	Paid 2018	Pledge 2019	5/31/2019
Old Hickory Presbyterian Church	600.00	300.00	300.00	100.00
Petersburg First Presbyterlan	300.00	300.00		-
Pond Presbyterian Church		250.00		250.00
Post Oak Presbyterian Church				-
Priest Lake Presbyterian Church	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,083.30
Pulaski First Presbyterlan	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,500.00
Robinson Chapel Presbyterian Church	500.00	500.00		-
Second Presbyterian Church	40,000.00	40,000.00	35,600.00	-
Shelbyville First Presbyterian	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	3,335.00
Smyrna First Presbyterian	5,000.00	5,000.00		1,250.00
Southminster Presbyterian Church	2,000.00	2,500.00		500.00
Sparta First United Presbyterian Church		1,500.00		-
Springfield First Presbyterian Church	1,000.00	1,000.00		-
Spring Hill First Presbyterian	9,276.00	9,276.00	9,276.00	3,092.00
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church	7,100.00	6,508.34	4,800.00	2,000.00
St. John Presbyterian Church		282.00		-
Sudanese American Nuer	700.00	700.00		-
Trinity Presbyterian Church	6,000.00	5,000.00		1,250.00
Tullahoma First Presbyterian	9,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	2,200.00
Village Church				-
Watertown First Presbyterian	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	500.00
Woodland Presbyterian Church	5,400.00	5,800.00	5,400.00	1,800.00

Total	<u>606,133.00</u>	<u>622,099.97</u>	<u>470,682.08</u>	<u>151,788.49</u>
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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
JULY 20, 2019

Information

1. The Committee on Ministry meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 4PM, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville.
2. The COM receives regular reports from the Pastoral Care Team, the Mediation Team, the Examinations Task Force, and the Transitions Task Force.

Admit to Record

1. The COM approved Rev. Stephen Yates as Moderator of the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro.
2. The COM approved Rev. Jane Herring as liaison to Woodland Presbyterian Church, Nashville.
3. The COM approved the change in status of Rev. Mike Magee to Honorably Retired, effective July 1, 2019.
4. The COM received a report from the Isaiah Team for The Village Church. Kelly X, a ruling elder at Village Church approved to preach, will be ordained by the Disciples of Christ on July 14. The Isaiah Team will recommend The Village Church's dismissal to the Disciples of Christ.
5. The COM sustained the examination of Rev. Steve Musick, Honorably Retired, and added him to the Pulpit Supply List and approved his transfer from the Presbytery of East Tennessee to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. A copy of his statement of faith and biographical statement is attached.
6. The COM sustained the examination of the Rev. Evelyn Graham, Designated Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and approved her call as installed pastor at Southminster, under the same terms of call. A copy of her statement of faith and biographical statement is attached.
7. The COM sustained the examination of Rev. Amy Busse, a member of the Presbytery of Indian Nations, and approved her call to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski. The COM approved the following terms of call: salary - \$37,280; housing allowance - \$10,000; dental insurance - \$1,000; professional expenses - \$2,000; automobile expenses - \$1,500; Social Security supplement - \$3,999.37; other (bonus) - \$1,000; moving expenses - \$900; 4 weeks of vacation; and 2 weeks of continuing education. A copy of her statement of faith and biographical statement is attached.
8. The COM received a letter from Pat Handlson in response to the COM's request for more specificity in Handlson's required reports, as well as report from his care team. The Presbytery's attorneys will be contacted regarding a response to Mr. Handlson's letter.

Recommendations

1. The Committee on Ministry has examined Meredith Cox, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, who has been called to serve as a chaplain at Alive Hospice, Nashville, as part of the St. Thomas CPE Residency program. The COM validated this ministry, and will examine Meredith on July 9 for ordination. A copy of Meredith's statement of faith and biographical statement is attached. Pending a successful examination, the COM recommends Meredith Cox be examined by the Presbytery for ordination. The commission to ordain will be provided at the Presbytery meeting.

2. The Committee on Ministry has examined Whitney Booth Lockard, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, who has been called to serve as Campus Chaplain at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia. The COM will examine Whitney on July 9 for ordination. A copy of Whitney's statement of faith and biographical statement is attached. Pending a successful examination, the COM recommends Whitney Booth Lockard be examined by the Presbytery for ordination, and that she be dismissed to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta following her ordination. The commission to ordain will be provided at the Presbytery meeting.
3. The COM recommends approval of the commission to install Evelyn Graham as pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The commission to install will be provided at the Presbytery meeting.
4. The COM recommends approval of the commission to install Amy Busse as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski. The commission to install will be provided at the Presbytery meeting.

The God of the Old and New Testaments, the God of Patriarchs and of the Exodus, the God of Rahab and Ruth, the God who is embodied in human history, this is the God of my understanding and of my allegiance. Creator, Liberator, Lover, Redeemer, and before all these, Judge, for God adjudged all God intended to create and declared it all, in advance of all time and space, cherished, exalted, and worth dying for.

The very first story of the people of God is the Exodus saga. In this story God said unambiguously to the world that “here is a people I have created, that I love, and I will save them from oppression, exploitation, slavery, and death.” All the rest of the scriptures are the working out of this desire, though humans have resisted and misunderstood it through millennia. The desire to save is the most recognizable characteristic of the God of my understanding and has been since the beginning.

So, God is best understood, in my limited Western understanding, as Community – the embodiment of self-giving love, the act of loving sacrificially, and all that is loved because of these. This includes everything and everyone; a Trinity, if you will, that is engraved in our DNA and inscribed in our history with God in many ways over a long time.

The organizing principle around which this dynamic Community is lived out is the Messiah, the Christ, who we know in human history as Jesus of Nazareth. Transcending the limitations of culture and gender, Christ embodies the Community of Love and calls us to fix our attention upon it to the exclusion of all else. This we fail repeatedly to accomplish because we are far too limited and much too powerless to overcome our limitations.

Because our attention and allegiance wanders God came to us in human form and showed us this Love that is the fabric of being. In return, we did the worst we could do to him. We adored, followed, believed, then betrayed and deserted him. We mocked, tortured, then killed him. Nevertheless, the rest of the story is that the Love shown in this sacrifice enfolds and holds us even now. The love we experience through Christ continuously overcomes our limitations and draws us, again and again, into intimacy with the Creator and the Community of Love.

I believe that God never gives up on me though I often give up on God, and that this is true for everyone everywhere. I believe that God’s Love can and does overcome all limits and boundaries, even—perhaps especially—those held in human hearts. I believe that surrender to the power and intimacy of this love is the benefit that God has promised to people since the beginning of all things. Even though we are not capable of doing much, if anything, without a promise of benefit for ourselves, that power and intimacy enfold and hold us constantly and always.

I first heard a call to ministry of the Church at Mo-Ranch in the summer of 1966, the summer before ninth grade. My memory is that I actually heard a voice tell me that I would be a pastor one day, though I know no one but me heard it.

I was born and raised in Texas and spent some part of most of my summers at Mo-Ranch. Lynne, my wife of thirty-six years, is also a Texas native and, like me, a cradle Presbyterian.

That call I heard thrilled me for a few years until my heart began to wander toward other interests and endeavors, the usual adolescent pursuits and diversions. But God the Great Wrangler herded me back after my wandering to the spiritual path that made returning to that original call the only viable one for me. I left finance eight years after graduating from Trinity University to work as a layperson in a church in Dallas. There I met Lynne and decided to go forward with seminary.

I had decided I wanted to pursue ministry outside of the parish, so I took additional classes in pastoral care and psychology, did Clinical Pastoral Education at the state psychiatric hospital in Austin, and served as chaplain at the juvenile detention center for Travis County. All of this qualified me (I guess) for my first call as Chaplain of Rhodes College in Memphis from 1986 to 1990, and from there came to the Presbyterian Center at UT in 1990 where I was the director for ten years.

In my ministry career I have felt guided and protected (as long as I paid attention). I have been able to travel to Central America, Africa, and Europe. I have attended three General Assemblies as a representative for the church's ministry in higher education and one as a delegate for East Tennessee Presbytery. I have led groups of youth at Montreat and at three Trienniums. I also served as Advisor for the USA delegation to the World Student Christian Federation in 1995. I have been very blessed.

I have never had a desire to "advance up the ranks" of the church. I don't find organized religion very well organized, for the most part, and I believe that most of my ministry takes place apart from administration. The part that gives me greatest joy is direct contact with the people who gather faithfully in Christ's name week in and week out. My professional pursuits allow me the privilege of bringing a way of being in the world that nurtures and supports persons, draws out what is best about being human, and emphasizes our common condition as children of God.

Most of my activities at present are centered around learning the boundaries and limits of this new experience of being honorably retired. I do not completely understand it nor what is possible in it. But I trust in the God I have followed this far to lead me to what is next though I do not know it. I have crossed a lot of borders trying to live this out so far, and I expect that I will cross more in the years to come.

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3 **Statement of Faith – 2019**

4 **M. Evelyn Graham**

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6 I put my trust in one God manifested in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

7 I trust in God the Father as a relational God of love who is intimately connected with  
8 creation and desires that relationship with humanity. God is a mystery beyond human  
9 understanding; yet, in our limited experiences God's nature and being are continually revealed if  
10 we are aware of God's presence. I trust God to be ever present in our world, sharing in our joys  
11 and in our suffering, holding us throughout our lives. God's love and concern reach to every  
12 living being, all of which have been called very good by God. I trust in a God of grace who has  
13 called us "not because of anything we have done but because of God's own purpose and grace"  
14 (I Tim 2:9).

15 I trust in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully God. Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, the  
16 ultimate example of God's radical love. Through his human life Jesus pointed the way to the  
17 kingdom of God, present and not yet. Jesus rejected hate, fear, and greed and still challenges us  
18 to love and serve in new and bold ways. Through his suffering and death on the cross Jesus  
19 experienced the pain and rejection of this world. Through his resurrection from the cross, he  
20 overcomes the forces of death and the sinfulness of humanity, offering redemption and new life  
21 to all. Sin is our refusal to accept that new life and our subsequent separation from God. God's  
22 transformational love allows us the freedom to love others without fear.

23 I trust in the Holy Spirit as God's active and consistent presence with us each day. God's  
24 Spirit is the continuation of God's promise to be with us always (Matt 28:20); thus, completing  
25 the Triune nature of God. God as Trinity illuminates God's communal nature which is  
26 paramount to better understand God's relationship with us and the world. The Holy Spirit  
27 reminds us that God continues to surprise us with mystery and to be active in our lives. The  
28 community of faith, breathed into life by the Holy Spirit, is called to exemplify God's relational,  
29 loving nature. The church is charged to be the active voice, hands, and feet of God's love in a  
30 broken world.

31 God calls us through the Spirit into relationship through the Sacraments of Baptism and  
32 Communion. The Sacrament of Baptism is a sign and seal of the covenant of grace. Through the  
33 waters of Baptism God calls us to new life in Jesus Christ. As children of God we are nurtured  
34 through the promises of the community of faith made in our baptism as we also nurture others in  
35 their baptism. In the Sacrament of Communion, Christ as host welcomes all to share in the  
36 eternal feast of God's love. All people are invited to Christ's table not only to remember Christ's  
37 transformational love but to celebrate our oneness in Christ by sharing that love with others.  
38 From that table, we are sent out into the world, called to serve others and share the good news of  
39 Jesus Christ.

40 I trust in God's call to me and seek to hear God's voice in my life. It is God who calls and  
41 seeks me and makes my faith possible. My understanding of God has been found in Holy  
42 Scripture, as the inspired Word of God, the community of faith through worship, study, and  
43 service, and personal experience. By continuing to listen for God's call, I continue to develop a  
44 more meaningful and deeper relationship with God. God is faithful, loves us without condition,  
45 calls us to serve, and facilitates transformation; it is to this God in which I joyfully respond with  
46 gratitude and to which I devote myself and aim to share with others in ministry.

**M. Evelyn Graham**  
**Statement of Call – 2019**

I am a cradle Presbyterian, growing up at First Presbyterian in Hendersonville, TN. I have been active in Presbyterian churches my entire life. I believe in a God who has been preparing and using me for God's service from a very young age and feel God's tug on my heart to leadership in the community of faith. I will focus on three ways I have heard God's call: exclusion, suffering, and worship.

When I was young I attended a conservative, Christian school where the Bible was interpreted literally. I was theologically excluded not only because I was a female, but also because I was not baptized by immersion. My Presbyterian tradition taught a wider understanding of Christianity, nevertheless, I took my theological exclusion to heart. Although I sense God's call to leadership, for much of my life I felt inferior and unworthy of leadership in God's church. For example, I was nominated to be a Deacon in high school but turned down this opportunity to serve my church. As a young woman discerning a call to church leadership, I could not see myself as a pastor because of the teachings of my youth; yet, God still tugged on my heart and did not let go of me. When I came to Vanderbilt Divinity School, those around me affirmed my gifts for ministry. My mentors have helped to increase my confidence in a vocation of church leadership.

Looking back on the suffering I have experienced in my life, I believe that such suffering has brought me closer to God. Many years ago I suffered from a serious struggle of depression. This illness runs in both sides of my family. During my suffering, I contemplated my life's purpose and what God was attempting to say to me. Around the same time, I was involved in an intervention with a very close member of my family who was an alcoholic. Both were devastating realities through which to live. I experienced intense and acute brokenness both in myself and in another person very dear to me. In addition, I am privileged to be the mother of a eighteen year old son who has Asperger's Syndrome. Some days I experience both his suffering, as he tries to make sense of the world, and my own, as I try to understand him. Through suffering I am more open to hearing God and believe God has called me to serve others who suffer. I believe God uses my joy and suffering to offer more genuine pastoral care.

Additionally, I have a passion for worship and how worship can change and speak to us as children of God. My passion has developed after years of participating in corporate worship. I have been privileged to lead worship by singing, praying, writing and delivering liturgy, and preaching. Through the experiences of writing liturgy for worship and working with others to design meaningful liturgy, I realize how words, ritual, and music in worship impact my life and can impact the lives of others. Several years ago, I taught young children stories of the Bible in an inner city Catholic church using the curriculum *Young Children in Worship*. Despite not being Catholic, I was welcomed by the school leaders. The children taught me that God is at work in our lives through the acts of worship to help make meaning of our life experiences.

God's call has been and continues to be difficult for me. Some days I want to run away. When things are hard, God will not let go of me. God continues to tug at my heart, offer me assurance and love, and convince me that I must continue to persevere in discerning God's call. God has plans for me that I cannot yet understand or imagine, and I have been given assurance time and time again that God will be with me as I go forward. Thanks be to God.

Spiritual Autobiography  
Reverend Amy L. Busse

**“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11**

I grew up in Nashville, in Green Hills. I graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1983 and Austin Peay State University in 1988. I did not grow up Presbyterian, but Southern Baptist. I endured church until I was a tween; then my parents, both pastors’ kids, rebelled and took a break from organized religion. Suddenly, I had permission to take a break too. However, when they began searching for a new church to attend, I respectfully declined to join them. Church and I would be on the outs for several years to come.

Although I heard a lot about God’s plan for my life growing up, I did not spend time contemplating what that might mean. I was too busy trying to navigate the awkward trek of adolescence and the often harsh realities that appear in college and the early twenties. God and church were not primary characters in the story I was writing about my life.

After spending my first year out of college working on Music Row, I impulsively decided to move to Richmond, Virginia for a new job. It was in Richmond that my questioning about the plan and purpose for my life began. The job was awful, but I found my way to the Presbyterian Church. When I first walked into what became my home church, I knew that I had found a place at the table. When I first walked onto the grounds of Union Presbyterian Seminary, I was physically and spiritually overwhelmed by how strongly I believed that I must be on that campus.

Since then I have served churches in Maryland, New York State, Iowa, Minnesota and for the last seven years in Shawnee, Oklahoma. I have married, had two children, divorced and am now remarrying. I left Nashville for what I thought would be a year. Thirty years later I am coming home. I do not know if all of these life events were part of God’s plan for me. I do not believe that God micromanages every aspect of our daily lives. But I do believe that God’s larger plan and purpose for my life is that I work daily to be faithful, that I continue to answer the call to serve, and that I trust God – even, no especially, when that trusting is a challenge. Through all of the joys and vicissitudes life has thrown at me, I can say with great assurance that God is calling me – and all of us – to a future with hope.



**Statement of Faith**  
**Reverend Amy L. Busse**

When the world was yet unformed, God created.  
 God called forth order out of chaos,  
 beauty and light out of swirling darkness.  
 God who is good, God who is love, created all life from that goodness and love:  
 all that swims and crawls, flies and walks upright.  
 God proclaimed creation good, and in love created humans  
 to be in relationship with God and with creation.

Out of love God gave us free will;  
 the ability to choose.  
 God is neither benevolent dictator nor tyrannical lord.  
 God created us for relationship, but God gave us the will to decide  
 to be in relationship or not.  
 With that freedom, we chose badly.  
 We broke our relationship with God.  
 We turned our backs on God, but God never turned away from us.

Our loving God called us to return,  
 through covenants, through prophets,  
 through consequences and judgment,  
 and through mercy, grace and forgiveness.  
 God's ultimate act of love was to become like us  
 through his Son, Jesus our Christ.

Our Incarnate God took on our frailties  
 by putting on our mortal flesh,  
 and dwelling in our midst.  
 Through Jesus the Son, we witnessed the One  
 who is both fully human and fully divine,  
 in true relationship with God.  
 Jesus was and is a window through which we see God's nature.  
 Though now we see only dimly;  
 through Jesus the Son we have a glimpse of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus was God's love and radical grace embodied;  
 still we turn away;  
 still we find that grace hard to accept  
 and even harder to offer to others.  
 Jesus promised new life, abundant life.  
 However, we struggle to believe this abundance is possible.  
 Too often we see only scarcity.  
 There is never enough –  
 enough money, enough jobs, enough land.  
 Our fear that scarcity lurks at our doorstep  
 drives us to treat others and God's creation as expendable.

Jesus died on the cross

as an atonement for this sin, our sin.

Jesus died a criminal's death because the powers and principalities feared  
his power; the power of a suffering servant,  
the power of reversal; the low made high, the high brought low;  
a power so unlike our worldly understanding.

But the grave did not win. Death did not laugh last.

God raised Jesus from the dead,

rolled the stone away from the tomb,

resurrected the Light that darkness could not overcome.

Even though Jesus of Nazareth shrugged off this mortal coil,  
we have not been left alone.

Jesus' promise of an Advocate was fulfilled through the Holy Spirit's descent.

The Spirit calls the Church into being,

gives us courage to follow the narrow path of discipleship,

empowers us to live the gospel with our whole selves,

opens our eyes, minds and hearts to the Word of God in scripture,

and to see Christ in those we call "other".

I believe in our triune God.

I believe in God who like a father teaches us, guiding our steps;

who like a mother loves us so we can love in return.

I believe in Jesus the Son, our Savior,

who calls us to accountability, and redeems us through grace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, advocate and sustainer,

who enlivens our hearts and emboldens us to follow in faith.

Meredith Cox  
Biographical Sketch  
July 2019

My family has been dedicated to the community of Roswell Presbyterian Church ever since we moved to Georgia in 1997. At the time, I was in first grade. The ministry of RPC is most deeply tied to my early faith development as I was taught and nurtured weekly through Kids' Club, Sunday school lessons, hymns, and preaching. Being given the choice by my parents to discern my desire to be baptized, I was baptized at RPC when I was nine years old. It was a pivotal moment for me as I claimed for myself the faith I had been presented those years before. My devotion deepened once I entered the youth program. Through these years, church became where I found my identity and spent the majority of my time. Sunday night youth groups and Wednesday evening Bible studies were the highlight of my week and youth trips the highlight of my year. I have a distinct memory of when I was in the seventh grade, attending youth group one night, when I realized being a youth minister and working for the church was simply the best job I could imagine (a sentiment, or rather a calling, that has stayed with me for years since). I officially joined the church through the confirmation process as an eighth grade student. From then on I felt encouraged by the ministers and adults of my church who saw in me a potential for ministry and gave me opportunities to further explore my call.

Having ministry as my trajectory made it easy to decide on what to study in college and what kind of program would be best for me. Attending Samford University and being a part of the Pre-ministerial Scholars Program instilled in me an enthusiasm for theological education. It was through this program that I was given the tools to process the Bible and theology in a way that held space for questions and unknowns and to still say "yes." "Yes" to religion, "yes" to fellowship and struggle, "yes" to Christ. Leaving college, I served for one year with the Young Adult Volunteer program (YAV). Through my placement and church family in San Antonio, my budding theology found a home and a community through which to sink its roots. Finding other people passionate about the church and social justice and promoting the wide welcome of God changed my life. I was all the more encouraged in my pursuit of ministry to further my readiness through seminary.

Seminary took me on the journey to see the flourishing of those theological buds into true greenery. I entered Princeton Theological Seminary certain I was going there to become a youth minister. I soon realized that God had placed so many other passions on my heart to discover as well. I uncovered a great love for pastoral care, liturgy, worship leadership, and preaching through my internships and classes. I found hope, pain, growth, struggle, grief, joy, and everything in between. I found peace through the time I spent at the Farminary: the acres of gardens and compost where we held classes on ecology and creation. With my hands in the dirt, I grieved the loss of my grandfather. With my plate full from our weekly class potluck, I struggled in holy conversations with my peers. With my ears tuned to the sound of leaves rustling in the wind, I found wholeness. I was never raised to have a green thumb or to pay attention to the ground beneath my feet. But even now, it is the soil that calls me to centeredness, to wonder and beauty, to newness and life.

In the garden of my life as I find it now, I continue to follow the Spirit in my discernment. All the while I reflect and recognize that I would not be the person I am today without the faith communities and clergy who have brought me thus far. I hope to continue to be led to new ways of serving the people of God, as I have been served, in word, deed, and presence.

Meredith Cox  
July 2019

### **Statement of Faith:**

I believe in God, triune in nature, who creates, redeems, and sustains all life for all time. I believe that God is living and active in our world, continuing to create in the chaos. I believe the Scriptures illumine the nature of God and are the chief way that we might come to know God more clearly. I also believe God can be experienced in other ways such as the intricacies of music, the depth of art, and the profoundness of nature.

As Scripture shows, God is a God of both covenant and love. The manifestation of this love is found in the divine person, Jesus Christ. Christ holds together the tension of being both historically specific, fully human, and yet also eternal God, fully divine. Jesus came as the fulfillment of the Scriptures and to bring the fullness of life to all people through death and resurrection. I acknowledge Christ as Lord of all, all that is within me and all that is outside of me. Christ is indeed the Lord of all and not a Savior for some: the Lord who rules over all peoples, all nations, all of our differences and diversities. In Christ's work through his life, death, and resurrection, we have been joined with Christ and we thus relate to God as our Loving Parent as Christ does, rather than God the Judge.

This identity as children of God is where we begin, and, as a forgiven and reconciled people, we are nurtured into discipleship through the work of the Spirit in the Church. As disciples, we are sent out to be the Body of Christ in the world. With Christ as the Head, we the Church can claim our purpose to further the kingdom of God here on earth. In doing so, we follow the example of Christ, as recorded in the Gospel accounts, to comfort the afflicted, to tend to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to sit at table with the marginalized, and to proclaim the love of God for all.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who continues the work of God and guides the Church to carry out the mission of God. The Spirit moves in us collectively and individually, urging us to pursue love, justice, peace, and reconciliation in our world. Ever three and ever one, the triune, relational God is made known to us in Scripture. Thus I believe in the parental, intimate nature of God, the compassionate, radical teaching and friendship of Christ, and the transforming, dynamic power of the Holy Spirit.

We encounter the triune God in many ways in life and we also do so regularly as a Church community through the sacraments. Baptism and Communion, as instituted by Christ in Scripture, are signs and seals of grace and they claim us and sustain us for the work we are called to do. The material elements of water, bread, and juice serve as signs of the presence of Christ among us and symbols of God's love for us. When we participate in the sacraments, God seals us as redeemed, God renews us as the people of God, and God marks us for the work of service.

Whitney Booth Lockard  
Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the loving Creator of heaven and earth, who gives us life and invites us into loving relationship that continues to transform us as we work together to usher in the kingdom of God on earth. I believe that God's work as Creator is far from finished and, instead, loves us into new life with every breath, a reminder of God's unending grace. I believe in the Holy Trinity, the expansiveness of God to meet us where we are and show us what it means to live in relationship. God's expresses God's love for us in the sending of Christ, the Son of God, to live in solidarity with us, experience the pain and joy of humanity, and show us how to love one another by loving us first. Just as Jesus washed the disciples' feet, never calling them to do something he wasn't also willing to do, we are called to respond in gratitude by living in celebrated relationship with God and with each other, washing the feet of the strangers and neighbors in our midst. The Holy Spirit dwells in our midst, moving in, through, and among us in the love that we share with each other in the body of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we may open ourselves to experience God and know God's love deeply and believe with confidence that God is here with us.

I believe God calls us to be the church, created for relationship with God, with Creation, and with one another. As people of God, we are not alone in our efforts to love like Christ did because God is moving among us as the Spirit is present in every relationship we share. Loving God and loving others are inseparable; loving one another requires us to stand up for justice and practice peace in our communities. This means welcoming all of our brothers and sisters, giving them a place to belong and to know that they are God's beloved, in spite of what the world may have told them. Loving like this, opening our doors and our hearts, requires a vulnerability to sit with others in places that are not always comfortable or convenient, taking care of our neighbors with the radical hospitality that Christ demonstrated. I believe the church is thriving beyond the walls where we expect to find it and I am grateful to recognize the people of God at work both inside and outside our local congregations: making room at the table, clothing the naked, and sitting with the lonely, and standing up against oppressive forces. The table of our God is bountiful with more than enough seats for all to gather and share in the goodness of God's love.

I experience God with every breath, in every sight and scent of nature, in the love of this scattered human race that tries and tries again in our brokenness to love back. In the waters of baptism, God claims and marks us as beloved children of God. God forgives us and washes us clean, over and over, with sufficient grace. God liberates us to live in Creation, to attempt to model the outrageous love of God in community as the Holy Spirit lives and moves and breathes life into us every new day. I am thankful for life and breath and breaking bread with those who have shown me God and continue to help my tired eyes open to the magnificence of this world, of all its complexity, and to the beauty of those flickers of light that shines through the darkness. The divine and holy one is here with us in community, in the silence, in the joy of dancing, in the places of deepest despair, and in the places we have yet to know. I believe we are called to respond in the utmost gratitude to a God whose love stretches beyond our wildest imagination.

## Whitney Booth Lockard – Spiritual Autobiography

I was raised in the church, quite literally. My mom worked in our small Presbyterian church in Commerce, Georgia doing everything short of preaching and playing the organ. From ages 5-15 or so, I was there every time the doors were unlocked, and a lot of times that they weren't—my family was heavily invested in our community of faith and our lives were enriched and sustained by these relationships and this work. I was comfortable and felt safe in the church and stepped naturally into roles of leadership in our congregation and Presbytery throughout my childhood and teenage years.

I knew nothing different until I was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and attended a Christian retreat for high school students outside Charleston, South Carolina. Before that, I felt solid in my faith but was wanting something more that I couldn't quite articulate at the time. Early in the retreat, we were invited to participate in a silent retreat out on the beach and in the deliberate quietness and solitude of that exercise, I began to uncover that something deeper – that there was opportunity to have a personal relationship with God and that the door was open for me.

I had a difficult time reconciling my new-found spirituality with the church experience of my upbringing. I wanted to worship in new ways and sing different songs; I wanted to have deeper, more emotional and vulnerable conversations about faith like I had shared with my new friends on the retreat. Our little church in Commerce felt sleepy and worship felt obligatory. My parents helped me remain connected with the community in Charleston, driving me back and forth for meetings and subsequent retreats – and taking along carloads of my friends from home so that they could share in this wonderful thing I had found. I loved serving in leadership on these retreats and felt my gifts were affirmed and celebrated which, along with the support of my home church, gave me some initial wonderings that ministry might be worth exploring in the future.

As I began college at Vanderbilt University, I hadn't thought too much about whether I would attend a church or put any energy toward my faith, but I found myself drawn to UKirk (then, Presbyterian Student Fellowship) after I followed a boy in a Montreat t-shirt through one of the crowds at freshman orientation. I was deeply involved for most of my time at Vanderbilt and developed relationships with so many of the people who are still my closest friends and mentors. And after I wandered away for a season, neglecting some relationships and responsibilities along the way, I experienced profound grace as my community of faith welcomed me home.

I'd always planned to go to law school after college, but my LSAT scores determined otherwise so after a year as a Young Adult Volunteer and another bout with the LSAT, I applied to divinity school and enrolled at Vanderbilt the following autumn. Seminary didn't feel like a huge surprise to me or anyone else, as church and faith were threads running throughout my story thus far, but I made it clear with God that this would not lead me toward a church job – definitely not with youth. I felt called to do ministry work in the form of another role, which is what drew me to practicing law as a public defender, but traditional ministry contexts did not appeal to me. I love writing and took an internship at the Upper Room where I was able to work with writers and help assemble content for spiritual formation resources and did so in a freelance capacity, along with several other odd jobs. I learned of an opening in the youth department at Westminster Presbyterian from a couple of friends who were working there and offered to fill in with a few things while they searched for someone to fill the position. Six and a half years later, I'm leaving a full-time version of that “part-time, short-term” church youth job to pursue ordination and a new call as a college chaplain.

I'm humbled and grateful that God speaks to me in this way, calling me in and out of seasons in a way that I could hear it and say "yes" – or rather, in some cases, "yeah, okay." My spirituality has grown and changed so much over the last 20 years, yet I can look back and see how the Holy Spirit has guided and nudged me in each step to this place. Practices of discernment have always been natural connections points for me to remember what God has done and what God is doing in my life, which helps me to find center and listen for the still, small voice to guide my steps today and tomorrow as I seek to share the love of Christ.

ISAIAH 1:18 TEAM FOR THE VILLAGE CHURCH (PCUSA)  
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE  
JULY 20, 2019

*"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord." Isaiah 1:18*

The overriding goal of the gracious separation process is, "... the creation of an atmosphere where the peaceful discussion and resolution of disagreements as brothers and sisters in Christ can take place."<sup>1</sup>

Upon learning The Village Church wished to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Administrative Committee of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee appointed an Isaiah 1:18 Team to carry out the Presbytery's Gracious Separation Policy.

**History**

Village Church (PCUSA) Mission Statement (November 1997):

"The mission of the Village Church is to *Introduce* people to Jesus Christ. *Inspire* them in the worship of God. *Enlighten* them to the rich cultural heritage of people of African descent. *Encourage* them to seek justice and liberation of the oppressed. *Instruct* them in the process of Christian growth and *Inflame* them with a passion to serve Christ in the church and in the world."<sup>2</sup>

The Village Church was officially organized February 27, 2000, with 125 members, primarily from the Cayce Homes community. The church's initial focus was on meeting the spiritual and social needs of an impoverished population. The congregation grew to 300 members with an average worship attendance of 100.<sup>3</sup>

The church's history includes involvement with Tying Nashville Together, supporting ministries with schools and universities, Drum and Dance Ministry, and leadership within the community it serves. The church has supported persons in ministry, including an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament, two commissioned lay pastors, and a candidate under care.

The church shared space for a period of time with Woodland Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and has relocated to Madison, Tennessee. The church currently meets in the Martin Center in Madison. The Presbytery's Committee on Ministry approved candidate under care, Kelli X, to serve as the church's student pastor until Kelli could complete the requirements for ordination.

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<sup>1</sup> Policy Concerning Dismissal of Congregations, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, revised July 18, 2015, page 12

<sup>2</sup> Launching the Expansion of the Ministry of The Village Church (PCUSA), approved by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, July 24, 2007.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.



The Presbytery also approved the commissioning of William A. Radford, a ruling elder, to serve as commissioned ruling elder for the congregation.

### **Request**

The Administrative Committee reported to Presbytery on October 19, 2017 that the Session of The Village Church requested to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). An Isaiah Team 1:18 Team was appointed: Carol A. Tate, chair; Robert Montgomery (pastor, First Lewisburg); Connie Hamblen (elder, Eastminster). The Village Church appointed elders Rico X, Jenifer Grady, and Tremeta Norman. Kelli X, Warner Durnell (Executive Presbyter), and Therese Howell (stated clerk), served as advisory members.

The Isaiah 1:18 team held meetings on March 18, 2018, April 18, 2018, April 24, 2018, July 22, 2018 with the session and members of the congregation of The Village Church. It was clear that members of the church had been discussing a move from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for several years.

It became very clear the overwhelming sentiment was to leave. The church has requested to be dismissed to the Disciples of Christ believing that they will meet with a fuller sense of Koinonia with the Disciples, more so than was experienced as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Rev. Dr. Christal Williams, Regional Minister and President of the Disciples of Christ in Tennessee, has confirmed the Disciples will welcome The Village Church into membership. Kelli X will be ordained as a Disciples of Christ minister on July 14.

At a meeting on June 20, with members of the congregation and members of the Isaiah 1:18 Team present, the following question was put to the congregation of The Village Church:

*Can we undertake a gracious separation, forgiving one another for our mutual struggles and failure/s, remembering and rejoicing in the strong gifts and witness of The Village Church, and seeking God's will as we prayerfully move forward to serve Christ in the world?*

The answer was yes.

### **Recommendation**

The Isaiah Team for The Village Church recommends to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee that The Village Church, and those in its membership who wish to leave, be dismissed to the Disciples of Christ. The dismissal will include all assets and liabilities of The Village Church, all real and personal property. The session records, including session and congregational meeting minutes and the church roll, will be provided to the Stated Clerk, who will make a copy and return the originals to The Village Church. Persons who wish to remain in the PC(USA) will have their membership held by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, for up to one year from the date of the Presbytery's action, or until such time as they unite with another congregation.

## **It's time for Nominations!**

*The Nominating Task Force of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee is responsible for nominating qualified persons to serve in all elected positions of the various committees to ensure representation, inclusiveness and diversity.*

Are you feeling God's call to serve on a Committee or Task Force of the Presbytery?

Do you know someone who would be a great fit for a particular Committee or Task Force?

### **Task Force and Committees of the Presbytery:**

Finance Committee	Committee on Church Transformation
Committee on Ministry	Committee on Leadership for Excellence
Committee on Mutual Support	Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Permanent Judicial Commission	Personnel Task Force
Administrative Committee	

Did you know that the **224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA) will meet June 20-27, 2020 in Baltimore, MD?** The Presbytery will elect three Teaching Elders, three Ruling Elders and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (plus alternates), at the October Presbytery meeting, to serve as Commissioners and Delegate at General Assembly.

For the **Synod of Living Waters** the Presbytery will elect one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder to serve as Commissioners to the Synod Assembly.

The following criteria for selection of nominees to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters, shall be used:

- Teaching Elders who have been members of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee for at least seven years.
- Ruling Elders must be an active member of a congregation of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.
- Teaching and Ruling Elders who have a history of active involvement in the work of the Presbytery.
- Ruling Elders from churches who have not sent a representative as a commissioner to General Assembly or Synod in four years or more.
- Young Adult Advisory Delegate must be between the ages of 17 and 23 on the date the General Assembly convenes.
- A balance between women and men, Teaching and Ruling Elders, and young adults from churches outside the Nashville area and those with the Metro Nashville area.
- Prior General Assembly and Synod alternates, and presbytery moderators, will be given consideration as Commissioners.
- Ability to work effectively with technology and materials from the General Assembly and Synod committee and plenary sessions, understanding that stamina and energy are required.
- Ability to understand and the willingness to communicate the work of the General Assembly and synod to the presbytery and the ability to understand and the willingness to communicate the work of the presbytery to the General Assembly and Synod.

Please send suggested names and contact information to the attention of David Sawyer, Chair of the Nominating Task Force, at [pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com](mailto:pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com).

## **Board of Pensions to Host Benefits Overviews in August!**

Keenan Rodgers, Associate Church Consultant for the Board of Pensions, will host Benefits Overviews for employers and employees on August 8th to provide key information about the benefits the Board provides. Whether you make decisions about benefits for church staff or receive benefits from the Board of Pensions, there is a gathering for you. Light refreshments will be provided at both events.

### **Benefits Overview for Employers**

This gathering will equip church employers with the information needed to complete their 2020 Employer Agreement.

**Who:** Intended for those who make decisions about benefits for church staff (Church Business Administrators, Office Managers, Chairs of Personnel Committees, Senior Pastors, etc.)

**When:** August 8th at 10:00-11:00am

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37220

**Topics Covered:** Overview of the menu options plan, employee groups, key dates, and where to find assistance

### **Benefits Overview for Employees**

This gathering will provide a refresher on how the benefits of the Board of Pensions work and allow an opportunity to get answers to your questions.

**Who:** Intended for anyone who receives benefits from the Board of Pensions

**When:** August 8th at 2:00-3:00pm

**Where:** First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, 4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37220

**Topics Covered:** Overview of all of the benefits offered by the Board of Pensions

Please RSVP to [krodgers@pensions.org](mailto:krodgers@pensions.org) no later than August 1st, and include which session you plan to attend.