

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Stated Meeting
September 18, 2023
Cedar Ridge Camp
AGENDA

Moderator: Ruling Elder Perry Chang

Vice-moderator: Teaching Elder Christine Coy Fohr

Stated Clerk: Teaching Elder Jerry Van Marter

Recording Clerk: Teaching Elder Andrew Hartmans

11:30 p.m. **Board of Pensions Luncheon for Retirees/spouses**

1:00 p.m. **Registration**

1:20 p.m. **New Commissioner Orientation** – John Odom

1:30 p.m. **Gathering All Together** – Moderator Perry Chang

- Opening prayer
- Welcome to our first time Ruling Elders and Guests
- Welcome and seating of any Corresponding Members
- Welcome from Cedar Ridge Camp
- Declaration of a quorum and approval of the docket.

1:40 p.m. **Worship**

- Preaching: the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of Public Witness, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Offering recipient: Cedar Ridge Camp Scholarship Fund

2:10 p.m. **Q & A with Jimmie Hawkins**

2:40 p.m. **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of minutes of the May 22, 2023 stated meeting

2:45 p.m. **General Presbyter's report:** John Odom

2:50 p.m. **Announcements** (one minute or less, please)

3:00 p.m. **Nominations and Representation Committee:** Linda Reichenbecher

- **FOR ACTION:** Election of slate of officers and commission/committee members, Class of 2026
- **FOR ACTION:** Endorsement of the Rev. Marian McClure Taylor for Moderator of the 226th General Assembly (2024). If endorsed, Marian will be considered elected as Mid-Kentucky Presbytery's minister commissioner to the General Assembly.

3:05 p.m. **Commission on Ministry report:** Marissa Galvan-Valle

- **FOR ACTION:** The commission, at the request of Covenant Community Church, recommends that the presbytery create an administrative commission under G-3.0109b6 to seek to reach a determination of the truth surrounding misconduct allegations at Covenant Community Church by its former pastor, Jud Hendrix. The commission will be composed of 5-7 members appointed by the moderator and COM chair and will begin its work utilizing the rubric set forth by Covenant Community Church in its report to the Commission on Ministry.
- Summary of actions taken since last presbytery meeting
- Welcome new members; farewell to departing members
- Recognition of ordinations

3:15 p.m. **Coordinating Commission report:** Jim Murphy

- **Mission Committee/Self-Development of People** report (Brad Palmer/Faye Fedlam): PDA Hygiene Kit Project
- **Finance Committee report:** Steve Makela

3:30 p.m. **Church Growth/Transformation Committee report:** Tara Reck

- Report of the North Oldham working group

3:35 p.m. **New Business**

3:40 p.m. **Report from the Stated Clerk** – Jerry Van Marter

- Attendance and offering reports
- Acknowledgements and thanks

3:45 p.m. **Adjournment with prayer**

Next stated meetings:

- *November 10-11, 2023 at Harvey Browne (biennial tri-presbytery gathering)*
- *February 25, 2024 – TBA*
- *May 20, 2024 -- TBA*

Please fill out and turn in at the September 18, 2023 Stated Meeting
(If you registered online, you do not need a printed copy)

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PRESBYTERY OF MID-KENTUCKY REGISTRATION SHEET
September 18, 2023 – Cedar Ridge Camp, Louisville, KY

Name: _____ Your Church: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-Mail @ Home: _____ Business: _____

PLEASE CHECK

Voting Member at Presbytery Meeting:

- ☐ Elder - Commissioner from Church Session
- ☐ Elder – Church Educator
- ☐ Elder – Commissioned Lay Pastor or CLP Trainee
- ☐ Elder – Member of Presbytery’s Coordinating Commission or Committee
- ☐ Minister – Member of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

- ☐ Elder – Alternate from Church Session

- ☐ Church Educator / Youth Worker

- ☐ Corresponding Member

Presbytery of: _____

- ☐ Visiting Minister

- ☐ Visitor

- ☐ Other



Directions to Cedar Ridge



Cedar Ridge Camp is located at 4010 Old Routt Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

To get here, take the Gene Snyder Freeway (Hwy. 265) to Exit 23 (Taylorville-Jeffersontown). Go east, away from the city, approximately 2 miles. At the stoplight, follow the bend in the road and go about one more mile up the hill.

Turn right (will be 1st right after the light) on highway 1531, also called Routt Road.

Go two-tenths of a mile, turn right on highway 2265 (Old Routt Road). Cedar Ridge Camp is one-half mile down the road on the left-hand side.

**2024 Nominations and Representation Report to the September 18, 2023
Presbytery Gathering**

Moderator – TE Christine Coy-Fohr
Vice- Moderator – RE Alicia Bloos, (Bardstown Road)

STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Class of 2026
TE Marissa Galvan-Valle
TE George Love
RE Terry Carby (Briargate)
RE Rick Fletcher (Pewee Valley)
RE Julie Smyrichinsky (Ebenezer)
One RE Vacancy

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Class of 2024
RE Mike Ferguson (John Knox)

Class of 2026
RE Linda Garrett (Harvey Browne)
TE Joel Weible
TE Debbie Braaksma
One RE Vacancy

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF PRESBYTERY

Class of 2026
RE Janet Kelly (Portland Avenue)
TE Candi Cubbage

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Class of 2026
TE Ben Stewart
RE Sue Wilder (John Knox)

PRESBYTERY'S COORDINATING COMMISSION

Class of 2026
RE Charlie Kendell (Frankfort, First)
TE Kathy Costanzo

Standing Committees of the Coordinating Commission

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 2026
TE John Kupa
One Vacancy

CHURCH GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION

Class of 2026
Marcus Hong, (Beechmont)
One Vacancy

LATINO/A MINISTRIES

Class of 2026
TE Mary Nebelsick
RE Perry Chang, (Crescent Hill)

FINANCE

Class of 2026
RE Margaret Fadeley, (Anchorage)
RE Stewart Bridgman, (Crescent Hill)

MISSION

Class of 2026
Joshua Lenavitt, (Pewee Valley)
One Vacancy

WORSHIPFUL WORK

Class of 2026
TE David Gambrell
One Vacancy

UKIRK @ U OF L BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Class of 2026
Alex Pickell
TE Bob Williams-Neal
TE Andrew Bowman

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Teaching Elder Commissioner: Marian McClure Taylor
Ruling Elder Commissioner and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (will be nominated with the November report)

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

Commission on Ministry

Report to Presbytery

September 18, 2023

SUMMARY OF COM ACTIVITY: The Commission on Ministry has met four since the May 22, 2023 meeting of the presbytery: June 5, 2023; July 24, 2023 (COM retreat); July 29, 2023; and August 21, 2023 (combined August and September meetings. The Commission has taken the following actions on the presbytery's behalf:

FOR ACTION:

Covenant Community Church

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G-3.0109b6: "making pastoral inquiry into persons accused of sexual abuse of another person (D-10.0401c when jurisdiction in a judicial proceeding against such persons has ended due to death or renunciation of jurisdiction of the accused; such inquiries shall not be understood as judicial proceedings but shall seek to reach a determination of truth related to the accusation and to make appropriate recommendations to the designating council."

Searches/Calls: None.

Ordinations: None.

Installations:

- The Rev. J.T. Silence was installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Frankfort on July 20, 2023.
- The Rev. Nolan Huizenga was installed as pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church on August 27, 2023.

Contracts/supply agreements: None.

Retirements:

- The commission granted, at his request, the Rev. Wayne A. Steele, Sr., retirement, effective June 30, 2023.
- The commission granted, at her request, the Rev. Marian McClure Taylor retirement, effective September 30, 2023.
- The commission granted, at her request, the Rev. Linda Reichenbecher retirement, effective March 31, 2023.
- The commission voted to dissolve the call between the Rev. Jay Hodge and First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville effective August 1, 2023 and granted Jay Hodge retirement.
- The commission granted, at his request, the Rev. Jim Hubert retirement, effective October 1, 2023.
- The commission granted, at his request, the Rev. Robert F. Owens retirement benefits, effective September 1, 2023.

Deaths: none.

Membership transfers to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery: none.

Membership transfers from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery: none.

Changes in Status: none.

Churches in transition:

The Commission has worked with the following churches in transition since the May 2023 meeting of presbytery:

- Bardstown First Presbyterian Church: pastor search.
- Beulah Presbyterian Church: ongoing.
- Buechel Presbyterian Church: an Administrative Commission is finishing up its work.
- Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church: **the commission approved the Ministry Discernment Profile (formerly the Church Information Form) for a part-time supply pastor.**
- Ebenezer/Greensburg: pastor search.
- Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church: **the commission approved the congregation's election of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and the MDP for the associate pastor position.**
- Highland Presbyterian Church: pastor search.
- Munfordville Presbyterian Church: pastoral transition.
- Shawnee Presbyterian Church: an Administrative Commission is in place.
- Shelbyville First Presbyterian Church: pastoral transition.
- South Frankfort Presbyterian Church: **the commission approved the congregation's election of a Pastor Nominating Committee.**
- Taiwanese Presbyterian Church: pastoral transition.
- Westwood Presbyterian Church: ongoing.

Other Matters:

- **2024 Minimum Salary:** the Commission set the minimum Total Effective Salary (salary + housing) for 2024 at \$45,629 for called and installed pastors (a 6 percent increase over the 2022 minimum).
- **2024 Employee salary increases:** the Commission recommended to congregations that all employees be granted a 6% salary increase for 2024.

- **2024 COM Budget:** the commission voted to request the same budget amount for 2024 as it requested for 2023 (about \$16,000).
- **Rapid Response Team:** the commission voted to create a “Rapid Response Conflict Resolution Team” to respond more quickly to crisis situations in the presbytery’s churches.
- **Ministers Retreat:** the commission will sponsor a ministers’ retreat, October 21, at Cedar Ridge Camp.
- **Boundary Training:** The COM continues to develop boundary training programs that are accessible, affordable and which meet the Book of Order requirements for boundary training.
- **Endorsements:** COM empowered the General Presbyter and/or the Stated Clerk to provide letters of endorsement for persons seeking chaplaincy positions in the presbytery.
- **Permission to labor with the bounds:** the commission granted the Rev. Norm Story, a minister member of Sierra Blanca Presbytery, permission to labor within the bounds of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery so that he may perform the wedding of his granddaughter.

Anniversaries of Ordination

FOR INFORMATION – Recognition of anniversaries of ordination: At each stated meeting, the presbytery will take time to recognize and honor minister members of the presbytery on the occasion of their anniversary of ordination. Ministers of Word and Sacrament will be honored on their first anniversary of ordination and thereafter at 5-year intervals at the presbytery meeting prior to the anniversary. Those being recognized and honored at this meeting of the presbytery:

3rd Quarter 2023 - Ordination Anniversaries

1 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Gina Mester in September

5 Year Anniversary of Ordination
John Kubar in September

10 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Rebecca Barnes in September
Yohan Kim in September

25 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Nancy Troy in September

30 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Ann LaPerle in September

35 Year Anniversary of Ordination
David Maxwell in July
Mark Baridon in September

40 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Jane Larsen-Wigger in August
Laurie Kraus in September
Brad Palmer in September

45 Year Anniversary of Ordination
Charles Todd in August

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

September 18, 2023

As the commission prepares for its work this fall, several items are of note to the Presbytery.

We presently have three Inquirers, five candidates and two certified to receive a call under our care. One of our Inquirers is attending Louisville Seminary, Megan Buckner from Harvey Browne, one recent graduate Shannon Bostrom from Highland, and one inquirer, Sung Soo Hong from the Louisville Korean is pursuing candidacy soon. Our 5 candidates are all graduates from seminary and are in a variety of stages in passing ordination exams, struggling with personal and family health issues and making progress towards being certified: Simone Adams, Grace Hope; Rick Ary, Anchorage; Alicia Demarta-Presley, Beechmont; Marcus Hong, Beechmont; and Ellen Sherby, Beechmont. Our two certified members are pursuing PHD's and teaching at seminaries for the coming semester; Christiaan Faul, Pewee Valley and Tim McNinch, Crescent Hill.

Our Presbyterian Connection program will begin soon under the guidance of Emily Seeger, a member of our commission and faculty representative, Marcus Hong. John and Emily Odom will be hosting a "Happy New Year Paty" on September 16 from 5-7 p.m.

The commission is also working with the Commission on Ministry, John Odom, Jerry Van Marter and Cynthia Miske to bring our Boundary Training Program up to date with the new Book of Order guidelines. Implementation of the new plan hopefully will be ready by February 2024. A part of the plan will incorporate the 'Anti-Harassment and Anti-Racism Policy and Acknowledgement' being created by the Presbytery's Personnel Committee.



Triennial Boundary Training

for all members (including retirees) of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Certified Christian Educators, Commissioned Ruling Elders (commissioned pastors), and Inquirers/Candidates under care of the CPM*

Training Dates

(9 am to 3 pm, with a break for lunch)

Wednesday - October 11, 2023 – [Register here](#), Zoom only, [link](#)

Saturday - October 28, 2023 – [Register here](#), Zoom only, [link](#)

Wednesday - November 29, 2023 – In-person (Louisville Seminary Winn Center), [and Zoom option](#), [Register here](#); if joining by Zoom, here is the [link](#)



Discussions will include all recent changes to the Book of Order

*Those who missed the training last year and those who are due this year have been notified

Tri-Presbytery Meeting November 10 - 11, 2023

Speaker: Mark Elsdon, author of
"We Aren't Broke"



Western Kentucky Presbytery

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery



Transylvania Presbytery



For additional information and to register, click [here](#)
or scan the QR code

Event location: Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian
Church, 215 S. W. 1st St., Louisville, KY 40202-3983



JESUS JUSTICE

advocacy conference

Jesus and Justice: Believe! Pray! Act!

Commit acts of justice. Advocacy changes the world!

Young Adult Advocacy Conference for College Students and Seminarians

Oct. 20-22, 2023 | Presbyterian Center, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville | Free to All!

Does God care about injustice? Yes! At the conference you will explore the connection between faith and justice. It is important to go to church, but it is more important to be the church. Faith means little without action (James 2). To follow Jesus involves a commitment to care for others and to act on their behalf. Anytime anyone is mistreated, God is mistreated.

College students, seminarians, and young adults in or near Louisville or Southern Indiana are invited to attend in person. If you're farther away, join us online on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 9 a.m.

- Friday: Registration and Worship
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Plenary, Panel and Workshops
 - A plenary of local activists
 - Voices of young adults committed to justice
 - Lunch Provided
 - Workshops on how to engage in your school and community
- Sunday: Closing Worship and an Action

Upcoming Conferences: Save the dates!

October 20-22: Louisville | October 2024: Charlotte, NC | October 2025: East Lansing, MI (Michigan State University)

This event is hosted by the PC(USA) Advocacy Offices (Office of Public Witness and Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations), which are part of the Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. All young people are invited to attend, regardless of their faith background.

Commissioner's Report

From Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Meeting

For your use and information when you report back to your session

Location of Presbytery meeting:_____

Date of Meeting:_____

1. The Number One Issue raised today of concern to our congregation is:

2. The most important things I learned today were:

3. _____ is a person I met today who my church or session should know about because:

4. One thing I told someone today about our congregation that builds up the Body of Christ was:

5. What questions should I ask my session/congregation when I return to become a more effective Commissioner?
