

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Stated and Annual Meeting
September 19, 2022
Ebenezer and Greensburg Presbyterian Churches
AGENDA

(all times Eastern)

Moderator: Teaching Elder Jim Murphy

Vice-moderator: Ruling Elder Perry Chang

Stated Clerk: Teaching Elder Jerry Van Marter

Recording Clerk: Teaching Elder Andrew Hartmans

(All times Eastern Daylight Time)

11:30 EDT **Session minutes/records peer review**

Noon EDT **Registration, refreshments, Open House**

12:15 EDT **Tour of Ebenezer facility and brief history of the two congregations**

12:45 EDT **Orientation for first-time commissioners and guests**

1:00 EDT **Gathering All Together** – Moderator Jim Murphy

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

1:15 EDT **Worship**

- Preaching: Rev. Jim Murphy, moderator of the presbytery
- Offering recipient: Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief via Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

2:00 EDT **Break (Move to Greensburg Presbyterian Church)**

2:30 EDT **Reconvene at Greensburg Presbyterian Church**

2:35 p.m. **Consent Agenda** – Jerry Van Marter

- Approval of minutes of the May 23, June 2 and July 23, 2022 meetings.

2:40 p.m. **General Presbyter's report:** John Odom

2:50 p.m. **Calvin Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission final report:** Dave Bush

3:10 p.m. **South Fork Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission final report:** Don Garton

3:15 p.m. **Announcements** (*Please keep announcements to one minute or less; you must have notified the stated clerk in advance that you wish to make an announcement.*)

3:20 p.m. **Report from the 225th General Assembly commissioners:** Teaching Elder Dan Rift, Ruling Elder Dave Bush and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Emma Howe.

3:30 p.m. **Commission on Ministry report:** Bill McConnell

- Summary of actions taken since last presbytery meeting
- Welcome new members; farewell to departing members
- Recognition of ordinations

3:45 p.m. **Nominations/Representation Committee report:** Dee Hoge

3:55 p.m. **Coordinating Commission report:** Anne Hughes

- **Mission Committee/Self-Development of People report:**
Brad Palmer/Faye Fedlam
- **Finance Committee report:** Steve Makela
- **Reproductive Health Task Force:**

4:10 p.m. **Commission on Preparation for Ministry report:** Jennifer
Gingerich

4:25 p.m. **New Business** (previously submitted)

4:26 p.m. **Report from the Stated Clerk** – Jerry Van Marter

- General Assembly action on Mid-Kentucky Presbytery overtures
- Attendance and offering reports
- Session records review report
- Acknowledgements and thanks

4:30 p.m. **Adjournment with prayer**

Next stated meetings: Saturday, November 12, 2022 at South Frankfort

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Second Presbyterian Church

Monday, May 15, 2023 (TBA)

**Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Worship
September 19, 2022 at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church**

THE GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Friends, we come together from near and far to worship!

**All: Together, we praise the One above all of creation.
Our hope is in the God of expansive love.**

One: We praise and follow the One who calls us
to be co-creators of justice for the oppressed,
to feed the hungry, to unlock prisons,
and to welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

**All: Together, this day we give thanks and worship the One
whose equity and justice is truly for all.
Come, let us worship our God!**

***GATHERING PRAYER**

***HYMN 464**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Sovereign God of all Creation, we come to you seeking your peace. We come filled with worries, fears, and questions. But even as we come to you, we know that we often haven't relied on or trusted in your Word or Wisdom.

All: Often, we haven't shown compassion when we should have. We've spoken out of turn when we should have remained silent, and we've remained silent when we should have shouted from the rooftops. We haven't loved our neighbor as we love ourselves, and in the process, we've hurt them and us, and disappointed you.

One: Transform us by transforming our hearts, eternal One. Let us know your forgiveness, and shape our wills so that we would be more faithful followers of you in gratitude for your compassion and mercy.

All: Embolden us to be your agents of change in the world, in your name and for your glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: God has promised not only to hear our prayers, but to answer them with hope, peace, and compassion.

All: God covers us in unending grace, and under God's mothering wings we find eternal shelter.

One: Friends, together let us proclaim the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*ACT OF PRAISE # 568

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to share the peace in whatever form feels most comfortable to you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 146

SERMON

Rev. Jim Murphy, Moderator

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN #488

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord our God, we sing your praise ...
We open our hearts to you in faith, saying:
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who put their trust in you ...
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who taught us to pray saying...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN #430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Rise in body or in spirit.

Commission on Ministry Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky Report to Presbytery September 19, 2022

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 2022 - Ordination Anniversaries

10 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Marie Ellis in September
Jessica Gibo in September

15 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Elisa Owen in July
James McLeod in September

20 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Charlie Evans in August

25 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

David Wallace in July
J.T. Silence in September

30 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Skip Dunford in July
Donna Melloan in September
Clay Stevens in September

35 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Joyce Walker in July
Sarah Hamilton in August
Paul Wissink

45 Year Anniversary of Ordination in 2022

Davis Wadsworth in July

- **FOR ACTION:** the commission recommends that the presbytery create an administrative commission with original jurisdiction to discern the future of Buechel Presbyterian Church, which is inactive.

FOR INFORMATION -- SUMMARY OF COM ACTIVITY: The Commission on Ministry has met three times since the May 2022 meeting of the presbytery – on June 6, 2022, on August 1, 2022 and on August 29, 2022. The Commission has taken the following actions on the presbytery's behalf:

Ordinations:

- Annica Gage (by Cascades Presbytery at our request) to serve as a chaplain at Frazier Rehabilitation Institute. Annica was examined and sustained by the presbytery on June 2, 2022 upon COM's recommendation.
- Erin Veliquette (by Mackinac Presbytery at our request) to serve as a chaplain at Baptist Hospital. Erin was examined and sustained by the presbytery on August 21, 2022 upon COM's recommendation.
- Gina Meester, to serve as a chaplain at Norton Healthcare. Gina was examined and sustained by the presbytery on August 17, 2022 upon COM's recommendation.

Searches/Calls: None.

Installations: None.

Contracts/supply agreements:

- Approved the invitation of the session of Highland Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Nolan Huizenga to serve as Bridge Transitional Pastor, effective August 1, 2022.
- Approved the renewal of the contract between Beulah Presbyterian Church's session and the Rev. Bill Owen to serve as Transitional Pastor for an additional six months.
- Approved the contract between the session of Eminence Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Brad Palmer to serve as Stated Supply Pastor, effective October 1, 2022.

Honorable retirements:

- The Rev. Charlie Evans, effective November 1, 2022. (Charlie continues to serve as pastor of Glasgow Presbyterian Church and as Stated Clerk of the Synod of Living Waters).
- The Rev. Edward Thompson, effective August 31, 2022. (Edward has been transferred to the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy at his request).

Deaths:

Membership transfers to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery:

- The Rev. Aimee Moiso, from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee (Aimee is Associate Director at the Louisville Institute).
- The Rev. Nolan Huizenga, from the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee (Nolan is Bridge Transitional Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church).

Membership transfers from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery:

- The Rev. John Ralston to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, where he currently resides.

Changes in status:

- The Rev. Kent Winters-Hazelton concluded his service as Transitional Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church on August 31, 2022.

Churches in transition: the Commission has worked with the following churches in transition since the February 2022 meeting of presbytery:

- **Bardstown First Presbyterian Church:** pastor search.
- **Buechel Presbyterian Church:** see above action item
- **Calvin Presbyterian Church:** closed.
- **Covenant Community Church:** pastor search.
- **Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church:** ~~conflict resolution.~~
- **Ebenezer/Greensburg:**
- **Eminence:** pastor search.
- **Highland Presbyterian Church:** pastor search
- **John Knox Presbyterian Church:** mission study.
- **Munfordville Presbyterian Church**

- **New Goshen Presbyterian Church:** closed June 30, 2022.
- **Second Presbyterian Church:** associate pastor search.
- **Shawnee Presbyterian Church:**
- **Shelbyville First Presbyterian Church:**
- **Taiwanese Presbyterian Church:** now worshipping at Second Presbyterian Church.
- **Westwood Presbyterian Church**

Other matters:

- Continued development of a pilot program – Congregational and Pastoral Advocates – to identified three and possibly four congregations and a corps of about 10 presbytery members who have agreed to participate in the program, intended to build stronger relationships between the presbytery and its congregations.
- Approved a Policy for Dissolution of Installed Pastoral Relationships.
- Approved the document “Pastoral Designations and Definitions.”
- Activated the commission of Commissioned Ruling Elder Pamela Wessel so she can perform two weddings, in October and December.
- Authorized Ruling Elder Dave Bush to preach and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper as officiant at Okolona Presbyterian Church on September 4, 2022, at the session’s request.
- Submitted a 2023 budget request to the presbytery’s Finance Committee in the same amount as 2022.

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Education

MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 2006

MA in Modern European Intellectual History, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 1994

BA in Philosophy, BA in History, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, 1990

Experience

Associate Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2014 – 2021

Led all aspects of ministry in collaboration with pastoral colleague. Preached often and led worship weekly. Taught faith formation classes, led Bible studies, facilitated grief groups, guided numerous ministries and committees, facilitated liturgical arts. Led book studies and education events focusing on antiracism and white privilege. Convened a Hybrid Worship Task Force for missional discernment and technical expertise as we navigated being the church through a pandemic. Shaped and upgraded the church's network and technology to meet current and future needs.

Acting Head of Staff, Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, July – November 2017

Carried out head of staff duties during pastor's sabbatical. Moderated session meetings, preached and led worship, handled complex personnel situations, oversaw all aspects of congregational life.

Associate Pastor for Discipleship, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, 2012 – 2014

Nurtured spiritual practices and community life for major urban congregation. Preached periodically and created/led liturgy often. Facilitated special worship for liturgical seasons, created a centering prayer group, shaped and led divorce recovery groups, planned and led blessing of the animals services. Taught diverse faith formation classes, Bible studies, and new member classes. Provided pastoral care.

Associate Pastor for Covenant Life, White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, 2008 – 2012

Provided primary ministry and pastoral care for single adults, and pastoral care for the congregation at large. Preached periodically and shaped/led worship services often. Taught adult education classes. Assisted with ministry to young adults. Offered short-term pastoral counseling. Visited hospitals and church members' homes.

Interim Associate for Pastoral Ministry, Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, NJ, 2006 – 2007

Provided and coordinated pastoral care. Preached several times per year. Wrote and led liturgies for weekly and special worship. Led creation of volunteer program for people needing various kinds of assistance. Advised and supported deacons in their diverse ministries. Managed adult education program. Led contemplative prayer and Bible study classes.

Pastoral Care Intern, Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, NJ, 2005 – 2006

Coordinated and preached at monthly worship services in a nursing home. Preached and assisted in liturgy and worship. Visited homebound church members. Planned and led special worship services during Advent and Lent. Contributed to deacons ministries, adult education, weekly Bible study, and a liturgist training seminar.

Chaplain Intern, Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Trenton, NJ, summer 2005

Provided pastoral care to mental health patients, individually and in groups. Coordinated and preached at worship services in hospital chapel and on patient wards. Participated in CPE-modeled verbatim, supervision, and group dynamics processes.

Freelance Photographer, 1999 – 2014

Photographed events, people, architecture, and artwork for diverse clients. Created fine art for display and sale.

Network Administrator and Field Service Engineer, Computer Stores Northwest, Portland, OR, 1999 – 2003

Managed network and technology services across six company locations. Developed networked databases and communication for clients. Recommended and implemented IT strategies for small, medium, and large businesses.

Director of Information Technology, Prisma International, Minneapolis, MN, 1995 – 1998

Provided technology leadership for a rapidly-growing language translation company. Managed programming and implementation of a large proprietary database for project management and financial tracking. Supervised multilingual computing research and production. Advised clients on technical approaches to document translation and software localization. Budgeted for all technology needs. Served on the firm's strategic planning committee. Supervised IT staff.

Experience (continued)

Computer Support Specialist, Office of the President and Provost, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1994 – 1995
Managed all information technology for a network serving eight executive offices.

Staff Assistant to the Provost, Office of the President and Provost, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1992 – 1994
Oversaw all office technology. Wrote and edited reports and confidential correspondence.

Assistant Construction Supervisor (full-time volunteer), Habitat for Humanity, Buffalo, NY, 1990 – 1991
Supervised volunteer groups during construction and renovation of houses. Performed general construction work.

Service and Affiliations

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church (USA), 2008 – present

Lectio Jubilate lectionary study group, including rotating leadership positions, 2010 – present

Chair, Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 2021

Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 2017 – 2021

Minute Taker, International Reformed-Anglican Dialogue, 2018 – 2020

Board Chair, UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Nashville, TN, 2020 – 2021

Board of Directors, UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Nashville, TN, 2015 – 2021

Chair, Examinations Task Force, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 2019 – 2020

Examinations Task Force, Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 2017 – 2020

Campus Ministry Committee, Presbytery of New Hope, 2013 – 2014

Vacancy Counselor, Presbytery of New Hope, 2012 – 2014

Pastoral Reflection Team (for the Executive Director), Love Wins Ministries, Raleigh, NC, 2012 – 2014

Board of Directors, Triangle Pastoral Counseling, Raleigh, NC, 2009 – 2012

Guest preacher, teacher, retreat leader for multiple Presbyterian churches, 2007 – present

Editor, *The Testament*, Princeton Theological Seminary literary journal, 2004 – 2006

Advisory Board, BGLASS (Princeton Seminary LGBT and straight supporters ministry), 2005 – 2006

Licensed private pilot, 2001 – present

The Eight Questions

For ordained clergy who are members of other Presbyteries or denominations who are being called to serve in a non-parish setting within the bounds of Mid-KY Presbytery or who wish to transfer to Mid-KY Presbytery as a “member at large” or as “honorably retired.”

(Please keep your writing to three, one-sided, typed pages. Thank you.)

1. What events or persons have significantly affected your ministry?

Experiencing separation and divorce during my 30s cracked me open and made me reevaluate most everything about my life. During that soul-searching I rediscovered my desire to pursue a theological education. Seminary in turn contributed strongly to my feeling called into pastoral ministry.

People? So many, including

- my dad Nolan with whom I wrestled about ideas and faith — more than anyone else he influenced my early theological development and critical thinking;
- Debbie, the spiritual director who faithfully invited me to see sparks of hope during a period when I experienced despair;
- the dozen pastors in my lectionary study group for the past decade+ — we support each other through exegetical study, family and professional challenges and celebrations, and much laughter and compassion for this beautiful, broken world.

2. What theological beliefs have emerged as critical to your practice of ministry?

While one could write a dissertation on this, I'll offer two brief examples:

First, the gospels reveal Jesus as radically nonviolent while affirming him as God with a human face. So the person and work of Jesus give me hope that God is radically nonviolent. Since God transforms the world through unconditional love — as opposed to with violent force — then in faithfulness we humans are called to do likewise.

Second, for much of my life I've been propelled by theological hope. Hope that God's Spirit is at work transforming the world, transforming each of us, pointing us toward what life in God's gracious reign could be like. Following hints throughout the Bible, I also hope that death, inevitable for everyone and everything we know, may ultimately be subverted by God's effervescent future.

3. What experiences have challenged or affirmed your faith?

After my relatively quiet and nurturing childhood, my dad's death when I was 22 rocked my world, including theologically. No one close to me had died before. Working through my grief, confusion, and anger made me reexamine who God might be in relation to human life and death. I found new comfort especially in Lutheran and Reformed theologians who affirmed the unconditional and unquenchable love of God who promises resurrection life.

In my later 30s, experiencing divorce laid bare another great rift in my heart. I also had to confront how I understood faithfulness: who would I be if I undid the most serious promise

I had ever made? And yet after years of work and struggle, separating gently seemed the only way forward that felt like a form of grace. Eventually I came to affirm that that marriage may well have been a gift of God to us both, just in a more time-limited way than I had ever imagined. Over time healing and new life emerged for all concerned, for which I praise God.

And my life of faith has always been richest when practiced in Christian community. Certainly that's been in worshiping congregations (Wesleyan, Episcopal, Mennonite, Lutheran, Presbyterian at various times of my life), and also through individuals and groups who have invited, challenged, nudged, and expanded my spiritual life. It makes sense to me that Jesus always calls people simultaneously into faith and into community.

4. What is your view of the sacraments in practice of your ministry?

The sacraments reveal and strengthen the communal nature of our Christian faith, as I just mentioned. I appreciate that a gathered body serves each other Christ's meal of love. Since it's a central shared experience and symbol of following Jesus, I'm an advocate for including communion at most worship services. And at each baptism I get chills when we collectively promise to nurture the life and faith of the newly baptized person. Both communion and baptism convey the lifegiving, transformative grace of God in its primacy, and in tangible, tasteable forms that reveal God's love for this physical world.

5. What is your view of the government of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in light of your practice of ministry?

While no polity — and no human organization — is flawless, I deeply appreciate our emphasis on collaborative leadership at all levels, our sense of responsibility to and for each other, and our practice of confession when we have screwed up. As a pastor I seek to lead by consensus-building and by listening for the Holy Spirit's voice, especially from unexpected sources. And in my presbytery responsibilities (in NC and TN) I've been encouraged by witnessing collective wisdom that can emerge, sometimes producing decisions/priorities more lifegiving, more creatively faithful than any single person's idea or conviction.

6. How do you envision your ministry advancing the mission of God's people and sharing the good news to the world?

I am propelled by two facets of the gospel: hope in God's gracious reign coming to fruition in divine time, and the ethics of Jesus as transformative in our world right now. Specifically in this time and place, I feel convicted that following Jesus includes working actively to dismantle white supremacy in all its forms, and to work toward repairing some of racism's ravages. This is humbling work for us white folks, yet as a Presbyterian who experiences unearned privilege, I am called to confess that and to work toward justice for *all* of God's people.

7. How do you anticipate becoming involved actively with the work of Presbytery and in one of its congregations?

If I am called to serve a church in this presbytery, of course I'd commit my presence and care to that congregation. If I am called to something other than pastoral ministry, Aimee and I plan to worship regularly with a congregation that feels right for us, bringing our gifts

and skills as may be helpful. (Aimee is already called to a nonparish ministry, as Associate Director of the Louisville Institute.) For the past six months or so, we've been worshiping with Harvey Browne PC, a congregation where we are grateful for connections with a number of friends and colleagues.

8. Do you understand and agree that your ministry is to be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the Presbytery and is to be reviewed annually (unless you are honorably retired)?

Certainly. I would expect nothing less.

Revised August 2019

C. Nolan Huizenga, statement of faith, edited February 2021

I trust and hope in the eternal God who creates,
 who brooded over nothingness to give birth to an impossibly vast and beautiful cosmos,
 whose Word called forth our Earth with its myriad plants, animals, and humans
 who bear God's image,
 who invites us to reflect that image as created cocreators,
 who declared the entire creation *good*,
 and whose Holy Spirit creates even our own response of faith.

I trust and hope in this God who self-reveals,
 who walked through the garden with Adam and Eve,
 who spoke to Moses from the burning bush,
 who in vulnerability and power unveiled to Israel God's very name,
 whose words burned like fire inside the prophet Jeremiah,
 and whose eternal Word became the human Jesus Christ and lived among us.

I trust and hope in this God who suffers,
 who grieved over the injustice of humankind, and over an earth filled with violence,
 who withstood repeated rejection by God's people,
 who in Jesus wept for dead Lazarus, and mourned over Jerusalem,
 who in Jesus willingly suffered rejection, perversion of justice, torture, and murder,
 and whose Holy Spirit intercedes for this broken world with sighs too deep for words.

I trust and hope in this God who loves,
 who loved Abraham and Sarah and promised that all nations would be blessed
 through them,
 who loved Israel, heard their cries, and led them from slavery to freedom,
 who loves immigrants, prisoners, the marginalized, the poor, the brokenhearted,
 and those who mourn,
 who in Jesus Christ prayed "Father, forgive them" even on behalf of his torturers,
 and who for the sake of love forgives the sin of Israel, the church, and the world.

I trust and hope in this God who subverts all that contradicts God's gracious purposes,
 who rescued Joseph from pit and prison to save both Egypt and Israel from starvation,
 who sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach judgment so that the entire city might experience
 mercy and salvation,
 who in Jesus saved from judgment a woman caught in adultery,
 who subverted even Jesus' crucifixion by working reconciliation and resurrection,
 who binds diverse believers together as Christ's church, calling us to proclaim and live
 the gospel in God's hurting and beloved world,
 and whose risen Son Jesus Christ will come again and draw all things to himself in
 new life.

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Education

PhD, Homiletics and Liturgics; minor in Practical Theology	2020
Dissertation: <i>Standing in the Breach: A Relational Homiletic for Conflicted Times</i> Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	
Master of Ecumenical Studies	2007
Bossey Ecumenical Institute and the University of Geneva, Switzerland	
Master of Divinity	2006
San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, CA	
BA, Communication Studies	1997
Whitworth College, Spokane, WA	

Employment

Associate Director	2021 – present
Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY	
Communications Coordinator	2021 (Jan – June)
Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, Nashville, TN	
Freelance Development and Copy Editor	2020 – 2021
Clients included Herald Press, Harrisonburg, VA	
Managing Editor, <i>Homiletic</i>, the Journal of the Academy of Homiletics	2015 – 2021
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	
Pastoral and Program Consultant	2020 (Jan – Sept)
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN	
Bibliographer, Vanderbilt Divinity Library	2014 – 2020
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	
Campus Minister and Director of Ecumenical and Interfaith Ministries	2008 – 2013
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA	
Pastoral Intern / Assistant in Ministry	2004 – 2006
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Napa, CA	
Religious Media Associate	1999 – 2002
Bread for the World, Washington, DC	
Communications Assistant	1998 – 1999
Bread for the World, Washington, DC	

Professional Experience

Ordination Exam Reader Presbyterian Church (USA)	2021 – present
Representative, International Reformed-Anglican Dialogue Anglican Communion and the World Communion of Reformed Churches	2017 – 2020
Practical Theologian in Residence, Presbyterian Foundation Jeffersonville, IN	2018 – 2019
Trustee, San Francisco Theological Seminary San Anselmo, CA	2012 – 2019
Board Member, UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry Vanderbilt and Belmont Universities, Nashville, TN	2014 – 2017
Chair, National Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Presbyterian Church (USA) (committee member 2008 – 2014)	2014 – 2016
Parish Associate, Stone Church of Willow Glen (Presbyterian) San Jose, CA	2010 – 2013
Vice Moderator, Faith and Order Commission National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA (delegate 2003 – 2008)	2008 – 2011
“Younger Theologian” participant, World Council of Churches Faith and Order Plenary Commission — Orthodox Academy of Crete, Greece	2009
Ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament Presbyterian Church (USA)	2007

Fellowships and Awards

Theology and Practice Program Fellowship Vanderbilt University Graduate Department of Religion, Nashville, TN	2013 – 2019
Pillar of the Community Award, Hillel of Silicon Valley San Jose, CA	2012
Bannan Grant, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA	2009
Alumni Fellowship, San Francisco Theological Seminary San Anselmo, CA	2006
Ministry Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education Atlanta, GA	2002 – 2003

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt Divinity School

- *Worship Across Traditions and Cultures*: Spring 2015
- *Fundamentals of Preaching*: Spring 2014 and 2015
- *Ethical Approaches to Preaching*: Fall 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Lexington Theological Seminary

- *Theology and Theological Language*: Fall 2014

"Our Faith in Conflict" — lecture in the Creating Vital Congregations Webinar Series, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, October 17, 2020

"Making Things Right: Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation in Worship" — lecture for Introduction to Worship and Liturgy, Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS, July 9 and November 30, 2020

"Our Faith in Conflict" — retreat for Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, February 28–March 1, 2020

"Preaching and Politics" panel discussion member — NEXT Church Conference in Seattle, WA, March 2019; I presented theological approaches to preaching in situations of polarization

"Standing in the Breach: Conflict Transformation and the Practice of Preaching" — paper presentation in the Preaching and Culture Workgroup of the North American Academy of Homiletics, Denver, CO, 2018

"Giving Tuesday" webinar panel member — hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation, October 2018; I presented theological approaches for preaching and teaching about Giving Tuesday

"Picking a Fight: Conflict, Theology and the Task of Preaching" — poster presentation at the North American Academy of Homiletics, Dallas, TX, 2017

"Within the Fold: Being inclusive in a religiously diverse world" — five-part adult education class presented at Second Presbyterian Church and at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2015

"Neighbors and Strangers: Can't We All Just Get Along?" — five-part lecture series on ecumenism and interfaith engagement presented at Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, NV, 2015

"Tough Talk: Sticking together in times of disagreement" — three-part adult education class offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, 2015

"Intra-Communion Discord as a Starting Point for Ecumenical Dialogue," *Reformed World*. Vol. 69 (1), 2021.

Book review. *The Beauty of Preaching: God's Glory in Christian Proclamation* by Michael Pasquarello III. *Homiletic*. Vol. 45, No. 2 (2020).

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North American Academy of Homiletics	2013 – present
National Campus Ministry Association	2010 – 2013
National Association of College and University Chaplains	2012
Religion Communicators Council	1999 – 2002

The Eight Questions

For ordained clergy who are members of other Presbyteries or denominations who are being called to serve in a non-parish setting within the bounds of Mid-KY Presbytery or who wish to transfer to Mid-KY Presbytery as a "member at large" or as "honorably retired."

(Please keep your writing to three, one-sided, typed pages. Thank you.)

1. What events or persons have significantly affected your ministry?

I become convinced of my calling to seminary and to ministry while greeting people at the reception after my mother's memorial service. She had died of cancer while my father was the head of staff at our relatively large Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon. I grew up in the church as a pastor's kid, and I knew and had lived in the warmth of Christian community my whole life. But at my mother's memorial service, as the fullness of that community surrounded us with love and care, I knew that like my parents I was called to help create and nurture that same kind of community as my life's work. I started seminary the next year.

2. What theological beliefs have emerged as critical to your practice of ministry?

I am captivated by the conviction that new life is always possible, and that the God we follow in Jesus Christ has created a universe in which there is always newness, always birth and rebirth. This theological orientation has been central to how I approach all kinds of areas of my life and ministry, from care of creation and planting of (literal) seeds in the garden to rejection of the death penalty to my continual resistance to the demonization of any human beings, no matter how horrible their actions. New life also requires repentance and restoration of what has been broken or wounded, so it is not a "get out of jail free" card as much as it is a perpetual opportunity to heal, to mend, to try again, to learn and grow and change.

3. What experiences have challenged or affirmed your faith?

The older I get, the harder it is for me to speak with absolute certainty about anything. It is not that I don't have convictions, but I hold them more loosely than I once did. Encounters in ecumenical and interfaith contexts have broadened my understanding of faith and practice, experiences around the world have opened my view of who the human person is and can be, and interactions with difference of all kinds make me aware that I am just one individual with one set of experiences, which cannot be the sum total of all there is to know or be. My faith is both affirmed and challenged by all there is to discover and learn and see in this amazing world.

4. What is your view of the sacraments in practice of your ministry?

While I am always moved by Baptism and entrance into the family of Christ, the Table — especially given my ecumenical experiences, for good or ill — has become a dominant metaphor and symbol in my practice of ministry as well as my theology. Of course, the table is not merely a symbol or metaphor, which is part of why it matters; it is a literal place around which we gather, bringing all that we are and have been, to a common meal. More recently, I have held on to an African image of a shared eating bowl that is always left out for one who might come late, or might be estranged and come home. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is like that: a place where we all come seeking right relationships with God and each other, nourishment for our bodies and souls, friendship and community in Christ, and deep reconciliation and repair of that which has been broken.

5. What is your view of the government of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in light of your practice of ministry?

Having worked for five years at a Jesuit Catholic university, I am deeply aware of just how Presbyterian my understanding of leadership and governance is. While no system is perfect and all can be manipulated, I am convinced of the need for shared leadership and mutual correction, communal discernment, the priesthood of all believers, and the limitations of any individual to be an isolated decision-maker. I would like to see our denomination move even more fully toward additional models of shared and co-leadership models, like our GA co-moderators have done.

6. How do you envision your ministry advancing the mission of God's people and sharing the good news to the world?

My role at the Louisville Institute is to help build and sustain vibrant and flourishing expressions of Christian faith in North America by awarding study and research grants to pastors and scholars doing cutting-edge work in the church and academy. We bring people together for engagement and pollination across disciplines and traditions, and help bridge "divides" between the church and the academy. Additionally, we are a place of deep thinking and reflection on the future of the church, its possibilities, and its challenges.

7. How do you anticipate becoming involved actively with the work of Presbytery and in one of its congregations?

My husband, the Rev. Nolan Huizenga, and I are happy to participate in the life of the Presbytery in whatever ways are helpful. We have been slow to

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engage with a particular congregation because of the pandemic, and because Nolan has been taking a sabbatical, but we anticipate more involvement as 2022 progresses.

8. Do you understand and agree that your ministry is to be carried on in accountability for its character and conduct to the Presbytery and is to be reviewed annually (unless you are honorably retired)?

Yes, I do, and I am happy to be part of this network of accountability!

Revised August 2019

Rev. Dr. Aimee Moiso — Faith Journey

I grew up in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon, as the eldest daughter of a Presbyterian minister. From a young age, I thought about big ideas. I carry strong childhood memories of worship, music, Sunday school, and symbols of faith, which seemed to make sense to me even when I didn't fully understand them. Good Friday was among my favorite holy days as a child because something about life, death, and resurrection spoke to me even then.

While in college, I encountered expressions of Christianity that were completely foreign to me, and the breadth of the church came as something of a shock. I spent those college years doubting and wrestling with God — and slowly my faith became my own, not only something I had inherited from a loving church family.

After college, I worked for the Christian anti-hunger organization Bread for the World, and while there began to consider seminary studies. At first my call seemed to be toward the non-profit world. Over those years, though, I watched that call broaden from “seeking justice for hungry people” (BFW’s mantra) to seeking wholeness for all people as an ordained pastor. The year before I began seminary, my mother died of breast cancer. At her memorial service, surrounded by 800 people who had gathered in our sanctuary on a hot August afternoon, my sense of call was confirmed. I knew two things that day: that helping to build such a community of saints is at the core of my being, and that God brings new life from death.

Throughout my studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary, I was blessed to be exposed (again) to an even broader understanding of the church via the global ecumenical movement. International travel took me to Christian communities around the world, and after my MDiv I went on to complete a masters in ecumenical studies in Geneva, Switzerland, through a program of the World Council of Churches.

I was ordained in 2007 to a newly-created position as a Protestant chaplain at a Jesuit Catholic University in Silicon Valley. Among my duties were ecumenism and interfaith engagement, both of which were new and emerging areas of ministry for the university. My proudest year there was my last, when my three interns — a liberal Catholic, a conservative Protestant, and a moderate Muslim — began to call my office “the ministry of misfits,” where everyone could come as they are.

In the spring of 2012, my understanding of my vocation changed again. Within a month, I had a conversation that convinced me that I was called to apply for PhD programs, *and* I got a literal phone call from Louisville asking me to moderate the Civil Union and Marriage Issues Committee at the 220th General Assembly. My experience moderating that committee was transformational. We struggled with the reality that any decision we might make would divide the church we loved and cause pain to our siblings in Christ. It was a deeply difficult and moving experience of communally trying to hold together a broken church.

All of these experiences became part of my PhD research, culminating in a dissertation on preaching in times of conflict and polarization. At its heart are questions of relationship, *koinonia*, and community in the body of Christ. I completed my PhD at the beginning of 2020, and like everyone else I spent the next 18 months adapting to the pandemic. I worked a variety of part-time jobs within and outside the church before being called to be the Associate Director of the Louisville Institute in July 2021. Based at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, the Louisville Institute funds and brings together scholars and pastors whose projects contribute to the vitality of the church. The work is exciting and enlivening, and I am grateful for this opportunity to follow God’s leading in this new season.

Rev. Dr. Aimee Moiso — Statement of Faith
April 2022

In the midst of a world at war,
 amidst a creation straining toward light,
 amidst a people divided against themselves,
 amidst broken homes, broken families, broken bodies, broken hearts:

I believe

I believe

I believe in God.

I believe in the one God who made swaths of brilliant stars in the empty darkness of space,
 crafted the orange-tipped wings of a million butterflies,
 painted the emerald moss clinging to frozen tundra.

I believe in the one God who created from the ruddy earth beings in the image of God,
 Creative, blessed, eager, amazing children of the most high
 imprinted with the likeness of the Giver of life
 and born into a covenant of love,
but who in the darkness of sin have forgotten and forsaken
 their true selves and their Creator
 and are thirsty
 and wandering lost,
 yearning for renewed and new life
 amidst disillusionment, despair, and death.

In infinite imagination and unquenchable love,
 our God self enfleshed,
 and was born penniless and pitiable —
 one simple, finite life on the ruddy earth
 that we might return to the God of perpetually new and everlasting life.

Jesus the Christ recalibrated the rules,
 calling the powers to servanthood,
 the divided to kinship,
 and the nations to justice.

Jesus the Christ restored the rejected
 touching the ones called unclean,
 healing the ones called unfit,
 loving the ones called unwelcome.

Jesus the Christ enacted the impossible
 fully God, fully human,
 the Creator of the universe under the tyranny of Rome,
 forgiving even his executioners,
 laid cold as stone in a tomb

and at the turn of the tide was preposterously raised from the dead to glorious fullness of life.

I believe

I believe

I believe in God.

I believe in the God who through power over even the sting of death
shows us that love does conquer all
and that even the worst we can do is not enough
to separate us from the love of God.

I believe in the God who through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ
has sliced clean through the sticky web of sin
that within a world that still groans in bondage
we might live again and forever as children of God.

I believe in the God who through the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit
gives us freedom from fear
that we might fiercely and unswervingly love one another
even at the cost of our own lives
and with joy proclaim to the world
that what was broken can be healed
what was lost, found
what was dead, made new.

Through the wholly inspired and holy authoritative Word of God in Scripture,
the testimony of the great cloud of witnesses to the work of the great God,
we hear, discover, recognize, discern, and remember
the presence and prompting of God among us.

In the washing of the water and the sharing of the bread and cup
we see, taste, touch, feel, smell, and know that God is good
and that God's grace abounds
as we are reborn, renewed, and reclothed in sacrament.

I believe in the God who calls strange and wondrous people, young and wise, kind and strong
to bring their foibles and folly and be the church
to live as God's family and welcome others to the table,
a table set with china and chopsticks, cheese and chocolate,
and enough chairs for everyone.

In thanksgiving and hope,
I believe

I believe

I believe in God.

Report of the MKP Nominations and Representation Committee

Dee Hoge, Chair
September 8, 2022

2023 Presbytery Moderator - RE Perry Chang, (Crescent Hill)

2023 Presbytery Vice-Moderator - Rev. Christine Coy-Fohr

Commission on Ministry

Class of 2025 (4-RE, 2-TE)
RE Dianne White, (Shawnee)
RE Robert Charles, (Peace)
Rev. Nancy Troy
Rev. Linda Reichenbecher
RE Ben Blake (HBPres)
Vacancy

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2025 (2-RE; 2-TE)
Rev. Laurie Kraus
RE Greg Cohen (Springdale)
RE Chris Boone (Anchorage)
Rev. Charles Brockwell

Class of 2023 (1-RE)
Vacancy

Personnel Committee

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Betty Muse (Trinity)
Vacancy

Committee on Church Administration

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Rev. Mark Barnes
Donna Jentes (Mid-Kentucky Presbytery)

Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2029 (1-TE; 1- RE; 1-either)
Rev. Nancy Troy
Rev. KT Ockles
Vacancy

Coordinating Commission

Class of 2025 (1-TE; 1-RE)
RE Dee Hoge, (Anchorage)
Vacancy

Committee on Christian Education

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Rev. Brad Palmer
Susan Cohen, (Springdale)

UKirk Board of Directors

Class of 2025 (3 people)
Martin Hall, (Highland)
Rev. Megan McCarty
Katy Cobb, (Central)

Church Growth & Transformation Committee

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Rev. Paul Seebeck
Rev. Marie Cross

Committee on Latino Ministries

Class of 2024 (1 person)
Vacancy

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Rev. Tom Vandergriff
Rev. Dwain Lee

Finance Committee

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Rev. Susan Barnes
Steve Makela, (Highland)

Mission Committee

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Del Braaksma, (Beechmont)
Rev. Chelsea Gunther-Benham

Worshipful Work Committee

Class of 2025 (2 people)
Evelyn Wang, (New Goshen/Second)

Rev. Ann Deibert

Commissioners to Synod of Living Waters

2023-2024 (1-TE and 1-RE)

TE Marian McClure Taylor

RE George Hoge (Anchorage)

2023-2024 Alternates (1-TE and 1-RE)

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Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Church Administration Committee
Report to Presbytery
September 19, 2022

1. Report on Overtures to the 225th General Assembly (2022)

- **Fossil fuel divestment:** in response to our overture calling for divestment from the entire fossil fuel industry, the Assembly instead adopted recommendations from its Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) to divest from an additional five fossil fuel companies but not to issue a blanket call for divestment.
- **Parish Associates:** in response to our overture calling for the reinstatement of the office of Parish Associate to *The Book of Order*, the Assembly followed the advice of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution that such an amendment is not necessary because presbyteries already have the ability to include such a provision in their Standing Rules/Bylaws. A motion to that effect will be presented to the presbytery in November for a first reading and in February 2023 for action.

2. Report on proposed constitutional amendments forwarded to the Presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes: as per our Standing Rules, the Church Administration Committee will be reviewing the approximately 15 constitutional amendments submitted to the presbyteries by the 225th General Assembly (2022) for voting. Proposed amendments will be presented to the presbytery for a first reading in November. Amendments, along with Church Administration Committee recommendations, will come to the February 2023 meeting for action.

3. Report of Session Minutes/Records Review: Due to COVID-19 restrictions during 2020 and 2021, review of session minutes and records during those years was extremely limited. Review of session minutes/records will take place before each presbytery meeting between now and the end of 2023 as we “play catch-up.” The following churches’ minutes/records have been reviewed for 2019 and/or 2020:

Beechmont Presbyterian Church
Beulah Presbyterian Church
Calvin Presbyterian Church
Central Presbyterian Church
Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church – Elizabethtown
First Presbyterian Church – Frankfort
Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church
Highland Presbyterian Church
John Knox Presbyterian Church
LaGrange Presbyterian Church
New Goshen Presbyterian Church
Radcliff Presbyterian Church
Second Presbyterian Church
Shawnee Presbyterian Church
South Frankfort Presbyterian Church
Strathmoor Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church