The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Stated Meeting

Saturday November 14, 2026
Nazareth Center; Bardstown, KY
AGENDA - FULLY In-Person

Moderator: Teaching Elder Joel Weible
Vice-Moderator: Ruling Elder Betty Muse
Interim Stated Clerk: Teaching Elder Jenny Edlin
Recording Clerk: Teaching Elder Andrew Hartmans

12:00 p.m. **Gathering All Together** Vice Moderator, RE Betty Muse

- Welcome to first time members, commissioners, and guests
- Welcome and seating of any corresponding members
- Declaration of a quorum and approval of the docket

12:05 p.m. **Consent Agenda**

- Approve the minutes of the August 29, 2026 stated meeting.
- The Coordinating Commission recommends the approval of the updated *Child, Youth, and Adults with Vulnerabilities Policy.*

12:10 p.m. **Greetings from MKP Young Adult Volunteers** Rev. Rachel Anderson
Hannah Dodson, Jackie Meade, and Aaron

12:20 p.m. **Kentucky Council of Churches Update** Rev. Brad Palmer

12:25 p.m. **Coordinating Commission Report** RE Alicia Bloos

- Coordinating Commission Highlights
  - First Frankfort PILP Loan Approval
  - New Goshsen/North Oldham Vision Project/Goodness Grows NWC Taskforce
  - Portland Ave. Ministry Discernment Team
- Racial Justice Committee - Antiracism Training; Rev. Candi Cubbage
- Mission Committee; Rev. Mary Niebelsick
- Hispanic/Latino Ministry; Rev. Tom Vandergriff
- Ukirk Campus Ministry; RE Marcus Hong
- Finance/Personnel; Treasurer Michael Purintun
  - **FOR ACTION:** The Coordinating Commission moves to recommend the continuation of the presbytery's regular operations and necessary expenditures, effective January 1, 2027, at levels consistent with the approved 2026 budget, until such time as the 2027 budget is adopted by the presbytery. This authorization shall include a 3.5% cost of living adjustment for 2027, as recommended by the Finance and Personnel Committees, for the following staff: General Presbyter Joanna Kim; Office Manager

Mary Kutter; Treasurer Michael Purintun; Preston Highway Leader Elmer Zavala; U-Kirk Interim Coordinator Marcus Hong; and Recording Clerk/Webmaster Andrew Hartmans.

12:50 p.m. **Commission on Ministry** Rev. Marissa Galvan-Valle

- Ordiversaries
- Ordination examination of Marcus A. Hong

A Liturgy for the Examination of a Candidate for Ordination
To the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Moderator:

Merciful God, through the mouth of your beloved child,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, you said to us,
'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest.'

Presbyters:

We respond to your divine command, O Lord,
and beseech you to richly bestow the Holy Spirit
on our three candidates this evening,
and on all of us who are called to your ministry,
that we, with a great multitude,
may be your evangelists, true and steadfast.
So may your name be hallowed, your kingdom come,
and your will be done. Amen.

Examination of the Candidate for Ordination
Marcus A. Hong

Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 42 Marcus A. Hong

Sermon Marcus A. Hong

Hymn Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo Glory to God #768

Ordination examination of Marcus A. Hong

The COM chairperson asks Marcus to share a brief word of his faith journey, and hopes for serving in the ordered ministry of a teaching elder. The presbytery examines Marcus, excuses him from the meeting room, and acts on the recommendation of the Commission on Ministry to ordain. Marcus is escorted back into the room, and the moderator announces the presbytery's action, with appropriate remarks. If the examination has been sustained, the presbytery approves plans for the Candidate's ordination.

1:20 p.m. **Dissolution of the Portland Ave. PC** Moderator, Rev. Joel Weible
Administrative Commission

1:30 p.m. **General Presbyter Report** Rev. Joanna Kim

1:40 p.m. **Dissolution of the Goodness Grows** Moderator, Rev. Joel Weible
NWC Administrative Commission

1:50 p.m. **Nominations and Representation** Rev. Pam Clinger & RE Sara Sutphin

- **FOR ACTION:** Approval of the Nominations and Representation slate for 2027.

1:55 p.m. **Announcements**
Please keep announcements to one minute or less.

2:05 p.m. **New Business**

2:10 p.m. **Interim Stated Clerk Report** Rev. Jenny Edlin

- Attendance and offering reports

2:15 p.m. **Gratitude for Committee/Commission Members and Installation of 2027 Officers** Moderator, Rev. Joel Weible

2:30 p.m. **Adjournment and Prayer**

Upcoming Presbytery Meetings:

- *Saturday Feb. 20, 2027 @ Beechmont Presbyterian Church; Louisville, KY*
  - *Antiracism Training*
- *Thursday May 20, 2027 @ The PC(USA) Center; Louisville, KY*
- *Saturday August 28, 2027 @ First Bethel Presbyterian Church; Campbellsville, KY*
- *Saturday Nov. 13, 2027 @ Norton Hospital Downtown; Louisville, KY (Hosted by MKP Chaplains)*

The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Child, Youth and Adults with Vulnerabilities Protection Policy
Updated Oct. 29, 2026

The Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky is committed to providing safe, welcoming, and nurturing environments for children, youth, and adults with vulnerabilities. In accordance with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order, G-3.0106, the presbytery and its congregations shall adopt and implement policies that establish clear standards for protection, appropriate boundaries, supervision, and accountability. The guidelines found here establish minimum expectations for presbytery-sponsored ministries and provide a framework for congregations to develop and implement their own protection policies.

Adults with Vulnerabilities

For the purposes of this policy, adults with vulnerabilities are individuals aged 18 or older who, because of physical, intellectual, cognitive, or other limitations, may need assistance with daily activities, making decisions, managing personal affairs, or protecting themselves from harm, abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

This may include adults who rely on others for care or support because of a disability, illness, cognitive impairment, or other circumstances that affect their ability to protect themselves.

Vulnerability does not necessarily mean that a person lacks independence or the ability to make their own decisions. The purpose of this designation is to recognize when additional care, awareness, and safeguards may be needed to ensure that all people are treated with dignity, respect, and safety.

Protection Policy

1. All employees and volunteers who work with children, youth, and adults with vulnerabilities shall complete an appropriate criminal background screening before beginning service. Background checks shall be renewed at least every thirty-six months, or more frequently when required by law or applicable policy.

   Each congregation's policy shall include a requirement for designation of an individual(s), typically the Clerk of Session, responsible for confirming completion of required screenings and maintaining confidential records. Screening results shall be reviewed by authorized personnel, and any information raising concerns about an individual's suitability to serve shall be evaluated before that individual is permitted to work with children, youth, and adults with vulnerabilities.

   The Mid Kentucky Presbytery has contracted with *Protect My Ministry* to provide background checks at a discounted price of $9.95. Register at http://www.protectmyministry.com/midkypres by logging in or signing up if you are a first time user. It is also recommended that congregations ask for references.

2. Adult workers will receive information and training regarding the safety and protection of the children, youth, and vulnerable adults in their care. The presbytery provides training for all minister members through Praesedium Academy. Additional training resources are below.

3. Two-adult leaders who have undergone background checks are required to attend all events for children, youth and/or vulnerable adults . One-on-one contact is not permitted unless the adult and child, youth, and/or adult with vulnerabilities are in clear view of other adults.

4. Respect for the privacy of children, youth, and adults is expected at all times unless the health and

safety of the individual is at risk. Responsible use of digital devices is expected in all situations. All forms of digital communication including but not limited to, text messages, chats and emails must include at least another adult.

5. Attire that is appropriate for the occasion is to be worn by all participants.

6. Written permission is required for the dispersal or sharing of any photography.

7. At all times, children, youth, and adults are expected to treat one another with love and respect, guided by Jesus' words, "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

8. Any person who suspects or is aware of inappropriate behavior shall immediately tell a trusted individual about the situation(s). In addition, special care should be taken with adults with vulnerabilities to help them know to whom they can report inappropriate situations.

9. All people are expected to be alert to any situations that may place children, youth and/or adults with vulnerabilities in danger. Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a child, youth or adult with vulnerabilities has been abused or neglected shall immediately report the concern to the appropriate civil authorities in accordance with Kentucky law (KRS 620.030). Reports may be made to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, law enforcement, or another authorized agency. The Kentucky Child Protection Hotline is 1-877-KYSAFE1 (1-877-597-2331).

10. Church leadership should also be notified as appropriate, but internal notification does not replace or delay legally required reporting. Adults shall not conduct independent investigations or retaliate against anyone making a report.

NOTE: There are mandatory reporting laws in the state of Kentucky for any crime committed against a person under the age of 18, all cases of domestic violence, and cases of abuse and neglect of persons over the age of 18 who are physically or mentally challenged. If you receive information regarding someone in one of these categories who has been sexually assaulted, or in any other way abused or neglected, you are legally obligated to report the incident to the Department of Community Based Services or law enforcement.

Off-site Events

1. An adult will not travel off-site with one child, youth or vulnerable adult in a vehicle. When travelling, at least three people must travel together in a vehicle.
2. At overnight events, all sleeping arrangements should be carefully considered. When practical, adults should sleep in separate rooms from children and youth, as well as vulnerable adults.

Training Resources

The following resources provide information, guidance, and training related to the safety and protection of children, youth, and adults with vulnerabilities. Congregations may utilize these or other appropriate resources to support their safety policies and training practices.

- **Praesidium Academy:** https://www.praesidium.com/
- **GuideOne Insurance – Safety Resources:** https://www.guideone.com/resource-center/resources
- **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – Creating Safe Ministries:** https://pcusa.org/resources/legal/creating-

safe-ministries

- **Congregational Insurance Providers:** Many insurance companies offer training programs, educational materials, and other resources related to abuse prevention and creating safe environments. Congregations should review available resources for abuse prevention and safety with their insurance providers.
- **Scouting America – Safeguarding Youth Training:** https://www.scouting.org/training/safeguarding-youth/

Coordinating Commission Report to the Presbytery

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

Committee/Commission Name: Coordinating Commission

Presbytery Meeting Date: November 14, 2026 (Tri-Presbytery Gathering, November 13–14)

Committee/Commission Chair: Alicia Bloos

Committee/Commission Members: Joel Weible (Moderator); Betty Muse (Vice-Moderator); Tom Hughes; Tom Vandergriff; Ashia Stoess; Ellen Sherby; Nolan Huizenga; Katherine Kupar; Charlie Kendall; Dianne White, Gina Meester/Galan Zavala,, Candi Cubbage, Mary Niebelsick,, David Gambrell, Perzavia Praylow, Carl Horton, Marissa Galvan-Valle, Sara Sutphin/PamClinger, Tara Reck.

Purpose of the Committee/Commission

The Coordinating Commission coordinates the work of the presbytery's committees and commissions, attends to matters entrusted to it between presbytery meetings, and prepares recommendations and business for consideration by the presbytery.

Recent Activities

Reporting period: August–October 2026. The November 5 meeting actions relevant to the November presbytery meeting are also included below.

- Property and ministry discernment: Supported the Portland Avenue Administrative Commission and its work following the congregation's September 13 dissolution. The commission approved an MSD sewer/drainage project and temporary and permanent easements at 3133 Portland Avenue, with $17,000 compensation subject to resolution of outstanding obligations. On November 5, it established a Portland Avenue Ministry Discernment Team of at least five people to explore future ministry at 3126–3128 Portland Avenue and report monthly to the Coordinating Commission.
- New Goshen/North Oldham Vision Project: Authorized a review team on August 6; on September 9 approved the team's membership and charge to evaluate property obligations, consult the Goodness Grows Administrative Commission and Church Growth & Transformation Committee, and assess the viability of Goodness Grows.
- On October 8 the commission directed the Stated Clerk to communicate with Sangama Global co-founders and provide the public administrative commission report in accordance with the presbytery's 2024 action.
- Pastoral and administrative care: The Commission continued oversight of committee work, including finance, ministry, education, racial justice, nominations, and preparations for presbytery gatherings.
- Governance, worship, and finances: Approved the 2027 stated presbytery meeting schedule; authorized the Lord's Supper at the October youth retreat; discussed a presbytery

financial review. On November 5, approved First Presbyterian Church, Frankfort's request to pursue a $550,000 Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program loan for the bell tower project, subject to lender terms, concurred with the designation of Living Waters for the World as the Tri-Presbytery worship offering recipient. The commission also considered financial requests brought before it and, following discussion, directed the Stated Clerk to communicate its response to the appropriate individuals.

Items Requiring Presbytery Attention

- 2027 interim operations and compensation: **The Coordinating Commission recommends** authorizing regular operations and necessary expenditures beginning January 1, 2027, at 2026 budget levels until the 2027 budget is adopted. The recommendation includes a 3.5% cost-of-living adjustment for Joanna Kim, Mary Kutter, Michael Purintun, Elmer Zavala, Marcus Hong, and Andrew Hartmans. The Stated Clerk position is excluded because a new salary and contract have already been approved effective January 2027.
- Child, Youth, and Adults with Vulnerabilities Protection Policy: **The Coordinating Commission recommends** that the presbytery approve and adopt the updated policy.
- Special presbytery meeting: **The Coordinating Commission approved** calling a special meeting before February 1, 2027, as needed, to consider and approve the 2027 budget and any other business included in the official notice; leadership will determine the date and time in consultation with the commission.

Requests for Prayer or Support

Please pray for the congregations and ministries navigating transition, including First Frankfort and Goodness Grows, for careful stewardship of property and financial resources; and for wisdom and faithful collaboration as the presbytery discerns its ministry together. Members are encouraged to recommend ruling elders for committee and commission service.

Racial Justice Committee Report to the Presbytery

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Report Date: November 4, 2026
Committee/Commission Name: Racial Justice Committee
Committee/Commission Chair: Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow

Committee Members
Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow (Chair)
Rev. Candi Cubbage
Mr. Vince Patton
Joanna Kim

Purpose of the Committee

The Racial Justice Committee supports the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky's commitment to racial justice, anti-racist ministry, and equitable participation throughout the Presbytery. The committee works to support implementation of the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy, provide educational and training opportunities, strengthen accountability, and resource congregations seeking to deepen their racial justice commitments.

Recent Activities

September and October Committee Meetings

The Racial Justice Committee met on Monday, September 21, 2026, and Monday, October 19, 2026, the third Monday of each month. The committee continues its work in support of the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy and racial justice priorities, including planning for Presbytery-wide anti-racism training.

August Presbytery Racial Justice Workshop

The Racial Justice Committee facilitated a workshop at the August 29, 2026 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery at Cedar Ridge Camp & Retreat Center. The workshop was titled **Doing Justice Together: Understanding Our Racial Justice Policy and Moving Toward Faithful Action**.

The workshop focused on the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Anti-Racism Policy and its implications for congregations and shared ministry. It invited participants to consider their congregations' engagement with racial justice and anti-racism and identify faithful next steps toward strengthening congregational policies, practices, and ministries.

Presbytery Wide Anti Racism Training

Presbytery-wide anti-racism training is scheduled for **Saturday, February 20, 2027**, with **Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia** serving as the speaker and facilitator. This training will support the Presbytery's ongoing commitment to equipping congregations and leaders for anti-racist ministry and faithful action.

The flyer for the anti-racism training is included on the second page of this report.

Items Requiring Presbytery Attention

There are no items requiring formal Presbytery discussion or vote at this time. The committee encourages commissioners, pastors, ruling elders, and congregational leaders to participate in the February 20, 2027 anti-racism training and continue engaging the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy within their congregations and ministries.

Upcoming Opportunity

Saturday, February 20, 2027
Presbytery-wide anti-racism training
Speaker and facilitator: Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia

Requests for Prayer or Support

• Wisdom and discernment as we continue implementing the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy.

• The committee and Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia as we prepare for the February 20, 2027 anti-racism training.

• Congregations seeking to develop or strengthen racial justice and anti-racism practices.

• Continued growth in racial and cultural diversity, equitable leadership, accountability, reconciliation, and justice throughout the Presbytery.

The Racial Justice Committee remains grateful for the Presbytery's support as we continue working together toward faithful, sustained, and actionable commitments to racial justice.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow, Chair
Racial Justice Committee
Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

November 4, 2026

Identity, Socialization, and Pathways for Transformation

We all lead from somewhere. Our identities, upbringing, and the institutions that formed us shape how we worship, make decisions, offer care, and share power. Oftentimes, this happens in ways we rarely take the time to notice. "That's just how we do things here" is usually culture at work.

This training offers courageous spaces to look at those patterns honestly and with grace. Together we will:

- **Reflect on our own identities**, which ones others see and which shape our leadership
- **Trace how socialization works**, from family and congregations to the institutions that reinforce "the way things are," and where change can begin
- **Explore the Intercultural Development Continuum**, a framework for understanding how people and groups respond to cultural difference
- **Work through real life situations** drawn from congregational and institutional life
- **Move from awareness to practice** by collectively creating approaches for designing worship, programs, and pastoral care

This training is for a diverse audience within the presbytery. No prior experience is needed. Come curious and leave with at least one next step for your work.

The goal is not perfection. The goal is honest exploration, shared responsibility, and continued practice.

Biography:
Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia (she/her) is an ordained minister and founder of Courageous Spaces, inviting others to co-create spaces for disruption, transformation, and change. She has served at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): Vice Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014-2016), the General Assembly Committee on Representation, and in congregations located in Chicago (IL), Queens (NY), Greenwich (CT), and throughout New Jersey. Larissa served as the Transitional Leader in the Presbytery of the Coastlands as well as the Transitional Head of Operations for More Light Presbyterians. She currently works as the Executive Director of NEXT Church.

Larissa lives in New Jersey with her husband and two children. When she's not doing "churchy" things, she enjoys reading, writing, cooking, and exploring new places.

Potential Intake Questions:
Beyond the general demographic information (as well as ministry context questions), here are some suggestions:

- What training(s) on race, racism, and identity have you completed previously? What frameworks were provided, if any?

- On a scale of 1–5, how comfortable are you reflecting on your own identity, including privilege, in a group setting?
- On a scale of 1–5, how confident are you leading or working across cultural differences in your ministry?
- What do you hope to take away from this training?
- What concerns or hesitations do you bring, if any?
- What helps you participate fully in a group conversation like this one? Examples: time to think before speaking, small-group discussion, written reflection.
- Do you need any accommodations, such as accessibility, language interpretation, large-print materials, or dietary needs?

WE ALL LEAD FROM SOMEWHERE.

Our identities, upbringing, and institutions shape how we worship, offer care, make decisions, and share power. Join us for courageous conversation and practical exploration of identity, socialization, and cultural difference.

Come curious. Leave with a next step.

REFLECT	on identity and the patterns that shape our leadership.
EXPLORE	the Intercultural Development Continuum.
APPLY	learning to real-life ministry situations and practical next steps.

ANTIRACISM TRAINING

Identity, Socialization, and Pathways for Transformation

MID-KENTUCKY PRESBYTERY

Presents an opportunity for learning and transformation

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2027

11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. EST | IN PERSON ONLY

Beechmont Presbyterian Church

417 W Ashland Ave, Louisville, KY 40214

Lunch included at 12:30 p.m. EST



MEET YOUR FACILITATOR

Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia

Executive Director, NEXT Church Founder, Courageous Spaces

For clergy, congregational leaders, and members.
No prior experience needed.

For additional information, please contact **Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow** at **ppraylow@lpts.edu, Chair of the MKP Racial Justice Committee.**

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Mid Kentucky Presbytery Mission Committee
Nov. 2026 Report

Meetings:

The Mid-Kentucky Presbytery (MKP) Mission Committee meets regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The Committee met on via Zoom.

Activities/Discussions/Initiatives:

1. The Color of Our Ministry database project was completed and sent to each congregation.
2. PDA Hygiene kits were assembled at Beulah Presbyterian Church on September 19, 2026. 1438 Kits were assembled and driven to Arkansas. A big thank you goes to Nancy Leach and the PW of Beulah and Greg Cohen.
3. The Mission Committee budget was assembled to reflect the ongoing mission priorities of MKP: Food Insecurity (Briargate, Welcome Table), Youth (Camp Cedar Ridge), Disaster Intervention (PDA Hygiene Kits), Hispanic Latino Ministry (PHW Ministry diaconal fund), Immigrant children educational support and mental health (La Escuelita), University Student Spiritual Support (Ukirk), Community and Presbytery Hospitality (Café Ginko).

Upcoming events:

1. The Mission Committee will host a table at the upcoming tri-presbytery meeting to showcase the "Color of Our Ministry" PPT slideshow. If possible, we will also hand out small flyers showcasing the MKP Mission Word Cloud and Pie Chart to highlight the multifaceted ministry of MKP.
2. The Mission Committee will schedule a retreat to determine 2027 Mission Committee ministry priorities.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary C. Nebelsick
Mission Committee Chair

Hispanic Latino Ministry Committee Presbytery Report

Nov. 2026

August Meeting Recap

The Mission Committee met to discuss preparations for the August Presbytery meeting and celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Preston Highway Ministries. The committee decided to focus on creating an interactive celebration during the Presbytery meeting rather than a formal educational presentation at 9 AM, featuring Spanish-English hymns, special food, and recognition of commission members. We discussed the various Hispanic Latino ministry having an information table, selling T-Shirts honoring the 15th Anniversary of the Preston Highway ministry, and having Joanna's sermon include speakers from withing the ministry. The committee also explored ways to highlight existing immigrant support work happening across the presbytery while planning to develop a list of organizations and actions for congregations to consider.

September Meeting Recap

The September meeting focused on reviewing Pastor Elmer's ministry work and transitioning his oversight from the committee to the Personnel Committee. The committee heard from Elmer about his challenges with community instability due to immigration issues and his recovery from heart surgery, while expressing appreciation for the pastoral work he does in the Latino ministry. Steve Jester from the Personnel Committee explained the process of formalizing Elmer's contract terms, including the implementation of standardized forms for all minister members and the annual review process. The committee discussed Elmer's compensation details, including auto mileage reimbursement and professional expenses, with plans to review and update his specific terms. We also addressed the development of leadership training programs for Spanish-speaking ministry leaders, with Marissa and Joanna working on initiatives through a new task force. The conversation ended with discussions about maintaining the committee's relationship with Elmer under the new structural framework and ensuring continuity in oversight responsibilities.

October Meeting Recap

The Committee did not meet in October

Personnel Committee Report to the Presbytery
Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Nov. 2026

Committee/Commission Name: Personnel
Presbytery Meeting Date: November 13 & 14, 2026
Committee Chair: The Rev. Candi Cubbage
Committee Members: The Rev. Marcia Clark, The Rev. Steve Jester, The Rev. Angela Johnson, The Rev. Brad Palmer

Purpose of the Committee/Commission
The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to build and support a skilled workforce, align worker needs with the goals of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, and to ensure smooth daily operations of the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky.

Recent Activities

Recommendations for 3.5% COLA raises for all MKP Staff Members.

Debrief among Personnel Committee members about Goodness Grows and where this project stands at the current moment along with discussion about what the Personnel Committee did or might have done in the last two years, and how we might be more effective in the future.

Items Requiring Presbytery Attention
(Items that require discussion and/or vote of the presbytery)

Installation of Jenny Edlin at the November 14, Presbytery Meeting

Upcoming Dates & Opportunities

Annual Job Reviews in early 2027:
Andrew Hartmans, Recording Clerk
Mary Kutter, Office Manager
Joanna Kim, General Presbyter

Requests for Prayer or Support

Please pray for the Staff of the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky:
that they may have wisdom, strength, and the peace of the Holy Spirit as they serve in this unique work of connection, administration, and pastoral care among our churches.

Please pray for the Nominations Committee to find three new members (one of which will fill an incomplete term for the next two years) for the Personnel Committee beginning January 2027.

The Finance Committee and Personnel Committees of the Presbytery **recommend** to the presbytery that the staff be granted a Cost of Living adjustment of 3.5% in 2027. This increase includes the General Presbyter, Joanna Kim; Office Manager, Mary Kutter; Treasurer, Michael Purintun; Preston Highway leader, Elmer Zavala; U-Kirk Interim Coordinator, Marcus Hong; and Recording Clerk/Webmaster Andrew Hartmans. Rev. Jenny Edlin, Interim Stated Clerk, has already been granted a new salary and contract as Stated Clerk starting in January 2027.

Finance Committee Narrative Report - Nov. 2026

The Finance Committee met in July, September, and October, spending some time discussing the ongoing work of the presbytery. Some of the key highlights from our meetings include:

We've long known that the Presbytery has mineral rights to oil and gas reserves in West Virginia from land that was donated to the Presbytery. Recently, we have received offers to lease or sell the rights. However, we were reluctant to make decisions that would increase carbon emissions even if it meant we would forgo revenue. We subsequently learned that regardless of our decision, the land would probably be leased for oil drilling. The committee has decided that the best course of action would be to sell the land and invest the proceeds in renewable energy. It is still investigating our interests and next steps. It should be noted that these are small interests.

We are proceeding with a financial review of the Presbytery's financial records. The cost for this review is $15,000. The committee struggled to find less expensive options, but believe the best step is to proceed.

The Finance Committee approved forgiveness of a portion of a loan to Cedar Ridge Camp for the Calvin Chapel. Cedar Ridge borrowed $100,000 to finish the construction of the Chapel. This summer, they asked the Committee to forgive $50,000 of the loan due to problems raising additional funds for the project. This still leaves a small amount for them to fund raise.

The Committee approved a loan of $25,000 to Buelah Presbyterian Church for emergency roof repairs. Beulah hopes to raise much of the cost over the next year.

The Committee has been involved with the closing of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission has a standing member from Finance, and the committee has worked with them to update signers on the bank accounts, and to complete other financial tasks necessary.

The Finance Committee is also involved with the review of the North Oldham property, with a representative on the committee looking into the next steps. We will work to help evaluate the financial cost to the Presbytery of next steps.

The Finance Committee will be bringing forward a budget for 2027 as soon as possible. We tried a different tack this year by engaging commissions and committees to be part of the budgeting process. This has taken more time, but we hope it will result in a budget that more people are invested in and that reflects more accurately the aspirations of the presbytery.

Since the staff of the presbytery are a large part of the budget, we are providing the presbytery with a motion on staff increases that allows implementation as of January 1, 2027. It also provides the Finance Committee with the information needed to continue its work on the budget and allow the Treasurer and Office Manager to update the Board of Pensions as to our plans.

The latest reviewed reports are also available in this report, and we urge churches to check their Per Capita and Shared Mission giving to be certain we are properly recording things.

If you find yourself interested in the work of the Finance Committee, please let the Nominating Committee or Treasurer know.

Signed,

Tom Hughes, Chair

Michael Purintun, Treasurer

Sept. 30 2026 **MKP 2026 Shared Mission Support and 2026 Per Capita**

PIN	CHURCH	Memb as of 12/24	*2025 SMS PLEDGED*	*2025 SMS PAID*	*2025 SMS RECEIVABLE*	2026 SMS PLEDGED	2026 SMS PAID	2026 SMS RECEIVABLE	2026 PER CAPITA ASSESSED	2026 PER CAPITA PAID	2026 PER CAPITA RECEIVABLE
9898	Anchorage	282	*$15,390.13*	*$15,390.12*	*$0.01*	$21,795.34	$14,530.20	$7,265.14	$7,650.66	$7,650.66	$0.00
9899	Bardstown First	17			*$0.00*			$0.00	$461.21		$461.21
9900	Bardstown Road	78	*$7,000.00*	*$ 7,000.00*	*$0.00*	$7,000.00	$7,000.00	$0.00	$2,116.14	$2,116.14	$0.00
9901	Beechmont	45	*$500.00*	*$ 500.00*	*$0.00*	$500.00	$500.00	$0.00	$1,220.85	$1,220.85	$0.00
9902	Bethel First	124	*$7,000.00*	*$7,000.00*	*$0.00*	$7,000.00	$7,000.00	$0.00	$3,364.12	$3,289.00	$75.12
9904	Beulah	112	*$1,000.00*	*$1,000.00*	*$0.00*	$1,000.00	$749.98	$250.02	$3,038.56	$2,210.24	$828.32
9905	Big Spring-Bloomfield	10			*$0.00*			$0.00	$271.30	$271.30	$0.00
9907	Briargate	40	*$1,200.00*	*$ 1,200.00*	*$0.00*	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,085.20	$1,085.20	$0.00
3055	Central	115	*$15,075.00*	*$ 13,575.00*	*$1,500.00*	$13,000.00	$6,107.50	$6,892.50	$3,119.95	$3,119.95	$0.00
3093	Columbia Union	13			*$0.00*			$0.00	$352.69		$352.69
11944	Covenant Community	14	*$2,000.00*	*$ 2,000.00*	*$0.00*	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$0.00	$379.82		$379.82
9911	Crescent Hill	73	*$2,500.00*	*$ 2,500.00*	*$0.00*	$2,000.00		$2,000.00	$1,980.49	$1,980.49	$0.00
3100	Ebenezer	90			*$0.00*			$0.00	$2,441.70	$2,441.70	$0.00
9913	Elizabethtown First	86	*$2,000.00*	*$2,000.00*	*$0.00*	$2,068.00	$2,068.00	$0.00	$2,333.18	$2,333.18	$0.00
9914	Eminence First	12			*$0.00*			$0.00	$325.56		$325.56
3056	Fourth	79	*$400.00*	*$400.00*	*$0.00*	$400.00	$300.00	$100.00	$2,143.27	$2,178.09	-$34.82
3010	Frankfort First	142			*$0.00*	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$0.00	$3,852.46	$3,852.46	$0.00
9918	Glasgow First	75	*$500.00*	*$500.00*	*$0.00*	$500.00	$500.00	$0.00	$2,034.75	$2,034.75	$0.00
3057	Grace Hope	42	*$600.00*	*$600.00*	*$0.00*	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	$1,139.46	$1,139.46	$0.00
3099	Greensburg	37			*$0.00*	$500.00	$500.00	$0.00	$1,003.81	$1,003.81	$0.00
9920	Harvey Browne	473	*$45,000.00*	*$ 45,000.00*	*$0.00*	$45,000.00	$27,000.00	$18,000.00	$12,832.49	$6,416.26	$6,416.23
9921	Hebron	113			*$0.00*			$0.00	$3,065.69		$3,065.69
9922	Highland	708	*$59,720.00*	*$ 59,720.00*	*$0.00*	$60,000.00	$45,000.00	$15,000.00	$19,208.04	$19,208.04	$0.00
9923	Hopewell	42	*$1,000.00*	*$ 1,000.00*	*$0.00*	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,139.46	$1,139.46	$0.00
7692	John Knox	36	*$400.00*	*$400.00*	*$0.00*	$400.00	$400.00	$0.00	$976.68	$976.68	$0.00
11471	Lagrange	65			*$0.00*			$0.00	$1,763.45	$1,381.71	$381.74
10895	Louisville Korean	33		*$ 1,000.00*	*-$1,000.00*	$6,000.00	$4,000.00	$2,000.00	$895.29	$895.29	$0.00
11992	Louisville Tiawanese	20	*$500.00*	*$500.00*	*$0.00*	$500.00	$500.00	$0.00	$542.60	$542.60	$0.00
PIN	**CHURCH**	Memb as of 12/24	***2025 SMS PLEDGED***	***2025 SMS PAID***	***2025 SMS RECEIVABLE***	**2026 SMS PLEDGED**	**2026 SMS PAID**	**2026 SMS RECEIVABLE**	**2026 PER CAPITA ASSESSED**	**2026 PER CAPITA PAID**	**2026 PER CAPITA RECEIVABLE**
9929	Munfordville	16			*$0.00*			$0.00	$434.08	$434.08	$0.00
9930	Okolona	27	*$50.00*	*$ 50.00*	*$0.00*	$50.00	$50.00	$0.00	$732.51	$732.51	$732.51

Sept. 30 2026 **MKP 2026 Shared Mission Support and 2026 Per Capita**

9525	Patteson Memorial	10			*$0.00*			$0.00	$271.30	$271.30	$0.00
1535	Peace	54	*$750.00*	*$750.00*	*$0.00*	$750.00	$750.00	$0.00	$1,465.02	$1,465.02	$0.00
3065	Pewee Valley	148	*$10,500.00*	*$11,375.00*	*-$875.00*	$10,500.00	$7,875.00	$2,625.00	$4,015.24	$4,015.24	$0.00
9932	Portland Avenue	22			*$0.00*			$0.00	$596.86		$596.86
11470	Radcliff	15	*$500.00*	*$ 500.00*	*$0.00*	$500.00	$500.00	$0.00	$406.95	$406.95	$0.00
9935	Second	1179	*$40,000.00*	*$40,000.00*	*$0.00*	$40,000.00	$30,000.00	$10,000.00	$31,986.27	$31,986.27	$0.00
10183	Shawnee	20			*$0.00*			$0.00	$542.60		$542.60
9937	Shelbyville First	93	*$1,000.00*	*$ 1,000.00*	*$0.00*	$1,000.00		$1,000.00	$2,523.09	$2,523.09	$0.00
9917	South Frankfort	188	*$2,000.00*	*$ 2,000.00*	*$0.00*	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$0.00	$5,100.44	$3,825.33	$1,275.11
9938	Springdale	200	*$13,000.00*	*$ 13,000.00*	*$0.00*	$13,000.00	$6,500.00	$6,500.00	$5,426.00	$5,426.00	$0.00
15051	Springfield	73			*$0.00*			$0.00	$1,980.49	$1,980.49	$0.00
9940	Strathmoor	41	*$2,000.00*	*$ 2,000.00*	*$0.00*	$2,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,112.33	$1,112.33	$0.00
9941	Trinity	115	*$600.00*	*$600.00*	*$0.00*	$600.00		$600.00	$3,119.95		$3,119.95
3104	United	45			*$0.00*			$0.00	$1,220.85	$1,220.85	$0.00
9944	Westwood	31			*$0.00*			$0.00	$841.03	$841.03	$0.00
	Totals:	**5253**	***$232,185.13***	***$232,560.12***	***-$374.99***	**$245,163.34**	**$171,930.68**	**$73,232.66**	**$142,513.89**	**$124,727.81**	**$18,518.59**

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2026

	Total	
	As of Sep 30, 2026	As of Sep 30, 2025 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
100400 US Bank Checking	-58,632.77	10,313.63
100400.01 G. Grows Insurance Claim Receipts	141,907.21	459,148.08
Total 100400 US Bank Checking	**$ 83,274.44**	**$ 469,461.71**
100500 US Bank Money Market	0.00	408.76
100700 US Bank MM-Reserve Funds	68,234.64	84,135.54
100800 US Bank CD	75,000.00	75,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	**$ 226,509.08**	**$ 629,006.01**
Other Current Assets		
120000 Undeposited Funds	150.00	150.00
130000 Designated Funds		
130100 Presbytery Loan Fund	336,785.34	286,264.11
130110 Presbytery Reserve Fund	291,919.65	276,161.65
130120 Restricted Fund - Edwards Fund	66,212.65	60,807.27
130130 Donor Rest. Fund - Hampton Mem.	2,967.01	2,087.12
130140 Donor Rest. Fund - PYC Fund	42,797.15	47,241.03
130150 Donor Rest. Fund - Quissenberry	151,148.82	151,961.79
130160 Presb Schol. Fnd for Retired	35,638.95	32,578.75
130200 Presb Desig - Meadowview Legacy	2,605,364.50	2,524,900.22
130220 Presb. NCD & Revital Fund	467,448.88	539,048.86
Total 130000 Designated Funds	**$ 4,000,282.95**	**$ 3,921,050.80**
Total Other Current Assets	**$ 4,000,432.95**	**$ 3,921,200.80**
Total Current Assets	**$ 4,226,942.03**	**$ 4,550,206.81**
Fixed Assets		
150100 Land - Cedar Ridge Camp*	9,300.00	9,300.00
150200 Office Furniture & Equip	83,366.00	83,366.00
150300 Bldg & Leasehold Impr-Cedar Rdg	100,000.00	100,000.00
150400 Equip & Auto-Cedar Ridge Camp	196,054.00	196,054.00
150500 New Goshen PC Property	970,000.00	970,000.00
150900 Accum Depreciation	-379,420.00	-379,420.00
Total Fixed Assets	**$ 979,300.00**	**$ 979,300.00**
Other Assets		
170000 Loans Receivable		
170100 Loan Rec-Beechmont PC	25,832.32	32,436.40
170200 Loan Rec-Beulah PC	25,000.00	0.00

170900 Loan Receivable - Westwood PC		7,220.00		12,137.00
170910 Loan Receivable - Eminence 1st		0.00		16,760.00
170915 Loan Rec-Cedar Ridge Camp		25,000.00		75,000.00
Total 170000 Loans Receivable	**$**	**83,052.32**	**$**	**136,333.40**
Total Other Assets	**$**	**83,052.32**	**$**	**136,333.40**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$**	**5,289,294.35**	**$**	**5,665,840.21**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
200000 Accounts Payable		145.53		1,165.53
Total Accounts Payable	**$**	**145.53**	**$**	**1,165.53**
Other Current Liabilities				
210000 Prepaid Per Capita		-710.72		-710.72
230000 Payroll Liabilities		0.00		0.00
230042 Louisville City - Minister		-5.96		-5.96
230065 Section 125 Treasurer		288.83		183.77
230070 Section 125 - OM		-848.38		-825.00
Total 230000 Payroll Liabilities	**-$**	**565.51**	**-$**	**647.19**
Total Other Current Liabilities	**-$**	**1,276.23**	**-$**	**1,357.91**
Total Current Liabilities	**-$**	**1,130.70**	**-$**	**192.38**
Total Liabilities	**-$**	**1,130.70**	**-$**	**192.38**
Equity				
300000 Opening Balance Equity		120,822.98		120,822.98
320000 Designated Accounts				
320001 Desig-2019 Synod Youth Event		1,655.68		1,655.68
320100 Designated Fund - NCD & Revital		465,448.88		537,048.86
320209 Desig - Meadowview Legacy		2,605,364.50		2,524,900.22
320212 Desig-Synod Tech Grant		1,053.67		1,053.67
320213 Desig-Statewide Presb Meeting		1,235.00		0.00
320221 Designated-Goodness Grows Insurance Claim		141,163.70		459,148.08
320225 Desig-Jentes PR Calvin PC		790.16		790.16
320265 Desig-Calvin PC Legacy Funds		39,805.47		46,805.47
320290 Designated Okolona PC Payroll		3,410.18		4,548.76
320305 Designated Cres Hill Payroll		1,319.64		-17,355.60
320315 Desig-CCC Payroll		-317.79		-125.14
320320 Desig-Shawnee PC Payroll		-8,684.36		-8,052.03
Total 320000 Designated Accounts	**$**	**3,252,244.73**	**$**	**3,550,418.13**
320200 Temp Restricted Fund Balance		0.00		0.00
240180 Restr-Peacemaking Pby Share		1,865.09		1,249.54
240190 Restr-Pby Share Centsability		2,183.50		1,827.34
240435 Restr-DePART		4,230.82		4,230.82
310110 Restr-Hygiene Kit Project		247.97		247.97

320103 Rest-Retired Ministers		35,240.02		32,332.12
320105 Restr-Hampton Mem		2,517.01		2,087.12
320106 Restr-Edwards Scholarship		66,212.65		60,807.27
320107 Restr-Quissenberry Scholarship		138,498.36		140,065.93
320108 Restr-PYC		42,797.15		47,241.03
320109 Restr-Hispanic Diaconal Fund		11,292.33		0.00
320110 Restr-Meadowview Draw Excess		23,295.11		22,752.30
320115 New Church Development Draw Excess		46,594.17		46,594.17
320235 MM Calvin Funds		170,659.73		186,166.08
Total 320200 Temp Restricted Fund Balance	**$**	**545,633.91**	**$**	**545,601.69**
320300 Perm Designated Fund Bal		5,000.00		5,000.00
390000 Retained Earnings		1,398,256.07		1,369,996.27
Net Income		-31,532.64		74,193.52
Total Equity	**$**	**5,290,425.05**	**$**	**5,666,032.59**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$**	**5,289,294.35**	**$**	**5,665,840.21**

Notes

*Realtor's estimate of current (2018) Cedar Ridge property value is $850,000

Fund Descriptions:□

Loan Fund: From churches that surrendered property, and gifts from churches. □

Principal and interest on loans goes back to Loan Fund□

Reserve Fund: Funded by assets transferred here for budgetary and future needs□

Edwards Fund: Founded in honor of Ernest ""Camp"" Edwards for college-bound students from the Smoketown area□

Hampton Mem. Fund: Founded in memory of Rev. Steve Hampton, for counseling MKP members□

PYC Fund: Founded in memory of Rev. Dick Dolin, to provide the youth of MKP with extra □

financial resources for events and training□

Quissenberry Fund: Founded to provide scholarships for those training for the ministry of Teaching Elder□

Retired Ministers: Income received from the Hutchison Memorial Trust, scholarships for Retired members□

Meadowview Legacy: Funds from sale of Meadowview PC property□

NCD & Revitalization Fund: Funds for New Church Development and Revitalization□

Ukirk: U of L college student outreach ministry□

Peacemaking: Share of Peacemaking offering - grants made for Peacemaking purposes□

Centsability: Share of Centsability Offering - grants made for hunger-related projects□

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Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky
Budget vs. Actual
January - September, 2026

	Total				
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	Remaining	% of Budget
Mission Income					
400100 Shared Mission Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
400110 SMS-Presbytery	146,141.11	199,750.00	-53,608.89	53,608.89	73.16%
400120 SMS-PCUSA	17,193.06	23,500.00	-6,306.94	6,306.94	73.16%
400130 SMS-SYNOD	8,596.51	11,750.00	-3,153.49	3,153.49	73.16%
Total 400100 Shared Mission Support	**$ 171,930.68**	**$ 235,000.00**	**-$ 63,069.32**	**$ 63,069.32**	**73.16%**
400200 Per Capita	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
400210 Per Capita-Presbytery	55,491.40	63,403.71	-7,912.31	7,912.31	87.52%
400220 Per Capita-PCUSA	50,938.79	58,203.24	-7,264.45	7,264.45	87.52%
400230 Per Capita-SYNOD	18,297.62	20,906.94	-2,609.32	2,609.32	87.52%
Total 400200 Per Capita	**$ 124,727.81**	**$ 142,513.89**	**-$ 17,786.08**	**$ 17,786.08**	**87.52%**
400320 Special Offerings PC(USA)	13,817.50	0.00	13,817.50	-13,817.50	
400400 Peacemaking Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
400420 Peacemaking-PCUSA	1,011.88	0.00	1,011.88	-1,011.88	
400430 Peacemaking-SYNOD	253.06	0.00	253.06	-253.06	
Total 400400 Peacemaking Income	**$ 1,264.94**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 1,264.94**	**-$ 1,264.94**	
410120 Preston Hwy. Hispanic Ministry	3,370.00	6,000.00	-2,630.00	2,630.00	56.17%
410135 Preston Hwy M-View Income	27,847.50	37,129.32	-9,281.82	9,281.82	75.00%
Total 410120 Preston Hwy. Hispanic Ministry	**$ 31,217.50**	**$ 43,129.32**	**-$ 11,911.82**	**$ 11,911.82**	**72.38%**
420000 Other Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	
420130 Calvin donation to MKP Program Budget	15,506.35	31,012.35	-15,506.00	15,506.00	50.00%
420200 Misc contributions	10.00	0.00	10.00	-10.00	
420450 Retired Schol Fund	152.30	0.00	152.30	-152.30	
420500 Hampton Memorial Contribution	150.00		150.00	-150.00	
420550 Quissenberry Offering Income	754.60	0.00	754.60	-754.60	
420760 Reserve Fund Transfer		40,000.00	-40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00%
420800 Worship Offering	6,061.00	0.00	6,061.00	-6,061.00	
420975 Christian Ed Youth Event	75.00	0.00	75.00	-75.00	
420995 CG&T Draw		2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
495955 Meadowview Transfer		0.00	0.00	0.00	
495955-01 C. Community		19,500.00	-19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00%
495955-02 Grace Hope	32,415.00	0.00	32,415.00	-32,415.00	
495955-09 Meadowview MKP Staff Support	16,107.75	21,477.00	-5,369.25	5,369.25	75.00%
495955-10 GP Moving Exp. Meadowview Draw	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
495955-12 Okolona Demo Grant	7,500.00		7,500.00	-7,500.00	
Total 495955 Meadowview Transfer	**$ 66,022.75**	**$ 50,977.00**	**$ 15,045.75**	**-$ 15,045.75**	**129.51%**
495970 Loan Fund Draw for John Knox PC	25,000.00		25,000.00	-25,000.00	

495975 Loan Fund Draw Beulah	25,000.00		25,000.00	-25,000.00	
496150 Treas-Bkkpg for Churches	16,088.31	34,075.68	-17,987.37	17,987.37	47.21%
496160 P/R Svc. to Churches Income	3,613.00	10,000.00	-6,387.00	6,387.00	36.13%
496220 Draw from Quissenberry Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
496225 PYC Fund Draw		6,000.00	-6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00%
Total 420000 Other Income	**$ 166,433.31**	**$ 182,065.03**	**-$ 15,631.72**	**$ 15,631.72**	**91.41%**
420100 Ukirk Synod Gift	11,850.30	15,800.00	-3,949.70	3,949.70	75.00%
420101 Ukirk Designated Funds	1,000.00		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
420102 CE Gift Ukirk		1,090.93	-1,090.93	1,090.93	0.00%
420103 Church/Individual Donation to Ukirk	1,290.00	5,400.00	-4,110.00	4,110.00	23.89%
420135 Calvin MM W/D Mission Grants		7,000.00	-7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
480500 Interest Income - Money Market	267.21	1,000.00	-732.79	732.79	26.72%
495850 COM Income	150.00	500.00	-350.00	350.00	30.00%
495900 CE Fees for Events & Activities		700.00	-700.00	700.00	0.00%
550635 Goodness Grows Income	400.00	0.00	400.00	-400.00	
495906 NCD draw for Goodness Grows Goshen NWC	70,000.00	140,000.00	-70,000.00	70,000.00	50.00%
550615 Goodness Grows Rental Income N. Oldham Co.	4,070.00	33,500.00	-29,430.00	29,430.00	12.15%
550630 Goodness Grows NWC Grant PC(USA)		30,000.00	-30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00%
550645 G. Grows Fundraising Income		10,000.00	-10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00%
Total 550635 Goodness Grows Income	**$ 74,470.00**	**$ 213,500.00**	**-$ 139,030.00**	**$ 139,030.00**	**34.88%**
Total Mission Income	**$ 598,419.25**	**$ 847,699.17**	**-$ 249,279.92**	**$ 249,279.92**	**70.59%**
Shared Support Expense					
500100 Church Support-GA		0.00	0.00	0.00	
500110 Shared Mission GA	17,193.05	23,500.00	-6,306.95	6,306.95	73.16%
500120 Per Capita GA	50,938.79	58,203.24	-7,264.45	7,264.45	87.52%
500130 Peacemaking GA	1,011.88	0.00	1,011.88	-1,011.88	
Total 500100 Church Support-GA	**$ 69,143.72**	**$ 81,703.24**	**-$ 12,559.52**	**$ 12,559.52**	**84.63%**
500200 Church Support-Synod		0.00	0.00	0.00	
500210 Shared Mission Synod	8,596.51	11,750.00	-3,153.49	3,153.49	73.16%
500220 Per Capita Synod	18,297.62	20,906.94	-2,609.32	2,609.32	87.52%
500230 Peacemaking Synod	253.06	0.00	253.06	-253.06	
Total 500200 Church Support-Synod	**$ 27,147.19**	**$ 32,656.94**	**-$ 5,509.75**	**$ 5,509.75**	**83.13%**
500320 Special Offerings Disbursement	13,817.50	0.00	13,817.50	-13,817.50	
500325 Disburse Worship Offering	5,711.00	0.00	5,711.00	-5,711.00	
520000 Presbytery Program Support		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520005 Commission on Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520010 Ministry-Other	9.95		9.95	-9.95	
520030 Leadership Training Events		500.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00%
520060 General/Abuse VictimsCounseling	750.00	1,500.00	-750.00	750.00	50.00%
520070 Annual Clergy Retreats	773.05	1,500.00	-726.95	726.95	51.54%
520080 Transitional Pastor Training	300.00	500.00	-200.00	200.00	60.00%
520085 Coaching		500.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00%
520090 Misc. Training/Resources	300.00	1,000.00	-700.00	700.00	30.00%

520095 Clergy Fellowship Gatherings		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
520225 Assistance to Pastors		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
Total 520005 Commission on Ministry	**$ 2,133.00**	**$ 6,000.00**	**-$ 3,867.00**	**$ 3,867.00**	**35.55%**
520100 Commission on Prep for Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520130 CPM Required Psych Eval		7,000.00	-7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
520140 Committee Expenses	895.14	1,000.00	-104.86	104.86	89.51%
810000 Quissenberry Scholarships	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	
Total 520100 Commission on Prep for Ministry	**$ 7,895.14**	**$ 8,000.00**	**-$ 104.86**	**$ 104.86**	**98.69%**
520200 Church Growth & Transformation	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00	500.00	75.00%
520255 Mission Committee	765.00	7,000.00	-6,235.00	6,235.00	10.93%
520260 Racial Justice Committee		2,500.00	-2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%
520300 Christian Education Committee		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520315 Youth Educational Events		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
520325 Scholarships		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
520330 Administrative Expenses		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
520340 Triennium		3,000.00	-3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00%
520360 Mid-South APCE Dues		250.00	-250.00	250.00	0.00%
520500 UKirk Communities Exp		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520505 UK Salary	7,203.00	12,348.00	-5,145.00	5,145.00	58.33%
520507 Ukirk Soc Sec	78.72		78.72	-78.72	
520510 UK SECA	472.32	944.62	-472.30	472.30	50.00%
520520 UK Program Expenses	5,132.84	5,000.00	132.84	-132.84	102.66%
520525 UK College Conf	770.59	1,000.00	-229.41	229.41	77.06%
520530 UK Travel/Other		2,167.25	-2,167.25	2,167.25	0.00%
520545 Ukirk Student	1,500.00	772.00	728.00	-728.00	194.30%
520555 Ukirk student Soc Sec	114.75	59.06	55.69	-55.69	194.29%
Total 520500 UKirk Communities Exp	**$ 15,272.22**	**$ 22,290.93**	**-$ 7,018.71**	**$ 7,018.71**	**68.51%**
Total 520300 Christian Education Committee	**$ 15,272.22**	**$ 26,290.93**	**-$ 11,018.71**	**$ 11,018.71**	**58.09%**
520335 Cedar Ridge Camp	22,500.00	30,000.00	-7,500.00	7,500.00	75.00%
520430 Coordinating Commission	124.99	0.00	124.99	-124.99	
520441 New Mission Opportunities	1,840.29	4,500.00	-2,659.71	2,659.71	40.90%
540435 Statewide Presbytery Meeting		500.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 520430 Coordinating Commission	**$ 1,965.28**	**$ 5,000.00**	**-$ 3,034.72**	**$ 3,034.72**	**39.31%**
Total 520000 Presbytery Program Support	**$ 52,030.64**	**$ 86,790.93**	**-$ 34,760.29**	**$ 34,760.29**	**59.95%**
530000 Hispanic/Latino Committee		0.00	0.00	0.00	
510500 Preston Hwy. Hispanic Ministry		0.00	0.00	0.00	
510515 PHM Transport/Mileage	3,178.98	3,500.00	-321.02	321.02	90.83%
510520 PHM SECA	1,792.44	2,389.82	-597.38	597.38	75.00%
510530 PHM Salary	23,429.70	31,239.50	-7,809.80	7,809.80	75.00%
510535 PHM Program Expenses	3,408.00	6,000.00	-2,592.00	2,592.00	56.80%
Total 510500 Preston Hwy. Hispanic Ministry	**$ 31,809.12**	**$ 43,129.32**	**-$ 11,320.20**	**$ 11,320.20**	**73.75%**
530100 Cafe Brasil		1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Total 530000 Hispanic/Latino Committee	**$ 31,809.12**	**$ 44,129.32**	**-$ 12,320.20**	**$ 12,320.20**	**72.08%**
540445 General Assembly	3,072.61	3,000.00	72.61	-72.61	102.42%

550160 Loan Fund Disbursement			0.00	0.00	
550160-2 John Knox Loan Disbursement	1,531.75		1,531.75	-1,531.75	
Total 550160 Loan Fund Disbursement	**$ 1,531.75**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 1,531.75**	**-$ 1,531.75**	
550175 Hampton Mem Disbursement	300.00	0.00	300.00	-300.00	
550225 Retired Min Scholar Disburs	3,649.00		3,649.00	-3,649.00	
550255 Meadowview Funds Disbursement		0.00	0.00	0.00	
550255-01 Grace Hope Project	12,414.50	0.00	12,414.50	-12,414.50	
550255-05 LCAN Energy Assessment Grants	500.00	0.00	500.00	-500.00	
550255-7 Disb. Okolona Grant Youth Ministry	39.80		39.80	-39.80	
550259 E-town 1st PC Dem. Grant	12,798.00	0.00	12,798.00	-12,798.00	
Total 550255 Meadowview Funds Disbursement	**$ 25,752.30**	**$ 0.00**	**$ 25,752.30**	**-$ 25,752.30**	
550560 New Goshen PC Expenses			0.00	0.00	
550561 New Goshen Utilities Expense	336.80		336.80	-336.80	
550564 New Goshen Mowing/Landscaping	4,474.70		4,474.70	-4,474.70	
550565 New Goshen Building Maintenance	3,095.62	31,000.00	-27,904.38	27,904.38	9.99%
550566 New Goshen Property Insurance	13,776.00	15,000.00	-1,224.00	1,224.00	91.84%
550567 New Goshen HOA Dues	480.00	240.00	240.00	-240.00	200.00%
Total 550560 New Goshen PC Expenses	**$ 22,163.12**	**$ 46,240.00**	**-$ 24,076.88**	**$ 24,076.88**	**47.93%**
550650 Disburse to Covenant Community		19,500.00	-19,500.00	19,500.00	0.00%
		0.00	0.00	0.00	
550600 N. Oldham Goodness Grows		0.00	0.00	0.00	
550601 N. Oldham GG Salary	50,555.44	70,000.00	-19,444.56	19,444.56	72.22%
550602 N. Oldham GG Social Security	3,866.70	5,355.00	-1,488.30	1,488.30	72.21%
550603 N. Oldham GG Medical/Benefits	20,278.73	27,300.00	-7,021.27	7,021.27	74.28%
550604 N. Oldham GG Utilities	13,429.97	21,000.00	-7,570.03	7,570.03	63.95%
550605 N. Oldham GG Janitorial/Pest control/Trash pickup	974.58	1,600.00	-625.42	625.42	60.91%
550606 N. Oldham GG Mowing/Landscaping		8,000.00	-8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00%
550610 N. Oldham GG Mileage Reimb.		1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
550611 N. Oldham GG Cont. Education	800.00	5,000.00	-4,200.00	4,200.00	16.00%
550612 N. Oldham GG Other Expense		28,005.00	-28,005.00	28,005.00	0.00%
Total 550600 N. Oldham Goodness Grows	**$ 89,905.42**	**$ 167,260.00**	**-$ 77,354.58**	**$ 77,354.58**	**53.75%**
	$ 89,905.42	**$ 167,260.00**	**-$ 77,354.58**	**$ 77,354.58**	**53.75%**
Total Shared Support Expense	**$ 346,033.37**	**$ 481,280.43**	**-$ 135,247.06**	**$ 135,247.06**	**71.90%**
Remaining Mission Income	**$ 252,385.88**	**$ 366,418.74**	**-$ 114,032.86**	**$ 114,032.86**	**68.88%**
Presbytery Expenses					
600100 Presbytery Operations		0.00	0.00	0.00	
520410 Ky Council of Churches	2,250.00	3,000.00	-750.00	750.00	75.00%
520415 Resources, Supplies, KCC Regist		1,000.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00%
600130 Taxes & Legal Fees	510.92	500.00	10.92	-10.92	102.18%
600135 Insurance Presbytery Office	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
600170 Permanent Judical Commission		500.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00%
Total 600100 Presbytery Operations	**$ 6,260.92**	**$ 8,500.00**	**-$ 2,239.08**	**$ 2,239.08**	**73.66%**
600200 Office Operations	4,049.32	0.00	4,049.32	-4,049.32	

520460 Annual Gift to LPTS		3,400.00	-3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00%
600210 Office Computer/Software/IT	3,586.12	4,000.00	-413.88	413.88	89.65%
600215 Office Equipment	265.52	2,000.00	-1,734.48	1,734.48	13.28%
600220 Postage & Shipping	120.25	400.00	-279.75	279.75	30.06%
600225 Telephone & Internet	464.75	600.00	-135.25	135.25	77.46%
600230 Office Supplies	738.56	1,000.00	-261.44	261.44	73.86%
600235 Publications/Subscriptions/Reso	30.00	200.00	-170.00	170.00	15.00%
600245 Bank Svc Chg	899.97	900.00	-0.03	0.03	100.00%
Total 600200 Office Operations	**$ 10,154.49**	**$ 12,500.00**	**-$ 2,345.51**	**$ 2,345.51**	**81.24%**
610000 Personnel Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00	
600115 Stipend-Stated Clerk	16,616.16	22,154.83	-5,538.67	5,538.67	75.00%
600120 Stipend-Recording Clerk	1,616.85	2,155.74	-538.89	538.89	75.00%
600160 Stated Clerk Cont. Ed.	300.00	2,000.00	-1,700.00	1,700.00	15.00%
600180 GP Search Committee		2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
610100 Office Mngr		0.00	0.00	0.00	
610110 OM Salary	40,747.23	54,349.64	-13,602.41	13,602.41	74.97%
610120 OM Med. & Benefits	15,897.24	21,196.36	-5,299.12	5,299.12	75.00%
610130 OM Payroll Taxes	3,117.24	4,157.75	-1,040.51	1,040.51	74.97%
Total 610100 Office Mngr	**$ 59,761.71**	**$ 79,703.75**	**-$ 19,942.04**	**$ 19,942.04**	**74.98%**
610300 Treasurer		0.00	0.00	0.00	
610305 Treas Salary MKP	2,050.12	23,401.91	-21,351.79	21,351.79	8.76%
610310 Treas Salary Churches	34,852.04	25,801.00	9,051.04	-9,051.04	135.08%
610320 Treas Benefits Churches		6,252.00	-6,252.00	6,252.00	0.00%
610325 Treas Benefits MKP	14,382.81	12,925.00	1,457.81	-1,457.81	111.28%
610335 Treas FICA Match Churches	632.52	1,973.78	-1,341.26	1,341.26	32.05%
620330 Treas FICA MKP	2,190.60	1,790.25	400.35	-400.35	122.36%
Total 610300 Treasurer	**$ 54,108.09**	**$ 72,143.94**	**-$ 18,035.85**	**$ 18,035.85**	**75.00%**
610500 Workers Comp Ins	523.25	1,500.00	-976.75	976.75	34.88%
610505 Staff Meeting & Travel	9,278.13	6,500.00	2,778.13	-2,778.13	142.74%
610600 G Presbyter		0.00	0.00	0.00	
600265 GP Moving Expense	8,590.57	10,000.00	-1,409.43	1,409.43	85.91%
610650 GP Salary	42,831.31	56,350.00	-13,518.69	13,518.69	76.01%
610660 GP Housing	30,812.50	42,000.00	-11,187.50	11,187.50	73.36%
610670 GP Pension & Insurance	27,079.92	37,375.00	-10,295.08	10,295.08	72.45%
610680 GP SECA	5,633.74	7,524.00	-1,890.26	1,890.26	74.88%
610690 GP Mileage	1,885.75	2,000.00	-114.25	114.25	94.29%
610695 GP Cont. Ed.		3,500.00	-3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00%
610696 GP Prof. Expense Allowance	3,283.33	3,500.00	-216.67	216.67	93.81%
Total 610600 G Presbyter	**$ 120,117.12**	**$ 162,249.00**	**-$ 42,131.88**	**$ 42,131.88**	**74.03%**
610697 GP Discretionary Fund	250.00	1,000.00	-750.00	750.00	25.00%
620120 Web Master stipend	1,194.75	1,592.96	-398.21	398.21	75.00%
Total 610000 Personnel Expenses	**$ 263,766.06**	**$ 353,000.22**	**-$ 89,234.16**	**$ 89,234.16**	**74.72%**
620200 Financial Review		2,000.00	-2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00%
690000 Payroll Expenses - Taxes	1,271.16	0.00	1,271.16	-1,271.16	

Total Presbytery Expenses*	**$ 281,452.63**	**$ 376,000.22**	**-$ 94,547.59**	**$ 94,547.59**	**74.85%**
Shared Support Expense + Administrative Expense	**$ 627,486.00**				
Net Income/Loss	**-$ 29,066.75**	**-$ 9,581.48**	**-$ 19,485.27**	**$ 19,485.27**	**303.36%**
Other Income					
700000 Other Income/Expense		0.00	0.00	0.00	
720000 Investment Gain/Loss	-2,465.89	0.00	-2,465.89	2,465.89	
Total 700000 Other Income/Expense	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 0.00**	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 2,465.89**	
Total Other Income	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 0.00**	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 2,465.89**	
Net Other Income	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 0.00**	**-$ 2,465.89**	**$ 2,465.89**	
Net Income	**-$ 31,532.64**	**-$ 9,581.48**	**-$ 21,951.16**	**$ 21,951.16**	**329.10%**

Notes:

*2026 Budget reflects adoption 11/8/25 and the adoption of the GP package December 2025.

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Rev. Elmer Zavala
Ministry with Hispanic/Latinos/the Preston Highway Neighborhoods

2026 Budget as of 9/30/2026

Income	**Actual**	**Budgeted**	**Remaining**
*Non-diaconal fund gifts from churches/individuals in 2026:	$ 3,370.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 2,630.00
Meadowview Grant (3 Quarters 2026)	$ 27,847.50	$ 37,129.32	$ 9,281.82
Total Income:	**$ 31,217.50**	**$ 43,129.32**	**$ 11,911.82**

Expenses	**Spent 2026**	**2026 Budget**	**Remaining**
Salary:	$ 23,429.70	$ 31,239.50	$ 7,809.80
SECA:	$ 1,792.44	$ 2,389.82	$ 597.38
Transportation/Mileage	$ 3,178.98	$ 3,500.00	$ 321.02
Program, Ministry Materials:	$ 3,408.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 2,592.00
Total 2026 Budgeted Expenses:	**$ 31,809.12**	**$ 43,129.32**	**$ 11,320.20**

***Gifts from Churches/Individuals Sept. 2026**

$0.00

Diaconal Fund - Balance Sheet Restricted Fund

Diaconal Fund Beginning Balance 9/01/2026

$11,279.84 includes $50 KT Ockels 8/31 gift (not attributed to August)

September 2026 Diaconal Fund Contributions

29-Sep $220.00 Harvey Browne PC

September 2026 Diaconal Fund Expenses:

$182.51 LG&E

Diaconal Fund Ending Balance 9/30/2026

11,317.33

Oldham County Property Hwy 42
(Goodness Grows Goshen)

2026 Budget as of 09/30/2026

Income		**Actual**		**Budgeted**
Fundraising			$	10,000.00
New Worshipping Community Grant PC(USA)			$	30,000.00
Rental/Other Income*	$	4,070.00	$	33,500.00
Gifts from Churches/Individuals				
NCD Draw	$	70,000.00	$	140,000.00
Total Income:	**$**	**74,070.00**	**$**	**213,500.00**

Goodness Grows Expenses		**Spent 2026**		**2026 Budget**
Salary	$	50,555.44	$	70,000.00
Social Security	$	3,866.70	$	5,355.00
Medical Insurance/Benefits	$	20,278.73	$	27,300.00
Continuing Education	$	800.00	$	5,000.00
Mileage expense			$	1,000.00
Utilities	$	13,429.97	$	21,000.00
Janitorial	$	974.58	$	1,600.00
	$	89,905.42		
Presbytery Expenses				
Building Maintenance	$	3,095.62	$	31,000.00
Insurance Premium	$	13,776.00	$	15,000.00
Mowing	$	4,474.70	$	8,000.00
HOA dues	$	480.00	$	240.00
Other expenses (J. Control fire alarm)	$	336.80	$	28,005.00
	$	22,163.12		
Total 2026 Budgeted Expenses:	**$**	**112,068.54**	**$**	**213,500.00**
Balance:	**$**	**(37,998.54)**		

Rental/Other Income*		
1/26/2026	$250	Lindsey Evans rental
3/20/2026	$250	Abbi Yelton rental
6/1/2026	$1,500	Giorga Milne rental (Touch of Presence School)
6/30/2026	$100	Dana S. rental
7/14/2026	$500	City of River Bluff (meeting space)
9/18/2026	$500	Rhonda Schladant LMT
9/18/2026	$400	Crestwood UMC
9/18/2026	$70	Empower You Whole Body
7/14/2026	$500	Rhonda Schladand LLC rent
	$4,070	

Insurance Claim Funds (Balance Sheet)

1/1/2026	$381,352.48	Beginning balance 1/1/2026
2/24/2026	-$630.00	COIT water clean up in sanctuary
2/24/2026	-$6,500.00	Wolfgang & Hite architect plans and work redevelopı
3/31/2026	$3,856.49	Insurance Claim Hail Damage
5/7/2026	-$2,450.00	First half Zavala Home Repair painting
5/21/2026	-$2,450.00	Remaining pd. Zavala Home Repair painting
6/1/2026	$300.00	ABIGAYLE COTHRAN wedding fee downpayment
8/31/2026	-$98,650.00	K&P Roofing
9/15/2026	-$133,665.27	Eagle Premium Exteriors (1/2 down payment)
	$141,163.70	

Ukirk Budget as of 9 30 2026

Income:

		Actual		Budgeted
Synod of Living Waters	$	11,850.30	$	15,800.00
From CE Committee			$	1,090.93
Gifts from Churches/Individuals*	$	2,290.00	$	5,400.00
Total Income:	**$**	**14,140.30**	**$**	**22,290.93**

Expenses:

		Actual		Budgeted
Ukirk Director Salary	$	7,203.00	$	12,348.00
Ukirk Director Soc sec	$	78.72		
Ukirk Director SECA	$	472.32	$	944.62
Ukirk student Compensation	$	1,500.00	$	772.00
Ukirk student Soc Sec	$	114.75	$	59.06
Ukirk College Conference	$	770.59	$	1,000.00
Ukirk Program Expense	$	5,132.84	$	5,000.00
Ukirk Travel/Other			$	2,167.25
Total Expenses:	**$**	**15,272.22**	**$**	**22,290.93**

*Gifts from Churches/Individuals:

1/2/2026 $500 from Aimee Moiso
4/16/2026 $90 from Strathmoor PC
4/24/2026 $1,000 from Magee CE Foundation
4/30/2026 $250 from Pewee Valley PC
7/14/2026 $200 from Strathmoor PC
9/29/2026 $250 from Pewee Valley PC

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky CG&T Nov. 2026 Report

Committee/Commission Name: Church Growth and Transformation

Committee/Commission Chair: Rev. Paul Seebeck, Chair, and Rev. Ashia Stoess, Vice Chair

Committee/Commission Members: Marie Cross, Dr. Marcus Hong, Rev. Joanna Kim, Rev. Brad Palmer, and Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow

Purpose of the Committee/Commission

To foster and encourage vital faith communities and congregations by promoting new and transformational endeavors within the presbytery and developing new worshiping communities and shared ministries.

Recent Activities

- **August:** The committee hosted a workshop at the presbytery meeting in collaboration with the Office of Innovation, featuring the Mid-Kentucky Innovation Lab with DeEtte Decker and Samuel Son. Recruitment for the upcoming Innovation Lab cohort is ongoing. The initiative will begin with a day-long retreat on January 9, 2027. Applications are available on the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery website and should be submitted to Ashia Stoess (ashiastoess@gmail.com) by November 15, 2026.
- **September:** The committee reviewed the Spirit of Sophia 1001 New Worshiping Communities (NWC) Growth Grant application. As potential changes to the grant process have been identified, further action is on hold pending additional information. The committee also discussed its proposed 2027 budget for submission to the Finance Committee.
- **October:** The committee received and reviewed a funding request from La Escuelita. Additional information is being gathered before the committee makes a recommendation. The committee also received an update on North Oldham New Worshiping Community, known as *Goodness Grows*.
- **Ongoing Work and Future Planning:** The committee continues to support existing commitments and initiatives while beginning to develop a strategic plan to guide its priorities and work in 2027.

Items Requiring Presbytery Attention

Upcoming Dates & Opportunities

- Applications for the Mid-Kentucky Innovation Lab are due November 15, 2026.
- Committee meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month via Zoom from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Requests for Prayer or Support

- We pray for guidance as we continue to revise aspects of the committee's work to better meet the current needs of our presbytery.

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky Christian Education

Nov. 2026 Report

Committee/Commission Name: Education Committee
Presbytery Meeting Date: November 14, 2026
Committee/Commission Chair: Gina Meester & Galan Zavala Sherby
Committee/Commission Members: Albert Earley, Sylvette Rivera, J.T. Silence

The committee supported the fall youth retreat. Rev. Adrian White reported

“Let’s give thanks for a wonderful presbytery-wide youth retreat! Cedar Ridge welcomed 52 youth and 15 adults from five churches (Beechmont, Harvey Browne, Highland, Anchorage, and Second) for a day to grow in faith and community. World Communion Sunday worship included preaching by Joanna Kim, songs led by local musician Matthew Black, and youth leading as liturgists and communion servers. Through worship and small groups, we explored the theme Many Parts, One Body. We also had time for plenty of camp fun, including capture the flag, canoeing, archery, and more. What a joy to be together as the body of Christ!”

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Report to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

November 14, 2026

REPORT FOR ACTION:
None

REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Commission met on September 15 and October 20, 2026. Highlights include:

- **Krista Rue** (Pewee Valley) was enrolled as an Inquirer. Soni Castleberry will serve as her CPM liaison. A session orientation will be provided to Pewee Valley at a future date. Krista is unable to be at this meeting of the Presbytery. We will hope to introduce her to the Presbytery at our next meeting.

- The Commission accepted with regret the resignation of Elder Jewel McRae. Rev. Dr. Camille Williams-Neal will serve as CPM liaison for **Candidate Grace-Love**.

- An annual consultation was conducted with **Candidate Marcus Hong.** The Commission acted to continue Christiaan under the care of the Presbytery.

- The Commission updated its **budget request and line items** for 2027 to more accurately reflect the work of the Commission and the sources of funds (Quissenberry Fund and the Presbytery's operating budget).

- **The Quissenberry Scholarship Fund** application will be taken down from the MKP website for the time being. An updated application form with a clear explanation of the fund and its use will be developed for 2027.

- The CPM, on behalf of the Presbytery, provided dinner for the September gathering of the **LPTS Presbyterian Connection.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carl E. Horton

CPM Moderator

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

Presbytery Meeting Date: November 14, 2026
Commission Chair: Marissa Galvan-Valle
Commission Members: Greg Cohen, Susan Barnes, Linda Caldwell, Megan McCarty, Stacie Torgerson, Brooke Caudill, Austin Green, Karen Hadley, Jennifer Gingerich, Jim Murphy, Diane Palmer, Bill Williamson, Rick Fletcher, George Love, Julie Smyrichinsky, Joanna Kim (GP, staff), Jenny Edlin (Interim SC, staff)

Purpose of the Commission
The Commission on Ministry supports ministers and congregations in matters of pastoral leadership, transitions, care, and accountability. COM also acts on behalf of the presbytery in responsibilities entrusted to it under the Book of Order and presbytery policy.

For action:

- The Commission on Ministry approved Marcus Hong's service as UKirk Interim Campus Coordinator as a validated ministry in connection with his proposed ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. **FOR ACTION:** The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky approve candidate Marcus Hong for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Recent Activities

- The October 17 retreat at Cedar Ridge Camp brought together 25 participants for learning, reflection, and fellowship. Feedback highlighted the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins and Dr. Marcus Hong's participation, small-group activities, creative devotional time, and hospitality. COM will continue to listen to feedback in order to improve scheduling, events, registration and other aspects of the retreat.
- Approved the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Dave Bush and Okolona Presbyterian Church and the Temporary Pastor Position Description for Radcliff Presbyterian Church.
- Approved dismissal of the Rev. Charlie Evans to St. Augustine Presbytery and the Rev. Nell Herring to the Presbytery of Wyoming.
- Approved the proposed COM budget, including a $500 reallocation to the ministers retreat to help cover out-of-town speakers.
- Continued accompaniment and transition support with Hopewell, Beulah, Radcliff, Springdale, Louisville Korean, Shawnee, Westwood, Taiwanese, and Strathmoor.

Ordination Anniversaries

- **10 years:** Tamara Recob
- **30 years:** Carol Humphrey
- **35 years:** Ginny Brown; Art Turner
- **40 years:** Robert Owens; Linda Reichenbecher

Statement of Faith **Marcus A. Hong**

I believe because *we* believe. I trust the God we have come to know in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit, because so many before me and around me have trusted – a great cloud of witnesses who encourage me when I struggle and support me when I falter. I believe that my faith, while expressed and embodied by me uniquely, is not my own. I am because we are; this is both grace and responsibility. Grace, because I am upheld by a God-given community; responsibility because I must uphold others, seeking justice and reconciliation when community is broken.

I trust that God is love. We have come to know that God is love through witness of the community of faith across time and space, including the witnesses contained in the Hebrew scriptures and the New Testament, which together form our Christians scriptures. We share the Hebrew scriptures, theological roots, and a complicated history of faith with our Jewish neighbors, from whom we learn, and with whom we are in dialogue, even as our theologies and practices necessarily differ.

We have come to know and trust God, Author and Creator; Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend; and the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Counselor. These are not three separate beings, but one God in three persons. God is made known to us in this way so that we would know that the one we worship is love—three persons dancing a dance of love in one being, giving space for unique persons while mutually indwelling as one. We hold this as a mystery less understood than it is experienced—a love that overflows to us and to all of creation, giving space for each unique being, while calling all to unity and mutual care.

I trust that God, the Author and Creator, is a God of tenacious solidarity and steadfast love. God desires to hear us and dwell with us. God welcomes our prayers, our cries, our joy, our anger, and our calls for God to make things right. Because God created us as part of a broader family of creation, we are held responsible for care of this world in which we live. Because God created all and loves all, God is faithful, even when we are faithless. Our faithlessness expresses itself in broken relationships with God, with other human beings, with ourselves, and with all of creation. We call these broken relationships sin—a faithlessness embodied both by persons and through systems of power beyond individuals.

I trust that Jesus Christ, Savior and Friend, revealed to us the depths of God's love through his birth, life, teaching, death, and resurrection. Jesus showed us a way of liminality—a creative openness to God that comes from loving and walking alongside those pushed to society's margins. Jesus was born into a Jewish family from Nazareth, on the edges of Judean society, on the margins of the empire of Rome. Throughout his life, he chose to dwell with the marginalized, eating with sinners, dialoging with widows, touching those with diseases. He taught us to be neighbors to all, particularly those facing marginalization and oppression. He died a criminal's death, on a cross, on the outskirts of the city, under the foot of an empire. Jesus rose from the dead, and in his rising, first appeared to women, who, initially, were not believed.

In all of this, Jesus expressed a divine love from which we cannot be separated. Jesus called us friends and made us a community. In baptism, we claim that, before we could love or fail to love, before we could be faithful or faithless, God called us beloved. We are God's children, united as siblings, dying and rising with Christ. In communion, we remember over and over Christ's life, death and resurrection, while having a foretaste of the kind of community that will be possible when God finishes making all things new and all things right. Jesus has called us to and guided us in the ministry of reconciliation, proclaiming that no one and nothing in all of creation falls outside of God's love, and that sin, in all its forms, can be overcome. This ministry is shared by all who follow Jesus, though some are called to particular ministries to guide and support our common work.

I trust that the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Counselor, outgrowth of God's love, intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words when we struggle to pray. That same Spirit unites us with Jesus and with each other into a community of love, Christ's body in this world. The Holy Spirit, wild like the wind, leads us to unexpected places and unanticipated encounters, to welcome the stranger and to be willing to become the stranger. This is no aimless wandering, but a passionate pursuit of discipleship—following God's love wherever it leads.

Growing up, faith was life. I am the child of immigrants, my father from China, my mother from the Netherlands. We prayed at every meal, read scripture regularly, went to church every week. Church has always been home; I have slept in pews and cried at the piano bench. As a child, I eagerly memorized scriptures, creeds, and prayers. I attended private Christian schools, with Bible classes and daily chapel, until age fourteen. In public high school in Utah, I often spoke about faith with LDS friends trying to evangelize to me.

Because it is important to me, I approach religious commitment cautiously. When I was eight, my family moved to a Presbyterian Church. When offered Confirmation and membership, I delayed a year, speaking with my pastor to make sure I understood the commitment. Once I became a member, I preached several times, led music for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services, and attended every youth event. Around the same time, I felt a call to serve God's people, though I did not know what this meant. In high school, I served as a Youth Advisory Delegate to the 215th General Assembly, where I observed how presbyterian polity could, rightly used, allow voices to be heard and decisions to be made in community.

In college, to prepare for seminary, I studied both creative writing and religion, which deepened my faith and my understanding of God. I led worship and bible study in our college chapel. In my fourth year, I provided pulpit supply for local churches. I also experienced a crisis of faith after offering prayer to a fellow student in need. My offer was met with anger by classmates who said it was offensive to shove my faith down their throats. Prayer, and offering prayer to those who were suffering, had been foundational to my experience of faith until that point. For nearly a decade after, I struggled to pray or to offer prayer.

After college, I entered seminary and became an inquirer with my church back in Utah. I carefully pondered God's call. I came to see the role of Minister of Word and Sacrament as both sacred and perilous. As when I delayed Confirmation, I halted the inquiry process. I was not sure I was called to the particular ministry of Word and Sacrament. If I believed God's calling is for everyone, perhaps I was called in another way. I fell in love with teaching and considered a call as a Christian Educator. Soon, several professors encouraged me to apply for the PhD program. Having observed the struggles of fellow masters students, I saw a great need. I undertook PhD studies not for academic pursuits (though I love teaching, reading, and writing), but because I felt called to serve those preparing for ministry.

Throughout MDiv and PhD programs, I was never far from congregational work and worship leadership, simply because I love the church. I served three congregations during my four-year MDiv/MACE. During my PhD program, I was a youth shepherd, High School Ministry Director, and confirmation teacher in a local PCUSA congregation; and a music and worship leader on campus and in a New Worshipping Community. Then, the calling to pastoral ministry that I had become unsure of in my first year of seminary returned. A friend asked if I would be willing to serve as a Methodist local lay pastor. For nine months I prayed with, cared for, planned worship for, and guided the life of two small UMC churches. During my time with these congregations, I suffered an infection that brought me to the brink of death and unlocked a pattern of generalized anxiety. It also provided a deeper sense of God's care, and great empathy for those suffering from mental and physical ailments. At the end of my time with these churches, I accepted a position at Louisville Seminary (LPTS), as Director of Field Education.

When we arrived in Louisville, my family and I began searching for a congregation. From the first Sunday worshiping with Beechmont Presbyterian Church, we knew it was our new home. Having served congregations that were smaller than Beechmont, we felt comfortable with its intimate size. As a child of immigrants, I resonated with the congregation's intentions to become an intercultural community. The church's vibrant practice of prayer reawakened the prayer life with which I had struggled for years.

At the end of my first year at LPTS, a colleague who had served as the seminary's Chapel Worship Coordinator left for another position. Our dean at the time, who knew that I had applied to serve as the professor of worship before I applied for the Field Education position, asked if I would be willing to take up the responsibility for leading the seminary's weekly worship life. After several years guiding the seminary's regular worship, walking alongside students grieving classmates lost to cancer and car accidents, serving on committees of the Presbytery, and providing pastoral care to students who came to me in crisis after difficult field placements, I realized that I could no longer ignore that my calling and current ministry work embraced all facets of the work of a Minister of Word and Sacrament: "equipping the saints for the work of ministry"; "preach and teach the faith of the church"; "interpret and 'show forth' the mysteries of grace in word and action"; "support the people in the disciplines of the faith amid the struggles of daily life"; "discern the mind of Christ and to build up Christ's body through devotion, debate, and decision." (G-2.0501) I enrolled as an inquirer, hoping to discern whether my inward sense of call was matched by the communal affirmation of the broader community. As I have continued to discern the aspects of this calling that resonate most deeply with me, I have realized that I feel called to walk alongside people in a time of transition (whether the preparation for ministry that takes place in seminary or the journey of young adulthood) within the unique ministry context of an academic environment with all of its joy, pressures and stresses. The scholarly side of being a professor (as delightful as research is) has never beckoned me as much as the joy of accompanying people as they learn, ask hard questions, discern, and daily continue to become the people God longs for them to be.

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PROFILE

Worship Cultivator and Artist, Educator and Writer, PC(USA) member, candidate for ministry, certified ready to receive a call, with a passion for deepening the spiritual lives and supporting the wholeness of students and young people, deep roots in Reformed theology and spirituality, and a commitment to celebrating the human dignity of all.

EDUCATION

PhD, Practical Theology, Christian Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2024

Dissertation: "Deep Calls to Deep: The Psalms and the Formation of Communities of Empathetic Solidarity"
Advisor: Rev. Dr. Gordon S. Mikoski

MDiv and MA (Christian Education), Princeton Theological Seminary, 2011

BA (Religious Studies; English), Alma College, 2007

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Primary: *worship; liturgical theology; youth and young adult ministry; Christian spirituality and prayer practices; practical theology; Christian education theory and practice*

Secondary: *evangelism and missional formation; congregational ministry;*

HONORS

Scholar Member, IYM Foundations Project, Princeton Seminary, 2025-2027

Member, Yale Center for Faith and Culture Joy and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Scholar-Practitioner Collaborative, 2016-2018

Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, 2011-2016

William Tennent Scholarship in Christian Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2010

Barlow Trophy for Scholarship and Service, Alma College, Alma, MI, 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Director, "The Sun-Walking Fellowship" — 2023-Present
at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
$1,000,000 Grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.,
Strengthening Congregational Ministries with Youth Initiative.

Director of Lifelong Learning, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, — 2024-2026
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Director of Field Education, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, — 2016-2024
Chapel Worship Coordinator, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Editorial Assistant, Theology Today, Princeton Theological Seminary — 2011-2015

Teaching Assistant, Princeton Theological Seminary — 2011-2015

Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary — Spring 2015

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Interim Campus Ministry Coordinator, UKirk Louisville — Fall 2026-Present

Chapel Worship Coordinator, Louisville Seminary — 2017-2024
Leading a team of graduate students in planning two worship services per week

during the academic year, as well as leading and planning special services and services of grief, yearly Fall and Spring Convocations, Baccalaureate, Alum Reunion, and Black Church Studies Consultation services

Chaplain Intern, University of Louisville Hospital, 1 Unit — Spring 2023

Lay Pastor, The United Methodist Churches at Crosswicks and Ellisdale, NJ — 2015-2016

Worship Coordinator, Breaking Bread, A 1001 New Worshipping Community — 2014-2015
Princeton, NJ

Confirmation Teacher (2011-2016), Interim Co-Director of High School Ministry (2013-2014), — 2010-2016
and Director of High School Music and Worship (2010-2012),
Allentown Presbyterian Church, Allentown, NJ

Curriculum Development Consultant — 2011-2015
Allentown Presbyterian Church, Allentown, NJ

Chaplain, Koinonia PhD Fellowship, Princeton Seminary — 2011-2015

Teaching Ministry Intern, Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Union, NJ — 2009-2010

Ministry Intern, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Trenton, NJ — 2008-2009

Worship Leader, The Vine, Morrisville Presbyterian Church, Morrisville, PA — 2007-2008

Student Ministry Coordinator (Worship), Alma College Chapel, Alma, MI — 2003-2007

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Planning Team Member, Montreat Youth Conference, Alpha 2027 — Spring 2026-Summer 2027

Liturgy Writer, Bible and Church Music Conference, Massanetta Springs — Summer 2026

Small Group Facilitator, Middle and High School Manual Writer, Presbyterian — 2025
Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference, Montreat, NC

Worship Leadership, Arts Recreation and Worship Conference, Montreat, NC — 2024

Worship Leadership, "CAMP for Clergy" Liturgy Planning Retreat, — 2023
Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

Worship Leadership, Montreat College Conference, Montreat, NC — 2022

Worship Leadership, Montreat Summer Youth Conference, Montreat, NC — 2019, 2020, 2022

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Member, serving on Discipleship and Worship Committee — 2017-Present
Digital Deacon and Youth Leader, Beechmont Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY

Member and Faculty Liaison, Presbyterian Connection at LPTS — 2023-Present

Member, Church Growth and Transformation Committee, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery — 2023-Present

Pulpit Supply, various churches throughout New Jersey, Kentucky and Indiana — 2011-Present

Music Facilitator, CLEAR Project at Villanova University — 2024-2025
Facilitated feedback, concert planning, and workshops for a
$1,250,000 Grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. that produced new music and liturgy
about ecology suitable for children and intergenerational worshipping communities

Member, Worshipful Work Committee, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Louisville, KY — 2020-2024

Member, General Assembly Worship Planning Committee, — 2024
226th General Assembly of the PCUSA, Salt Lake City, UT

Member, UKirk Board, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Louisville, KY — 2018-2023

Member, Task Force for "A Witness from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky" — 2021-22
to the 225th General Assembly of the PCUSA, Song-Writing and Liturgy Team

Youth Advisory Delegate, Presbytery of Utah, Synod of the Rocky Mountains — 2003
for the 215th General Assembly of the PC(USA)

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES

"Chaos Ministry: Intergenerational Worship for Small Church Contexts", Spring 2026
2-hour Workshop for Louisville Seminary, Lifelong Learning Program

"Chaos Ministry: Intergenerational Worship Ecologies for Small Church Contexts" Summer 2025
Series of 5 1-hour long workshops as the Robert Stigall Seminar Leader
for the annual Presbyterian Association of Musician's "Worship and Music Conference"
Montreat, NC

"Empathy and Worship" at 2nd Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY Spring 2025
Series of 3 1-hour long Sunday morning Adult Ed. Workshops

"Psalms" at 2nd Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY Fall 2024
Series of 3 1-hour long Bible Studies for the "Morning Joy" Mid-week Adult Ed.

"Sun-Walking: Intergenerational Art-Making and Shared Humanity" Spring 2024
Series of 4 2-hour long workshops for the annual Arts Recreation and Worship Conference
Montreat, NC

"Be Curious" Spring 2023
Series of 3 Keynote Addresses for the Presbyterian Youth Connection
of the Presbytery of Miami Valley, OH

"Preaching the Psalms" Spring 2022
A Workshop for Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

"Calling on the Name: Psalm-Singing and Spiritual Formation" Spring 2018
Spring Convocation, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

"Orientation, Disorientation, Reorientation" Three-Day Workshop Fall 2015
for the Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry,
Certificate in Youth and Theology Capstone Retreat

"Crash Helmets and Cultivation: Engaging Youth in Worship," Spring 2015
Workshop for the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry

"The Psalms and Spiritual Formation," Three-Day Workshop Fall 2014
for the Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry,
Certificate in Youth and Theology Capstone Retreat

"Mary in Three Dimensions: An Exploration of Mary in Luke's Gospel," Fall 2013
Three Session Advent Bible Study Series, Princeton Theological Seminary

"Dynamically Provisional: The Musical Spirituality of Taizé," Summer 2013
Nassau Presbyterian Church Adult Education Series

"The Hunger Games and Moral Formation," with Christiane Lang Hearlson, Spring 2012
Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

"A Call to Being: Vocation in a World of Demands" in *Seen and Known* (title pending),
ed. Katherine Douglass, Eerdmans, (forthcoming, 2027)

Contributor, *Connections Worship Companion*, ed. David Gambrell, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, six volumes, 2021-2024.

Liturgies from Trinity Sunday through Proper 16, in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts*, Year B – 2023-2024, vol. 57.1, 2023.

"Prayer" Foundational Essay, *Follow Me Curriculum*, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, 2023.

"Learning through Our Community," in *Enlighten: Formational Learning in Theological Field Education*, ed. Sung Hee Chang Lanham, MD, Rowman & Littlefield, 2020.

"Excellence in Supervision: Practical Wisdom from Supervisor-Mentors" with Eileen R. Campbell-Reed, Catrina Ciccone, and Susan MacAlpine-Gillis in *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, vol. 40, Spring 2020

UWorship, UKirk Worship Resource, Louisville:, KY Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, Spring 2015
(written with a team of UKirk campus ministers)

Research Associate, Lilly High School Youth Theology Program Seminars 2011-2013
(Drs. Kenda Creasy Dean and Chris Coble, project directors), culminating in the book
How Youth Ministry Can Change Theological Education If We Let It (2016, Eerdmans)

Editorial Assistant for Rev. Dr. Richard R. Osmer and Rev. Dr. Gordon S. Mikoski 2010-2011
for their book *With Piety and Learning* (2011, Lit Verlag)

Musical arrangements of the following in *Psalms for All Seasons: A Complete Psalter for Worship*, Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2012:

"Feliz la gente," "Give Ear to Our Words, O Lord," "Hijos de Dios," "Están en tu mano," "O Great God and Lord of the Earth," "It Is Good to Give Thanks to You, Lord," "Alabad al Señor," "Alzo a los montes mis ojos," "Mirad cuán bueno y cuán delicioso," "Behold, How Good and Delightful," "Oh Señor, tú me has examinado," and "Praise the Lord! Sing Hallelujah!"

List of Courses Taught and Institutional Service at Louisville Seminary available upon request.

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To the UKirk Louisville Coordinator Search Committee:

I am writing to express my strong interest in the position of Interim Campus Ministry Coordinator for the UKirk Presbyterian Campus Ministry in Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Shaped by my own deeply formative experiences as a student and as a professor and worship leader in a graduate institution, I have a passion for deepening the spiritual lives and supporting the embodied wholeness of young adults and students in higher education settings. As a candidate for ministry, certified ready to receive a call in the PC(USA), I am committed to cultivating grounded, faithful experiences that are rooted in the Reformed tradition and open to people from a variety of backgrounds and across the wide spectrums and intersections of multiple identities.

When I was a college student, I became part of a campus ministry program at Alma College that gave incredible agency to college students in shaping their experiences. At the time, the school was piloting a program that employed up to 12 college students as Student Ministry Coordinators, who worked with the chaplain to plan and hold weekly worship, bible and book studies, service events, prayer meetings and other programs. Two years before this program started, the campus ministry had been whittled down to a handful of students and a chaplain listening to hymns on a boom box. By the time my cohort graduated, even while being led by three different chaplains across four years, the campus ministry program had grown to 75 in weekly worship, regular book and prayer meetings, and coordination with other campus programs uplifting the spiritual experiences of students. I learned from this experience to trust the longing and energy of young people and to help them to express their agency, while providing a safety net of support, guidance and administrative infrastructure so that they do not feel that the burden of ministry is on them.

Across nine years of graduate school, from 2007-2016, I helped to start a weekly contemplative worship service for my fellow MDiv students, served as a chaplain for my PhD student colleagues for five years, and led music as part of a new worshipping community once called Breaking Bread, now called Princeton Presbyterians, which served seminary students, students from the nearby Princeton University, and young adults from the broader Princeton area. Throughout these years, I grew to understand the stresses that academic life visits upon young people and came to appreciate how to provide opportunities for sabbath rest and embodied renewal, and to articulate what grace and playfulness can look like amidst the pressures of life in transition. During these same years, from 2011-2016, I also ministered alongside high school students at Allentown Presbyterian Church in Allentown, NJ, growing in appreciation for the joy, sorrow, and difficult questions of adolescence and the later teenage years. I walked with young people questioning their faith, grieving the sudden tragic loss of peers, mourning the unexpected deaths of their parents, looking for a place to belong, and experiencing the delight of continuing to become the people God longs for them to be. I was also invited to work with a group of UKirk campus ministers to create a worship resource specifically for college-age young adults, which was eventually published in 2015 as the first edition of *UWorship*.

Soon after arriving at Louisville Seminary in 2016, I became the seminary's Chapel Worship Coordinator, working with a team of graduate students to plan 2-3 weekly worship services, as well as to meet the spiritual needs of students and fellow staff members who come from a variety of spiritual backgrounds. For eight years, we played creatively with worship services and prayer services, incorporating silence and silliness, blanket forts and children's books, communal art-making and expressive liturgy-writing. I

accompanied students grieving peers who died in the middle of the semester, guided the community in planning services that lamented ongoing racism and queerphobic violence, walked with the seminary community through the global pandemic of COVID, and helped students, staff and alumni to process the sale of the residential side of campus, which had served as home for so many for decades. Through these experiences, I felt a call to become ordained.

From 2018-2023, I was grateful for the opportunity to serve on the UKirk Louisville Board, gaining an understanding of the unique local culture and situatedness of campus ministry here in Louisville. I have led studies and cooked meals for UKirk Louisville, enjoying my interactions with the students gathered. I have been inspired by UKirk Louisville's commitment to interfaith engagement, justice-seeking, and affirming the belovedness of all of God's people, including and particularly the LGBTQIA+ folx in our communities.

I hope this rather long cover letter expresses my call to accompany young adults and those in academic environments on their spiritual journeys. Attached, you will find a brief version of my CV, which includes contact information for references, as well as a statement of faith and a biographical faith journey. I would welcome the opportunity to converse with you about your dreams and hopes for the UKirk campus ministry and this coordinator role. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marcus A. Hong

Dissolution of the Goodness Grows Administrative Commission

Background and Rationale

The Goodness Grows ministry has evolved from the 2023 North Oldham New Church Development vision into an established New Worshiping Community, with an Administrative Commission appointed by the Presbytery in May 2024 to administer its approved budget.

Recognizing the ministry's challenges for development over the past several years, the recent departure of its Mission Developer in September 2026 (who was hired in July 2024 for a three-year term), and the importance of assessing benchmarks and discerning its next chapter, the Coordinating Commission deemed it timely and necessary to undertake a comprehensive and faithful assessment of the North Oldham/New Goshen Vision Project. This includes evaluating the development of the original vision, the current ministry, and the viability and sustainability of Goodness Grows as a New Worshiping Community of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery.

For this purpose, the Coordinating Commission has appointed a task force composed of members-at-large, representatives from the Personnel and Trustees/Finance committees, and members of the presbytery leadership team. The task force has consulted with the Administrative Commission and is charged to work in consultation with other relevant presbytery committees, as well as neighbors and tenants, and bring its findings and recommendations to the Coordinating Commission for consideration and subsequent report to the presbytery early 2027.

In light of this transition to a broader process of evaluation and discernment, the recommendation is dissolving the current Goodness Grows Administrative Commission with deep gratitude, entrusting the next phase of assessment and discernment to the newly appointed task force and to the Presbytery.

To: Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

From: Dave Bush, Moderator of the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Date: November 11, 2026

Subject: Update on the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Recommendation from the PAPC AC for MKP

The AC recommends that Mid-KY Presbytery approve the following motion:

1) The Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission be dissolved concurrent with the creation of a new administrative commission with original jurisdiction that will:
    - Focus on the best ways to continue the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ through the work of MKP in the Portland neighborhood
    - Supervise a new paid staff person who will:
        - Take the lead in finding uses for the Portland Avenue properties consistent with the ministry of Jesus Christ through MKP
        - Be the main contact person responsible for property management
    - Consistent with G-3.0109b(6) Par. 2, members of the new AC will include:
        - Dustin Morganett (RE, MKP), Janet Kelly (RE, Strathmoor PC), and Stew Bridgeman, Jr. (RE, CHPC)
        - People with experience in church revitalization, people with experience starting new mission programs, and or people with experience in new church development
        - A member or members from nearby PC(USA) congregation or congregations
        - Other people the presbytery may think appropriate to serve on the commission
2) MKP shall commit $250,000 from the New Church Development Fund to cover the cost of a new employee and any property modifications needed to accommodate community partnerships.
3) Within approximately eighteen (18) months after the new AC has been formed, if significant progress in finding appropriate uses for the properties has not been made, the new AC shall shift its focus to finding other non-profit ministries or organizations that could use the former PAPC properties
4) The new AC will:
    a. Make a detailed report of its ongoing work to the Coordinating Commission and other relevant MKP commissions and committees once each month
    b. Make a detailed report of its ongoing work to the presbytery at each of its stated meetings

Background Information on the AC

Mid-Kentucky Presbytery created the Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission (PAPC AC) at its November 16, 2024 meeting. The PAPC AC began meeting and took on the role of session on November 20, 2024.

By February 26, 2025, the members of the PAPC AC included: Jenny Edlin, TE (Moderator); Linda Reichenbecher, TE; Nancy Troy, TE (Clerk); Bill Williamson, TE (member of the MKP Commission on Ministry); Dustin Morganett, RE (PAPC Session Member), Stew Bridgeman, RE (Cresent Hill PC and member of the MKP Finance Committee), and Janet Kelly, RE (PAPC) as a "back-up" vote when Dustin is unable to attend AC meetings.

At the end of the March 25, 2026 PAPC AC meeting, Dave Bush, TE, was elected a PAPC AC member and moderator of the AC. Jenny stepped down from those roles because, as of January 2026, she is MKP's Interim Stated Clerk.

AC Actions Related to Its Original Charge Since May 2026

Much as happened with the work of the AC since my last report to the presbytery dated May 7, 2026.

MKP charged the PAPC AC with eleven (11) tasks:

1) Assume original jurisdiction for the governance of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church.
    - This occurred on November 20, 2024.

2) Assess the current state of ministry of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church, including all mission activities that are conducted on property currently held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and take such steps as are necessary to sustain those ministries the Commission determines are needed and/or desired.
    - This work continues.
    - Currently there is a music ministry (teaching music to youth) housed at the church.
    - A community game night occurs at the church.
    - The Renewed Hope Community Church rents part of the PAPC building.
    - Maryhurst Renewal rents the Rose Center house.

3) Evaluate the congregation's relationship with the local community.
    - See May 7, 2026 AC report.

4) Assess the staffing needs of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church.
    - See May 7, 2026 AC report.

5) Retrieve or reconstruct the session minutes for Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church for the past 20 years.
    - This work is complete.

6) Retrieve or reconstruct all financial records for Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church for the past 30 years.
    - This Work is complete.

7) Examine all documentation related to the creation of any subordinate, subsidiary and/or other legal entities by staff, session, and/or involved members of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church.
   - This work is complete.
   - Following the "MKP Policy Checklist for Churches Being Dissolved," Item D:
     - The registered agent, current officers, and directors of The Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Inc. have been updated.
     - Titles on the deeds for all seven (7) Portland Avenue properties have been changed from either PAPC, Inc. or For the Least of Them Ministries, LLC to the presbytery (properties: 3133, 3200, 3201, 3204, 3106, 3108, and 3126-3128 Portland Avenue).

8) Examine all property transactions conducted by the staff and/or session of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church to determine chain-of-custody and current legal status of all property held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in accordance with G-4.0203 and G-4.0204 of *The Book of Order*, and take any actions necessary to fulfill those requirements and any other requirements of G-4.02 of *The Book of Order*.
   - See May 7, 2026 report for details.
   - This work is complete.

9) Dissolve the session of Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church if it deems that action to be necessary to restore order in the congregation.
   - This work is complete.

10) Engage with the congregation, through listening sessions, to understand congregational dynamics and help restore trust. This can also provide members with transparency about the commission's work.
   - While there is no longer a PAPC congregation, the AC continues to build trust and work towards reconciliation that will strengthen the Body of Christ.

11) Report regularly to the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky on its activities, findings of fact and actions taken to restore order at Portland Avenue Presbyterian Church.
   - I've been in regular contact with the General Presbyter and the Stated Clerk.
   - Recent AC updates were submitted to the Coordination Commission, the Commission on Ministry, and the Finance Committee in: May, June, July, and November 2026.
   - Recent AC updates were submitted to the presbytery in May and November 2026.

<u>Other Actions of the AC Since May 2026</u>

- A list of the thirteen (13) PAPC members was created; two members transferred to other congregations, one member asked for their membership in the denomination to end when PAPC was dissolved, and the other ten members had their memberships transferred to MKP.
- The final worship service of PAPC, marking 171 years of ministry and the dissolution of the congregation, was held on September 13, 2026. Thank you to all those who attended this worship service.

- As mentioned above, the registered agent, current officers, and directors for the Portland Ave. P.C., Inc. have been changed.
- The signers on the PNC checking accounts have been changed.
- The signers on the PNC money market accounts are in the process of being changed.
- As mentioned above, the properties held by PAPC, Inc. and For the Least of Then Ministries, LLC have been transferred to the presbytery.
- The Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) was sold and easement on one of the vacant properties.
- Two organizations, Renewed Hope Community Church and Maryhurst, continue to rent from MKP, and the Kroger building is used for youth piano lessons and a regular community gathering event.
- There are ongoing maintenance and security issues related to all the properties.
- The AC has agreed to have the current local handyman and yard-care person continue his work on the properties.
- We are still trying to figure out what to do with the bell tower. If anyone knows of an architectural engineer willing to evaluate the structural soundness of the bell tower, please let me know.
- The AC met with folks from Story's Lighthouse (https://storyslighthouse.com/) on May 6, and the AC met with folks from Northeast Christian Church (NECC) (https://www.necchurch.org/) on May 20:
    - Story's Lighthouse offered to buy, if it was able to get financing, or continue working with MKP in other ways at the Rose Center and the old Kroger building. Story's Lighthouse seeks to expand its current community work in the Portland neighborhood.
    - NECC requested that the properties at 3106, 3108, and 3126-3128 Portland Ave. be given to NECC, and in exchange they would continue the music ministry in the PAPC building, fix the bell tower, and expand NECC ministries in the Portland neighborhood.

Background on the Earlier Transfer of Property

Based on my conversations with PAPC members, members of For the Least of Them Ministries, LLC (FTLOT), the local attorney advising PAPC, and others, I've come to the following conclusion: contrary to what some people on MKP commissions and committees thought, the active members of PAPC knew exactly what they were doing when they transferred property from PAPC to FTLOT.

It seems that the previous long-term pastor at PAPC, the local attorney (and long-time friend of the pastor), and members of PAPC sought permission from the presbytery to transfer some of the Portland Ave properties to Presbyterian Homes of Louisville. The presbytery did not think that was a wise move and did not approve the transfer.

At that point, the pastor, the local attorney, and PAPC members decided to take the property from MKP. The pastor told people that "the presbytery" could not be trusted because they just wanted to sell the property and keep the money. The pastor told this not just to PAPC folks, but when COM asked the pastor to moderate another congregation's session, the pastor told that session the same thing and encouraged them to find ways to take their property from MKP.

The local attorney connected the PAPC congregation with an out-of-state law firm specializing in helping congregations take property from denominations. PAPC paid this

law firm $5,000.00 for its services. As a result, the “articles of amendment” (bylaws) of PAPC, Inc. were changed, and a new LLC was created, For the Least of Them.

On May 27, 2026, the local attorney told me this new corporation had been designed to remove PAPC properties from the ownership of MKP. Soon after that conversation, when it became clear that the presbytery was preparing to have the properties transferred from FTLOT back to the church, the local attorney advised the congregation that PAPC send another $5,000.00 to the law firm. It was only the PAPC treasurer’s courageous refusal to write that check that prevented those church funds from being misused.

On October 16, 2026, a member of PAPC (who renounced their membership in the PC(USA) on the dissolution of the congregation) and who is a manager of FTLOT told me specifically, “We realized we were going against the *Book of Order*” when we transferred the property.

There are additional specific examples, but what is beyond any doubt, it seems to me, is that the members of PAPC, their pastor at the time, and the local attorney (who was a ruling elder at another MKP congregation), new exactly what they were doing when they rewrote the PAPC, Inc. bylaws, created a new LLC, and transferred several properties on Portland Avenue from PAPC TO FTLOT.

Building Trust

Since COM created a listening group for PAPC and then MKP created the administrative commission, members on those groups have spent much of their time doing the difficult, challenging, and Christ-centered work of reconciliation by acting with compassion, showing love, and building trust.

As the Apostle Paul wrote, therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, my siblings in Christ, “be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Cor 15:58).

It has taken a couple of years and many difficult conversations to disprove the misinformation spread by the previous pastor and to get us to the point we are at now. If the primary goal of the presbytery is, as I think it should be, to continue building up the Body of Christ through the work of reconciliation so that together we may continue the ministry and mission of Christ in the Portland neighborhood and elsewhere, we must still work on building trust. That is one reason there is such a detailed motion at the beginning of this report.

With Gratitude

None of the administrative commission’s recent work could have been accomplished without the extensive support provided by Rev. Joanna Kim, General Presbyter; Rev. Jenny Edlin, Stated Clerk; and Michael Purintun, Treasurer; along with many other volunteers serving on MKP committees and commissions including the members of the current AC who have spent about two years on this work.

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 1:4-7).

Report of the Nominations and Representation Committee for the November 2026 Presbytery Meeting. Co-chairs Sara Sutphin and Rev. Pamela Clinger reporting.

We request that any called Presbytery meeting between November and February include space for our committee to present for approval any further nominations. The following teaching, ruling elders and congregation members were asked and accepted our committee/commission request.

For Presbytery approval:

Vice-Moderator – Rev. George Love

Synod of Living Waters Commissioners 2027-2028
Mr. Perry Chang RE
Rev. Brad Palmer TE

Commission on Ministry
Mr. Rick Fletcher, RE PeWee Valley (class of 2029)
Rev. Annica Gage TE (class of 2029)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Rev. Joel Weible (class of 2029)

Leadership Development and Christian Education
Rev Adrian White (class of 2027)

Hispanic/Latino Ministries
Mr. Bill Hanna RE Fourth (class of 2028)
Mr. Perry Chang RE Crescent Hill (class of 2029)

Worshipful Work
Rev. David Gambrell TE (class of 2029)
Mrs. Carol Pye RE Highland (class of 2029)

Racial Justice
Ms. Krista Rue RE (class of 2028)
Rev. Candi Cubbage TE (class of 2029)
Mr. Galen Zavala RE Beechmont (class of 2029)
Mr. Vince Patton RE Central, Rep for Nominations

UKirk Board of Directors
Ms. Sara Babcock RE (class of 2027)