

Highlights of the 100th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was welcomed by the staff and volunteers of NaCoMe Conference Center on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Due to concerns with the weather, commissioners gathered in the Rec Hall and were led in worship “camp style.” Worship leaders were Deb Krueger (Director, NaCoMe), Elder Baker Ring (commissioned lay pastor, NaCoMe and Bethany), and Kara Hildebrandt (candidate, Middle Tennessee Presbytery). Youth volunteers from NaCoMe also participated in worship; Mr. Ring and Ms. Hildebrandt preached.

Moderator Todd B. Jones led the presbytery through the following actions and reports:

- Election of unit members for the class of 2012, as well as board members for related agencies, commissioners to Synod and the General Assembly.
- The Rev. Margaret (“Monnie”) Caine (pastor, Normandy) was elected Moderator-in-Nomination; she will serve as presbytery’s moderator in 2011.
- Commissioners were inspired by the work of mission co-worker David Thomas, who brought greetings from the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, as well as information related to Mission Challenge ‘09.
- The Stewardship & Mission Interpretation Mission Unit presented a report and called attention to Council’s 2010 “dream budget.”
- The College and Young Adult Ministries Mission Unit presented a report which included a short video produced by a student at MTSU.
- The presbytery’s Hunger Action Enabler thanked everyone for their support of the Centsability program, and reminded commissioners of the ongoing needs for hunger and related programs.
- The Committee on Ministry approved session moderators, interims, stated supplies, supplies, and validated ministries. Elder Betsy Bond, Historic Franklin, was commissioned to service as a part time commissioned lay pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Ardmore.
- The presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Milldale Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Kyle Gott, and approved Rev. Gott’s call the First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin.
- The presbytery approved the dissolution of the associate pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Maggie Beamguard, and dismissed Rev. Beamguard to the Presbytery of Salem to accept a new call.
- The presbytery received The Rev. Dr. Roger Nicholson, and approved him as interim at First Presbyterian Church, Columbia.
- The 101st Stated Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church, Smyrna.