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Highlights of the 134th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee

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The 134th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The staff and members welcomed commissioners to the church.

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee approves charter of New Creation Presbyterian Church



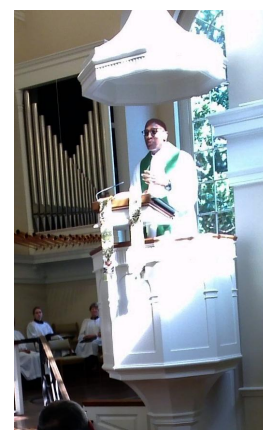
New Creation Church's new logo

At the July 28, 2018 Stated Presbytery meeting the presbytery approved the chartering of New Creation Church.

The Chartering of New Creation Church will take place on August 12, 2018 at 4:00 pm along with the installation of Rev. Keith Gunter as pastor and the



The Presbytery welcomed The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), who spoke on the actions of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), and led a lunch conversation on community organizing.



J. Herbert Nelson II, Preaching

- Administrative Committee thanked Warner Durnell for his ministry as Executive Presbyter.
- The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate was introduced as the Interim Executive Presbyter (effective August 6, 2018) *(see more information below)*
- Inquirer Lee Catoe (Second PC) approved for candidacy.

The Committee on Ministry approved the following:

- Reception of Rev. Candace Klein from the Presbytery of North Alabama and approval of her call



Lee Catoe

ordination/installation of the session.

[Click here](#) to read the New Creation Story.



**"Nueva Vida"
Presbyterian Church
invites you to celebrate
five years of ministry
September 16, 2018
12:30 - 4:00**

From Pastor Teddy Chuquimia and Church's leaders of the Hispanic ministry [Nueva Vida Presbyterian Church](#) invite sisters and brothers of the Presbytery to celebrate its five years of ministry in Nashville.

**The fiesta will be on
Sunday, September 16, 2018
from 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Glenclyff Presbyterian Church
416 E. Thompson Ln
Nashville, TN**

They will have tamales for everybody! Please come and join them in their Fiesta Day!

**Westminster Presbyterian
Church
Nashville
presents
A Bonhoeffer Moment
with Dr. Al Staggs**

Dr. Al Staggs will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN on September 9, 2018 to present the one person play, ["A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer"](#) He will present the play in the afternoon and also teach that Sunday morning at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact [Guy Griffith](#)

as pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Gallatin.
- Reception of Rev. Michael McLaughlin from the Presbytery of St. Andrew and approval of his call as pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Cookeville.



Reading of David Sawyer's Resolution

- Approval of chartering of New Creation Presbyterian Church. (see side panel for story)
- Celebration of ministry of Warner Durnell, Presbytery Executive, with comments by:

- J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Leonard Jordan, commissioned pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Nashville
- Terry Newland, Executive/Stated Clerk/Treasurer, Synod of Living Waters

- Resolution in recognition of retirement of David Sawyer ([click here for resolution](#))
- Resolution in recognition of retirement of Warner Durnell ([click here for resolution](#))



Reading of Warner Durnell's Resolution



- Presentation of gifts by Presbytery staff
- Presentation of gift by Moderator Ed Lancaster
- Reception



For complete highlights of the Stated Meeting, [click here](#).

The 135th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be held on Thursday, October 18, NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center



Administrative Committee introduces The Rev. Dr. Carol A. Tate as the Interim Executive Presbyter

As you all know, the retirement of Executive Presbyter Rev. Warner Durnell marks an unmistakable change for all of us in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, since we relied so deeply on



Upcoming Meeting Dates

Committee on Ministry Transitions Team

Tuesday, August 14 @ 3:00 pm
Presbytery office, Rm 195

Committee on Ministry

Tuesday, August 14 @ 4:00 pm
Presbytery office, Rm 196

Administrative Committee

Thursday, August 16 @ 1:00 pm
Presbytery office, Rm 196

Finance Committee

Thursday, August 16 @ 2:30 pm
Presbytery office, Rm 196

CE Brown Bag

Monday, August 20 @ 11:30 am
Presbytery office

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Tuesday, August 21 @ 4:00 pm
Presbytery office
Library



What's Happening?

What is Happening at your church?

The presbytery wants to know. The next deadline for the MID-TENN E-newsletter is September 4, 2018. Please email articles, events, photos, etc. to pbymidtnoffice@gmail.com.

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Warner's faith, wisdom, compassion, good judgment and pastoral care. Certainly for us on the Administrative Committee, Warner's departure has presented us with a profound challenge, even while we celebrate his ministry and fully support him in his decision.

In that light, we are extremely glad to report that the Administrative Committee has extended a call to Rev. Dr. Carol Tate to become our Interim Executive Presbyter, and we are grateful and delighted to announce that she has accepted our call. She has met with the Examinations Task Force of our Committee on Ministry, and Carol will assume this ministry August 6, 2018. [Click here](#) for a brief biographical statement about Carol.

The vision of the Administrative Committee and the Executive Presbyter Search Committee, in consultation with all our standing committees, is for us to embrace this interim period as a time for us to renew and deepen our involvement in the life of our presbytery and the church in general, a vision that Carol fully shares...read more



September is Hunger Action Month

September is Hunger Action Month™ when [Feeding America](#), [Second Harvest Food Bank](#), and the Society of St. Andrew ask everyone in America to take action to fight hunger in their community - all month long. Hunger Action Month is your opportunity to join a movement that has a real and lasting impact on our effort to feed more Americans than ever before. Whether it's by advocating and raising awareness, making donations, or volunteering, you can find the way that's right for you to make a difference during Hunger Action Month.

The [Society of St. Andrew](#) offers for the month of September a [Daily Calendar for Prayer and Action](#) that includes a scripture reading and related activity for each day.

Ways to get involved:

- Write a letter to your elected officials about hunger
- Organize a food drive at your church to donate to a local food bank
- Donate to a food bank
- Volunteer with your colleagues at a local food bank

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