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Presbytery of Middle Tennessee E-Newsletter

Next Presbytery Meeting
May 6, 2017
Hillsboro
Presbyterian Church
in Nashville

A special feature of this May 6, 2017 Stated Meeting is that of the morning portion being devoted to the hosting of our FELLOWSHIP OF THE ORDAINED. To read more about this, scroll down the right side of this newsletter.



Next Session
Minutes Review
April 8, 2017
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Presbytery Office

March 2017

PMT's Guatemala-Petén Partnership Committee **Guatemala Mission Trip Highlights**

March 4-11, 2017

submitted by David Carlton, GPCC member

A mission team representing the PMT's Guatemala-Petén Partnership Committee (GPCC) has just returned from a productive, enlightening, and inspiring week of consultation and communion with our partners in the Q'eqchi Presbytery of the Petén (PQP).

The Team consisted of Barb Hall (First, Brentwood), David Carlton (Second, Nashville),



Guatemala Mission Team Commissioning - February 4, 2017

John and Kira Hilley, Paul Rein, Jeffrey Rein, and Aaron Renton (all of East Brentwood), Mark Riley (Normandy) and Teddy Chuquimia (Iglesia Presbiteriana Nuevo Vida, Nashville).



Cobán, early morning

On our arrival in Guatemala City on Saturday, March 4, we were met by our liaison in Guatemala, Philip Beisswenger, well known to folks in the PMT, who with our super-competent driver, Alfredo, carried us to the highland

coffee-growing center of Cobán, where we were treated to dinner at the home of Phil, his wife Bacilia, and their three children. The following day we worshiped at the



**Save
the
Date**

**2017 Presbyterian
Women
Spring Gathering
April 29, 2017**

Trinity Presbyterian Church in Nashville will be hosting the PW Spring Gathering. More details will be forthcoming.

For a brief history and activities of Presbyterian Women, [click here](#).

**PMT'S Committee on
Leadership
Excellence
COLLEGE OF
PREACHERS**

presents
"Mary Teaches Us
How to Preach"
October 30, 2017
(9:30 am - 2:00 pm)
Westminster
Presbyterian Church,
Nashville
Lunch will be provided

For more information regarding this seminar and another seminar that is in the works, please [click here](#).



BIG TENT
Race, Reconciliation, Reformation
July 6-8, 2017
Washington University
St. Louis, MO

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Presbyterian Center, and made our own contribution to the worship experience with a well-received (we think) rendering of the old spiritual "Wade in the Water." Afterward we piled into the bus again for a long trip to the river town of Sayaxché, the site of the PQP's Presbyterian Center.

On Monday we were given a full-court press of hospitality from our partners. The eighteen basico (middle school) and four diversificado (high school)

students whose secondary education we are currently supporting converged on Sayaxché and fed us a fine lunch. Each received support money from your team,

and in return we took photos of each of them (thanks to Mark!) and received thank-you letters from each. At the conclusion of the day, they presented us with a remarkable gift: a massive wooden airplane! As authorized by the PMT at its October meeting, we will be offering these students for sponsorship by individuals and congregations. Details coming soon—along with shots of the airplane!...[read more](#).



Scholarship students

**PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE (PMT)
FEBRUARY MISSION BANQUET**



The PMT Mission Banquet was held February 16, 2017 at the Nashville Korean Presbyterian Church and was a successful and delightful evening. There were around 100 people from churches around the Presbytery who attended the banquet. Some of the churches brought displays for attendees to browse and learn what other churches are doing as their mission work.

Rev. Jeff Ritchie, of the Outreach Foundation and David Paduil, Ruling Elder of the Sudanese American Nuer Presbyterian Church, were the keynote speakers. Jeff and David gave updates on the conflict in South Sudan and presented the idea of a Sudanese partnership within the Presbytery. The Sudanese American Nuer Presbyterian Church Children's Choir presented special music for the evening.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Join Presbyterians from around the country at **Big Tent 2017, July 6 -8th** to be held on the beautiful campus of Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

The theme of this year's conference is Race, Reconciliation, and the Reformation.

[Click here](#), for schedule of events.

[Click here](#) for complete information.



**Intergenerate
Conference
June 25-27, 2017
Lipscomb University**

InterGenerate, a conference on intergenerational ministry will take place at Lipscomb University June 25-27, 2017. This conference will bring together multiple denominations, researchers and practitioners, clergy and lay leaders to explore the many benefits of ministry that is intentionally intergenerational.

Check out the [website](#). For questions, contact [Suzie Lane](#)



To read about what some of PMT's churches are doing as mission work, [click here](#).



**FELLOWSHIP OF THE ORDAINED
129th Stated Meeting of Presbytery
Saturday, May 6, 2017**
by Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter

A special feature of our Saturday, May 6, 2017 Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery is that of the morning portion being devoted to the hosting of our **FELLOWSHIP OF THE ORDAINED**, an opportunity to encourage and equip congregational leaders.

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell, Pastor of the Highland Presbyterian Church of Louisville and former President of McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, will be our featured preacher for the 9:00 am Worship. The Rev. Dr. Donald McKim, Academic and Reference Editor for Westminster/John Knox Press and former Professor of Theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, will be presenting a lecture on the Reformation Leaders - Principles Relative for Today.

Workshop leaders and their offerings will be:

The Rev. Dr. Todd Jones, "**Cultivating a Generous Congregation;**"

Presbytery Treasurer, Mike Ingram, "**Control Matrix for the Local Church**" (designed for church treasurers and finance committee members)

The Rev. Dr. John Hinkle, "**Radical Hospitality the Starbucks Way;**"

Stated Clerk Therese Howell, "**All You Need to Know to Serve as Clerk of Session;**"

Ms Melinda Spencer, "**Grace and Gratitude,**" a review of new Sunday School Curriculum;

Mr. Brian Grant, "**The Church and Mental Health.**"



**Committee on
Ministry**

April 11 @ 4:00 pm
FPC Nashville

Pastor-to-Pastors

April 18 @ 12:00 pm
Presbytery Office

CE Brown Bag

April 20 @ 11:30 am
Presbytery Office

**Administrative
Committee**

April 20 @ 2:00 pm
FPC Nashville

Finance Committee

April 20 @ 3:30 pm
FPC Nashville

**Committee on
Preparation for
Ministry**

April 25 @ 4:00 pm
Presbytery Office

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The Fellowship of the Ordained is not limited to Minister and Ruling Elder Commissioners to the Presbytery Meeting, it is open to all ordained persons of the Presbytery, with a special invitation extended to Commissioned Lay Pastors, Christian Educators, Clerks of Session, Sunday School Superintendents, Church Treasurers, Members of Finance, Stewardship, and Evangelism Committee's. Opportunities to register online for the Fellowship of the Ordained and its workshops will be on Presbytery's Website by mid-April. Be on the lookout!

Dr. Cynthia Campbell may offer a workshop, and she promises to let me know for sure by April 9th.

CROP WALK - APRIL 30, 2017



Walk. Give. Change the world.

The Nashville CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, April 30 at the Fannie Mae Dees Park.**

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

To register or donate, [click here](#)

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