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## Presbytery of Middle Tennessee E-Newsletter

### May 2018



Presbytery office will be closed  
Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of Memorial Day



On Monday, May 7th at the noon hour, some PMT Ministers and family members got together and enjoyed a day at the park watching the Nashville Sounds vs. the Memphis Redbirds.

The Presbytery's Leadership Excellence Committee sponsored the event with Rev. Sherard Edington and

## HISPANIC MISSIONS SUMMIT

### Visioning for Latino/Latina Ministry in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee June 1 & 2, 2018

The Committee for Church Transformation will be facilitating a Hispanic Missions Summit for our Presbytery the evening of Friday, June 1st, and the morning and midday of Saturday, June 2nd. The aim of this Summit is to have a conversation among key components of our Presbytery structure to try and capture a compelling vision for the Presbytery's mission with and for our Latino/Latina neighbors here in our mid-State.

A special invitation has been extended to the Reverend Rosa B. Miranda, Associate for Hispanic/Latino-a Intercultural Congregational Support from our National Offices in Louisville, and the Reverend Conrad Rocha, Stated Clerk/Synod Executive for the



*Rev. Rosa B. Miranda*



*Rev. Conrad Rocha*

Synod of Southwest, with the Synod Office in Tucson. Rosa and Conrad will bring to us knowledge of partnerships in the church and outside the church that have met with success in reaching out to our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters with the Good News in Jesus Christ.

The Friday evening session (from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm) will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Glencliff Presbyterian Church, located at 416 East Thompson Lane, Nashville, starting with dinner. The Iglesia Presbiteriana Nueva Vida (our Hispanic New Church Development) will host our evening meal. The Saturday morning and midday session (from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm) will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Woodland Presbyterian Church, 211 North 11th

EP Warner Durnell organizing the arrangements (*not pictured*).

### Living Waters for the World "Thirst for Life" Video



Share this beautiful song of Christ's love of living water for our bodies and our souls.

The "[Thirst for Life](#)" video/song was written to support LWW, and subsequently recorded by YouTube "super group" Cimorelli with an accompanying video showing our work in Cuba, has been something of a sensation, already surpassing 100,000 views. What is striking are the more than 800 comments on the video, almost all by young people.

With your help and those of your pastors, we have an opportunity to engage our PCUSA youth to share the video, thereby raising awareness of Living Waters for the World and serving as an example of how to be the church in this time and place. Without question, more clean water will flow as a result and the song will touch many more lives.

Should you have any questions, contact LWW Executive Director [Steve Young](#), 615-268-9022.

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin**  
**Sunday, June 3, 2018**  
**3:00-5:00pm**  
**First Presbyterian Church,**  
**Franklin Road, Nashville**

Street, East Nashville, and will include a catered lunch. Our historic bilingual and bicultural Eastminster Presbyterian Church has been meeting at the Woodland Church location since their church building was destroyed by fire in December 2016. Invitations have gone out to those persons...[read more](#).

### 133rd Stated Meeting Highlights

*by Therese Howell, Stated Clerk*

The 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma. Commissioners were warmly greeted and welcomed by the members of the church.



Executive Presbyter Warner Durnell and Stated Clerk Therese Howell led an orientation for first time commissioners before the meeting.

Worship participants were Stephen Yates (Pastor, First Tullahoma), Christy Sherrer (Christian Education Director, First Tullahoma), and Jule Nyhuis (Interim, Hillwood). Warner Durnell (Executive Presbyter) preached the sermon, and

Moderator Ed Lancaster and Stated Clerk Therese Howell led the commissioning of the Presbytery's commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The offering was designated for the Committee on Ministry's sabbatical and pastoral care funds, and \$1,050 was collected. Special music was provided by David Hebert, organist of First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma.

### Highlights, information, and actions taken at the meeting:

- Presbytery's commissioners to the 223rd General

Assembly (2018) were commissioned: Teaching elders Greg Glover (First Clarksville), Mary Louise McCullough (Second), Carol Tate (Vice-Moderator); and ruling elders Pat Bridges (First Columbia), Greta McMillan (First Sparta), Bart Walker (First Murfreesboro)



*from left to right: Pat Bridges, Mary Louise McCullough, Carol Tate, Geeta McMillan, Greg Glover; not pictured Bart Walker*

- 2017 church statistics and 2017 ministerial statistics were provided
- Financials as of March 31, 2018 were provided
- Administrative Committee report (including approval of Pat Bridges as commissioner to GA)
- Executive Presbyter Position Description approved
- Inquirer Jocelyn Wildhack (Second) was approved for candidacy
- Revised sample interim contract presented for information
- The Committee on Ministry approved the following:
  - Approval of Robert Montgomery as

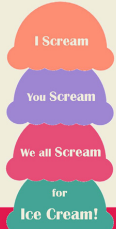
**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**06.03.2018**

Join us for an afternoon filled with all you can eat homemade ice cream. You won't want to miss this Nashville summer tradition!

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**GENERATIONS,  
RELATIONSHIPS, CHRIST:  
Getting along, Discovering  
Gifts, Equipping Leaders**

Second Presbyterian Church  
Nashville, TN  
June 9, 2018  
8:30 am - 12:15 pm  
co-hosted by Downtown  
Presbyterian Church

**Come learn**

- How Christ-centered relationships with multiple generations can transform your ministry
- How to help others discover their gifts for ministry
- Best practices for equipping and empowering leaders

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\$70 before June 9, \$85 at the door  
Details and registration:  
[GenOnMinistries.org/pages/specialized-training](http://GenOnMinistries.org/pages/specialized-training)



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**Personnel Task Force**  
Thursday, June 7  
10:00 am  
Presbytery office

**Administrative Committee**  
Thursday, June 7  
1:00 pm

pastor, First Presbyterian Church,  
Lewisburg, effective April 1, 2018  
(and dissolution of Rev. Montgomery's  
call at First Presbyterian Church,  
Pulaski)



Joel Kelly

- Reception of Rev. Joel Kelly from the Presbytery of Transylvania and approval of his call as pastor, Calvary Presbyterian Church of Big Lick; commission to install approved:



Jocelyn Wildhack

May 20, 4pm, Teaching Elders Warner Durnell (Executive Presbyter), Sid Venable III (Honorably Retired); Ruling Elders Therese Howell (Stated Clerk), Virginia Lovellette (First Cookeville), Lynn Tollett (Calvary)...[read more highlights](#)

**The 134<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee will be held on Saturday, July 28, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville.**

**Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering  
Highlights - May 5, 2018  
First Presbyterian Church, Tullahoma**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

The PW Spring Gathering was hosted by Cluster Area 4, with First Presbyterian Church in Tullahoma as the host church. There were about 55 ladies that attended and represented 17 churches from our presbytery.

Pastor Stephen Yates opened the program with a prayer and welcomed us all to their church. A devotion and lighting the Christ Candle was taken care of by Donna Deaton and Connie Sinks from McMinnville. PW Moderator, Diane Thurston lead the group in the Purpose of Presbytery Women along with the following other items of business:

1. A Thank you to the host Cluster Area 4 and host church
2. Synod of Living Waters PW Gathering will be June 12-15, 2019 at Tupelo, MS
3. Hand out notes listed:
  - a) Birthday Offering
  - b) Celebration of Women
  - c) PW Churchwide Gathering is August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville, KY. PW Synod of Living Waters has offered to pay registration (\$425) for one lady, a FIRST TIME Attendee, for each presbytery.
  - d) 2018 - PW Celebrates 30th Anniversary!! Please send a write up of your women's celebration to [diane.thurston@att.net](mailto:diane.thurston@att.net).
  - e) We are actively looking for a host church for PW Fall Gathering 2018 and Spring Gathering 2019.



Bonnie Watts introduced the guest speaker, M. J. Miller. She is the author of [Life Lessons from the Hive](#). She is a lover of God

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**Finance Committee**

Thursday, June 7  
2:30 pm  
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**Committee on Ministry**

Tuesday, June 12  
4:00 pm  
Presbytery office - Rm 196

and an observer of life in and beyond the hive...[read more](#)



**SAVE THE DATE**

2018 Churchwide Gathering of  
Presbyterian Women  
August 2-5, 2018  
Louisville, Kentucky

**[Click here for more information  
and registration](#)**



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