

REPORT FROM THE SYNOD

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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve The Middle Tennessee Presbytery as the Ruling Elder Commissioner to the Synod meeting. The first order of business was to elect and install the incoming Moderator and Vice-Moderator. It gave me great pleasure to hand the gavel over to a great friend and former Teaching Elder from Middle Tennessee Presbytery Rev. Tom Lovell from North Alabama who was installed as 2019 Moderator and Ms. Susan Sumrall, Ruling Elder Commissioner, Mississippi.

You may recall that a visioning taskforce team of eight members was appointed with the purpose to engage the Synod, its leadership and its 12 presbyteries in a twelve-month visioning process. The report was received at this meeting. The Permanent Administrative Commission received the report and recommended a New Synod Mission Statement, revised Synod Staffing Pattern effective July 1, 2019 and Amended Synod standing rules. The moderator was charged with developing two additional task forces, an Implementation Task Force as well as a Manual of Operations task force to facilitate the Synod moving into its new structure and staffing pattern after the retirement of current Synod Executive Rev. Terry Newland June 30, 2019.

We also received the report from Living Waters for the World Executive, Mr. Steve Young. He reminded the reason for installing water systems are for the children who will one day be our future leaders. They will install their 1000 water system in 2019. Currently they have 962 water system installations recorded in their database. A total of 2300 volunteers have been trained and installed a total of 41 water systems in 2018.