

**Martha Gilliss, Commissioner to the Synod of Living Waters  
Report to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
February 14, 2019**

The Synod of Living Waters met Monday, January 28th at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin.

In general session, Keenan Rodgers from the Board of Pensions and William McConnell from the Presbyterian Mission Agency presented updates on mission engagement. Representatives from our Covenant Partners - Maryville College, Stillman College, Columbia Seminary, King University, Rhodes College, and the University of Pikeville - spoke of their work.

The Ministry Partnership Committee received a report from the PC(USA)'s Synod Leadership Gathering in which 14 of our 16 synods participated earlier this month. Working in conjunction with the "Equal Justice Initiative" in Montgomery, AL, and the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, synod was asked four questions that will lead to a plan of action. The synod will support presbyteries in the engagement of an issue (i.e., racism, the "Me Too" movement, etc.) and facilitate communication through a website. So the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee has before us this question: are we as a Presbytery interested in working on such a project?