

1 **DRAFT**

2 **PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE**  
3 **MINUTES OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH STATED MEETING**  
4 **OCTOBER 18, 2018**  
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6 The 135th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee was held Thursday, October  
7 18, 2018, at NaCoMe Camp and Retreat Center, Pleasantville, Tennessee. Interim Executive Presbyter  
8 Carol Tate and Stated Clerk Therese Howell led an orientation and time of prayer for first time  
9 commissioners. Moderator Ed Lancaster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

10 **WORSHIP**

11 Worship was led by The Rev. Chris Joiner (First Presbyterian Church, Franklin), and The Rev. Dr.  
12 Cynthia Schwartz (Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, Nashville). Rev. Joiner preached the sermon, and  
13 The Rev. Dr. Will Berger was organist. An offering was collected and split evenly between NaCoMe and  
14 PDA Disaster Relief for Hurricane Florence.

15 **DECLARATION OF QUORUM / STATEMENT OF PROCEDURES / WELCOME BY HOST / FIRST TIME**  
16 **COMMISSIONERS / CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

17 The meeting reconvened after worship; the Moderator declared a quorum was present and  
18 reviewed procedures for the meeting. Ryan Moore, Director of NaCoMe, welcomed commissioners and  
19 spoke of NaCoMe’s ministry. First time commissioners to presbytery were recognized and welcomed.

20 The Presbytery’s Mission and Operations Manual and the *Book of Order* provide for the seating  
21 of corresponding members and teaching and ruling elders with voice and those with voice and vote. Any  
22 ruling elder serving as presbytery’s Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Moderator-in-Nomination, chairs of  
23 committees, members of the Administrative Committee, members of the Finance Committee, and the  
24 Moderator of Presbyterian Women, are enrolled as members of presbytery and shall have voice and  
25 vote. Ruling elders commissioned to particular pastoral service, and ruling elders who have previously  
26 served as presbytery moderator, within five years of completion of his/her term of service, are enrolled  
27 as members of presbytery with voice and vote. Any ruling elder serving as a committee representative  
28 to a particular meeting of presbytery in the absence of the chair shall have the privilege of voice and  
29 vote for that particular meeting of the presbytery. Persons certified in church service who are ruling  
30 elders shall have the privilege of voice and vote at all meetings of the presbytery, during their term of  
31 service in ministry in the presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Persons certified in church service, who are  
32 members of congregations in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, shall have the privilege of voice at all  
33 meetings of the presbytery during their term of service in a congregation or other ministry validated by  
34 the presbytery. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may  
35 resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Corresponding  
36 members were seated without objection, and are listed with the roll.

37 **ROLL**

38 The roll of commissioners, corresponding members, and visitors attending the presbytery  
39 meeting is attached (Attachment A).

40 **AGENDA**

41 The Moderator stated that the agenda for the meeting had been provided in advance to  
42 commissioners. There were no questions or objections, and the following agenda was approved without  
43 objection:

- 44 9:00 am 1. Registration (Order of the Day in CAPS)
- 45 9:30 am Orientation for First Time Commissioners and Prayer for Presbytery – Carol Tate and  
46 Therese Howell (20 minutes)

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| 1  | 10:00 am | 2.  | CALL TO ORDER / WORSHIP  |
| 2  |          |     | (Offering split between PDA Disaster Relief – Hurricane Florence and NaCoMe)           |
| 3  | 10:45 am | 3.  | Break  |
| 4  | 11:00 am | 4.  | Reconvene / Establishment of Quorum / Statement of Procedures / Welcome by Host /      |
| 5  |          |     | Recognition of First Time Presbyters / Seating of Corresponding Members / Adoption of  |
| 6  |          |     | Agenda   |
| 7  | 11:07 am | 5.  | Stated Clerk’s Report – Therese Howell (3 minutes)                                     |
| 8  |          |     | • Approval of July 18, 2018 Minutes  |
| 9  | 11:10 am | 6.  | Finance Committee – Mike Ingram (5 min)  |
| 10 | 11:15 am | 7.  | Administrative Committee – Theresa Denton (50 min)                                     |
| 11 |          |     | • Nominating Task Force – David Sawyer   |
| 12 | 12:35 pm |     | Lunch – Prayer of Thanksgiving   |
| 13 | 1:15 pm  |     | Reconvene  |
| 14 |          | 8.  | Campus Ministry Update (15 min)  |
| 15 | 1:30 pm  | 9.  | Committee on Ministry – Greg Glover (45 min)   |
| 16 | 2:15 pm  | 10. | Interim Executive Presbyter’s Report – Carol Tate (15 min)                             |
| 17 |          |     | • Concerns, Celebrations, and Announcements  |
| 18 | 2:30 pm  | 11. | Unfinished Business  |
| 19 |          |     | <b>136th Stated Meeting – Thursday, February 14, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church,</b> |
| 20 |          |     | <b>Franklin</b>  |
| 21 | 2:35 pm  | 12. | Closing Prayer / Adjourn   |

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

Therese Howell, stated clerk, called attention to the reports in the packet not requiring action, including the report from the Presbyterian Women.

Randal Bruce McVey / First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to ordain and install Randal Bruce McVey as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

Ashley McFaul-Erwin / Ordination

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to ordain Ashley Mc-Faul Erwin to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

Candice L. Klein / First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install Candice L. Klein as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

Michael McLaughlin / First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install Michael McLaughlin as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cookeville. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

Robert Montgomery / First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install Robert Montgomery as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

Keith Gunter / New Creation Church, Hendersonville

The stated clerk has received the minutes of the commission to install Keith Gunter as pastor of New Creation Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, to organize the New Creation Church, and to ordain and install the first session. *[minutes included in permanent record]*

1 Minutes of the 134th Stated Meeting (July 28, 2018)

2 The minutes and roll of the 134th stated meeting (July 28, 2018) of the Presbytery of Middle  
3 Tennessee were presented for approval. The motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and  
4 approved without objection.

5 Celebration of the Lord's Supper / UKIRK Vanderbilt and Belmont

6 The stated clerk reported that the campus ministry at Vanderbilt and Belmont seek permission  
7 to celebrate the Lord's Supper during 2019. The Rev. Lindsey Groves, campus minister, usually presides  
8 at the table. The motion was made, seconded, and approved without objection.

9 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10 Mike Ingram, Treasurer, presented the Finance Committee report.

11 Investment Task Force

12 The Finance Committee received a report from the Investment Task Force.

13 Nueva Vida

14 The Finance Committee received a report and financials from the Nueva Vida Administrative  
15 Commission.

16 2019 Budget

17 The Finance Committee has begun work on the 2019 budget.

18 Financials

19 The Finance Committee provided financials as of September 30, 2018.

20 2017 Audit

21 The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Presbytery's auditor, is finalizing the 2017 audit.

22 Policy on Check Signing

23 In response to a request regarding a restricted fund, the Finance Committee affirmed that the  
24 policy on check signing (two signatures above a set amount) applies to all funds.

25 Culleoka Church Property

26 In response to a report regarding the Culleoka church property, David Sawyer, Ed Lancaster, and  
27 a member from the Committee on Ministry will visit the church and check on the property.

28 Continuing Resolution

29 Ingram reported that the Finance Committee recommended that effective January 1, 2019,  
30 essential expenses be paid at the 2018 budget level until the 2019 budget is approved by the Presbytery.  
31 There were no questions or discussion, and the recommendation was approved

32 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

33 Theresa Denton, chair of the Administrative Committee, presented the committee's report.

34 Carol A. Tate / Interim Executive Presbyter

35 The Administrative Committee hired The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate as interim Executive Presbyter, for  
36 32 hours/week, effective August 6, 2018, for one year (renewable).

37 EP Search Committee

38 The Administrative Committee receives regular updates from the EP Search Committee.

39 Resignation of Linda Griffis

40 The Personnel Task Force regretfully accepted the resignation of Linda Griffis, Administrative  
41 Assistant/Hunger Action Advocate, effective October 5.

42 October 18, 2018 Presbytery Meeting

43 The Administrative Committee approved a draft agenda for the October 18 Presbytery meeting.  
44 The Rev. Chris Joiner, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, will preach. The offering will be split  
45 between Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Hurricane Florence) and NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center.  
46 The Administrative Committee also approved a food drive collection. The committee approved a time  
47 for small group discussion for visioning.

1 Grant Applications

2 The Administrative Committee continued its discussion of new church development strategy /  
3 oversight, and emerging ministries. The committee reiterated its concern that grant applications need  
4 to be supported by ministries.

5 Administrative Committee Task Force

6 The Administrative Committee appointed John Hinkle (chair), David Sawyer, and Robert  
7 Montgomery to visit with the Committee on Church Transformation regarding this work in the  
8 Presbytery. Mike Ingram, Treasurer, will be invited to participate.

9 Financial Reports

10 The Administrative Committee receives monthly financial reports from Mike Ingram, Treasurer.

11 Nominating Task Force Report

12 The Rev. David Sawyer, chair of the Nominating Task Force, placed the following names in  
13 nomination to fill vacancies as indicated (Class of 2021 unless otherwise noted):

14 Administrative Committee

15 Chris Joiner, TE, First Franklin, Moderator-in-Nomination

16 Geeta McMillan, RE, Blue Spring, Sparta

17 Trustees (members of both Administrative and Finance Committees)

18 John Hinkle, TE, First Murfreesboro, 2019 Moderator

19 Finance Committee

20 Shawn Thomas Smith, TE, First Smyrna

21 Allen Kennedy, RE, First Nashville

22 Committee on Church Transformation

23 Jeanne' Hoescht, TE, Oak Grove, Prayer Summits

24 \_\_\_\_\_, RE, Church Growth Strategy

25 Committee on Leadership Excellence

26 Class of 2020

27 Mark Bridges, RE, First Columbia, Fellowship of the Ordained

28 Class of 2021

29 Sherard Edington, TE, First Lebanon, Celebration of the Resurrection

30 \_\_\_\_\_, RE, Excellence in Officer Education

31 Committee on Ministry

32 Class of 2019

33 Cynthia Schwartz, TE, Priest Lake

34 Class of 2020

35 Lindsey Groves, TE, UKIRK Vanderbilt/Belmont

36 Janet Salyer, TE, Harpeth

37 Class of 2021

38 Pat Bridges, RE, First Columbia

39 Greg Glover, TE, First Clarksville

40 Debbie Sandwith, RE, Westminster Nashville

41 Katherine Smith, TE, Vanderbilt

42 \_\_\_\_\_, RE

43 \_\_\_\_\_, RE

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45 Committee on Mutual Support

46 Steve Thomas, TE, Hillsboro

47 \_\_\_\_\_, RE, Guatemala Task Force

48 \_\_\_\_\_, RE, Hunger Action Task Force

49 Committee on Preparation for Ministry

50 Class of 2020

1 \_\_\_\_\_, RE

2 Class of 2021

3 Rachel Pence, TE

4 Will Radford, RE

5 \_\_\_\_\_, TE/RE

6 Permanent Judicial Commission

7 Class of 2024

8 Sharon Warfield, RE, Westminster Nashville

9 \_\_\_\_\_, RE

10 \_\_\_\_\_, TE/RE

11 The Moderator opened the floor for additional nominations, and the following names were  
12 placed in nomination: Susan Burns, RE, First Franklin, Committee on Leadership Excellence; Sandra  
13 Randleman, TE, First Nashville, Committee on Preparation for Ministry; Stuart Wilson-Patton, RE,  
14 Second, Hunger Action Task Force (Class of 2020). The motion was seconded to receive these names in  
15 nomination. There were no additional nominations, and the persons nominated were approved.

16 The presbytery then divided into small groups to review and discuss three questions posed by  
17 the Administrative Committee regarding the presbytery's vision and structure. After a time of  
18 discussion, the small groups were dismissed to lunch.

19 The meeting reconvened after lunch and the Moderator offered a prayer.

20 **UKIRK / CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

21 Rev. Lindsey Groves, UKIRK / Vanderbilt and Belmont, reported on the presbytery's campus  
22 ministries at Vanderbilt University and Belmont University. She read a report from Rev. Micah Watson  
23 on the campus ministry at Middle Tennessee State University. Rev. Michael McLaughlin, pastor at First  
24 Cookeville, reported on the campus ministry at Tennessee Tech University. Commissioners were  
25 encouraged to continue to support the campus ministries.

26 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

27 Dr. Guy Griffith, a member of the Committee on Ministry, presented the committee's report.

28 Candice Klein / First Presbyterian Church, Gallatin

29 The COM approved The Rev. Michael Davis as mentor for The Rev. Candice Klein (First Gallatin).

30 Carol A. Tate / Interim Executive Presbyter

31 The COM examined The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate and approved her call as interim executive presbyter  
32 of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, effective August 6, 2018, 32 hours/week, and approved the  
33 terms of call.

34 Scott Hanna / First Presbyterian Church, Lynnville

35 The COM examined Ruling Elder Scott Hanna (First Lynnville) and approved his filling the pulpit  
36 at First Lynnville while he completes the Commissioned Lay Pastor training at the University of Dubuque  
37 Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dr. Bill Bryant will supervise Mr. Hanna.

38 First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville / Pastor Nominating Committee

39 First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville, elected the following persons to serve as the PNC: Barry  
40 Barnes (chair), Ginger Sinks (secretary), Ray Goode, Cynthia Campen, and Jeanine Miller.

41 Ministry Information Forms

42 The Committee on Ministry approved Ministry Information Forms for Harpeth Presbyterian  
43 Church, Brentwood; First Presbyterian Church, McMinnville; and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church,  
44 Nashville.

45 Kristi Moore / Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville

46 The Committee on Ministry approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between The  
47 Rev. Kristi Moore and Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The COM approved the severance

1 agreement of seven months salary, housing, and Board of Pensions for Rev. Moore, and changed her  
2 status to member-at-large.

3 Session Moderators

4 The COM approved The Rev. Mike Wilson as Moderator of the session of Bellevue Presbyterian  
5 Church, Nashville, and Ruling Elder Pat Bridges (First Columbia) as moderator for First Presbyterian  
6 Church, Spring Hill.

7 Angela Hancock

8 The COM dismissed The Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock (member-at-large) to the Presbytery of  
9 Pittsburgh, effective October 9, 2018.

10 Sam Cooper, IV

11 The COM dismissed The Rev. Dr. Sam Cooper, IV (Honorably Retired) to the Presbytery of  
12 Charleston-Atlantic, effective October 9, 2018.

13 Wael Sous / Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile

14 Dr. Griffith reported that the Committee on Ministry had examined two ministers in good  
15 standing in the Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile, who wish to transfer to the Presbyterian  
16 Church (U.S.A.) and become members of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.

17 The Rev. Wael Sous is leading a new worshipping community nested in the Priest Lake  
18 Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Pursuant to G-2.0505a.(2) the COM recommends that Rev. Sous be  
19 granted an exemption for the examinations required of candidates, and that he be transferred to the  
20 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and received into the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. Rev. Sous' statement  
21 of faith and bio were included in the presbytery packet. Dr. Griffith invited The Rev. Nolan Huizenga and  
22 The Rev. Wael Sous to come forward.

23 Rev. Sous spoke of his journey of faith, and responded to questions from Rev. Huizenga and from  
24 commissioners. Rev. Huizenga escorted Rev. Sous out of the meeting; Dr. Griffith moved that the  
25 presbytery grant Rev. Sous an exemption for the ordination examinations required of candidates. The  
26 motion was approved by the required 2/3 vote. Dr. Griffith then moved that Rev. Sous' examination be  
27 sustained, and that he be received as a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery  
28 of Middle Tennessee, and this was approved.

29 Rev. Huizenga and Rev. Sous were escorted back into the meeting, and informed of the  
30 affirmative vote. Persons in support of Rev. Sous were recognized and welcomed while Rev. Sous signed  
31 the Book of Ministerial Obligations.

32 Samy Estafanos / Evangelical Church of Egypt, Synod of the Nile

33 The Rev. Dr. Samy Estafanos was introduced; he is leading a new worshipping community nested  
34 in First Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Pursuant to G-2.0505a.(2) the COM recommends that Dr.  
35 Estafanos be granted an exemption for the examinations required of candidates, and that he be  
36 transferred to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and received into the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.  
37 Dr. Estafanos' statement of faith and bio were included in the presbytery packet. Dr. Griffith invited Dr.  
38 Estafanos to come forward.

39 Dr. Estafanos spoke briefly of his faith journey, and responded to questions from Rev. Huizenga  
40 and from commissioners. Rev. Huizenga escorted Dr. Estafanos out of the meeting; Dr. Griffith moved  
41 that the presbytery grant Dr. Estafanos an exemption for the ordination examinations required of  
42 candidates. The motion was approved by the required 2/3 vote. Dr. Griffith then moved that Dr.  
43 Estafanos's examination be sustained, and that he be received as a member of the Presbyterian Church  
44 (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, and this was approved.

1 Rev. Huizenga and Dr. Estafanos were escorted back into the meeting, and informed of the  
2 affirmative vote. Persons in support of Dr. Estafanos were recognized and welcomed while Dr. Estafanso  
3 signed the Book of Ministerial Obligations.

4 Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville / Administrative Commission

5 Dr. Griffith reported that the Committee on Ministry recommended an administrative  
6 commission be elected to work with the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville. The COM held  
7 listening sessions at Bellevue, and believes this is the best way to work with the session and the church  
8 as they discern God’s will for their future. The following charge and membership was approved:

9 The Committee on Ministry, in consultation with the Administrative and Finance Committees, recognizes  
10 that Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville, is seeking to discern its mission and its future in its current context  
11 and within the scope of its current membership. The Committee on Ministry believes that the recent history of  
12 the congregation necessitates an administrative commission.

13 The congregation of Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville, has declined in membership because of  
14 conflict over recent years and is now under additional financial duress—perhaps to the verge of survivability--  
15 during a period of pastoral transition. The most recent conflict, though it focusses on a decision of Session, is  
16 likely more chronic and requires assistance from outside the resources of the congregation to assist in promoting  
17 healing and reconciliation and the creation of new patterns of relating.

18 An administrative commission will assist the Bellevue Presbyterian Church and its session in creating  
19 opportunities for healing and reconciliation, ~~in~~ discernment about their future, and will provide training and  
20 guidance to the session in evaluating the congregation’s financial viability and strategy for implementing its  
21 mission.

22 A. Therefore, the Committee on Ministry recommends to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee that it elect  
23 an administrative commission for the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and that this commission  
24 be given all the powers of Presbytery except that approval of merger or dissolution, or the sale of the  
25 property, must be approved by the Presbytery. The administrative commission, upon its election, shall  
26 be charged as follows:

- 27 1. The administrative commission shall assist the session in leading the congregation to examine  
28 the nature and pattern of their recent conflicts and to engage in intentional processes of healing  
29 and reconciliation following the recent departure of their pastor, with the aim of exercising and  
30 beginning to establish new ways of relating and healthy patterns of conflict resolution.
- 31 2. The administrative commission shall support the work of the session by providing  
32 comprehensive elder training prior to the installation of the next class of elders.
- 33 3. If the administrative commission believes at any point that it is in the best interest of the church  
34 to assume original jurisdiction of the session, the administrative commission shall have the  
35 authority to do so (G-3.0303e.).
- 36 4. The administrative commission shall work alongside the session of Bellevue Presbyterian Church  
37 in managing its affairs and in determining what form pastoral leadership shall take, and shall  
38 assist the session to assess the financial viability of the church and to make necessary changes to  
39 recover financial health.
- 40 5. The administrative commission shall work with the session and congregation to discern God’s  
41 will and their vision for the future, to ensure that all voices are heard, that all options are  
42 explored and considered, and that appropriate time is given to understand and appreciate the  
43 momentous crossroads that the church has reached in its history and life.
- 44 6. The administrative commission is committed to Bellevue’s call to be the church and strives with  
45 them in prayer that God will open all doors for their spiritual, ecclesial, communal and financial  
46 well-being. While the immediate road ahead seems daunting, the administrative commission  
47 rejoices that the “Church is the body of Christ” and that “Christ gives to the Church all the gifts  
48 necessary to be his body.” (F-1.0301) The past few years have been difficult for Bellevue and the  
49 present poses many questions, but Christ is the Church’s hope. In the light of this, the  
50 administrative commission will work in this hope with Bellevue Presbyterian Church to live in

1 the “lively, joyous reality of the grace of God” (F-1.0204) and to continue finding a way forward  
2 as the church.

3 7. The administrative commission shall work with the session and congregation to discern whether  
4 to merge or dissolve the congregation. If it is the will of the congregation to merge with another  
5 PCUSA congregation, the administrative commission will work to facilitate the merger, after the  
6 presbytery’s approval.

7 8. If dissolution is determined to be the most pastoral and wise course of action, the  
8 administrative commission shall, subject to approval of the presbytery, determine a date for the  
9 dissolution, and:

10 (1) assist the session and members to wind up the affairs of the church, and transfer its remaining  
11 members. The Stated Clerk of presbytery shall be authorized to grant letters of dismissal to  
12 members whose names are still on the roll for up to one year after the closing worship service;  
13 and

14 (2) The administrative commission shall draft a plan of dissolution, subject to the approval of the  
15 presbytery, if it is the will of the congregation to dissolve. The administrative commission  
16 shall plan, in consultation with the session and members of the church, a closing worship  
17 service to honor the life, witness, and ministry of Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

18 (3) The administrative commission shall, in consultation with the session and congregation,  
19 recommend to the Trustees of the Presbytery a plan for the disposal and sale of all church  
20 property. The Trustees of presbytery shall be responsible for the property, until such time as  
21 the administrative commission, in consultation with the Trustees, makes a determination on  
22 the disposition of the property.

23 (4) The Trustees of presbytery shall have claim, on behalf of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee,  
24 to any property of the Bellevue church not known at this time or property which may come  
25 to the church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

26 B. The Administrative Commission shall report quarterly to the Committee on Ministry and will submit a  
27 final report to the presbytery. Should the Administrative Commission decide that the sale of the  
28 property is advisable, it shall also notify the Trustees for their recommendation to the presbytery.

29 C. The Committee on Ministry recommends the following persons for election as members of the  
30 administrative commission for the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee:

31 Evelyn Graham, TE, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville  
32 Jane Herring, TE, Normandy and Belfast Presbyterian Churches  
33 Larry McElroy, RE, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro  
34 William Russell, RE, First Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill  
35 Mike Wilson, TE, Downtown Presbyterian Church, Nashville (chair)

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37 **INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT / CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

38 Carol A. Tate, Interim Executive Presbyter, spoke briefly about her work, and reported on the  
39 offering and food collection. She then led the Presbytery in sharing concerns, celebrations, and  
40 announcements. After a time of sharing, Dr. Tate offered a prayer.

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42 There was no unfinished business; the Moderator stated the 136<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting would be held  
43 on Thursday, February 14, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church, Franklin. The meeting was adjourned with  
44 prayer by the Moderator upon motion made, seconded, and approved.

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46 Therese P. Howell  
47 Stated Clerk