



**PRESBYTERY of MILWAUKEE**

# Presbytery Gathering Highlights

*February 19, 2022*

*Digital Presbytery Gathering via Zoom*

## GATHERING BUSINESS RECAP

The Presbytery revised its [boundaries policy](#) for ministers and church members participating in the work of the Presbytery. We [acknowledged](#) the Presbytery footprint includes land taken from tribal nations, and we committed to engage with the important work they are leading in language, culture, and land reclamation. We also entered into a [covenant with United Church Camps, Inc.](#) to provide opportunities for outdoor ministry at Moon Beach, Daychollah, and Cedar Valley retreat centers. Vernon Presbyterian is discerning its future, including possible dissolution; the Presbytery approved formation of an administrative commission to come alongside the congregation.

## COMMENDATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Presbytery Stated Clerk Christian Boyd gave a special [commendation](#) to Judy Bell for her 43 years of ministry as Clerk of Session for Faith Presbyterian Church!

Presbytery Executive Rachel Yates offered the Presbytery's thanks to outgoing Presbytery Moderator Nicole Farley for her faithful voice of inclusion.



A blessing for all our congregations as we look to the future:

We gave thanks to God for the congregations celebrating significant milestones in 2021-22:

Immanuel 185 years	First Waukesha 175 years
Vernon 175 years	Rock Prairie 165 years
West Granville 161 years	Calvary 152 years
Tippecanoe 105 years	North Shore 100 years
Greenfield Avenue 95 years	Forest Park 92 years

'God Knows'  
And I said to the one who stood  
at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely  
into the unknown".  
And they replied:  
"Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light  
and safer than a known way".

(excerpt from a poem by M. Haskins (1940) & shown on stained glass window at First Waukesha)

## WORSHIP

Worship gave us time to focus on our first mark of ministry vitality, Caring Relationships. We screened the film "[Purple](#)", and practiced communication skills to help build bridges with each other. The Presbytery installed new officers and leaders. New Presbytery Moderator Kent Tess-Mattner (RE, West Granville) confessed he'd worn a suit, tie, and pants for the installation, but no shoes. One of the privileges of meeting by Zoom!

