



**PRESBYTERY of
MILWAUKEE**

Presbytery Gathering Highlights

February 22, 2025

Hybrid Presbytery Gathering Forest Park Presbyterian Church

GATHERING BUSINESS RECAP

- We seated Rev. Cecelia (CeCe) Armstrong, current Co-Moderator of the PC(USA) General Assembly, as a corresponding member.
- TEP Lisa Heckman presented her last report to the presbytery as she will be completing her time with us in March.
- Council moderator JP Kastner discussed next steps after Lisa's departure.
- The Bills & Overtures committee presented the proposed [GA Amendments](#); all were approved.
- Elder Marilyn Stone of the Disaster Preparedness & Response Task Force highlighted a [Church Security and Safety Training](#) event on March 22nd led by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).
- Elder Lee Tan shared the initial work of Committee on Local Arrangements (COLA), the group leading our efforts to host the General Assembly in Milwaukee in 2026. Many volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks! Please reach out to Lee or anyone else on COLA if you would like to help.
- We elected Christina Trompler as Vice Moderator and members to serve on various commissions and committees of the presbytery.
- Outgoing moderator Bill Leonard was thanked for his wonderful service this past year. Bill has the unique claim to fame for visiting all 41 worshipping communities during his time as moderator.



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Moderator Bill Leonard received recognition for his hard work and dedication over the past two years.

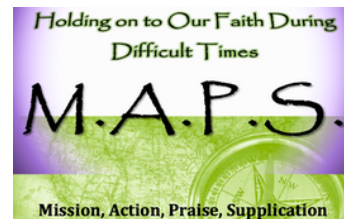
EDUCATION

Rev. Cecelia (CeCe) Armstrong led us on a road-trip of sorts as we hopped in the C.A.R. and pull out our M.A.P.S. In the grand Presbyterian tradition of acronyms, C.A.R. stands for Communication, Alignment with God, and Relationships. M.A.P.S. refers to Mission, Action, Praise, and Supplication. These are themes CeCe along with Co-Moderator Tony Larson have been focusing on during their time as Moderators.

CeCe's talk was based on Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." She provided an accompanying workbook titled "M.A.P.S. Holding onto our Faith in Difficult Times". You can download a copy [here](#).

FELLOWSHIP

As always, conversations with colleagues as we share a meal together was an important part of our Gathering. **Our thanks to the members of Forest Park and Greenfield Ave congregations for a tasty meal and their lovely hospitality.**



WORSHIP

Our worship service was blessed with preaching from Rev. Armstrong on John 11:38-44, "Journey to Serve" and by our accompanist, Dr. Sheri Masiakowski from Greenfield Ave PC. In addition we ...

- installed Kim Trimboli as Moderator and Christina Trompler as Vice Moderator
- Commissioned those elected to other positions this past year.
- Honored the Pastoral Transitions of Rev. Deborah Block, Rev. Lisa Heckman, Rev. Michelle Heinrichs, Rev. Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, and Rev. Susan Sytsma Bratt
- Heard from Rev. James Schleif, Executive Director, United Church Camps, Inc., during the Moment for Ministry
- Collected over \$600 for our offering to One Great Hour of Sharing
- Remembered the elders, deacons, and pastors who have passed away in 2023 and 2024
- And celebrated communion

Our thanks to the worship team – Kent Tess-Matner, Lisa Lynne Kirkpatrick, and Lisa Heckman – as well as to all of the participants for crafting and leading a full yet meaningful worship.

