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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

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**"Bagpipes, Installation, and a New Era"**

By Rev. David H. Dyer, Assistant Stated Clerk

The 131st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas began with evening worship on the campus of Lyon College with the sound of pipes and drums making hearts beat high.

The meeting, Friday, February 12, 2016 had been opened by Moderator Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson as he completed his term of service in that office. At the opening gavel the presbytery entered into a new era with a more flexible and agile design for mission and ministry designed to help congregations carry out their service to the gospel. Part of the opening business was also to hear from Synod Commissioner Teaching Elder Emily Laurel about the exciting things that are happening at the Synod of the Sun.

The worship service in Brown Chapel was led by Youth Harley Allen, Lyon Chaplain Teaching Elder Ray D.E. McCalla, Lyon student Alexa Overton, Moderator Ed Wilkinson, who delivered the sermon, Teaching Elder Leslie Roper, and, at the installation of Teaching Elder Lacy Sellars as the Moderator of Presbytery and of Teaching Elder J. Stewart Smith as the General Presbyter, Teaching Elders Bill Bailey and David Dyer. Music provided the soul of the service and was offered by the Lyon College Concert Chorale, Dr. Michael Oriatti, Director; the Lyon College Pipe Band, Mr. James Bell, Pipe Major; and Dr. Russell Stinson, organist.



TE Lacy Sellars installed as presbytery moderator



TE Stewart Smith installed as General Presbyter

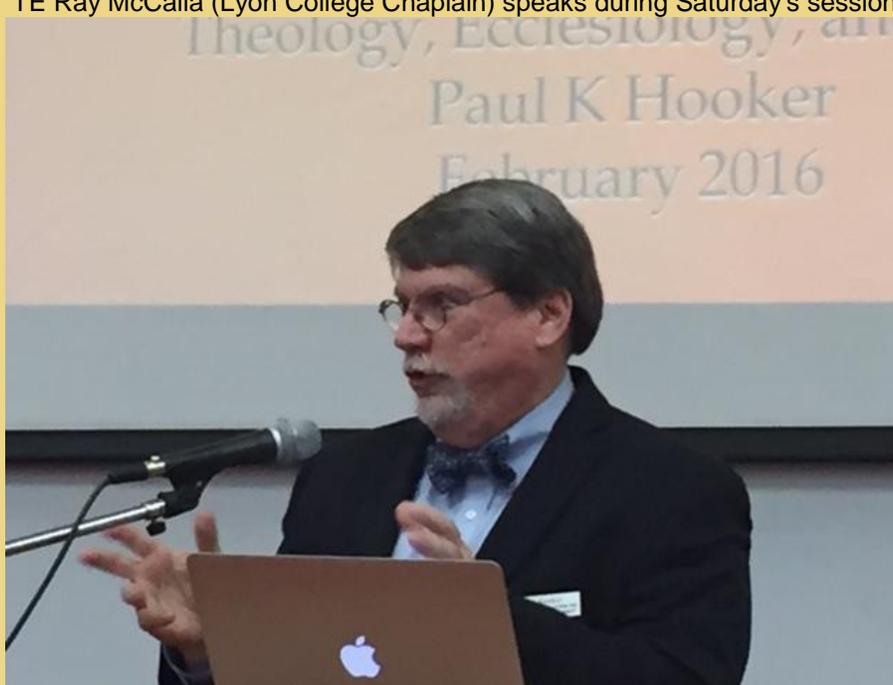
On Saturday, February 13, 2016 the meeting opened with lively worship, with guitar and banjo and the leadership of Chaplain McCalla. The Theological Discussion led by Dr. Paul Hooker of Austin Theological Seminary stimulated the presbytery's thinking on the shape and function of the church in our day. General Presbyter Stewart Smith spoke frankly about the current state of the presbytery, speaking of the new structure, the difficult shape the budget is in, and the quandary of what to do about our million dollar loan (to support Ferncliff) if the property that was to provide the repayment funds does not sell.



Worship musicians bring a bluegrass style to Saturday's session



TE Ray McCalla (Lyon College Chaplain) speaks during Saturday's session



Dr. Paul Hooker leads Saturday's theological discussion



General Presbyter TE Stewart Smith speaks on the current state of the presbytery

Other committee reports were given by the following: Nominations, TE Elizabeth Gabbard; Committee on Ministry, TE Dari Rowen; Preparation for Ministry, TE Kade Curry; Christian Education, CCE Kristi Button and TE Susan Rose; and Administration, Catherine Allsbury. The presbytery welcomed Teaching Elders Carol Clark and Mark Clark. He will serve as pastor at Grace, Little Rock. We also approved TE Georgia Senor as Associate Pastor of First, Bentonville. Also welcomed were "Chip" Hatcher, Westminster, Hot Springs and Jeff Parker, part-time interim at Mountainburg. The Committee on Church Leadership (formerly Preparation) noted the enrollments of Katherine Norwood and Molly Dewitt of Second, Little Rock as Inquirers. The presbytery then voted and celebrated the enrollment of Krista Denne', First, Clarksville and Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum as Candidates for the Ministry.



Teaching Elders Carol Clark (left) and Mark Clark (right). Mark will serve at Grace Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.



New Candidate Krista Denne!



New Candidate Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum

TE David Gill presented the annual report of the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, noting continued successes. He described the facility as, "our 1200 acre backyard that belongs to all our people."

It was noted that Assistant Stated Clerk Teaching Elder David Dyer has tendered his resignation effective at the end of the month. Teaching Elder Clare Kelley spoke of his service to the presbytery.



Retiring Assistant Stated Clerk TE David Dyer

Melissa Hendricks of Vera Lloyd recommended to the members of the presbytery participation in the Arkansas Gives program. Minute Announcements were shared. TE Susan Carter Wiggins informed us about the work of the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns of the General Assembly.

There being no further business to conduct, the Moderator, Lacy Sellars adjourned the meeting offering prayer to Almighty God who has and who continues to guide us so well. A joyful meeting thus came to a welcome close at 12:47 p.m.

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## Church Employment Opportunities in our Presbytery

**First Presbyterian Church--Bentonville** is seeking a **Director of Children and Youth Ministries** to lead the young people of their church as they grow in faith and service as followers of Jesus Christ. For more information, visit their website at [www.fpcbentonville.org](http://www.fpcbentonville.org). Qualified candidates may submit a resume and references to David Hill at [dvlhill@yahoo.com](mailto:dvlhill@yahoo.com). For more information, [click here](#).

**Administrative Assistant -- Park Hill Presbyterian Church in North Little Rock** seeks an individual who is a self-starter with communication and organizational skills and experience with Quickbooks, payroll, bookkeeping, and taxes . Website experience is a plus. The position is Monday through Friday, 25 hours per week, with the schedule adjustable to accommodate a parent with school aged children. Please send resumes and references to [parkhillpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:parkhillpres@sbcglobal.net) or fax 501-753-0325.

**Presbyterian Village, Little Rock** is seeking a full-time **chaplain**. Sunday-Thursday, generally days off on Friday and Saturday but can split days if needed. Would perform Bible studies, devotionals, Sunday church service, Ash Wednesday service, Good Friday service, Christmas Eve service, memorial services, etc. Full benefit package. Send resumes to: Leah Johnson, Executive Assistant at [LeahJohnson@presbyvillage.com](mailto:LeahJohnson@presbyvillage.com), phone 501.225.1615 x15

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## People and Church News

### News of Our Congregations

--**First, Dardanelle**, like many other congregations, ordained and installed ruling elders on Jan. 10, Baptism of the Lord Sunday.

--**First, Malvern** Presbyterian Women will have a fund-raising Mexican lunch for missions on Feb. 28.

--**First, Rogers** plans a spring break work week to paint areas in the church from March 21-25.

--**Pulaski Heights, Little Rock's** annual congregational meeting and potluck on Jan. 31 featured committee reports and a vote on the minister's terms of call.

--**Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals'** newsletter includes a featured book of the month review and a recipe from a church member.

--**First, Newport** and other church newsletters published a letter from the PC(USA) Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons entitled "Choose welcome, not fear" on refugees.

--**Holiday Island Presbyterian** will host AARP Tax Aide workers in their facility.

--**Wynne Presbyterian** recently held a service of wholeness and healing.

--**Park Hill Presbyterian, North Little Rock** Session chose one elder to serve as a commissioner to all presbytery meetings in 2016 and thanked those who served as acolytes in 2015.

### News of Our People

--**Breyanna Dulaney** is the new part-time youth director at First, Rogers. She is a student at UA, Fayetteville.

--New Directors of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at First United, Fayetteville are **Brianne and Jacob Christiansen**.

--Christian sympathy goes to **Rev. Chris and Joan Jones** on the death of her father Johnny Roskos on Jan. 10 in Phoenix, AZ. Chris is pastor of First, Jonesboro and a member of presbytery's Committee on Ministry, and Joan is the church's preschool director.

--Christian sympathy goes to **Kim and Lad Brooks** on the death of his father Rev. Frank Brooks on Jan. 18. Kim is the moderator of presbytery's Youth Advisory Team and a member of Committee on Nominations. They are members of First, Harrison, and Rev. Brooks served at First, Batesville.

--**Rev. Libby Lizarraga** preached the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 10 and will lead a one-evening Lenten retreat "Stigmata" on Feb. 17 at First United, Fayetteville.

--Prayers are requested for **K.C. Chanthorn** and his family after a fire destroyed their home on Feb. 2. He and his wife were not injured but they lost everything. He is the Commissioned Ruling Elder for the Laotian Ministry nested at First, Fort Smith.

--Congratulations to **Rev. Courtney Bacon-Latina** and husband **Ron** on the birth of their first child, Lilliana Elizabeth, on Feb. 12 in Hot Springs. Courtney is pastor of First, Malvern.

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## Resource Center News

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director  
Phone 501.663.2424, ext. 104  
Tuesday-Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.



### **PRESBYTERY FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you have events that you want the people of the Presbytery to know about, post them to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas). Rev. Anne Russ at First, North Little Rock (Argenta) at 501.374.7677 or email [revruss@gmail.com](mailto:revruss@gmail.com) will be glad to answer your questions.

--It's the time of the year when many churches elect those who will serve in the ordered ministries of deacon or ruling elder. Following that election comes the time of training and preparation when each should receive the new "**Book of Order 2015-2017**" (part II of the PCUSA Constitution) which is available from Presbyterian Distribution Services in regular print, large print or downloadable file.

### **ARE SPECIAL SPEAKERS COMING TO YOUR CHURCH? SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!**

The Resource Center Advisory Board, which oversees YOUR Resource Center, is trying to gather information on special lecture series or guest speakers coming to congregations through this year. The hope is to compile a list of dates, locations, and topics open to visitors from beyond your congregations so that in our connectional church others might benefit from the educational opportunities offered nearby during Lent, this summer or fall. Please send your information to [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org), giving name, phone, address and city of your church; date, time and location of the special educational opportunity; and name, credential and topic of the speaker. We will publicize these events in The Banner through May and then in addition, will create a brochure for distribution at the June presbytery meeting so these opportunities may be shown in one place for your planning convenience.

### **RAVE REVIEWS**

--Three people, two from hospice and one pastoral care minister, recently recommended this book and DVD at a Faith and Grief luncheon: "**Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss**" (Acc. #DVD9430 and #BK8342). This is a set for all ages of families, professionals, educators and support groups about Grandy's big loss and her blend of ingredients into her own grief process. 17 minute DVD and 55-page illustrated book affirm the bereaved, educate the unbereaved and are building blocks for children.

--Rev. Bob Hadley, Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay applauds the Lenten devotional "**Open to Me the Gates**" by Gradye Parsons (Acc. #BK9604) which explores how gates are conceptually used through the Bible in six chapters (meeting at the gates, surprising gate, justice at the gates, beautiful gate, gate of total commitment, great shepherd gate) and offers leader suggestions of main idea, preparing to lead, gathering, opening worship, conversation (discussion questions), and conclusion.

### **ONE WEEK INTO LENT, HERE COMES HOLY WEEK**

Books: "**Easter from the Back Side**" by J. Ellsworth Kalas (Acc. #BK9174) opens up new possibilities of insight into the Easter story by connecting it to other stories and scriptures in both Testaments and includes study guide, "**A Jelly Bean Easter: Three Dramas for Children**" (Acc.

#BK9369) range from 7 to 13 speaking parts and from 25 to 45 minutes in length, and **"The Legend of the Sand Dollar: An Inspirational Story of Hope for Easter"** (Acc. #BK8878) is an illustrated children's book of the familiar seaside legend.

DVDs: **"Through Lent & Easter Sunday with the Gospels of Matthew and John"** (Cycle A readings) (Acc. #DVD9816) for high school through adult audiences, 22 minutes, includes English and Spanish tracks with printed guide; **"VeggieTales: An Easter Carol"** (Acc. #DVD9206) for children, inspired by Dickens' Christmas classic, explains why Christians celebrate Easter past, present and future, 49 minutes; and **"Road to Emmaus"** (Acc. #DVD9796) 30 minutes story of the two first-century travelers joined by a mysterious stranger who turns their sadness into joy.

CD: **"The Easter Story"** (Acc. #CD9326) contains four Easter stories, mini-book, CD audio track with narration and sing-along songs taken from The Message.

This year I will be working each Tuesday and Wednesday (7:45-5:15) and can easily be reached other weekdays by email, text or cell phone (501.337.2360).

Self-service hours in the Resource Center are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. If these latter days are the best for your visits, I'll gladly gather resources for you to pick up and as usual, I'll mail resources to patrons on the days I'm here.

**REMEMBER OUR ONLINE CATALOG!** Just go to the [www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org) website, click on "Resources," then on "Resource Center" and "click here to search the catalog" to conduct a simple or advanced search for just the right item.

*(The Resource Center receives funding from Presbytery's new Church and Its Mission Area)*

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## **Arkansas Pilgrimage to be held April 28 - May 1, 2016**

Are you looking for a boost in your faith journey? Consider attending the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage to be held at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center from April 28 through May 1, 2016. The pilgrimage weekend will begin at 5:30 pm on Thursday, and will end about 5 pm on Sunday. There will be plenty of worship, prayer, food, study, fellowship, and much more. The cost to attend the weekend is \$200.

Scholarships are available if you need financial aid from our Scholarship and Endowment Fund. Also, if anyone is interested in contributing to the Scholarship and Endowment Fund, information is available at the website below.

Applications are available on the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage website [www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org](http://www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org)

You may also pick up participant applications from the Presbytery Office in Little Rock. If you have any questions, you may contact the Registrar at [ARPC.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:ARPC.registrar@gmail.com)

The deadline for applications is April 18, 2016.

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## Navigating Change

*Rev. Michael Vinson, Staff Resource  
Congregational Vitality*

We live in a time of rapid change. Jesus reminded us that He came to make all things new. And new things require change. As a Presbytery we are moving into the implementation phase of a new chapter of our life together and we will all be working through this time of change together. Here are some suggestions for navigating change as a presbytery, or a local congregation or even in your own life.

**1. Hold Steady.** During transitions sometimes it's easy to want to panic. Change moves us out of our comfort zone and we are wired to do everything possible to be comfortable. Most of us have worked all our lives to get things just the way we want them and don't easily give up the order and routine of our lives. Also, during transitions, we sometimes get angry, afraid and sad. All of these feelings are normal but hold steady. During the acute stage of change is not the time to make big important decisions. Decisions made while we are angry, afraid or really sad are not always to our advantage. Hold steady and work through your feelings.

**2. Do What You Know to Do.** During times of change and transition it is important to stay in touch with center...whatever that is for you. This means sticking to your spiritual disciplines. As Presbyterians we are good at reading and studying our scriptures and we are good at our prayers of petition and intercession. But especially during times of change it is important to include some silence. Whether this is sitting with your eyes closed or taking a walk in nature. Times of change need some silence to get in touch with the peace that passes all understanding. So keep praying, reading and listening.

**3. Share Your Story.** During times of change and transition it is easy to feel isolated. It is easy to think that you are the only person or congregation affected by this change in a very particular way. When you share these feelings with others you may very well find that you are not the only one to feel this way. When you tell your story someone shares in the story with you and helps you carry your burdens. Sharing your story helps you discover new ways of looking at your situation and helps you move forward to something new.

**4. Stay Open.** We don't talk much about this in Presbyterian circles but during change it is important to stay open to the new thing that God is doing in our lives collectively and as individuals. This is where your spiritual disciplines really come in handy. Sometimes to stay open we have to surrender. We have to surrender to the fact that things are beyond our control and we have to be open to the fact that God is working to make all things new and wants us to be a part of that.

**5. Respect Your Guidance.** During times of change, we all need someone who will tell us how it really is. We need someone to tell us to be careful, get over ourselves and help us discern our way. In the reformed tradition we believe this comes from God and our faith community. And we believe it comes through prayer. If you feel like God is speaking to you, share it with some faithful friends and see what they think. If you are the kind of person who asks God what to do, be sure you spend some time listening in silence, in scripture, in worship and in conversations with friends. God speaks to us in a multitude of ways. Be careful that you are open to a variety of ways God speaks.

Perhaps you have other ways of navigating the transitions in life. We have all had to navigate change so all of us have varying degrees of experience. This is certainly not a comprehensive list. But hopefully it can help us all as we negotiate this particular change in our lives together. The church that most of us know and love is changing rapidly. If we don't exercise our discernment skills, we certainly have difficulty participating in God's plan to make all things new.

If you are interested in a process for navigating change in your congregation or in your life personally feel free to contact me. [mvinson17@gmail.com](mailto:mvinson17@gmail.com)

Michael Vinson  
[www.imichaelvinson.com](http://www.imichaelvinson.com)

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## Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News

Registration is now open for the **Jr. High Jubilee at Mo Ranch (July 9-14, 2016)** and the **Montreat Youth Conference (July 23-30, 2016)!!**

Trip Info and Registration Packets are up on the Presbytery website at <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmYouthCouncil.aspx> (scroll down to Documents section). They have also been mailed to all churches. Please get this info. into the hands of your young people. We hope to have many of them join us this summer!

***For other important dates in 2016, [click here for a brochure!](#)***

**Want to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery?**

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on Facebook,

or go to

[www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry)

This page is for anyone wishing to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery -- Youth Workers, parents, youth, Educators, Pastors.

(Presbytery's Youth Ministry receives funding from Presbytery's new Ministries with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults.)

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## **Annual Spring Retreat**

Last call for the Annual Spring Retreat (**March 3-5, 2016**) at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. This retreat is sponsored by your presbytery's new Future of the Church Ministry Area.

For a brochure with more information, including topics and leaders (as well as registration details), [click here](#).

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## **Disaster Prep: Does Your Church Have a Bucket List?**

Well if not, we think it is high time you get one -- so we'd like to help you get started!

Below is a Bucket List so your church can help us fill 100 Emergency Cleanup Buckets needed by Church World Service to help families whose homes have been flooded. We have 100 empty buckets and lids to give out. We hope each church will take at least one and maybe several. Fill your bucket(s) before our next presbytery meeting on June 4th when you can bring it back, along with \$2/bucket to cover cost of shipping, and take one thing off your Bucket List! (You may also deliver your bucket(s) directly to Ferncliff.)

- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
  - One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
  - One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
  - One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
    - One package of 48-50 clothespins
    - Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
      - Five dust masks
    - Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
      - One pair work gloves
  - 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles. Be sure to send only new materials. Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape. Thank you!

**--This message is brought to you by the Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response Sub-Committee of the Church and Its Mission Area. Additional information is available at**

**<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmDisasterResponse.aspx>**

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## Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Arkansas invite you to their Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville. For a brochure with more information (including hotel reservation details) [click here](#).

*(Presbyterian Women receives funding through the presbytery's annual budget.)*

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## Mark Your Calendar for Arkansas Gives



Support your  
**Presbyterian Ministries**  
during ArkansasGives 2016

Go to [www.ArkansasGives.org](http://www.ArkansasGives.org) on **Thursday, April 7**  
to donate to any or all of these Presbyterian Ministries.  
Your donation will help us receive bonus dollars!



ArkansasGives is a project of Arkansas Community Foundation. Visit [www.ArkansasGives.org](http://www.ArkansasGives.org) to make a minimum \$25 donation between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
Thanks for supporting your Presbyterian Missions!

Mark your calendar for a day of giving! Please support your Presbyterian Ministries--Ferncliff, Presbyterian Village, and Vera Lloyd--during ArkansasGives 2016 on Thursday, April 7. This special giving day, hosted by the Arkansas Community Foundation, allows individuals to support non-profits, such as our Presbyterian agencies, and help the nonprofits qualify for bonus giving dollars from ARCF. Visit [www.ArkansasGives.org](http://www.ArkansasGives.org) for more information.

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## Host Site Sought for October Presbytery Meeting

Would your congregation like to host the 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of AR? Those dates are **Friday late afternoon into Saturday, Oct. 21-22**. Please notify Resourcing Director NiAnn

Thompson at [niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org) if your congregation is interested before you seek Session approval. Host responsibilities will be sent to you. Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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## New Names for Presbytery Groups

With the election of committee members at the Feb. presbytery meeting, the former committees were dissolved, with thanks to those members who rotated off, and the new committees, ministry areas and subcommittees were constituted. As we learned together a few years ago that Ministers of Word and Sacrament are now called teaching elders and elders on the Session are now called ruling elders, we will begin to learn together the new names of presbytery groups.

They are:

**Administration Ministry Area**, formerly Committee on Administration, moderator TE Catherine Allsbury, HR

**Committee on Leadership Development**, formerly Committee on Preparation for Ministry, moderator TE Kade Curry

**Committee on the Church's Ministries**, formerly Committee on Ministry, moderator TE Dari Rowen

**Church and Its Mission Area**, formerly Committee on Christian Education and Committee on Mission, moderator CRE Kelly Pearson

**Sub-Committee on Disaster Preparedness**, formerly Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response, co-moderators RE Elizabeth Branch and TE Susan Carter Wiggins

**Ministries with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults**, moderator RE Mary Shaw

**Youth Ministry Team Sub-Committee**, formerly Youth Advisory Team subcommittee of Christian Education Committee, moderator RE Kim Brooks

**Campus Ministry Sub-Committee**

**Future of the Church Ministry Area**, formerly Committee on Congregational Care and Development, moderator RE Leah Shell

**Committee on Representation**, unchanged, moderator RE Ledridge Davis

**Permanent Judicial Commission**, unchanged

**Nominating Committee**, formerly Committee on Nominations, moderator TE Elizabeth Gabbard

**Coordinating Team**, formerly General Committee, moderator RE Ed Wilkinson

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## **Nominations Sought for Presbytery Ministry Areas, Committees**

Presbytery's Committee on Nominations is seeking names of qualified and willing persons to serve on presbytery ministry areas or committees beginning in 2017. To download the current form, [click here](#). Please submit by April 1.

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## **Winter Weather Reminder**

When Little Rock schools close for winter weather, the presbytery office closes also. Please be patient with us as we live through the season's cold temperatures!

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## **New Region Map**

The Presbytery Restructure Task Force presented a new map of Regions for the Presbytery of Arkansas. This new map was approved by a vote of the presbytery in October 2014. For a list of the churches in each region, [click here](#). For a map with the new regions, [click here](#).

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**Prayer List for Congregations -- 2016** can be found [here](#).

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We are composed of over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered in 87 active churches, a new church development and one ministry located in various towns and cities in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas.

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