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*"Come, bless the Lord,
all you servants of the Lord."
Psalm 134:1*

For the week of February 21, 2019

The Cincinnati Sampler

WORKSHOPS AND SO MUCH MORE

Saturday, February 16 the Presbytery of Cincinnati gathered at Westwood First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, with almost 150 Presbyterians in attendance, and here's a glimpse of what happened:

- Welcomed the Reverend Dr. Lisa Nichols Hickman as our preacher and special workshop presenter
- Participated in the commissioning of Ruling Elder Bob Obermeyer to pastoral service at Eastminster PC (Cincinnati)
- Sustained the examination and transferred the ordination of the Reverend Stacey Midge to the Presbyterian Church (USA) - Reverend Midge serves Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church (Cincinnati)
- Elected the Reverend Erwin Goedicke as our Interim Stated Clerk for a two-year term, to assume regular service 5/16/2019
- Approved the transfer of the Presbytery Office to the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church with details to be accomplished in the next few months before returning to the Presbytery with permission to sell 1323 Myrtle Avenue
- Gathered in different spaces to meet other Presbyterians, receive resources, and be equipped for ministry in twelve different workshops
- Gratefully received the work of the Administrative Commission for Elmwood-Carthage Presbyterian Church
- Amended a significant provision of the work of the Administrative Commission for Reading-Lockland Presbyterian Church
- Noted our 2018 per capita receipts were exceptional—thank you Presbytery of Cincinnati
- Received a report from our Stated Clerk
- Received a final report from our General Presbyter
- Gathered around our Lord's Table for Communion
- Enjoyed a delicious taco bar lunch
- Heard our next meeting is Tuesday, May 14 at 5PM at Calvin PC in Amelia, OH



PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS

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- Bob Young, Council Chair
- **PRESBYTERY OFFICE HOURS ARE 9AM-2PM**
Monday through Thursday

RULING ELDER PREACHING INSTITUTE

FEBRUARY 2019

CALENDAR

PRESBYTERY OF
CINCINNATI

Tue 19 February

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at
the Presbytery Office—
Rabbi du Jour is Kenneth
Locke

Wed 27 February

3:00-6:00PM “Coffee,
Cookies and Conversation”
Thank You Reception at
the Presbytery Office for
the service of Nancy Kahaian

Thurs 28 February

10:00AM COM Leaders
Meeting at the Presbytery
Office

**TODAY IS THE DAY -
REGISTRATIONS DUE
FOR THE RULING ELDER
PREACHING INSTITUTE—*minimum
enrollment target is necessary***

Tue 5 March

9:30AM Bible Study for
Pastors and Preachers at
the Presbytery Office—
Rabbi du Jour is Kevin
Waters



REGISTRATIONS DUE NEXT WEEK

The Reverend Dr. **Ronald J. Allen**, Professor Emeritus of Preaching and the Gospels at Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis), is pictured above, standing in blue. He’s one of the instructors for the **Ruling Elder Preaching Institute (REPI)** in the Presbytery of Cincinnati, that begins again on Monday, March 11 at 6:30PM. All classes will be hosted at the Presbytery Office, 1323 Myrtle Avenue in the East Walnut Hills neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Registration forms for REPI can be found on the Presbytery website at the “Office Forms” tab. Please download, complete, send with the \$125 fee, purchase A Sermon Workbook and a Holy Bible, and prepare to be instructed and delighted, coachable and curious. **Registration forms and payment must be submitted to the Presbytery Office by Thursday, February 28**, and there is a minimum number of participants to secure REPI, so please confirm as soon as able!

NEWS AND NOTES

The Presbytery of Cincinnati invites you to the Service of Installation for the **Reverend Mike Brazelle** at **Mowrystown Presbyterian Church** on Sunday, February 24 at 3:00PM. The entire Presbytery is invited and encouraged to attend, welcoming Mike and supporting the Mowrystown congregation.

Coffee Cookies and Conversation—A Thank You Farewell Reception will be hosted at the Presbytery Office on Wednesday, February 27 from 3:00-6:00PM for our departing General Presbyter, Nancy Kahaian. Please do consider offering a word of thanks and an expression of grace for her service to all of us in the Presbytery.

An Organ Festival and Master Class for Church Organists will be hosted at Covenant-First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 3 and Monday, March 4, featuring Dr. Andrew Henderson, organist and music director from Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York. The event is hosted in collaboration with the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. For more information, please contact Rob Heidenreich at 513.235.7828.