



PRESBYTERY of
MILWAUKEE

Presbytery Gathering Highlights

May 21, 2023

Hybrid Presbytery Gathering Southminster Presbyterian Church

GATHERING BUSINESS RECAP

- We welcomed 3 new pastors:



Rev. Laurie Lyter Bright, involved with the Peacekeeping Fellowship



Rev. Randy Bush, interim at Immanuel in Milwaukee



Rev. Lori Powell, new pastor at Grace United in Fort Atkinson

- We heard from GA Ministry Engagement and Support regional representative René Myers. [Please view the MES Thank you video here.](#)
- In his stated clerk's report, Rev. Christian Boyd moved the approval of the 2024 plan to address the imbalance of ministers and elders.
- CPM moderator Teresa Larson gave a brief overview of the changes coming to the Board of Pensions medical dues. Our regional rep, Ken Green will be available some time this summer to meet with pastors and others with questions.
- We examined and approved Inquirer Morgan Edwards for Candidacy.
- We approved updates to the presbytery's bylaws and Manual of Administrative Operations.
- We learned about the Carroll University/Milwaukee Presbytery's Residency Program and heard from outgoing resident, Rev. Anna Langholtz. [You can see Anna's video here.](#)



Examination of Morgan Edwards for Candidacy

EDUCATION

During the education hour, the Presbytery Planning Commission organized an opportunity for us to be in conversation with our friends and colleagues around different topics related to the Marks of Vitality. There were tables covering Racial Equity and Justice, Lifelong Discipleship, Caring Relationships, Evangelism, and Empowered Leadership. Those who are attended via Zoom, shared in conversation with one another and hosts Judy Jaggard and Dave Ewing.



FELLOWSHIP

We enjoyed time with one another over yummy sandwiches at dinner. *Our thanks to the members of the Southminster Church for their gracious hospitality.*

WORSHIP

Right as dinner was starting, tornado warnings were being raised as severe storms traveled across Iowa. The leadership decided, with regret, to forgo the worship service in favor of getting everyone home safely.

Worship would have been another opportunity to "Build On Our Relationships," this time with members of the John Knox and Winnebago Presbyteries. As part of our Tri-Presbytery meetings and collaboration, the Tri-Presbytery Committee worked together to create a video worship service. Liturgy was done by different member churches from each Presbytery with a sermon by Rev. Hodari William from the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Summit that took place in January of this year. We would have added live worship components in the form of communion and hymns.

[You can watch the original worship video HERE.](#)