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**“Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that
we may be restored!
Renew our days as of old!”
Lamentations 5:21**

For the week of November 8, 2018

The Cincinnati Sampler

PRESBYTERY MEETING NEXT WEEK

The Presbytery of Cincinnati gathers again on **Tuesday, November 13 from 5-9PM** at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati.

If you require child care for this Presbytery meeting, you must directly email Tina Peterman Hubert (Knox staff) at thubert@knox.org by Friday, November 9.

At this Presbytery meeting, we will Install Officers: TE Adam Fronczek as Moderator, RE Bill Bogdan as Vice-Moderator, and RE Bill Maney as Treasurer. We will also receive reports from COM, CPM, and the Board of Trustees, and other items for information and action. There will be updates regarding the transition work happening through Council Work Teams related to the “Evaluate and Imagine Report” approved by the Presbytery in April 2018.

Papers for the November Presbytery Meeting are posted at www.presbyteryofcincinnati.org. Supplemental papers will be distributed on the day of the meeting, at the meeting.

FINAL WORSHIP AT SARDINIA

The **final worship service at Sardinia Presbyterian Church** included 120 adults and children, with praise and thanks to God for the faithful witness of the 207 years of the congregation. (Pictured upper right) At the November Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on Tuesday, November 13 at Knox, we will receive a report from the Administrative Commission for SPC.

CLERKS’ QUESTIONNAIRE

The Stated Clerk requests that each Clerk of Session please participate in the Annual Clerk’s Questionnaire. We’ve had fewer than 20 responses, and would like to encourage feedback from all of our sessions. If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please contact Stated Clerk Melana Scruggs at melana@cpresby.org. Thank you.



PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS

- Nancy Kahaian, General Presbyter—nancy@cpresby.org
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- Bob Young, Moderator
- Adam Fronczek, Vice Moderator
- **PRESBYTERY OFFICE HOURS ARE 9AM-2PM**
Monday through Thursday

MISSION TO THE USA

NOVEMBER 2018

CALENDAR

PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI (POC)

Tues 13 Nov

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

5:00PM Presbytery Meeting
at Knox PC, Cincinnati

Thur 15 Nov

2:00PM Personnel Review
Meeting with GP at the Pres-
bytery Office

Sun 18 Nov

3:00PM MLK Event 2019
Planning Team Meeting at
the Presbytery Office

Tue 20 Nov

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

Wed 21 Nov

Presbytery Office Closes at
12noon

Thur 22 Nov

Presbytery Office Closed

The *“Cincinnati Sampler”*
will not be distributed this
week, A Blessed Thanksgiv-
ing is hoped for all.



The Synod of the Covenant (all the presbyteries within Michigan and Ohio) hosts a program called “Mission to the USA”. This mission-based program connects churches within the Synod with international church leaders called Mission Partners. Each Mission Partner is hosted by a congregation in the synod, and joins in the activities of the life of the church. The Mission Partners and congregations share worship, Bible Study, and meals breaking down cultural barriers over the course of three weeks together and become true siblings in Christ.

This past year (2018) the Mission to the USA’s focus was on Christian-Muslim relations. Bernie Adeney- Risakotta, Professor of Religion, Ethics and Social Science, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies Yogyakarta, Indonesia and Farsajana Adeney- Risakotta, anthropologist, theologian and faculty member at Duta Wacana Christian University presented a seminar to the Synod Assembly entitled “Muslim and Christian: Partners or Enemies?”

Other speakers included Rev. Dr. Nosheen Khan, the first woman ordained in Pakistan and the first woman principal of Gujranwala Theological Seminary in Gujranwala, Punjab, Pakistan in 140 years. Rev. Saman Perera is a Presbyterian Pastor, and moderator of the Presbytery of Lanka, where he also served as Chair of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka, serves on the General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and is co-founder of Smadana/m – an organization working for peace and nonviolence. Rev. John Hira is the pastor of St. Thomas Cathedral Church and the principal of St. Andrew’s Theological School.

If your church would consider hosting a Mission Partner next year, please visit the Synod of the Covenant website synodofthecovenant.org for more information. (Pictured from left to right: Rev. John Hira, Rev. Dr. Nosheen Khan, and Rev. Saman Perera)

OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE REGION

Presbytery Council designated the November Presbytery Meeting offering for the support of PC(USA) mission co-workers, Dustin and Sherri Ellington. The Ellingtons have served in Zambia since 2010. The Ellingtons will share some brief thoughts with us via video at the Presbytery meeting. The Presbytery has demonstrated wonderful generosity this year in our meeting offerings, and it is hoped that we can continue to do so again in November!

ThankSing on November 18 at 5PM at Covenant-First Presbyterian Church. Let’s prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving in a special service of hymns, prayers, and Scripture—a hymn festival with all the trimmings!

Family Centered Approach for Children of Addicted Parents on Wednesday, **November 14** at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center from 7:15AM-4:30PM hosted by GladHouse with the Children of Addicted Parents Collaborative.