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On the Cover

Members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees pose for a group photo at the board meeting at University Presbyterian Church in El Paso, Texas, in February 2020.

BOARD GROUP PHOTO:

Left to right, back row: Malcolm G. Nimick, Rev. Dr. John M. Nelsen, Rev. Paul T. Roberts Sr., Samuel D. Muse, David Zimmerman, Greg McCoy, Stephen C. Kelley

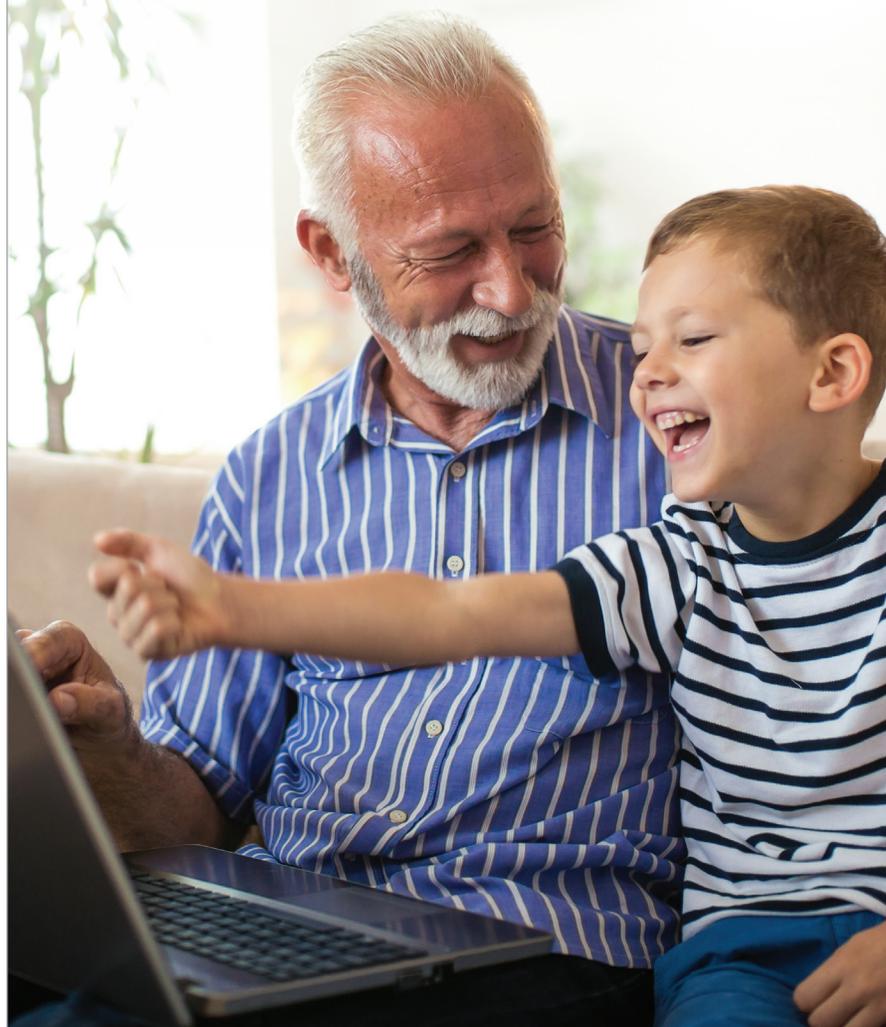
Left to right, middle row: Kathy Trott, Michele Minter, Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett (ex-officio), Rev. Dr. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Rev. Jason Ko

Left to right, front row: Rev. Jihyun Oh (representing Stated Clerk Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, ex-officio), Bridget-Anne Hampden, Eric Osborne, Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall (Chair), Rev. Dr. Neal Presa (Vice Chair), Claire Rhodes and Rev. Wonjae Choi

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President's Message



Rev. Tom Taylor, J.D., Ph.D.
President and CEO

Our June 2020 Board of Trustees meeting was held on Juneteenth, the day that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Our virtual meeting began with a beautiful devotional from our former Chair, Rev. Eustacia Moffett Marshall. June was the beginning of the most recent cries for racial justice here in the United States, with protestors taking to the

streets to demand a public focus on racism, particularly within police departments and in other governmental arenas. Early this summer, I felt called to write a letter addressing these events to our staff and board detailing our response to the injustices that we have seen and the protests on our streets. We ultimately published that letter on the PC(USA) website, and I was heartened by the many strong affirmations from a significant number of our staff and Board of Trustees on that statement.

Five years ago, before our denomination called for any such thing, I called together several trustees to form a task force that led to a detailed plan for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Our goal that this board fully endorsed was to systemically create a Foundation culture to love differences in people, to provide avenues for all to serve, including in the highest leadership, and to include all – our ultimate goal being to create a culture that loves all people as much as our Lord Jesus Christ loves them. In less than five years, among many other achievements in these areas, today several tangible ones stand out.

- We have elected and served under the first African American Woman Board Chair under 40, for the first time in the 221 year history of the Presbyterian Foundation.
- We gathered as a Board in 2019 and 2020 as the most racial/ethnically diverse Foundation Board of Trustees in the Foundation's history.
- In just five years, our senior staff leadership has more people of color to ever serve this institution in those leadership roles.
- In the past 10 years, the number of women in senior leadership at the Foundation has doubled.
- Two years ago, we created and empowered a group of Ministers of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to help us better understand the needs and to better serve the whole church.

- Most importantly, we have begun genuinely to experience a passion and love for one another in all of our beautiful racial and ethnic differences and backgrounds as we serve the church to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But make no mistake, these actions are only the beginning. There is more to be done in areas like cultural diversity, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and theological diversity. All of these will further develop our culture into one that looks like, loves and appreciates the world like our God does – the whole world that God so loves that “God came to seek and save us all, and not to condemn us.”

While we've continued to work towards a more diverse organization, we've faced some realities and practicalities this year, as everyone has, that has made our work more challenging. Our offices remain closed to the public and the majority of our staff are still working remotely. I am proud of how the Foundation staff moved quickly to balance personal needs such as getting children through virtual school or living in sequestered quarters alone or with family, all while maintaining the Foundation's excellent work standards. All of this has occurred while our work volume has increased exponentially in many areas.

Our field staff have also continued their diligent work to represent the Foundation to pastors and church leaders who are scrambling to serve their congregations during this pandemic. Our Ministry Relations Officers are providing information, comfort, and resources to those who often feel they have nowhere else to turn. In doing so, they're being the hands and feet of Christ to our church leaders.

We know that many of you are serving congregations and ministries, and that you, too, are serving as the hands and feet of Christ in the midst of new and often daunting challenges. May the Lord richly bless you and keep you as together we serve the Lord in the many different ways that God has called us.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Tom Taylor, J.D., Ph.D.
President and CEO



Foundation Steps Up to Meet Need for Online Giving

By Robyn Davis Sekula

In a typical month, the Presbyterian Foundation's online services team receives 12 to 15 online giving applications.

But there's been absolutely nothing typical about 2020.

The online giving program operated by the Foundation allows churches and ministries related to the PC(USA) to receive online donations. The Foundation handles the back office and administration, processing credit card or debit card transactions and ACH drafts, and makes a monthly deposit in the church or ministry's bank account. The Foundation charges a 2 percent fee for this service.

Online giving became a much more attractive proposition when the world went into quarantine, and churches stopped meeting in person in March as COVID-19 spread rapidly. Churches that did not offer online giving suddenly knew they needed it, and many reached out to the Foundation for help.

While January brought 13 applications, February brought 16. March was when the uptick began, with 162 applications from churches.

And in April, 321 applications flooded in from churches - more than the Foundation processed in all of 2019.

"The sheer volume of applications was simply staggering," says Tom Taylor, President and CEO of the Presbyterian Foundation. "When we established this program in 2012, we knew it would be helpful, but we had no idea how absolutely vital it would be for congregations."

WORKING REMOTELY

At this same time, the Foundation itself was shifting into working remotely. The online services team of three was working overtime, literally, to get the applications processed and online giving systems up and going for churches. Other team members from operations pitched in, too, to help keep up with demand.

The program has grown exponentially every year. "This year will no doubt beat them all," Taylor says. "This team has done an incredible job of working together to serve churches, supporting them as they navigated through offering non-traditional means of giving."

The online services team has other duties beyond just setting up online giving accounts. They handle other types of accounts that the Foundation offers, and also helps existing clients with questions. The volume of questions ticked upward significantly during the

pandemic as churches wanted to know what options they had with the online giving accounts, and if they could set up ministry-specific accounts for various purposes (yes, that's possible).

OPERATIONS TEAM PULLS TOGETHER

Some operations team members worked as long as 18 hours each day to get applications processed and accounts set up, and a few even handed out personal cell phone numbers to churches and ministries to be available to answer questions.

"It took all of us working together in these extraordinary circumstances to meet this challenge," says Shonita Bossier, Vice President of Operations for the Foundation. "It's awesome that we could provide these services to churches and ministries and can still continue to do so."

Through April 2020, the Foundation has processed \$9.4 million in gifts to congregations and ministries through online giving funds. The total for all of 2019 was \$7.9 million.

"This shows that Presbyterians are incredibly generous, even in tough times when they themselves may not be prospering," Taylor says. "They just need to be provided with the means to give."

Deanna Powell, Clerk of The Community Church of New Boston, N.H., wrote an email to Taylor just after her own church signed up for the service. She is appreciative of its simplicity and availability. "By offering this service, I think people will appreciate the ease of giving," Powell says. "The younger generation has been living in a cashless and, really, checkless society. I think that generation will be glad to have the opportunity to give to their hometown church with this online option."

If you'd like to know more about the online giving program, you can find it on the Foundation website.

Robyn Davis Sekula is Vice President of Communications and Marketing at the Presbyterian Foundation. She is a ruling elder in the PC(USA) and a member of Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky. She can be reached at robyn.sekula@presbyterianfoundation.org.

In Memoriam

REV. ROBERT MARTZ (Mesa, AZ), who served congregations in Colorado, Arizona, and Hawaii and was a graduate of the College of Wooster and McCormick Theological Seminary, died August 1, 2019. He served as a Foundation trustee and as Chair of the Board in the 1990s.

REV. RICHARD COLE (Pasadena, CA) died December 7, 2019. A graduate of Whitworth College and San Francisco Theological Seminary, Dick served congregations in Oregon and Washington and was a Foundation Development Officer from 1978 to 1991.

PAUL KROESEN (Irvine, CA), age 104, died March 11, 2020. A combat fighter pilot during WWII, entrepreneur, business executive, and Presbyterian elder, he served as a Regional Representative of the Foundation in southern California from 1975 to 1983.

SAM SLOAN (Charlotte and Montreat, N.C.), a career bank executive and Presbyterian elder, died May 21, 2020. He was a Foundation trustee in the 1990s.

ROBERT STROUD (Charlottesville, VA), an attorney and Presbyterian elder, died June 4, 2020. He was a Foundation trustee in the early 1970s.

PIERCE ELIZABETH DAGGETT BUFORD, 80, died July 22, 2020, in Oxford, Miss. She served as a Foundation development officer.

Former moderators of the PC(USA)

FREDA GARDNER, 91, of Troy, N.Y., died May 9, 2020. Elected Moderator of the 211th General Assembly in 1999 and was the first female full-time faculty member at Princeton Theological Seminary.

MARJ CARPENTER, 93, of Big Spring, Texas, died June 13, 2020. Elected Moderator of the 207th General Assembly in 1995. Ruling Elder and Editor of the Presbyterian News Service for 15 years.

DOUG OLDENBURG, 85, of Davidson, N.C., died July 21, 2020. Elected Moderator of the 210th General Assembly in 1998. President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

Building a Culture of Resiliency at NCTC



*Rev. Richard White, Chair
NCTC Board of Directors*

Building enterprise-wide resilience has many components – including preparing for and practicing disaster management responses. The importance of this has never been more obvious than in today’s world of COVID-19 with social distancing requirements and the suspension of business travel.

Fortunately, NCTC has been designing and testing disaster scenarios for years to prepare for many different types of unexpected events, including the sudden loss of key personnel, floods, fires, and critical fails involving technology – to name just a few. Last December, our quarterly drill was a pandemic as word first spread about the current virus. Little did we know that our world would be turned upside down with the real thing.

On March 16, all staff began working from home, and we expect some version of this to continue for the foreseeable future. Clearly our past tests and preparations have helped us move to remote working with minimal disruption to workflows and client care.

Initially, one of our biggest challenges was equipment procurement, especially new laptops because of supply chain delays out of China. However, we placed orders earlier than many other organizations, and this helped speed our deliveries. The most significant challenge for staff has been adjusting to the lack of face-to-face personal contact. NCTC is a highly collaborative work environment with a culture of close teamwork, and adjustments will be ongoing as pandemic restrictions stretch into the future.

NCTC’s disciplined approach to risk management and balance sheet oversight are serving us well during these challenging times. We continue to maintain equity capital at twice regulatory requirements, and the trust company’s liquidity considerably exceeds our corporate policy as well as OCC mandated levels.

Revenue and expenses are tracking close to budget. But most importantly, we have exceptionally strong leadership and a deep culture of teamwork that allows us to respond with agility and flexibility. This is allowing us to remain focused on the future with \$21.5 million in new assets booked year-to-date. Total assets under management now comfortably exceed \$300 million and the pipeline of expected new business is robust and growing.

Other important news is the payment of a \$330,000 dividend to the Presbyterian Foundation on March 31, up 10 percent from the prior year’s distribution. Looking ahead, NCTC is improving client communication with virtual platforms, exploring the potential for several new products and services, and we are carefully and strategically expanding the board of directors.

To summarize, we continue to thrive in the midst of an unsettled and challenging market – managing risk and exploring new opportunities with caution.

Blessings,

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Dick

The Reverend Richard H. White, Chair

New Resource Provides Help with Understanding Church Finances

By Sally Scherer

If terms like “principles of financial reporting,” “narrative budgets” and “e-giving” leave your head spinning – or at least a little foggy – you are not alone.

But now, thanks to a new online resource from the Presbyterian Foundation, there’s help for those who find knowledge and understanding of church finances to be a challenge.

The Church Financial Leadership Academy, which debuted in early June, is designed to help improve financial literacy for Presbyterian pastors and church leaders. It is offered free of charge.

Through a series of short videos on a variety of topics, the e-learning platform helps explain organizational financial terms and concepts.

The tool also offers additional resources, a short quiz to test what you’ve learned and a page where you can get help from a Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer.

Rev. David Loleng, director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership for the Presbyterian Foundation, guided the creation of the Church Financial Leadership Academy.

“In the opening video, we explain that you’re not on your own when it comes to church finances. We have a whole cadre of people who you can contact who can answer questions, help talk things through,” Loleng explained.

Lilly Endowment Inc. Funded Development

Funding for the online tool came from the Lilly Endowment Inc., which supports religious, educational and community development causes.

The Presbyterian Foundation received an initial \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment in December 2015 to develop pilot programs that provided tools and grants to assist a small group of churches and pastors in discovering new ways to fund their ministries.

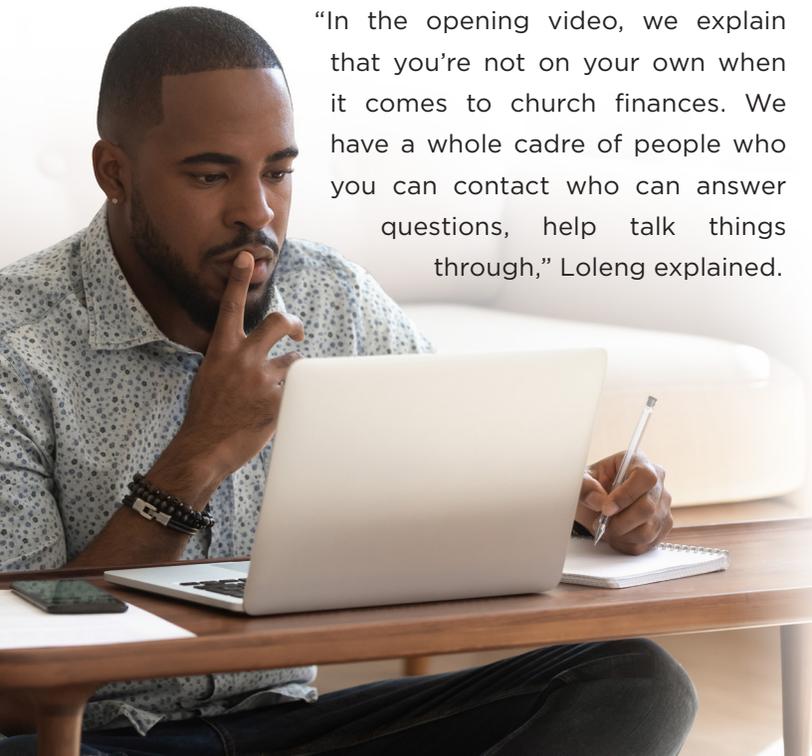
After successes during the initial phase, an additional \$1 million grant was received in 2019 to allow the Presbyterian Foundation to offer financial leadership training and tools.

So far, reviews of the Church Financial Leadership Academy have been good, Loleng said.

Now, work is underway to create a financial coaching network and to provide training in Spanish and Korean. Then, 20 more topics will be added, he said.

“This is an outstanding opportunity for the Foundation to advance our work in offering stewardship education and real-life tools that provide truly meaningful help for our congregations and ministries to fund their vital ministries,” says Tom Taylor, President and CEO of the Presbyterian Foundation. “Lilly Endowment has a keen vision for what the church can be in the future and how to support pastors and church leaders in their work. We are so honored to have received this funding for a second time from Lilly Endowment and are so excited about working nationally with pastors and congregations to shape the future of Christ’s church.”

Sally Scherer is a writer and communications consultant based in Lexington, Kentucky. She is a member of Second Presbyterian Church, where she is an elder and a member of the choir.



New Members of our Board of Trustees

At the 224th General Assembly in June, four new members were elected to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Additionally, at the June Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees elected Rev. Dr. Neal Presa as Chair and Bridget-Anne Hampden as Vice Chair. We're so grateful for their willingness to serve.

Read on for short bios on each of the new Board of Trustees members.

STEVE AESCHBACHER



Steve Aeschbacher practiced law for 30 years. He was a civil trial lawyer and led Microsoft's defense in many cases as Associate General Counsel during his almost 19 years in house. He has been a Ruling Elder in the PC(USA) for over 30 years and a Minister of Word

and Sacrament for three years. He is currently serving as interim senior pastor at the church he and his wife Alice were married in, First Presbyterian Church of Salt Lake. Steve and Alice have two adult daughters, of whom they will not shut up about. Steve loves to read, to hike, to listen to music, and good conversation. He is hopeful he will get to hear live music again in the post-COVID world. Finally, he is very grateful for the opportunity to serve and shepherd the church and to encourage people to live into their calling as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation in a world that badly needs it.

GEORGE PHILIPS



George Philips is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in University City, Missouri, where he is a ruling elder and serves on the adult education, endowment and personnel committees. From 2016 to 2018, George was Vice Chair of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through

Investment (MRTI), having previously served on what is now called the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board of Directors. He is currently on the board of MERS Goodwill Industries of Missouri and the advisory board of the Diversity Awareness Partnership of St. Louis. George received degrees from Washington University in St. Louis (M.A.) and Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota (B.A.). He is President of Philips & Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in market research and regulatory compliance. He and his wife, Alice, live in St. Louis and have three children.

Jarvie Program Adapts to Serve Beneficiaries

As you no doubt know, New York City was hit hard earlier this year by COVID-19 and the Jarvie Program had to quickly respond. The Jarvie Program serves older adults in New York City and surrounding areas, offering highly personalized care and support to seniors, thanks to a bequest from James N. Jarvie nearly 90 years ago. The funds from the bequest are held at the Presbyterian Foundation and proceeds are used to continue to operate the program.

Due to the pandemic, the Jarvie Program was forced to suspend in-person visits to our Jarvie program

beneficiaries and ramped up efforts to help source their daily supplies. Out of an abundance of caution, those in-person visits have not yet resumed.

Instead, the staff that operates the program in New York City has stayed in touch remotely with the Jarvie program beneficiaries. "Switching to a remote model was done early enough that it enabled us to keep both the staff and the beneficiaries safe," says Doug McArthur, who serves as Chair of the Jarvie Commonweal Service Committee. "The prudence and care that were exercised in making that decision

SUSAN MENELAIDES ROSE



Susan Menelaides Rose is a retired managing director of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, where she was a member of the firm's National Audit Group. Her primary responsibilities included developing the firm's policies, procedures and training for conducting

financial statement audits by the firm's United States auditors. During her career in public accounting, she was a director at the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) in New York and the partner in charge of quality control for the audit practice of a CPA firm in Chicago. Through acquisitions of that firm, she became a partner in the national audit group of McGladrey & Pullen until returning to Deloitte. From 1999-2003, Susan was a member of the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board, which was responsible for developing auditing standards for financial statement audits conducted by auditors in the United States. She currently serves as Treasurer and member of the Finance Committee of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Bob, reside in Scottsdale, Arizona.

DR. COREY SCHLOSSER-HALL



Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall serves as Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast in Washington state. He is a Ruling Elder in the PC(USA) and grew up in the Dakotas. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and also earned a Ph.D. in Organizational Communication

from the University of Minnesota and is an ICF credentialed leadership coach. Prior to serving as Executive Presbyter, he served as Communications Director for the Presbytery of Seattle. His executive service is informed by his background as a university professor, wilderness guide, entrepreneur, food service manager, and consultant. Corey speaks, teaches and consults locally and nationwide on wholehearted discipleship, innovative leadership, and helping Christ's church flourish in the 21st century. He served as faculty of the Presbytery Leader Formation Program of the PC(USA) from 2008-2020 where he taught convergence ecclesiology, visionary and financial leadership, and communications. Corey and his spouse, Adrienne, live in Bothell, Washington, and are parents of two daughters: Maya Ruth (20) and Hannah Rose (17). Corey likes to do anything with his wife and daughters, train for triathlons, and listen to good music.

in March were providential, and we're grateful for the expertise and foresight of the program staff in making these life-saving adjustments."

The Jarvie program leadership asked for and received extra funds to buy supplies and medications for Jarvie beneficiaries weeks ahead of the declaration of a pandemic back in March. This kept the beneficiaries from having to go to stores and ensured they had items on hand that are now in short supply. Social workers have continued to help make arrangements for delivery of needed supplies, groceries and pharmaceuticals.

The most important service they have provided this year, though, may be simply listening. "The social workers and the chaplain who work in the Jarvie program have provided a listening ear when the beneficiaries felt lonely, isolated and stressed," McArthur says. "Our new Jarvie chaplain, who joined us full-time in May, has been in touch with many who have welcomed the conversations."

For more information about the Jarvie program, visit www.jarvie.org.

From the Board Chair



Rev. Neal D. Presa, MBA (cand.), Ph.D.

“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen” —Ephesians 3:20-21

At the turn of the last century, on the occasion of the Presbyterian Foundation’s bicentenary in 1999, R. Douglas Brackenridge summarized the actions of the 11th General Assembly (1799) in establishing what was called the Trustees of the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. That action followed a recommendation from a committee established by the preceding General Assembly in receipt of an overture from the Presbytery of Philadelphia “for the cause of ministerial relief and other pious or charitable uses.” The final action in 1799 for a petition for incorporation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strangely left out the “ministerial relief” piece of the original overture, but emphasized that any donations and bequests would be used for “benevolent and pious purposes.”

That was then. This is now. The 2019 Annual Report of the Presbyterian Foundation evidenced the breadth and depth of God’s work over many generations since its inception:

- About \$2 billion in assets under management
- About \$73 million distributed annually to support mission in the US and around the world
- More than 4,200 donors

When I completed service as Moderator of the 220th General Assembly (2012-14) and then was invited to join the Presbyterian Foundation Board of Trustees in 2016, I was immediately struck by the deep commitment of senior management, so ably led these many years by

our CEO and President Tom Taylor, and by a vibrant Board whose vision and values were and are about connecting and cultivating relationships. For them then, as it is now and into the future, the Foundation is about relationships: it’s the number of relationships, phone calls, emails, meetings (and these days, Zoom). That was and is the metric of what is faithfulness and success at the Foundation: the number of relationships, how often we connect, and how can we best connect the hopes, prayers, and dreams of God’s people to impactful ministries for generations to come.

I described this effort as the Foundation being a major “R&D” (research and development) hub for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). That is one of the things I value about what we do in the Foundation Board and with our staff colleagues – we steward, we develop policies and strategic vision directions – but we also spend a great deal of time in discerning ways to position the Foundation and leverage the resources of the Foundation for forward-thinking, mission-oriented initiatives by getting ahead of trends, analyzing data, learning from our donors and beneficiaries of their needs, challenges, and passions, and, making decisions guided by the Spirit’s leading.

As this summer closes, and all of us continue to face the personal and communal impact of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, and as we engage in serious, sustained ways for racial justice, especially in solidarity with our Black siblings, we in the Foundation Board and with our staff colleagues remain steadfast in our commitment to stewarding resources for “benevolent and pious purposes” for present-future generations of God’s people to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Come and imagine with us what the world could and might be – join us in this work. The Lord bless you.

Partnering with you in Christ’s service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neal D. Presa', written in a cursive style.

The Rev. Neal D. Presa, MBA (cand.), Ph.D.

Three New Members of Senior Staff Join Foundation



Marilyn Cleeff joined the Foundation in June as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. She is replacing Greg Rousos, who is now serving as President of New Covenant Trust Company. Marilyn is responsible for the Presbyterian Foundation's fiduciary

and financial operations and for helping to determine the best opportunities for innovation and efficiency in the delivery of services.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Marilyn devoted over 25 years to serving as a senior executive and independent consultant to successful organizations providing client services to the financial industry. Marilyn was Chief Financial Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of Price Asset Management, LLC, a registered investment adviser, North American Controller of MF Global, Inc. a broker dealer; Chief Financial Officer of Iowa Grain Company, a futures clearing firm; Director of Treasury for Mizuho Securities, Inc. in Chicago; and Managing Director of Spectrum Global Fund Administration.

She holds an EMBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and a B.S. in accounting from the University of Illinois. She is a CPA and an NFA principal. She was on the board of directors of Reading Power, Inc, a non-profit literacy tutoring program, and the Kellogg Executive Women's Network.



Shonita Bossier became Vice President of Operations in June 2020, replacing Vanessa Elkin, who retired. Shonita joined the Presbyterian Foundation in July 2018, with more than 20 years of experience in securities, and trust administration and operations.

Shonita is responsible for management of the Operations department with oversight of 20 staff members that handle processing and administration of gifts and trust accounts and the records reflecting operational transactions on accounts for the Presbyterian Foundation and New Covenant Trust Company. She leads staff activities to ensure the timely and accurate financial record keeping, information systems tracking, tax reporting, delivery of account statements, as well as the procurement, and investment of funds.

Prior to joining the Presbyterian Foundation, she served as Director of the Securities Division of the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions, working for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Shonita was responsible for the examination and registration of securities firms and professionals as well as the registration of securities offerings and investigations of alleged state and federal securities law violations.

Shonita formerly held positions at the Bank of Bermuda, U.S. Bancorp and Fifth Third Bank. Shonita earned a B.S. in Business Administration from the State University of New York College at New Paltz.



Rev. Dr. Glen Bell joined the Foundation in August 2020 as Senior Vice President of Development. He replaces Kevin Garvey, who will be serving in a consulting role to the Foundation. Glen is responsible for the development operations of the

Foundation which consists of asset gathering from churches and individuals, stewardship education and fundraising consulting services to other Presbyterian organizations.

Before joining the Foundation, Glen Bell dedicated 30 years as a pastor in a wide variety of congregations. His roles and duties have spanned preaching, teaching and pastoral care; leadership, management and operations; and stewardship and funds development. Glen was pastor of Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina, pastor/head of staff of Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, executive pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and pastor/head of staff, First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, Florida.

He has been the opening preacher for Stewardship Kaleidoscope and has served on the boards of NEXT Church, Presbyterian Outlook, and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Glen Bell is a Doctor of Ministry graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

General Assembly Update

As you probably know, the 224th General Assembly was moved to a virtual assembly, and was held June 19, 20, 26 and 27. The Committee on the General Assembly made the difficult decision to consider only critical business this year.

The Presbyterian Foundation had both trustees and staff signed in and ready to answer any questions in the Zoom virtual platform, if needed, but business matters pertaining directly to the Foundation were not considered this year. Both the Foundation and New Covenant Trust Company prepared reports for the General Assembly and all minutes from board meetings were submitted for approval. As part of the list of nominations for PC(USA) boards, four new members for the Foundation's Board of Trustees were elected by General Assembly and one new member was confirmed for New Covenant Trust Company. We are grateful for each of these volunteers who were willing to serve!

We deeply missed the fellowship and time together that we were so greatly anticipating in Baltimore. It was our fervent hope that somehow we could convene together, but that simply was not possible during this pandemic time. A virtual event was the correct decision - but one we lament along with our PC(USA) siblings.

The 225th General Assembly is set for Columbus, Ohio, July 2-9, 2022, and we know it will be a time in which many long-delayed matters will be considered. We hope to be with you in person then.

— Tom Taylor, President and CEO

