

***“Property Stewardship: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission Challenge”***

***December 14-15***

***12:30 – 4:00 p.m. (each day)***

***AGENDA***

***A Virtual Program for Mid Council Financial Network (MCFN)***

***Jointly presented by the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Presbyterian Foundation***

***For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11***

**December 14 The Stewardship of Church Property**

Day one of this conference will address some of the “nuts and bolts” of church property. Dr. Lindner will present important data on trends in the management and sale of church property in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Respondents will pose questions regarding what presbyteries may be looking for during property deliberations and provide information on denominational resources that are available.

**12:30 -12:45 p.m. Welcome – Acknowledgement of the Land – Stephen Keizer  
Introduction(s)**

**Opening Devotions – Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter, Greater Atlanta Presbytery**

**12:45 – 1:15 p.m. Keynote Plenary – Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner**

**1:15 – 1:35 p.m. Questions and Dialogue**

**1:35 – 2:00 p.m. Break**

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Responses and Questions  
Respondents**

- **Craig Howard, Presbytery Leader, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy**  
What are the biggest concerns of a presbytery executive?
- **Jim Rissler – President and Chief Executive Officer  
Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program**  
How can Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program help you today?
- **Paul Grier – Vice President, Presbyterian Foundation**  
How can the Foundation help you today?

**3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Questions**

**Adjourn**

**December 15**

**Allocations from Property Sales: An Opportunity for Stewardship, Mission and Witness**

Day two of this conference will look at the big picture of the use of church properties and our role as stewards. Building on the day one presentation on present trends in church property sales we will turn our attention to the challenges and opportunities to today's church. How might the church at every level respond to these trends in ways that faithfully envision and enable a future for the church that proclaims in word and deed the Good News? What must be done now to provide for a more just and inclusive future for the whole church? What is the community impact when a congregation dissolves and the presbytery closes the building?

**12:30 – 12:45 p.m. Welcome – Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings, Presbyterian Mission Agency**  
**Opening Prayer – Shannan Vance-Ocampo, General Presbyter, Southern New England Presbytery**

**12:45 – 1:30 p.m. Conversation with Eileen Lindner and Rev. Paul Roberts**

**1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Break**

**1:45 – 2:30 p.m. Respondents:**

- **Scott Lumsden, Co-Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Seattle**
- **Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Seattle**
- **Elona Street – Stewart, Co-Moderator of the 224th General Assembly (2020) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Synod Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies**

**1:45 p.m. Questions from Participants**

**Next Steps: TBD**

**Closing reflection/prayer – Rev. Deborah Swift, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY**