

Mid Council Financial Conference

November 19 – 21, 2025

Fourth Presbyterian Church
Chicago, IL

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Daily Host: Steve Keizer

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- 11:00 am Registration opens
- 12:00 pm Welcome and Logistics
Acknowledgment of Native Lands
Greetings from Fourth Presbyterian Church
Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe
Opening Prayer & Greetings from the Presbytery of Chicago
Craig Howard, Executive Presbyter
Lunch
- 1:30 pm *Rev. Chip Hardwick Ph. D. – Executive, Synod of the Covenant*
- 2:30 pm Resources and Services to help Mid-Councils Thrive in a Changing Landscape
Rev. Thomas F. Taylor Ph. D., Stephen Keizer & Olanda Carr, Jr., Presbyterian Foundation
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Mid-Council Financial Practices – *Edd Breeden & Diane Case*
- 4:15 pm Cybersecurity - *Ryan Corcoran, Carroll University*
- 5:00 pm Updates, Announcements and Adjournment
- Dinner on Your Own (*a list of nearby restaurants may be found in the attendee packet*)

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Daily Host: Jason Peterson

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- 9:00 am Devotional
Rev. Dr. Maisha Handy – President, McCormick Seminary
- 9:15 am Funding Model Task Force Presentation
Valerie Young & Jeanne Radak, Funding Model Task Force
- 10:00 am Creating a Sound Investment Policy
Brad Masters & James Carey, New Covenant Trust Company
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:30 am Enterprise Risk Management IT/Cybersecurity II Presentation
Nathan Anderson, Wake Forest University
- 12:15 pm Lunch

1:30 pm “Hot Topics” Panel Discussion
Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, Rev. Dr. Byron Wade, Craig Howard

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Legal Update – [order of the day]
Cory Halliburton J.D., Freeman Law

4:00 pm Announcements and Adjournment

4:30 pm Buses will take group from Westin hotel to Navy Pier for boat cruise

5:45 pm Chicago Signature Dinner Cruise on Lake Michigan

8:30 pm Cruise concludes; buses will take group from Navy Pier to Westin hotel

Friday, November 21, 2025

Daily Host: Clare Lewis

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9:00 am Devotional
*Rev. Cindy Kohlmann – Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly, Connectional
Presbyter/Stated Clerk, New Castle Presbytery*

9:15 am Special Offerings Granting Process
Rev. Wilson Kennedy & Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson, Administrative Services Group, PC(USA)

9:45 am Insurance with Case Studies and Question Time
Tim Harris, Insurance Board

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Panel Discussion: “Here’s what we’re seeing on the horizon ...”
*Clare Lewis & Jason Peterson, Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program
Olanda Carr, Jr., and Stephen Keizer, Presbyterian Foundation*

12:00 pm Announcements and Adjournment

CONFERENCE ENDS

HOLD THE DATE!

Mid-Council Financial Conference
Date and Place to be announced
At conclusion of the conference