

**PRESBYTERY OF TRANSYLVANIA
COMMISSION ON REPRESENTATION
December 3, 2024**

The Commission on Representation shall be composed of six members who shall be nominated by the Coordinating Commission and elected by the Presbytery. It is tasked with an intentional purpose: to ensure the church’s commitment to inclusiveness and the principles of unity and diversity (per G-3.0103).

Current membership of the COR:

Chair, Mary Reed

1.	Mary Reed	Teaching Elder	Retired	2025
2.	Jean Harney	Ruling Elder	Danville	2025
3.	David Hoskins	Ruling Elder	Corbin	2025
4.	Jennifer Hallberg	Teaching Elder	Lex., Meadowthorpe	2026
5.	Jennifer Powell	Teaching Elder	Mt. Sterling, First	2026
6.	_____	Ruling Elder	_____	2027

*David Hoskins is eligible for a 1-year term; previously served 5 years.

* Jennifer Hallberg and Jennifer Powell have previously served 1-year terms.

Below is a roster of commissions, ministries and other positions within the Presbytery. Those in **bold print** are recommended for nomination:

MODERATOR

David Whiteman	Ruling Elder	Winchester, First	2025
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VICE-MODERATOR

Linda Kurtz	Teaching Elder	Lexington, First	2025
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STATED CLERK

Jerry Utt	Teaching Elder	Morehead, Faith	2027
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TREASURER

Nik Fegenbush	Ruling Elder	Mt. Sterling, First	2026
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COORDINATING COMMISSION

Chair, _____

1.	John Leggett	Past Moderator	Teaching Elder	Lexington, Second	2025
2.	David Whiteman	Moderator	Ruling Elder	Winchester, First	2025
3.	Linda Kurtz	Vice-Moderator	Teaching Elder	_____	2027
4.	Lois Gaines		Ruling Elder	Versailles	2025
5.	Andrew Wood		Ruling Elder	Maysville, First	2025
6.	Jennifer Johnson		Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2026
7.	Martin Carver		Teaching Elder	Lexington, Hunter	2026
8.	Kathy Fish		Ruling Elder	Corbin	2027
9.	Melissa Sevier		Teaching Elder	Retired	2027

The voting members of the Coordinating Commission (CC) shall be: the current Moderator of Presbytery, the current Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, the immediate Past Moderator of Presbytery; and six other members of the Presbytery, formed into 3 classes of 2 each, with each class a term of three years, and nominated by the Commission on Representation and elected by the Presbytery at the annual meeting. The CC shall set forth mission directions, goals, objectives and priorities as it is guided by the Presbytery's Mission Statement, shall regularly review the Presbytery's Mission Statement, and, together with all Commissions and Ministries of the Presbytery, shall be responsible for coordinating the work of the Presbytery between its meetings and for ensuring that the decisions made by the Presbytery are carried out.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Chair, Bill Reed

1.	Rachel Anderson	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2025
2.	Kristy Ehlert	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2025
3.	Anne Bolton	Ruling Elder	Lexington, Second	2026
4.	Michael Denney	Teaching Elder	Lancaster	2026
5.	Gabe Rogers	Ruling Elder	Mt. Sterling, First	2027
6.	Bill Reed	Ruling Elder	Lexington, First	2027

The Administration Commission shall be composed of six (6) members. The duties of the Commission shall include serving as the Trustees of the Presbytery, and having responsibility for Accounting, Budgeting, and Staff Services. The Treasurer of the Presbytery shall serve as an advisory member with voice and without vote.

CLOSING COMMISSION

Chair, Curtis Christian

1.	Linder Jaeckels	Ruling Elder	Versailles	2025
2.	Kathy Riley	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2025
3.	Catesby Woodford	Ruling Elder	Mt. Sterling, First	2026
4.	Curtis Christian	Teaching Elder	Richmond, First	2026
5.	Steve Kelly	Ruling Elder	Lexington, First	2027

The Closing Commission shall counsel with congregations that have indicated their desire to end their relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or those that have reached the completion of their effective ministry. This commission shall receive referrals from the Presbytery, the Commission on Congregational Issues or the Coordinating Commission. This commission shall determine a course of action, either division, dismissal, or dissolution, negotiate the terms of such action, and recommend it to the Presbytery for final approval. Such negotiations include consultation with the Administrative (Trustees) Commission.

CONGREGATIONAL ISSUES COMMISSION

Chair, Mike Ward

1.	Candace Purdom	Ruling Elder	Danville	2025
2.	Mike Ward	Teaching Elder	Retired	2025
3.	Katherine Redmond	Teaching Elder	Retired	2026
4.	_____	Ruling Elder		2027
5.	Roger Dermody	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2027

The Congregational Issues Commission will assist congregations with any difficult issues that arise, including conflictual situations and complaints involving the actions of teaching and ruling elders. Formal complaints that rise to the level of a disciplinary case will not be handled by this commission but will be referred to the Presbytery’s Permanent Judicial Commission. The Congregational Issues Commission also will work with congregations that might need assistance in dealing with concerns related to congregational life that are not conflict situations, but in which outside consultation might be helpful. This commission will work closely with Church Development to help focus resources on congregational health and vitality. In addition, this commission may work closely with the Pastoral Transitions Commission if issues arise in congregations with temporary pastors or that are in transition. The commission will also undertake other responsibilities as assigned by the Presbytery or Coordinating Commission. This commission may recruit, seek additional help and build teams with people not on the commission for short-term projects when necessary.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Chair, Scot Robinson

1.	Griffin Phillips Ryan	Teaching Elder	London, First	2025
2.	Sylvia Carter	Ruling Elder	Ezel, United	2025
3.	Tommy Poe	Ruling Elder	Prestonsburg, First	2025
4.	Jennifer Powell	Teaching Elder	Mt. Sterling, First	2026
5.	Frank Pottorff	Teaching Elder	Lexington, First	2026
6.	Penny Lamb	Ruling Elder	Wilmore	2026
7.	Scot Robinson	Teaching Elder	Pikeville, First	2027
8.	A. J. Strauch	Ruling Elder	Danville	2027
9.	Michael Bean	Teaching Elder	Retired	2027

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry shall be composed of nine (9) members; half of whom shall be Teaching Elder members of the Presbytery and half of whom shall be elders. The Commission shall fulfill the functions related to the process of preparation for ordination as Teaching Elder and shall provide for the training, and nurture of Ruling Elders who apply to become Commissioned Lay Pastors (CLP’s).

PASTORAL TRANSITIONS COMMISSION

Chair, Mike Burnside

1. David Holden	Teaching Elder	Somerset, First	2025
2. Mike Chamberlain	Teaching Elder	Retired	2025
3. Eric Schonblom	Ruling Elder	Buckhorn	2025
4. Barbara Rogers	Ruling Elder	Lexington, Hunter	2026
5. Wanda Olive	Teaching Elder	Winchester, First	2026
6. Matt Falco	Teaching Elder	Lexington, Maxwell St.	2026
7. Candace Lang	Ruling Elder	Berea, Whites Mem	2027
8. _____	Teaching Elder	_____	2027
9. Mike Burnside	Ruling Elder	Lexington, First	2027

The Pastor Transitions Commission shepherds a congregation from the moment a Pastoral leader decides to leave, is removed from office or retires until a new leader is formally installed. This commission would be responsible for working with the Session to determine the best course of action for a congregation searching for new, *permanent* leadership, including all the various steps of the PNC process including examining and receiving the new Teaching Elder/CRE, approving any Interim contracts and new terms of call. They would also work on a suggested Installation Commission for the newly called Pastor. The design of this commission would be to create a “turn-key” process to ease the burden, eliminate the confusion and lower the anxiety for congregations in transition. They would also recommend Presbytery minimum terms of call each year after a thorough evaluation of national and local salary trends. This commission shall appoint moderators to Sessions of churches with leadership vacancies due to the search process and other duties assigned by the Presbytery or Coordinating Commission. This commission may recruit, seek additional help, and build teams with people not on the commission for short-term projects when necessary.

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

1. David Hoskins	Ruling Elder	Corbin	2026
2. Angie Hatton	Ruling Elder	Whitesburg	2026
3. Susan Warren	Teaching Elder	Retired	2026
4. Mike Pratt	Ruling Elder	London, First	2028
5. Steve Auvenshine	Ruling Elder	Paris, First	2028
6. Kathy Riley	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2028
7. Darryl Baker	Teaching Elder	Retired	2030

In accordance with D-3, the Presbytery shall elect, by nomination from the COR, a Permanent Judicial Commission, as outlined in the *Book of Order*, D-3.000.

TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION COMMISSION
Chair, Keith Benze

1. Ginny Shanda	Ruling Elder	Lexington, First	2025
2. Keith Benze	Teaching Elder	Retired	2025
3. Jon Roller	Ruling Elder	Lexington, Beaumont	2026
4. Mary Weese	Teaching Elder	Midway	2026
5. Juanita Spangler	Ruling Elder	Whitesburg, Graham	2026
6. Shawn Barkley	Teaching Elder	Lexington, Walnut Hill	2027
7. Darnaby Kerns	Ruling Elder	Paris, First	2027
8. Lisa Culpepper	Teaching Elder	Lexington, Mt. Horeb	2027

The Commission for Congregational Transformation and Innovation will be composed of eight members divided into three classes. The purpose of the commission will be to help transform current church congregations; to identify, develop, and establish new worshipping communities; and to provide resources and support for new worshipping communities.

****New Commission-replaced Church Development & Revitalization Ministry**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY

_____	_____	_____	2027 Chair
_____	_____	_____	2026 Vice-Chair

The Christian Formation Ministry shall be comprised of a Chair and Vice-Chair (one being a Teaching Elder, the other being a Ruling Elder). The Chair and Vice-Chair may appoint additional members as needed for the mission of this Ministry, seeking to uphold parity Teaching Elders and members of congregations and honoring the full diversity of the Presbytery in representation. This Ministry shall be responsible for coordinating the Presbytery’s work in strengthening and supporting congregations in their faithful discipleship through Biblical and theological knowledge and spiritual formation and areas of mission including youth, young adults and campus ministry.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

Sarah Wilson	Ruling Elder	Lex, Eastminster	2026	Chair
Hannah McIntyre	Teaching Elder	Versailles, Pisgah	2027	Vice-Chair

The Leadership Development Ministry would oversee the content and schedule of Leadership Development for the Presbytery. While there is overlap with the area of Christian formation, this group would look at issues of conflict management, leadership, organizational change, and the need for adaptive change process. This group would be tasked with the training, oversight and continued education of Commissioned Ruling Elders. They would also work with newly ordained clergy, Pastors new to the Presbytery and consider developing a coaching program for clergy. This group would provide Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training at regular intervals to insure that all Teaching Elders and employees of Transylvania Presbytery, and any volunteers under the supervision of Transylvania Presbytery, including officers, those serving on its Commissions and Ministries, boards and support of its programs, may be trained every five years

MISSION MINISTRY

Brad Napier	Teaching Elder	Stanford	2025	Chair
_____	Ruling Elder	_____	2027	Vice- Chair

The Mission Ministry shall be comprised of a Chair and Vice-Chair (one being a Teaching Elder, the other being a Ruling Elder). The Chair and Vice-Chair may appoint additional members as needed for the mission of this Ministry, seeking to uphold parity Teaching Elders and members of congregations and honoring the full diversity of the Presbytery in representation. This Ministry shall seek to strengthen and support congregations in their mission to their communities and to the world, and to assist in coordinating mission opportunities within the Presbytery.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

_____	Ruling Elder	_____	2027	Chair
_____	Teaching Elder	_____	2027	Vice-Chair

The Youth Leadership Ministry of Transylvania Presbytery exists to foster the leadership opportunities and abilities of youth within the presbytery and host events that foster relationships and community amongst the youth of the presbytery. The Youth Leadership Ministry will be comprised of youth and the willing college, adult, elder or lay people who will facilitate the growth, leadership, decision-making, and gathering of the youth.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER GOVERNING BODIES AND AGENCIES

COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

Joanie Lukins	Ruling Elder	Danville	2026
Steve Pace	Teaching Elder	At-large	2026

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS – PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Rachel Anderson	Teaching Elder	Validated Ministry	2024
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**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE KENTUCKY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
DELEGATES 2025**

Five delegates need to be elected for the KCC Annual Assembly held in October 2025.

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