

Presbyterian Women
Moderator, Synod of Living Waters

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It has been a year of stretching, tip-toeing into deep waters and learning, learning, learning. I thank you all for the opportunities that have been presented to me this year.

I started off my year by attending the AL/MS conference in Mobile. I was greeted by hostess in southern-belle dress and had some time to get to know some of my team. I attended some of the classes they were offering and heard a wonderful teaching on Revelation from Dee Koza. I gave a word of encouragement during the meeting. If you get the opportunity this is a wonderful conference to attend.

In September I attended the Orlando meeting to learn and join forces with our representatives on “taking it to the congregation”. How do we reach the individual churches and start our growth at the foundation!

In March I attended the delightful Spring Gathering in Ripley, Mississippi for St. Andrews Presbytery. Leah Bradley from Louisville Seminary was the speaker and we were reminded of the meeting in Huntsville “where the lights went out” until she spoke. I also spoke bringing greetings from the Synod and sharing a part of my life with them and also had the pleasure of installing their new leaders.

On April 2nd I also attended the very elegant Spring Gathering for Mid-South Presbytery in Jackson, Tennessee. It was wonderful with Tracy Keenan speaking and leading the musical portion of the program. Again, I shared words of encouragement and seeking to open up the congregations to our representatives that went to Orlando to learn about “taking it to the congregation”.

On April 14th I attended the Spring Gathering for Western Kentucky Presbytery in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. It was a truly wonderful meeting and they presented us with a skit that brought humor and a message about Leaders for our Coordinating Teams. I shared with the group and installed their Leaders. After the meeting, during lunch, Rev. Betty Shepperson

came forward and said she would fill the position of Vice Moderator. We stopped eating and installed her right on the spot!

On April 28th I attended the Spring Gathering for Holston Presbytery. I was asked to install their Leaders, also missing a Vice-Moderator. Again, during lunch one of the ladies came forward and agreed to fill that position. They also presented Peggy Torbett and “your Moderator” with a Life-Time membership in the Presbyterian Women.

I have also attended all of the Synod Executive Council Meetings and the Synod Meeting during this past year.

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