



Presbyterian Women

Presbytery of Mississippi

Moderator's Report  
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This has truly been an amazing two years for me as PW Moderator in the Presbytery of Mississippi. We have had challenges in our denomination that spilled over into PW plans, but as I have often found in PW, someone stepped up and offered to help or fill in or do whatever is needed. And all with a smile! Working with PW makes me continue to believe in miracles.

We picked up a new member of our "PW Traveling Show" or as it later became known as the "PW Storm Chasers", in Rev. Bill de Prater. As our Presbytery exec, he attended our Fall Cluster Gatherings, and any other meetings he could attend to give us updates on what was happening in the Presbytery and in the larger church. As a result his dedication to PW, we awarded him a Lifetime Membership in PW at our Fall Cluster Gatherings last year. His wife, Rev. Mickey dePrater, not only accompanied him on all these jaunts, but also led our Annual Spiritual Retreat at St. Mary of the Pines this year.

Our email newsletters are being well received by many members and friends. This is proving to be a good connection to those who have moved, to those in churches that no longer have active PWs, to those in churches with active PWs who **all** want to know what is going on, to ministers, and to our Stated Clerk. The comments I receive after sending them are wonderful. These newsletters are also on the Mississippi Presbytery's website and the PW Synod Website, so all can see what is happening in Mississippi PW. What a wonderful outreach!

In addition to PW connections these two years, I had the opportunity to serve as the Elder Commissioner to General Assembly last summer. This was a blessing and a challenge for me. I had the opportunity to hear some amazing speakers and wonderful music and to be exposed to our wider church. We don't all agree, but there were many opportunities to converse with others. I learned so much from my time in San Jose, and am still learning.

I am looking forward to handing the gavels to Pam, and to moving to my new duty as Search committee. I'll be talking to many of you in the coming year to offer you an opportunity to be involved with the wonderful group of women that we know as the Presbyterian Women of the Mississippi Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,  
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