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From General Presbyter Roy Martin

As you read this article, Lisa and I are enjoying some downtime in Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, England. As I write this article, we haven't even left yet!

It occurs to me that this situation is reminiscent of a view of Christian theology first expressed in the early 20th century by Princeton theologian Gerhardus Vos. That view suggests we live in an "in-between" time – in-between the already and the not yet. That is to say, Christians can actively take part in the kingdom of God now, although the full expression of God's kingdom still awaits completion.

I remember one of my seminary professors being asked, when are the dead raised? Speaking of the end times, First Thessalonians 4: 16 says, "The Lord will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with

the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ

will rise first." But, speaking of the actual point of death, Luke 23: 42-43 contains the words spoken between the thief and Jesus while both hung on their cross: "Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'" The student wanted to know, which was it? Immediately, or at the end of time?

My professor responded, "Both! Jesus was speaking from the perspective of the dead; Paul was speaking from the perspective of the living. From the perspective of the dead, it is immediate but, from



The Rev. Dr. Roy Martin

the perspective of the living, it is yet a future event."

One can argue that point. But I do think it is another way of talking about how we can experience the kingdom of God now although, in the words of Paul, through a mirror dimly, but still the fullness of God's kingdom is yet to be completed. I can write this article and even begin to experience in my soul the trip that lies before me, and you can read this article while I am actually on the trip. Already, but not yet.

May I suggest you spend some quality time looking for signs and experiences of God's coming kingdom, even now, and living as though it is already here!

Roy

Presbytery meeting features 4-station “round-robin” educational segment

Approximately 60 Presbytery of Florida member ministers, ruling elders, Christian educators, visitors and volunteers gathered for the Presbytery’s Saturday, May 20, meeting at Dogwood Acres (DWA) Summer Camp and Retreat Center. As co-hosts, DWA staff, the Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA) and Gulf Beach Presbyterian, Panama City, offered a warm welcome, delicious food, and every amenity for conducting the day’s affairs “decently and in good order”. **Shown below, at left**, attendees enjoy baked goods, fresh fruit and fellowship upon meeting arrival and registration. Then, during the morning worship, incoming minister the Rev. Catherine Mooney preaches a sermon, **shown below, bottom left** (photo courtesy of Jeannie Dixon). The service also was led by 1st, Crestview Elder James Gaylord, with accompaniment by 1st, Lynn Haven Music Director Brad Thoreson. The Committee on Ministry (COM) introduced Rev. Mooney and the Rev. James Krapf later in the meeting (See page 4).

During an approximately hour-long educational time, the meeting participants were divided into four groups to rotate through various stations to learn about Dogwood Acres, UKirk Tallahassee, Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (FLAPDAN) and the camp’s new meditation trail. **Below, at right**, DWA Director Christy Williams shows a group one of DWA’s newly-renovated cabins, ready to provide young summer campers and adult retreat-goers utmost overnight comfort. (Meeting highlights continue on page 3)





DOGWOOD ACRES
CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER



COME CAMP WITH US

SUMMER 2023 DATES

HIGH SCHOOL WEEK — JUNE 25TH — 30TH

BUDDY CAMP — JULY 5TH — 8TH

INTRO CAMP — JULY 9TH — 12TH

DISCOVERY CAMP (3RD — 5TH)

ADVENTURE CAMP (6TH — 8TH)

JULY 9TH — 14TH, JULY 16TH — 21ST,
JULY 23RD — 28TH

GET REGISTERED!

VISIT — DOGWOODACRE.ORG/SUMMER
OR SCAN BELOW







Above, at left, Presbytery FLAPDAN liaison and Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) vice chair Tim Crawford talks to an educational segment group about the importance of individual, family and church preparedness for all types of disasters common in Florida, including floods, as well as hurricanes. **Above, at right,** UKirk Tallahassee Campus Minister Rev. Matt Frease shares various ways presbytery members can support the campus ministry – financially, through continuing prayers for its students and staff, by providing meals for weekly Thursday night meals for students, by attending the ministry’s upcoming annual meeting, and even by visiting and utilizing the ministry’s facilities.

At left, CDWA member Kay Lachat leads a group along the starting point of DWA’s new meditation trail. She invites all visitors to suggest a name for the trail and also to write prayers on paper to roll up and place in the nearby wood-framed wire prayer loom, **shown below.**



**Wonder what a recent Landscape Assessment reveals about our Presbytery?
Join the Strategic Planning Task Force for a live, in-depth report via Zoom
Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 pm CT/7:30 pm ET**



*Register to receive the Zoom link:
<https://forms.gle/jr2JYznvuMt8kTrJ7>*



From the Committee on Ministry (COM)

Presbytery welcomes Revs. Krapf and Mooney as members

At the May 20 Presbytery meeting, COM introduced two incoming minister members:

Rev. James Krapf recently transferred from Minnesota Valleys Presbytery, having served diverse populations throughout his ministry. Rev. Krapf shared that, among many influences that led to his pursuit of a call to ministry was his great, great, grand-uncle, Johann Ludwig Krapf, from Germany, who was the first Reformed Christian missionary in east Africa ministering in Ethiopia and Kenya during the 1840s. In 2016, Rev. Krapf traced his ancestor's footsteps in Kenya and held one of his translations of the Bible into native languages.

Born in South Carolina, **Rev. Catherine "Cathy" Mooney** grew up in DeFuniak Springs, FL, a daughter of First Presbyterian's beloved pastor Rev. Henry Mooney and wife, Becky. After high school, she attended Troy State and Florida State Universities before joining a small former PC(US) Youth mission program. Extensive youth ministry training received during this time began her eventual career path.

A Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of West Florida and work in public relations, retail management, teaching and freelance projects followed. Then she began work as a

After graduating from the University of Dubuque and McCormick Seminary, he pastored his first church in Chariton, Iowa. He also performed with the touring theatrical troupe Covenant Players in churches, prisons, shopping malls, and schools.

After marrying his wife, Cynthia, in 1976, he served as an associate pastor in Duluth, MN, where she taught junior and senior high students. They had their two children – Karl and Kristen during this time.

Rev. Krapf later ministered in Battle Creek, IA, during the 1980s farm crisis and served 14 years in the growing community of Ankeny, IA. He then pastored and retired in Worthington, MN's diverse community,



Rev. James Krapf

practicing hospitality to immigrant neighbors

In more recent years, Rev. Krapf chaired his presbytery's Self Development of People Committee and worked with their sister churches in Guatemala. His has been sharing his experience with our presbytery's Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) and now serves on our SDOP Committee, as well as West District pulpit supply.

Christian Educator in a large Central Florida United Methodist church.

She returned home to the PC(USA), and the Carolinas, as the Christian Educator for the denomination's fastest-growing church. After 11+ years there, she served a smaller congregation as Christian Educator for eight years. During this time, she enrolled in Union Presbyterian Seminary's Genesis Class, graduating in April 2008. After five more years serving in the North Carolina Sandhills and Eastern NC as a Christian educator, she was ordained a teaching elder in 2018 to serve a congregation of about 115 members.



Rev. Cathy Mooney

Rev. Mooney has worked extensively in the field of older adult ministry and is trained in transitional ministry and personal coaching. Over the years, she has served on various presbytery committees, as a group leader, volunteer youth leader, and event planner, and more. She recently was welcomed home at First, DeFuniak, as their new pastor.

THIRD ACT: Building a community of experienced Americans over age 60 determined to change the world for the better

Third act is not part of a play. It is an initiative by renowned author and climate justice leader Bill McKibben to engage Americans over age 60 who want to work to change the world for the better. This age group is the fastest-growing part of the population. Ten-thousand people a day pass the 60-year mark and have skills, life experiences and resources that can be used to protect our planet and society.

Third Act is guided by ten working principles that are consistent with our Christian values:

Be Kind. Work for change in a nonviolent way.

Be Inclusive. Know there are unhealthy and unjust patterns in our society so strive to make sure that our differences make us stronger.

Boost others. Don't let ego and ambition guide our work. Try to spread and share responsibility and leadership.

Be humble. Work confidently, but with humility.

Take care. At our age, we know there are limits to our effectiveness so we look to find balance in how hard we push ourselves and try to enjoy the world around us.



Back up the youths.

Accept responsibility for some of the troubles the world is experiencing and strongly support younger people leading movements for environmental and social justice.

Be generous, but not to a fault. Know that it takes financial resources to power this work and that many of us live on fixed incomes. No one should give money they can't afford.

Be accountable. Know that we are more effective when we work together.

Be creative. Recognize that art and music have a serious role to play in making change.

We are in this together. Know that absolutely everyone has a role to play, all the way through their lives.

Third Act conducts campaigns to make our world more sustainable, joyful and equitable, and

of course, has a strong focus on the climate crisis. Go to their [website](#) to see all their different campaigns.

What caught my interest is that they have a faith group called **Third Act Faith**. It has folks from communities across the U.S. who are united in a call to bring a faithful presence and voice to Third Act's climate and democracy work. It is moderated by a Presbyterian!

You can sign up for [Third Acts of Faith newsletter](#) and its companion [Going Deep](#), a single-essay newsletter. You can also follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

A Third Act chapter is forming in Florida. If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob at thirdactfl@gmail.com. Would love to hear what you think of this initiative. Contact me at Pammcvety@hotmail.com.

Caring for Creation Notes



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Save the date (or visit <http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/events-calendars/>)

In June		Looking ahead	
Thursday, June 1 9 a.m. CDT/ 10 a.m. EDT	Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)	Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day – Presbytery office closed
Friday, June 2	National Gun Violence Awareness Day	Wednesday, July 5 – Saturday, July 8	Dogwood Acres Buddy Camp
Saturday, June 3 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT	Laurel Hill Arts & Heritage Festival @ Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church	Thursday, June 6 9 a.m. CDT/ 10 a.m. EDT	Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)
Tuesday, June 6 12 p.m. CDT/ 1 p.m. EDT	Committee on Educational Resources (CER)	Friday, July 7	Deadline for ordering Presbyterian Planning Calendars through the Presbytery Office
Thursday, June 8 2 p.m. CDT/ 3 p.m. EDT	Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)	Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 14	Dogwood Acres Intro/ Discovery/Adventure Camps
Saturday, June 10 10 a.m. – noon EDT	Guns to Gardens Safe Surrender Event @ Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, Tallahassee	Tuesday, July 11 9:30 a.m. CDT/ 10:30 a.m. EDT	Committee on Ministry (COM)
Wednesday, June 14 6:30 p.m. CDT/ 7:30 p.m. EDT	Strategic Task Force Holy Cow! Landscape Assessment report via Zoom	Thursday, July 13 2 p.m. CDT/ 3 p.m. EDT	Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)
Sunday, June 18	Fathers Day	Sunday, July 16 – Friday, July 21	Dogwood Acres Discovery/Adventure Camps
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth	Tuesday, July 18 10 a.m. CDT/ 11 a.m. EDT	Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD)
Monday, June 19 7 p.m. CDT/ 8 p.m. EDT	Committee on Representation (CR)	Thursday, July 20 9:30 a.m. CDT/ 10:30 a.m. EDT	Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC)
Sunday, June 25 – Friday, June 30	Dogwood Acres Summer Camp – High School Week	Sunday, July 23 – Friday, July 28	Dogwood Acres Discovery/Adventure Camps
Wednesday, June 28 10 a.m. CDT/ 11 a.m. EDT	Racial Justice Subcommittee	Wednesday, July 26 10 a.m. CDT/ 11 a.m. EDT	Racial Justice Subcommittee



**Order 2023-24
Presbyterian Planning Calendars
through the Presbytery Office**

Bulk order rate: \$12 per calendar w/o shipping or \$14 per calendar w/shipping from the Presbytery office to your address. **Order deadline: Friday, July 7**
Email your order to office@presbyteryofflorida.com or call 850-535-2335