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**To: Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Commissioners
Presbytery Executives/General Presbyters and Stated Clerks
Regional Presbyterian Mission Agency Board Members and Staff
Guests and Friends of the Synod**

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Ref: Welcome to the 241st Synod Assembly

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The early arrival of Easter has many church leaders operating full court presses in preparation for this High and Holy Season. Synod leaders are also preparing for the March 12-13, 2018 Assembly which will be held at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond VA. We hope you are planning to attend.

Commissioners have invested nearly four years of themselves discerning God's Will for the region. Commissioners are also readying to answer the defining question that drove the discernment. **"What is God Calling the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic to be at this time in history and who is God Calling us to serve?"** Nearly one-third of the current commissioners are new and will experience their first synod assembly. To familiarize them with the synod and its mission, our office has provided them online orientation that we believe is essential to engaging the work.

Moderator Richard Claterbaugh provides Ezekiel 37:1-6 as the Biblical theme. Join us now by reading this text and praying that a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit will restore flesh upon the Mission of the Mid-Atlantic. Highlights will include The Jamestown Covenant Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Rebate Checks from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP), and the New Initiative for Addressing African American Leadership for the PCUSA.

Presbyters and Stated Clerks from the region are reminded that you are corresponding members of the assembly with voice. Online Registration will begin on February 26, 2018. All are invited to access the synod webpage at www.synatlantic.org where you can register online, review, download and print material to bring to the Assembly. Since we are a reduced paper work environment; Wi-Fi is available and we encourage you to bring your electronic devices (laptops) with you. Hotel registration can be accessed prior the March 6th deadline by clicking on the following link, [Book your group rate for Synod of the Mid-Atlantic](#).

For commissioners, staff and guest desiring an orientation for the 241st Synod Assembly, you may email Tami Scott at tscott@synatlantic.org. She will email materials we believe will provide insight. Commissioners and others unable to attend one of the Zoom Orientations are invited to arrive on the day of the Assembly by 8:30am. Orientation will be provided in the Mizpah Conference Room.

Let us know how the office might assist you in preparing for the March 12-13, 2018 Assembly held at 3601 Seminary Drive, Richmond VA 23227. Peace, blessings and safe travels!