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Siblings in Christ:

How marvelous it is when siblings in Christ choose to fellowship, worship and study together! In this spirit we invite you to join Synod Commissioners from 14 presbyteries, national church leadership, committee chairs, special guests and persons from the area September 13-14, 2019.

The 244<sup>th</sup> Synod Assembly will feature a uniting vision of the PCUSA as expressed in Matthew 25. Prepare to be energized by a Bible Study led by the President of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, Dr. Diane Moffett. If you have not heard the Stated Clerk of the Office of the General Assembly preach, you've got to come. Dr. James Herbert Nelson II comes from a long line of unapologetic preachers that preach out of the Black Church Experience!

The previous Assembly ended with passion and commitment. This Assembly beginning will be no different. Dr. Cindy Privette will fire up the kettle of passion by sharing directions, road blocks and successes she and others in Abingdon Presbytery have had in redressing a lynching that occurred in their community in 1928. It is impossible to guess what has transpired since March 2019? This interaction matches us with plans to visit the Museums – From Enslavement to Mass Incarceration and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice, commonly known as the Lynching Memorial. Is your presbytery, church, or family interested in such?

North Carolina Presbytery Leaders will provide first hand insight how lives are being mended after Hurricane Florence and other flooding events. And don't worry; there will still be enough energy to approve more than \$630,000.00 in awards, scholarships, grants and initiatives. You will even hear a glimpse at directions Synod is taking in strengthening presbytery partnerships.

Online Assembly registration opens Friday, August 30, 2019. If you plan to attend even for only a portion, please register. This is necessary to help the office prepare meals, seating, and signage for your much anticipated arrival. Click this link <http://www.synatlantic.org/stated-meeting/>. It will take less than two minutes to complete the process. Download the docket and other resources to review locations and times of activities.

I join with Moderator Susanne Taylor and the Executive Committee in greeting you upon arrival.

Peace and Blessings.



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