



## *MacMillan Selected To Be First Connectional Presbyter*



The Rev. Jessica MacMillan, current Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Western Reserve, has been nominated to New Castle Presbytery to be our first Connectional Presbyter. Her selection by the Connectional Presbyter Search Team ends a process of definition and discernment that began in June, 2017 at the direction of Presbytery Council.

The Rev. MacMillan, a cum laude graduate of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana and Princeton Theological Seminary, having been endorsed by the Committee on Ministry and Congregations, will be presented to the March 3rd meeting of Presbytery for election to the new post and membership in New Castle Presbytery.

MacMillan has twice served as Acting General Presbyter of Western Reserve, is also a Parish Associate for Spiritual Formation at John Knox Presbyterian Church, North Olmsted, Ohio and earned a Certificate of Executive Leadership from McCormick Theological Seminary in June, 2016. She has previously served as an Associate Stated Clerk of Peace River Presbytery, Florida and Stated Clerk of Sierra Blanca Presbytery, New Mexico.

The CP Search Team conducted an extensive candidate identification outreach through our own Presbytery and national media, utilized the GA matching process and called on our Presbytery leadership for advocacy and response to interested candidates. Along the way we have encountered and had discussions with many talented individuals who expressed their enthusiasm for the new direction of Balcony 2 and shared their hard-learned experiences.

We, the Team, now know Jessie through extended conversations, a warm and engaging visit with us and our Presbytery staff in January and through the eyes of her colleagues who speak with unbridled enthusiasm of her faith, focus, experience and empathy.

We are delighted with Jessie's acceptance of our invitation to New Castle Presbytery and joyfully endorse her selection to our Minister and Ruling Elder colleagues.

*Chick Reed, Chair  
RE, Green Hill*

*Jenny Warren  
Interim Pastor  
New Castle*

*Kaci Clark-Porter  
Associate Pastor  
First & Central*

*Gary Patterson  
RE, Dover*

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