

INTRODUCING LINDA CRAWFORD, NEW MODERATOR OF PW OF TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY

An introduction is in order; perhaps reintroduction would be better, because Linda Crawford, new moderator of PW of Transylvania, has been an integral part of the life of Transylvania Presbytery since 2004.

Beginning with her education, Linda graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, with a Bachelor of Music Education, then earned a joint Master of Education from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Presently she is enrolled in Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, taking courses there toward a Certificate in Spiritual Formation.

Teaching experiences have taken her from junior high and elementary vocal instructor in Michigan and Pennsylvania to teaching English to sophomore-age high school girls in Cairo, Egypt, through our denomination's Volunteer in Mission program.

As you read through this information about Linda, one thing seems constant: her love of and dedicated service to the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. She has served as Director of Christian Education/ Children's Choirs – Wilmington, North Carolina, and East Liberty and Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Churches -- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She worked as Associate for Mission Volunteers in the PC(USA) General Assembly Office; then as Associate General Presbyter in the Presbytery of Albany, Watervliet, New York; and as Associate General Presbyter here in the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Presently, she is working part-time at Second Presbyterian Church in Lexington as a Program Associate in its "Best Friends" Alzheimer's Day Care Center. And her volunteer work is daunting:

- Kentucky Council of Churches

- BUILD (Lexington's local community action group)

- Second Presbyterian: Church Office, Children's Choir, Handbell Choir,
and substitute organist

- Interfaith Relations

- Hospice of the Bluegrass

- Mission work -- Africa and Guatemala

PW of Transylvania is grateful for her willingness to serve as Moderator these next two years. We hope to be worthy co-workers with her in service and mission and fellowship.