

## **Presbytery of Milwaukee elects Rachel Yates as presbytery executive**

The Presbytery of Milwaukee has elected Rachel Yates as presbytery executive. In this capacity, she will be responsible for hiring, developing and managing staff, leading strategy for leadership development, building bridges internally and externally, and encouraging risk-taking and innovation, among other responsibilities.

Yates will begin serving in the post on Jan. 1.

Yates had been associate director for program at the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville. She also served as the denomination's west region church support associate. Previous to those positions, she spent 23 years at the law firm of Holland & Hart in Denver, the last 13 years as a partner. Yates has a bachelor of arts in religious studies from Stanford University and a juris doctorate from the Boston University School of Law.

"I am thrilled that Rachel Yates has accepted our invitation to serve as Milwaukee's next presbytery executive. I am impressed by her passion for good communication and interpretation and grateful for the gifts she will bring to us in nurturing strategic thinking and collaboration," said Rob Ater, moderator of presbytery's council.

The Presbytery of Milwaukee is the umbrella organization for 42 Presbyterian congregations in southeast Wisconsin. They seek experiences of collaboration and community where God is present and the Spirit is palpable: bringing hope, renewal, and energy.