

# **Rachel Yates named executive for Presbytery of Milwaukee**

The Council of the Presbytery of Milwaukee is pleased to name Rachel Yates as Presbytery Executive. Rachel most recently served the Presbyterian Church as Associate Director for Programs at the Presbyterian Mission Agency in Louisville, Kentucky.

"I am excited 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," says Rob Ater, Moderator of Council at the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

"The executive search committee is thrilled to have Rachel Yates as our new Executive," says Lee Tan, Chairperson of the Executive Search Committee. "We were impressed with her gracious presence, as well as her previous work at both the Presbytery and Denominational level. The committee is excited to walk beside Rachel as she joins the Presbytery and helps us unpack how God is calling our Presbytery to be a prophetic voice in Southeast Wisconsin, the nation, and the world."

Rachel spent 23 years at the law firm of Holland & Hart in Denver, Colorado, the last 13 years as a partner. She has served as a ruling elder, clerk of session and co-chair of the "Faith in Action" team at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Denver, as well as serving two terms on the Denver Presbytery Council. She continues to co-chair the presbytery's mission and ministry workgroup. Rachel has a bachelor of arts in religious studies from Stanford University and a juris doctorate from the Boston University School of Law.

Please join us in welcoming Rachel Yates. She will be officially presented as the council and search committee's nominee at the November presbytery meeting and if the way be clear, will begin her ministry among us on January 1. There will be an expanded article and more details in the weeks ahead. In the meantime, Mary McClung has graciously agreed to extend her Transitional

Presbytery Leader contract through December 31 to provide important continuity and support during this time of transition.

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