

Haskell brings four decades of service to the task of Presbytery moderator



Moderator Susan Haskell has been active in the work of the Presbytery for more than 40 years. At the time of reunion in 1983 she was serving on the nominating committee. She has served two terms on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM); served on Presbytery council; as observer to General Assembly (1989, Philadelphia); and, with Jane Carmichael, she helped plan the field trips conducted during GA's 2006 gathering in Birmingham. This is now her second term as Presbytery moderator. Her first was in 2006.

Susan's greatest satisfaction as a presbyter has been "following people going into ministry, and that includes 10 to 12 years of reading ordination exams." Susan says, "I have felt completely fulfilled in my service to the Church by participation in that process."

Susan is a life-long member of Independent Presbyterian where, in 1915, her father was a charter member. She and husband, Wyatt, were married at IPC 54 years ago. Susan's mother was one of the first two women to be ordained to the office of elder at IPC. Susan, herself, was elected an elder in 1981.

Susan and Wyatt, a retired attorney, have three sons and nine grandchildren. Susan's eldest, John, has lived in Russia for the past 20 years, where he raises cattle. He and his wife, Olesya, have two daughters, ages seven and four. John has a son living in New Jersey. Susan's middle son, Henry, is a physician practicing medicine in Tulsa, OK. Henry and his wife, Katie, have one daughter and two sons. Susan's youngest, Sam, is an investment advisor in Birmingham who competes in national rowing competitions. He has three daughters.

Below is a picture of Susan and husband Wyatt with seven of their grandchildren back in 2014.

