

**Rev. James F. and Ms. Linda Byrd**  
Harrodsburg, KY

Ordaining Presbytery: Knoxville

Ordination Date: August 23, 1970

Churches Served: Served churches in Murfreesboro, Cumberland, and East Tennessee Presbyteries.

Offices Held: Permanent Committee on the Judiciary of the General Assembly of the CPC.

Information provided by the donor: Reverend James F. Byrd was born September 4, 1938, to Robert Lee and Bessie Byrd. He grew up in Maryville, Tennessee, where he attended First Cumberland Church and became a member in 1954. James graduated from Everett High School in 1956. He surrendered to the call of God for the ministry in 1964, and as he had not said anything to his mother about going into the ministry, she was somewhat shocked. However, she supported him in his ministry and until her death in 2008. James entered Bethel College in 1964 and graduated in 1969; he graduated from MTS in 1972. While at Bethel College he met Linda Seal, who became his wife on August 28, 1970. She has been his partner in ministry for over 50 years. They have two children, Jimmy and Krista, and four grandchildren. James and Linda now reside in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, where they have been for the last 33 years. He enjoys spending time with his family and grandkids.

Endowment provided by: James Byrd