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Dr. Barnett is the architect behind the first comprehensive study of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministers, a survey that filled it in 2019 that continues to yield results and usefulness to the Presbyterian Church. She also designed CHURCH TRENDS, an online repository of PCUSA congregational data. This resource was designed in response to inquiries from Presbyterians who were seeking information on Presbyterian Churches as they relocate. It is also used in mission studies and by ministers in their search process.

Prior to joining PCUSA in 2014, Dr. Barnett spent 25 years conducting medical outcomes research in Otolaryngology and OB/GYN. She directed the Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, a nationally recognized best practice. For the 10 years prior, she taught proposal development and was the university signature for all pre award grants and contracts for the University of Louisville.

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