

**THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
POLICY AND PRACTICE**

(Note: Whenever the term “minister of the Word and Sacrament” is used in this Policy and Practice, it is deemed to be identical to the equivalent term “teaching elder” when that term is used in the Book of Order.)

**ARTICLE I
POLICY**

Section 1.01: General

The policies of the Leadership Council represent the authority vested in it by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. In carrying out such policies the Leadership Council is acting as the presbytery in all measure and manner. All additions, deletions or changes to policy must be approved by the presbytery. No policy of the Leadership Council shall be contrary to the provisions of the *Book of Order*.

Section 1.02: Function (Revised 09/08/2014)

The Leadership Council shall execute the various functions necessary to carry out the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, in accordance with *Article V* of the *Bylaws of Presbytery of the Miami Valley*.

Specific functions of the Leadership Council shall include:

1. Be the planning, visioning and forward-looking leadership body for the presbytery.
2. Review, oversee and coordinate the implementation of the goals of the presbytery.
3. Establish objectives for equipping church leaders and congregations for ministry.
4. Oversee the development of the annual operating budget of the presbytery, in consultation with the Presbytery Trustees; and present the proposed budget and the recommended budget allocations to presbytery for action.
5. Through a *Council Agenda Work Group*, consisting of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Leadership Council Chair, Stated Clerk, and Executive Presbyter, plan the meetings of the Leadership Council, bringing before the body issues and concerns for the enrichment, education and development of Leadership Council. The *Council Agenda Work Group* will report all communications and correspondence to the Leadership Council.

6. Through a *Presbytery Docket Work Group*, consisting of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Leadership Council Chair, Stated Clerk and the Executive Presbyter, plan the meetings of presbytery, being sensitive to the emphases, mission efforts, worship and presbytery projects in the planning process.
7. Recommend annually to the Nominations Committee a person to serve as Leadership Council Chair for election by the presbytery.

Section 1.03: Leadership Council Size (Revised 11/08/2014)

Membership of the Council shall consist of the Moderator of the presbytery, Vice-Moderator of the presbytery, Leadership Council Chair; nine (9) at-large members, elected in three separate classes for terms of three years; and one (1) representative from each of the following committees of the presbytery, who shall be appointed annually by that committee:

1. Network Support and Grants Committee
2. Staff Support Committee
3. Presbytery Trustees

The Leadership Council Chair will serve for one year, with no reelection. Those eligible for election shall be all current serving members of the Leadership Council, excluding the Vice-Moderator of the presbytery, and all ex Officio members. Any person who has been a member of the council for six consecutive years, or the immediate past Moderator of the presbytery, may serve as Leadership Council Chair in the immediate following year without vote.

One member of the Leadership Council shall be chosen by the council to serve a one-year renewable term on the Representation and Diversity Committee.

Section 1.04: Quorum

One more than one-half of the current voting members shall constitute a quorum. All proceedings from meetings with no quorum present must be ratified at the earliest subsequent meeting in which there is a quorum.

Section 1.05: Communication and Access

The Leadership Council shall be open to communication and access at all times to members of congregations of the presbytery.

Section 1.06: Budget

The operating budget for the Leadership Council shall be determined and approved by the presbytery. As part of the budget process, the Leadership Council shall annually provide its funding request to the Presbytery Trustees.

Section 1.07: Staff Support

The Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall serve as staff support without vote.

(End of Article I)

**ARTICLE II
PRACTICE**

Section 2.01: Schedule of Meetings

Meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month. The council may meet in special session as needed. All actions taken by the Leadership Council shall be reported at the next meeting of the presbytery.

Section 2.02: *Agenda Work Group* Membership

The Leadership Council may choose one additional elected member to serve on the *Council Agenda Work Group*.

(End of Article II)

(End of Leadership Council Policy and Practice)