

Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Miami Valley
(As approved at stated presbytery meeting, Feb. 11, 2017)

Term: Renewable five-year term

Classification: Full-time, exempt, professional/ministerial

Qualification: Must be ordained elder in the PC(USA).

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Our Mission Statement: The presbytery prepares, equips, nurtures, and connects congregations in their ministries for God's mission.

Our Vision: We envision a presbytery in which

- authenticity and faithfulness are celebrated,
- we are committed to honest and open interaction with one another,
- we support one another spiritually and materially.

In short, we envision a presbytery in which we are living out our covenant, and presbytery leadership is modeling this lifestyle on a daily basis.

Questions we are asking

- Is our definition of congregations expanding/evolving/obsolete?
- How do we faithfully journey in the wilderness?
- Why Presbyterian? Why do we need a presbytery?
- How is the Holy Spirit nudging us to change?
- How can our congregations better connect?

ROLE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Responsibilities

Connection

- Cultivate presbytery connections.
- Connect congregations and ministers with appropriate resources, e.g. pastoral support, continuing education, mediation, etc.
- Serve as the public face of the presbytery to congregations.

Accountability

- Model accountability to our mission and purpose.
- Measure our presbytery's fidelity to our mission and purpose.
- Reflect consistently a strong commitment to the principles of participation, diversity, and representation.
- Nurture a culture of accountability throughout the presbytery.

Identity

- Promote Presbyterian identity and ministry, and foster open communication and understanding.
- Narrate and interpret the mission and life of the presbytery.
- Worship with the congregations of the presbytery.

Abilities

- Courageous
- Curious
- Self-differentiated
- Committed

Skills

- Listening
- Relationship building
- Identifying problems and opportunities
- Assessment
- Theological imagination and reflection
- Proficiency with digital communication
- Public Communicator
- Organizational Agility

Things you are not responsible for:

- The decline of Christendom
- Frequency of conflicts within congregations
- Active participation in national church politics
- Pastoral counseling for individual pastors

Relationships

- Staff support for Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Network Support Committee, Trustees, Self-Development of People
- Works collaboratively with the Stated Clerk (20 hours/week)
- Supervises:
 - Office Manager
 - Bookkeeper (5 hours/week)
 - Treasurer
 - Web services
- Supervised by:
 - Presbytery through Staff Support Committee