

Moderator and Vice Moderator, continued

Brian is originally from Minnesota, which explains his occasional funny accent and his skeptical attitude toward Ohio winters. A graduate of Carleton College and the University of Minnesota Law School, he practiced law for seven years prior to entering ministry. He completed the Doctor of Ministry program at Duke University's School of Divinity with a focus on dispute resolution. Brian's ongoing research interests focus on late Second Temple Judaism, covenantal nomism, and the history of eschatology.

Gidget Collins (Ruling Elder **Bath Presbyterian Church**, Dayton) is a patriotic American who grew up military and married military which gave her many opportunities to meet new people in different places and cultures. Throughout many military assignments she and her husband Bob taught Sunday School. Gidget has also volunteered as a tutor with elementary school children for decades, served on many OWC boards, participated in numerous Red Cross functions, and was involved in various activities such as being a Girl Scout Leader, Special Olympics coach, Thumbody Program coordinator, and cheerleading coach.

Gidget has served as the Clerk of Session at Bath since 2007 and says it has felt like a call. After many military moves there is a sense of belonging as a member of the Bath Church family. Her work as clerk and at Presbytery level feeds her soul. Gidget served six years on the Network Support Committee, including one year as chair. She also serves on Leadership Council, is liaison to the Kirkmont Center Board, has served on several Administrative Commissions to ordain or install pastors, served on the search committee to find our new Stated Clerk, and most recently served as Commissioner to the 222nd General Assembly.

Gidget graduated Magna Cum Laude from Wright State University in 2002 with a degree in psychology. Her education in that subject comes in handy with her six grandchildren who keep her busy, fulfilled, and truly blessed.



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Meet our new Moderator and Vice Moderator

At its May 10 meeting, Presbytery of the Miami Valley elected and installed Teaching Elder Brian Maguire as Moderator and Ruling Elder Cheryl "Gidget" Collins as Vice Moderator of presbytery for 2016-17.



Brian Maguire is a Presbyterian pastor whose nursery school teacher warned him that he was too serious. Brian is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and served as the Presbyterian chaplain at Princeton University before serving ten years as the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Xenia, Ohio. Since November 2014, Brian has served as the pastor of **Fairmont Presbyterian Church** in Kettering. Brian also serves as an adjunct professor at United Theological Seminary where he teaches in the areas of ethics and worship.

His passions and gifts for ministry center on teaching and building up congregational leaders. He enjoys working with teenagers and young adults, especially after they discover irony. Within the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, Brian has spent most of his time cleaning up various messes including seven years' service on the COM with three as chair, chairing three administrative commissions, three investigative commissions, and chairing a committee of counsel. He has served as Vice Moderator for the past year.

Unlike most Presbyterian pastors Brian does not have a call story so much as a hide story. He asked too many questions in confirmation class and was asked to leave Intersivity Campus Fellowship for the same reason. But, despite best efforts to the contrary, God kept after him with tenacious resolve.

General Assembly Wrap-up



The 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was held June 18–25 in Portland, OR.



Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, coupled with other delegates and observers from around the world, converged on the Oregon Convention Center in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Pictured above are members of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley Delegation in Portland. From left to right: Commissioner **Marvella C. Lambright**, Observer **Shelley Wiley**, Commissioner **Gidget Collins**, Commissioner **Richard Culp**, Commissioner **Sandy McConnell**, and PMV Stated Clerk **Larry Hollar**.

You can get a recap of the proceedings by checking out *News and Statements* from GA 222 at <http://tinyurl.com/222news> and by reading *Shelley Wiley's GA Musings* at <http://shelleywiley.blogspot.com>.

Presbyterian Outlook has also prepared a bulletin insert for congregations summarizing the work of GA 222. The insert includes information about our new co-moderators, new stated clerk, proposed changes to the Book of Order, and more. The insert is available for download now or order in hard copy form.

► Get the GA 222 Bulletin Insert at <http://tinyurl.com/222outlook>.

Synod of the Covenant Grants and Scholarships



Scholarships for Racial Ethnic College Students: For college, university and seminary students who are minority persons, members of a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant, and in good academic standing. Scholarships are for one year, may apply for a second year, demonstrated financial need. **Apply by September 1.**

New Covenant Grants: One-time grants in amounts up to \$10,000 are available to congregations, institutions and organizations within the bounds of the synod that have formal established ties to the synod. Projects must fit within the three mission priorities of the synod: Church Transformation and Development, Multicultural and Justice Ministries, Ministries in Higher Education. **Apply by October 1.**

Program Grants for Racial Ethnic Congregations: For racial ethnic and multicultural Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant. Grants are for one year, may apply for a second year, demonstrated financial need. Ordinarily, grants do not exceed \$3000. **Apply by October 1.**

Peacemaking Scholarships: Available to assist those attending specific peacemaking events or trainings that would help further the cause of peacemaking or justice within the Synod of the Covenant. The scholarship is for up to \$500. **Apply by September 1.**

► Learn more and apply at <http://synodofthecovenant.org/filing-cabinet>.

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Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of PMV August 13

The Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley will be held August 13, 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M., at Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Xenia. Contact **Marvella Lambright** at 937-951-3008 if you have questions.