

Informal Summary of Major Actions
Stated Meeting of Presbytery of the Miami Valley
February 11, 2017
at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton

Note: Documents for that meeting are at http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pmv_presby_docs.htm. Page numbers below from p. 1 to p. 51 are in the advance packet; pp. 52 and higher are in the supplemental packet. The entire Transition Visioning Team report is a separate document on the same link.

Moderator **Brian Maguire** and Vice Moderator **Gidget Collins** presided.

Consent Agenda--

1. Approved November 2016 stated meeting minutes and minutes from five Administrative Commissions. (pp. 10-11, 13-26)
2. Voted affirmatively for four proposed Book of Order amendments—16-A, 16-B, 16-E and 16-F. (pp. 11-12) Book of Order amendments are described at http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf.

From Leadership Council—

1. Voted affirmatively for three additional proposed Book of Order amendments—16-C, 16-G and 16-H, and voted negatively on one Book of Order amendment—16-D. (pp. 28-29)
2. Approved four motions to implement and move forward on the Transition Visioning Team final report (report is at pp. 30-39 and in separate document). One motion changed the language of the presbytery's mission statement. Another motion was approved, following adoption of two floor amendments, to prescribe a job description for use in the search for a new Executive Presbyter (EP). A third motion tasked the Nominations Committee with recommending seven people to serve on the EP search team, for approval at a future special presbytery meeting. The final motion commended the Transition Visioning Team for its diligent and faithful work. (pp. 27, 30-39)

From Committee on Preparation for Ministry—

1. Examined and approved Candidate **Garth E. Adams** for ordination as a Teaching Elder. (p. 49-51)

From Committee on Nominations—

1. Elected five Ruling and Teaching Elders to serve on presbytery committees and Leadership Council. (p. 52)

Other matters--

- Welcomed two new pastors in our midst--**Melissa Tidwell** and **Ken Locke** (p. 6)—and later welcomed and heard from Rev. **Angélica Munera Cervera** from the Presbytery of the North Coast in Colombia about her church's evangelism and peace ministries through youth engagement and music. (p. 40)
- Heard memorials and offered prayer for four presbyters who died recently: Teaching Elder **Johnny Merritt**, Teaching Elder **Preston Dawes**, former presbytery Moderator Ruling Elder **James Getty**, and Teaching Elder **Sue Angerman**. (pp. 8-9)

- Noted the invitation to attend the final worship service for the **Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church** to take place on Sunday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m., after which the church will close. (p. 7)
- Welcomed and heard the Co-Moderator of the 222nd General Assembly, Teaching Elder **Jan Edmiston**, preach and lead a discussion after the meeting about her perspectives on the church. (p. 5)
- Shared the Lord's Table, led by Teaching Elder **Laurie Davis**.

NEXT MEETING—TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 AT 4:00 PM AT DAYTON: BATH