

Informal Summary of Major Actions
Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley
Saturday, November 10, 2018, 9:00 am starting time
at Central Presbyterian Church, Dayton (Moraine), OH

Documents for this meeting are at http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pmv_presby_docs.htm. Page numbers below from pp. 1 to 43 are in the November advance packet; pp. 44 and higher are in the November supplemental packet.

Our Moderator, Teaching Elder **Kelley Shin**, presided at the November 2018 meeting.

Consent Agenda--

1. Approved Sept. 11, 2018 stated meeting minutes, and minutes of the Administrative Commission to install Teaching Elder Kelley Shin as associate pastor at Fairmont on Sept. 30; ratified a Leadership Council action to use additional reserve funds to cover periodic revenue shortfalls during 2018. (pp. 11-24).

From the Committee on Nominations—

1. Approved a motion to re-elect Ruling Elder **Larry Hollar** as **Stated Clerk** for a three-year term; Larry was then installed to take office immediately. Committee elections also approved. (p. 25).

From Leadership Council—

1. Celebrated the installation of **Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk** as Executive Presbyter during a service that was the Order of the Day during the meeting. Numerous Ruling and Teaching Elders took part (p. 46).
2. Approved the **2019 presbytery budget**, and received a written explanation of the budget (pp. 49-53). Noted that conversations have begun with the presbytery Trustees around future forgiveness of certain **Kirkmont Center** debt obligations to the presbytery.
3. Received a written update on churches' **2018 payments for Connectional Support**, with encouragement that each church pay at least its "fair share" by December 31, 2018 (p. 56).
4. Heard a hope-filled oral report from Synod Commissioner Diane Ziegler on the **November Synod of the Covenant Assembly**, and received a written report on the same Assembly from the other Commissioner, Ruling Elder Marvella Lambright (pp. 54-55).
5. Continued the **Monthly Hymn Focus** for 2018-2019 by singing "Let All Things Now Living," and engaging small group conversations on questions related to music, worship and faith. Council encourages continued use of the monthly hymn theme in committees, sessions, Networks, groups and churches: <http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pdf/council/Hymn-Focus-2018-19.pdf>. (p. 45)
6. Presented for first reading a **proposed Bylaws change for Tuesday stated meetings start times**, which will return for a February 2019 vote (p. 34).
7. Noted with delight that 223rd **General Assembly Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlmann**, a former pastor in this presbytery, has agreed to come to PMV for a multi-day visit in February 2020 (pp. 26-27)
8. Heard of host Central Church's plans to provide today's **Hunger Offering** to "Operation Share Christmas," and introduced the new "**Mission At Every Meeting**" initiative as presbyters bring tangible items to support the host church's outreach ministries, in this case the West Carrollton Food Pantry.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry—

1. Informed the presbytery of continuing action on committee priorities, including electing ordination examination readers, approving a process for training Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs), and noting having received Ruling Elder Gidget Collins into the revitalized CRE program (p. 39).

From the Committee on Ministry—

1. Thanked **Commissioned Ruling Elder Lee Ault** for his service at Seven Mile as he retires (p. 35).
2. Approved an amendment, with one change, to the presbytery's Policy and Practice regarding **accountability for participation in Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training** (pp. 40-42). Also heard an oral report on the current status of such training from the Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce presented by its co-chair, Ruling Elder Alice McConnel.
3. Approved an amendment to the Committee on Ministry (COM) Policy and Practice **granting authority to the COM to authorize and train ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper in the event of the absence of pastors** (p. 43). COM has approved a process to train REs, pending receiving this authority.
4. **Welcomed two new pastors**—Said hello to Teaching Elder Lynn Bova (interim at Belle Center: United) and Teaching Elder Kevin Murphy (interim at Xenia: Memorial) (p. 6-7).

Other matters—The presbytery...

- Welcomed **first-time Ruling Elders**, passed the peace, and spoke a portion of **the Presbytery Covenant**.
- Heard a report from **Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk** reflecting on her recent work with pastors and sessions, encouraging new ways to imagine "being church."
- Heard a report from the **Moderator** on recent actions, including the presbytery standing with local Jewish congregations following the killings at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh
- Received word from the **Stated Clerk** about several things: **an oral outline of all 10 amendments to the Book of Order** that will be coming to the presbytery for votes in February 2019 (see p. 8 for a link to the official Amendment Book); **upcoming youth events** mentioned in both packets (pp. 9, 48); the upcoming **ordination service for Candidate Anne Fyffe** on Nov. 18 at 2:00 pm at Dayton: Southminster; key dates for clerks of session for upcoming **statistical and other annual reporting** (pp. 8-9); a list of which churches have not yet completed **2017 session minutes review** (p. 10).
- Experienced the Word proclaimed by Teaching Elder **Garth Adams** during Terry Kukuk's installation service, preaching on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Mark 10:25-35, and on the theme "The Executive Pastor!"
- Shared the Lord's Table, led by Teaching Elder **Terry Kukuk** during the installation service.
- Heard the **Word expressed through beautiful music** from organist/musician Tom Guth and soloist Bob Westfall, both from Central Church.
- Enjoyed fellowship at a delicious lunch provided by the friendly and ever-helpful people at **Central Presbyterian Church**. What a blessing to be hosted so warmly on a cold day. Thank you all!

UPCOMING STATED PRESBYTERY MEETINGS—

Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at Dayton: Southminster
Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., at Wilmington
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., at Eaton: First
Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., at Piqua: Westminster

Prepared by Stated Clerk Larry Hollar, November 15, 2018

(Formal and official minutes of this November meeting will be reviewed and approved at the February 2019 stated presbytery meeting.)