

Informal Summary of Major Actions
Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley
November 11, 2017

at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Kettering, OH

Documents for this meeting are at http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pmv_presby_docs.htm. Page numbers below from pp. 1 to 42 are in the November advance packet; pp. 43 and higher in the supplemental packet.

Moderator **Gidget Collins** presided at the November 2017 meeting.

Consent Agenda--

1. Approved September 12, 2017 stated meeting minutes, and minutes of the Administrative Commission to install Teaching Elder Sang Un Lee as pastor at Dayton: Immanuel Korean Church on October 15 (pp. 9-21)

From Leadership Council—

1. Approved an **Agreement for Temporary Service as Acting Executive Presbyter** for a person to serve between EP Dennis Piermont's leaving on November 16 and a new EP's arrival; and approved **Ruling Elder Marge Morgan to serve as the Acting Executive Presbyter (AEP)** (pp. 22, 24, 25). Marge will put aside other roles she currently plays during the temporary service as AEP.
2. Received an update on the **Executive Presbyter (EP) search process** (p. 33), with "Alleluias" and "Woo-hoos" shared for the Search Committee's agreeing on a candidate to present for examination and election as EP at an upcoming special presbytery meeting (more information to come on that meeting.)
3. Continued the **Monthly Scripture Focus** with small group conversations, and encouragement to use the monthly theme in committees, sessions, Networks, groups and churches. More details and sample questions: <http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pdf/council/Scripture-Focus-2017-18.pdf>.
4. Approved the **2018 Presbytery Operating Budget** (pp. 26-32). Churches will now receive updated financial guidance as to amounts expected for presbytery connectional support and for General Assembly and Synod per capita payments during 2018.
5. Heard a report on exciting ministries underway, and opportunities for collaboration, at **Dayton: Corinth Church**, including outreach to East African refugees.
6. Received a written report from Synod Commissioner Ronald Lawrence on the **Synod Annual Assembly** Nov. 3-4 (pp. 43-44).
7. Received an update on the presbytery's **2016 financial review**, which was received soon after the November meeting and will be included in the February 2018 meeting packets.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry—

1. Examined and approved Inquirer **Susan Brasier** to be enrolled as a Candidate (pp. 36-37).

From the Committee on Ministry—

1. Approved granting the status of **Honorably Retired** to Teaching Elder **Jacqueline Nowak**, effective October 31, and celebrated Jackie's many ministries and commitments as a presbyter (p. 38).
2. Welcomed Teaching Elders **Nancy Birdsong and Todd Allen**, now serving as pastors at Dayton: Southminster and Piqua: Westminster, respectively (p. 5). Watch for information on upcoming installation services for Nancy and Todd.

3. Noted plans for **Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training** for all Teaching Elders, occurring around the upcoming February and May 2018 stated presbytery meetings (p. 46).

From the Committee on Nominations—

1. Elected Teaching Elder **Kenneth Locke** as Teaching Elder Alternate Commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly, June 16-23, 2018, in St. Louis, MO. Also elected members to three presbytery committees, and thanked all these people for accepting those important roles (pp. 41-42, 45).

Other matters—

- Received an update on churches' 2017 financial support for the presbytery and elders' attendance at the last four presbytery meetings (pp. 34-35).
- Learned from Moderator **Gidget Collins** of her perspectives from her visits to our presbytery's churches and committees, and on the significance of today's meeting occurring on Veterans Day, as we remember all who have served our country in the military.
- Received a PowerPoint report from **former Young Adult Volunteer Haley Ingram** on her years in New Orleans and encouraging young people to apply for the YAV program before upcoming deadlines.
- Heard **Executive Presbyter Dennis Piermont** preach on Luke 21:25-38, 34-36, in a sermon entitled "Dissipation, Drunkenness, and Difference." Dennis expressed gratitude for having had 10 years of service as EP and encouraged the presbytery to continue into the future in hope and trust in Jesus.
- Heard of plans for a conversation at the February 2018 meeting about experimenting with a new starting time for the May and September 2018 stated meetings of 3:00 pm rather than 4:00 pm.
- Shared the Lord's Table, led by Teaching Elder **Karen Casedy**.
- Expressed appreciation for lovely music offered by harpist Leslie Stratton and organist John Neely.
- Enjoyed fellowship at a delicious meatloaf lunch provided by the wonderful people at the **Fairmont Presbyterian Church**. Thank you, Fairmont friends, for hosting us!

UPCOMING STATED PRESBYTERY MEETINGS—

Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at Xenia: Memorial United

Tuesday, May 8, 2018, (time TBD), at Huber Heights: Faith United

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, (time TBD), at Oxford

Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at Dayton: Central

Prepared by Stated Clerk Larry Hollar, December 8, 2017

(Formal and official minutes of this November meeting will be reviewed and approved at the February 2018 stated presbytery meeting.)