

SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET

Presbytery of the Miami Valley—Stated Meeting Saturday, February 13, 2021 9:00 a.m. **BY ZOOM**

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR THIS MEETING BY CONTACTING LYNN BOVA AT STATEDCLERK@MIAMIPRESBYTERY.ORG BY 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12. LYNN WILL SEND YOU AN INVITATION WITH A ZOOM LINK TO JOIN THE MEETING. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** AN OPTIONAL PRACTICE MEETING TO LEARN ZOOM TECHNIQUES IS AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 10 AM, BY REQUEST.

ONLY MINISTER MEMBERS, RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES, RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY, AND SPECIALLY INVITED GUESTS WILL JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING. VISITORS AND OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME TO WATCH THE LIVESTREAM AT: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfjicUX_TTop6BbojbVZPug. THE LIVESTREAM WILL START AT 9:00 AM ON FEBRUARY 13.

PRINCIPLES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Courtesy to all - One item at a time - Majority rule
Respect the rights of the minority - Justice for all - Partiality for none

“For us as Presbyterians, parliamentary law is a tool we use which is a servant to our theological understanding of the purpose of a governing body: to seek God’s will for our actions in the world, as we witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.”

- from “Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”
by Marianne L. Wolfe.

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY
STATED MEETING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021
9:00 AM

VIA ZOOM

ORDER OF DOCKET

Advance registration for all voting presbyters MUST be completed by no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, February 12, 2021. NOTE: No late registrations will be allowed.

On Feb. 13, authorized participants who have received the Zoom meeting instructions may log in and will be allowed to enter the Zoom meeting. See more details about registration, and how non-voting visitors may watch a livestream of the meeting. An updated and annotated docket with page numbers, and additional materials, will appear in the Supplemental Packet, to be issued Thursday, February 11.

PREPARE

9:00 am

Convening Prayer

Ruling Elder Alice McCollum, Moderator

Report of the Stated Clerk

MWS Lynn Bova

- + Statement of Quorum and Formation of the Roll
(Today's meeting roll will be formed by advance registration of presbyters and confirmation of those registered being present electronically, accomplished by observation of their faces and names on Zoom and the participants list.)
- + Explanation of processes for the meeting and orientation to Zoom features.
Note – we will be voting using polls or by consent. (p 2-4)
- + Welcome to any first-time commissioners with us today.
- + Adoption of Annotated Docket (p. 46-48)
- + Seat Corresponding Members and Approve Excused Minister Members

Other Items for Action or Information

- + Reminder that the absolute last day statistical reports can be entered into the system is Thursday, February 18. Thank you to all the clerks who have taken care of this already. If you have not sent me your necrology report, please send that in as soon as possible.
- + Questions about Minute Reading – we will not be having in person minute reading the first Sat. in March due to the pandemic. Please watch for an update on how this will be handled later in the year. If you have had a change in your clerk, please let me know.
- + Minister cards will be mailed out this year when they are received.
- + Land Acknowledgment

EQUIP

We speak together our Presbytery Covenant's Mission Statement (p 9-10)

Hospitality Report (p. 49-50)

- + Today's Offering is for a hunger ministry of your choice.
Providing for Hunger Ministries supports our involvement as a Matthew 25 Presbytery.
- + Recognition of New Members of Presbytery and Memorials—
Ruling Elder Marge Morgan

MWS Darcy Metcalfe – New member
MWS Richard Righter - Memorial
RE Artence Walton – Former Moderator - Memorial
MWS Frank Sparks - Memorial

**O blest communion, Fellowship Divine
We feebly struggle, while they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine
Alleluia, Alleluia**

- + Virtual Passing of the Peace

Leadership Council

Ruling Elder Bruce Saunders, Chair

ON MOTION: Adoption of the Updated Consent Agenda (p. 13-36, 51-53)

ON MOTION: to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at 2021 meetings of the Presbytery, including electronic meetings. (G-3.0301b: *provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received. This responsibility shall include authorizing the celebration of the Lord's Supper at its meetings at least annually and*)

Interim Synod Executive's Report

Minister of the Word and Sacrament Chip Hardwick

Executive Presbyter's Report

Minister of Word and Sacrament Terry Kukuk
Pathway to Home Ownership – (p. 37-39)

NURTURE

We Worship Together

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 112

L: Praise the Lord!

P: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

L: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

P: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

L: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

P: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

Prayer of Confession: by Symeon, d.1022

O, my Creator! Consume the thorns of all my offenses. Make clean my soul, make holy my mind, ever keep watch, guard and protect me from every act and word that destroys the soul. By the grace of Jesus Christ, set the temple of my life in order, no more a temple of sin, but a worthy dwelling of your Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133:1-3

Meditation: "By the Beard of Aaron"

The Presbytery's Virtual Choir,

Minister of Word and Sacrament Cliff Haddox

Communion – (*Please have your elements prepared prior to meeting*)

Minister of Word and Sacrament Ben Beres, Vice-Moderator

CONNEC 7

Small Group Discussions (focused on Prayers for Unity and Healing)

PROMPTS: Mr. Rogers always said, “Look for the Helpers.” With that in mind, we would like you to share ideas about these questions and lift them up in prayer. Who are the helpers that bring about unity and healing in your church, community, or larger area? What are you doing to help your church or community to be more united and to heal from all the struggles that are ongoing? Do you have specific prayer concerns for your congregation or community?

Nominations Committee

Minister of the Word and Sacrament Steven Ingram, Chair
Report on vacancies.

Synod Commissioner Report –

Minister of Word and Sacrament Diane Ziegler

Leadership Council

Ruling Elder Bruce Saunders, Chair

Consideration of Action Items, if any, Pulled from the Consent Agenda

On Motion:

Other items of information

+ Constant Contact and Facebook

Administrative Commission for Collinsville’s Gracious Separation (pp.40-42)

Minister of the Word and Sacrament Brian Maguire, Chair

On Motion: That the Presbytery of the Miami Valley makes certain findings of fact regarding its mission and that of the Collinsville United Presbyterian Church.

On Motion: That the Presbytery of the Miami Valley adopt a Covenant of Gracious Separation with the Collinsville United Presbyterian Church.

Recognition and celebration of the ministry of the Collinsville Church in this Presbytery and a prayerful farewell.

Committee on Ministry

Ruling Elder Marge Morgan, Chair

Consideration of Action Items, if any, Pulled from the Consent Agenda

On Motion:

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Minister of Word and Sacrament Michael Isaacs, Chair

On Motion:

Moderator’s Report

Ruling Elder Alice McCollum

Acknowledgement of Reports Filed by Committees and Council

Network Support and Grants Report

Closing Prayer by Alice McCollum

Adjournment

Our next stated presbytery meeting—Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 3:00 p.m.,

ON ZOOM

HOSPITALITY REPORT

TODAY'S OFFERING – Please make a donation to a hunger ministry of your choosing.



Welcome Darcy Metcalfe Springfield Covenant

Darcy has served the church in different roles of ministry for the last twenty years and is a graduate of Louisville Seminary. She is currently finishing a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Iowa with a concentration in bioethics and health/care disparities in Black communities. In her free time, she enjoys time outdoors exploring and being physically active. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with family and playing with her son Coltrane. A few of the most influential theologians on her current thinking are Dorothy Day, Pauli Murray, Howard Thurman, and Einstein's writings on "cosmic religion."

Darcy is inviting anyone who might be interested on March 23 at 6 pm to attend a lecture she is hosting on Religion and Black Lives in the US with Dr. J. Herbert Nelson as the featured lecturer. It will be through the University of Iowa Department of Religious Studies lecture series. You can contact her directly for the Zoom link at darcy.metcalfe@gmail.com.

MEMORIALS



Richard Righter

1932-2020

Dick grew up in a suburb of San Francisco, the son of a piano teacher and a high school history teacher and coach. While earning his business degree at University of California, Dick was a nationally ranked javelin thrower, rush chairman of his fraternity and involved in the Student Senate. While earning his MBA, he attended a Christian retreat without the intent to encounter the message of Jesus. He did and it changed the trajectory of his life. He met his wife, Willie and they were married for 57 years.

Dick earned his M. Div. at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Dick and Willie wanted to do mission work in Brazil, but the call came to go to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the early 1960's the Presbytery owned a grand church with an exclusively white membership in African American, west Philadelphia. Righter was tasked with integrating that church. He did so by knocking on doors and offering a place of faith that included equality of governance. In 1968 Righter was invited to found a church with a social action mandate. Dick, Willie and their small daughters, Lisa and Karen, moved to Dayton, Ohio. The Congregation for Reconciliation with its open and democratic form, was able to make gains for justice on diverse economic, racial and environmental issues. Dick took a sabbatical to England and completed his doctorate in Economics and Theology from Antioch's University Without Walls. He was a first Co-President of Leaders for Equality in Dayton (LEAD), grassroots, faith-based community organization.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Wilma (Wuthrich) Righter, his father, C.E. Righter and mother, Margaret (Willms) Righter. He is survived by his brother, Robert Righter and sister-in-law, Sherry Smith of Jackson Hole, Wyoming; his daughter, Elisabeth Righter, son-in-law, Stephen Kramer, grandson, Benjamin Kramer; his daughter, Karen Righter Geiger and son-in-law, Raymond Geiger; and his partner, Paula Ewers, all of Dayton, Ohio. A celebration of his life will be planned after the Pandemic. If friends wish to honor Dick please contribute to Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE), The Dayton Art Institute, Monthly Review Foundation, College Hill Presbyterian Church, or a cause of your choice.



Artence J. Walton

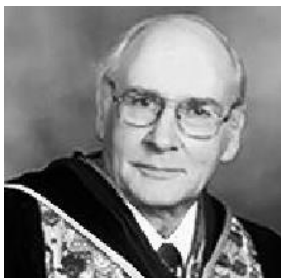
Former Moderator of Miami Valley Presbytery
1924 ~ 2020

Ruling Elder Artence Vivian Johnson Walton, former Moderator of the Presbytery of Miami Valley passed away at age 96 on November 15, 2020. She was preceded in death by her husband, Esrich Walton Sr., her daughters, Beverly Smith and Sylvia Jackson. She is survived by her daughter, Helen Schooler and son, Esrich Walton Jr. and loving nieces, nephews and grandchildren. She was born July 4, 1924 in Mobile, Alabama to Addie Curtis (Cherokee Native American) and Edward Johnson (African American).

After her marriage to Esrich Walton Sr., they moved to Dayton and she was hired by the Dayton Public Library as a librarian for the Children’s Department. She retired in 1967 as Head Librarian of the West Branch. Artence also received many awards for her service to the community.

During her early years in Dayton, Artence joined Trinity Presbyterian Church and was committed to service in many areas including, but not limited to, teaching Sunday school, serving as a ruling elder for the church council, becoming involved with the Presbytery of the Miami Valley and serving as the first African American woman to become Moderator of the Presbytery. She spent her lifetime volunteering and reaching out to others. She became a Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church and worked closely with the prayer group visiting the sick and serving sacraments. She received the Presbyterian Church’s 1999 Lucy Kraft Laney Award, the first award given by the Presbyterian Older Adult National Committee for achievements in missions, and the 1997 Leadership Award from the National Black Presbyterian Women. There is much to say, but she felt the most important thing to remember about her was that she was a child of God and God was her guide in her every endeavor.

Due to COVID, a graveside service was held, for immediate family only on Thursday, November 19, at the Dayton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3211 Lakeview Drive, Dayton.



Frank Sparks

1935-2021

Died at age 86, at Springfield Medical Center on January 28 following a brief non-COVID-related illness. He was born in Maysville, KY, and moved to Dayton in 1943. Frank graduated from Wilbur Wright High School, Muskingum College, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in Detroit, Fremont, and Springfield. Frank was Pastor Emeritus at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield OH.

Frank was preceded in death by his brother and first wife, Carol. He is survived by his wife, Mary Arnett Sparks, and three children: Brad (Lynette) Sparks, Sharon (Miguel Calvo) Sparks, and Brenda (Brian) Fisher, and five grandchildren: Meredith, Evan, Carolyn, Cristina, and Grant. A public service will be announced when COVID restrictions are eased. If friends desire, contributions may be made to Northminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Villa Rd., Springfield, OH 45503.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consists of items deemed essentially non-controversial that the presbytery will vote on as a package without debate or amendment, unless any presbyter requests, at the time the consent agenda is on the floor for approval, to have a particular item pulled from the consent agenda. In that case, that particular item is considered separately at a different place in the meeting docket, and the vote may proceed immediately on the remaining items in the consent agenda that have not been pulled. The consent agenda exists to help move along the flow of more routine business to allow time for in-depth consideration of other items. However, the consent agenda is never a vehicle to prevent discussion and votes on items that presbyters believe should receive more extensive review, and therefore request be pulled from this agenda.

This meeting's Consent Agenda consists of the action items below, the specifics of which are on the designated pages of this packet's materials:

From the Stated Clerk

Approve actions from the Stated Clerk:

1. Minutes of the November 14, 2020 Stated Presbytery Meeting – Move that the presbytery approve the minutes of these meetings as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed (pp. 14-29).
2. Notes from the Financial Review team for the New Paris Administrative Commission submitted by MWS Lawrence Bartel. (p 30)

From Leadership Council

Receive the report of the Leadership Council (informational):

1. Approved giving consent to the PMV Trustees to approve and finalize the sale of the former Xenia: Westminster church property and building, having been approved by the Trustees at their last meeting and by the congregation at its meeting on Nov. 22 at Xenia United Presbyterian Church for \$200,000. (p 31-33)
This is provided for in our Trustees Policy and Practices Manual Section 1.03: Authority to Act as Presbytery: "2. Approving the sale or encumbrance of property owned by churches of the presbytery, with communication and counsel from, and consent of, the Leadership Council."
2. Approved earmarking \$10,000 for the Pathway to Home Ownership and to write for a matching grant.
3. Approved the promotion of the Pathway program through the Presbytery and to ask congregations for prayers, financial support and volunteers as part of our Matthew 25 initiative dealing with poverty and racism.
4. Approved expanding our partnership with Brethren Disaster Ministries to include work for the Pathway program.
5. Received the Year End Treasurer's Report. There are a number of items that still need to be reconciled so the year end reports will be included in May's packet.
6. Approved calling the May Presbytery meeting as a Zoom meeting.
7. Approved a change in the EP job description to include: "Coach ministers, ruling elders and sessions in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley in a sustained coaching relationship to develop leadership."
8. Approved supporting the Columbian Partnership' request to send \$3900 to the churches they work with during this time of pandemic when no travel can take place.

From Committee on Ministry (COM)

Approve the following actions to be taken by the Presbytery that were received from COM:

1. Immanuel Korean – To approve a waiver of session term limits for Immanuel Korean - On motion and as requested by a letter citing coronavirus limitations, request that the presbytery grant under G-2.0404 a temporary waiver, not to exceed one year, in the term limits for the session to permit current officers (Elder Man Pyo Han) who was in the class of 2020 to continue to serve in an “acting” class of 2023 during the year 2021, to be replaced as soon as feasible by a class of 2023 duly elected by the congregation. (See attached letter)
2. Dayton, College Hill – To approve a waiver of session term limits for College Hill – On motion and as requested by letter citing various limitations, request that the presbytery grant under G-2.0404 a temporary waiver, not to exceed one year, in the term limits for the session to permit current officers who were in the class of 2020 to continue to serve in an “acting” class of 2023 during the year 2021, to be replaced as soon as feasible by a class of 2023 duly elected by the congregation. (See attached letter)
3. On motion - To approve the request to grant the status of retired for Minister of Word and Sacrament Karen Cassidy and designate her as honorably retired as prescribed by the Book of Order (G-2.0503c), effective January 26, 2021, at her request.
4. On motion – To approve the dismissal of MWS Herbie Miller to the Presbytery of Charlotte effective Feb. 6, 2021.

Receive the actions taken on Behalf of Presbytery regarding calls, installations, and related matters by COM (informational):

5. Fairborn - Approved the action of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn to renew the full-time Supply Pastor appointment of MWS Joe Hinds for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, at the following terms, and continue his appointment as moderator of the session: Effective Salary \$55,000 including salary and housing allowance; Board of Pensions dues; SECA up to 50%; Continuing Education reimbursement up to \$1220; professional expenses/books reimbursement up to \$1500; Auto reimbursement (@ IRS rate) up to \$1800; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); Continuing Education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays). Terms comply with 2021 presbytery requirements.
6. Sugar Creek - Approved the action of the session of the Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church to renew the Stated Supply Pastor Appointment of MWS Amy Duiker for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This position is full time through the program year and part time (32 hours) during the months of June, July and August to include 20 full time and 7 part time pay periods. Effective Salary: \$56,095 including salary and housing; Board of Pension dues; Continuing education up to \$1500; Profession expenses/book (including Auto) up to \$3000. Terms comply with 2021 presbytery requirements.
7. Yellow Springs – Approved the action of the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Yellow Springs to renew the part-time (18-hours per week) Supply Pastor appointment of MWS Daria Schaffnit for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, at the following terms, and continue her appointment as moderator of the session: Effective Salary \$24,000 including salary and housing allowance; Continuing Education reimbursement up to \$1220; professional expenses/books reimbursement up to \$500; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); Continuing Education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays). Terms comply with 2021 presbytery requirements. (Additional Terms: 3 month unpaid leave (renewable once) with paid moderator duties and availability for emergencies if necessary.)

8. Springfield, Northminster - Appointed Bob Wade as acting moderator of Northminster PC until such time the moderator is able to resume duty.
9. Pulpit Supply List - approved changes to the list:
 - a. Add - Anna Owens - willing to do online pulpit supply.
 - b. Remove Jocelyn Sheldon as requested.
10. Dayton, Trinity – approved an extension of the existing agreement of the Trinity session with Rev. Joe Whitt for temporary supply pastor responsibilities from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, at the following terms: \$200 per Sunday for worship leadership (preaching and administering the Sacraments); pastoral care visitation \$27/hour; other services \$27/hour; mileage reimbursement at IRS rates.
11. Approved dismissal of MWS Jeri Baker (Member-at-Large) to the Presbytery of Mackinaw effective Jan. 26, 2021.
12. Immanuel Korean - Approved the request of the Immanuel Korean Church to set aside their PNC and to hire a temporary Part-time pastor for 6 months with the possibility of a 6 month renewal for 20 hours a week at a rate of \$1500 (cash salary) and \$1500 (housing allowance) per month; and 1 week vacation including 1 Sunday (with encouragement to work toward 2 weeks).
13. Dayton, College Hill – Approved
 - a. the acknowledgment of receipt of the request from College Hill Presbyterian Church and to work with them to find a mutually agreed outcome and rationale that will be sustained by the required vote of the Presbytery. (BOO G-2.0504 b & c)
 - b. To appoint a subcommittee of John M (RE, Troy), Marge (COM Mod.), Michael S (Liaison) and Garth A (chaplain – when available), Terry (EP), Lynn (SC), to propose objective criteria by which to evaluate:
 - +Financial resources that can sustain an installed pastoral relationship for at least 3 years,
 - + Shared Ministry,
 - + Established 3-year goals,
 - +And how this exception might affect the life of the congregation.

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