

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Tuesday, September 12, 2017
 Huntsville Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Ohio

Approved at stated meeting of Nov. 11, 2017

The meeting was convened with prayer at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, by Ruling Elder Cheryl (Gidget) Collins, Moderator, at the Huntsville Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Ohio.

LEGEND:
 P – Present E – Excused Blank – Absent *Italics* – attendance recorded in more than one category

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

<i>Ruling Elder Gidget Collins</i> , Moderator	P
<i>Teaching Elder Maggie Gillespie</i> , Vice Moderator	P
<i>Teaching Elder Kelley Wehmeyer Shin</i> , Leadership Council Chair	P
<i>Ruling Elder Larry Hollar</i> , Stated Clerk	P
<i>Ruling Elder Marge Morgan</i> , Recording Clerk	P

TEACHING ELDERS ON ACTIVE ROLL

Adams, Garth		Haddox, Emily	P	Neely, John	E
Avotri, Solomon		Hamilton, Susan	P	Nowak, Jacqueline	E
Bain, Marciana	P	Helling, Michael	P	Pelaez-Diaz, Francisco	
Baker, Richard	P	Hernandez, David		Plunkett, Steve	E
Bartel, Lawrence	P	Hess, Lisa	E	Ramsey, Tom	
Beres, Benjamin	P	Hinds, Kathryn Blocher		Schenck, Angela	P
Burslem, Kathleen	P	Hodgkins, Nancy	P	Shin, Kelley Wehmeyer	P
Cassedy, Karen	P	Ingram, Steven	P	Soards, Marion	
Circelli, Diana	P	Isaacs, Michael	P	Sparks-Franklin, Sarah	
Dardaganian, Brad		Lawler, Kevin	P	Stewart, Raymond	P
Davis, Laurie	P	Lawrence, Ronald	E	Tidwell, Melissa	P
Dozeman, Thomas		Lee, Sang Un	P	Weaver, Denise	
Edmonds, Cheryl	P	Lewis, John		Wiley, Shelley	P
Edmonds, Hart	P	Linville, Deborah	P	Worthen, Merritt	
Evans, Michael		Locke, Kenneth	P	Young, Darryll	P
Garrigan, Carmen		Maguire, Brian	P	Ziegler, Diane	P
Gillespie, Margaret	P	Martin, Christopher			
Haddox, Clifford	P	McCormick, Dwight	P		

MINISTER MEMBERS FROM DENOMINATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE

Saari, Aaron	E	Miller, Herbert	P	Schumm, Steve	
--------------	---	-----------------	---	---------------	--

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS (Excused unless attendance indicated)

Amidon, C. Forrest		Fulton, Robert	P	Kester, Gordon L.	
Barr, Judith Dunlap	P	Garcia, Nehemias		Kim, Soo Kwang	
Battin, Barbara		Gerhart, Andrew	P	Kingsbury, Edwin	
Brown, Edward		Girbert, David A.		McConnell, George H.	
Conn, Arbuth		Godfrey, Norman		McNulty, Edward	P
Creager, Ronald		Graham, James		Meyers, JoAnne	
Davis-Dudding, Kay		Hinds, Joe. M III		Niece, Linda	P
Edwards, Robert L.		Hookey, Joseph R.		Philips, William	
Fleming, David L.		Horriggan, Kevin		Phleger, Terry	
Foubert, David		Howard, Kenneth		Righter, Richard L.	

Schechter, Richard
Sheldon, Jocelyn J.
Smith, Robert B., Jr.
Sparks, W. Franklin
Stewart, Donald M.
Swaim, Gerald G.

Thompson, Glenn E.
Thornton, Jesse
Wade, Robert P
Wall, Evan
Walthour, William
Warren, Patrick

Williams, Russell D.
Yanney, William
Zuercher, John

ROLL OF CHURCHES (RULING ELDERS PRESENT)

BELLBROOK
1 – Aldrich, Ray P
BELLE CENTER
1 – Claassen, Paul P
BELLEFONTAINE
1 – Mast, Stephen P
BLUE BALL
1 -
BRADFORD
1 – Buker, Mike (CRE) P
2 –
CLIFTON
1 –
COLLINSVILLE
1 – Gabbard, M. (CRE)
2 -
COVINGTON
1 – Schultz, Judy P
DAYTON: BATH
1 – Lockwood, Susan P
DAYTON: CENTRAL
1 –
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL
1 –
DAYTON: CORINTH
1 – Hamilton, Kim P
DAYTON: FAIRMONT
1 – Chamberlain, C. P
2 –
DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN
1 – Barrow, Song Hyun P
DAYTON: MEMORIAL
1 -
DAYTON: SOUTHMINSTER
1 – Lawson, George P
2 – Cleaver, Gretchen P

DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK
1 – Mundhenk, Terry P
DAYTON: TRINITY
1 –
DAYTON: WESTMINSTER
1 –
2 –
3 --
EATON: FIRST
1 – Shoemaker, Matt P
FAIRBORN: FIRST
1 – Seewer, Michael P
FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS
1 -
HAMILTON: THE P. C.
1 –
2 -
HAMILTON: WESTWOOD
1 -
HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH
1 – Adams, Cyndi P
HUNTSVILLE
1 –
JAMESTOWN
1 –
MIDDLETOWN: FIRST
1 –
MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE
1 -
MONROE
1 –
NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK
1 – Fowler, Ronny P
NEW PARIS
1 –

OXFORD
1 – Ziegler, Janet P
PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD
1 – Kerns, Sandra P
PIQUA: WESTMINSTER
1 –
REILY
1 –
RUSHSYLVANIA
1 -
SEVEN MILE
1 – Ault, Lee (CRE)
2 -
SIDNEY: FIRST
1 – Steenrod, Rick P
SPRINGBORO: COVENANT
1 – Gardner, Mike P
SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT
1 – Nowka, Cynthia P
SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER
1 –
TROY: FIRST
1 –
2 –
URBANA: FIRST
1 –
WEST LIBERTY
1 -
WILMINGTON
1 – Gillette, James P
XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED
1 – Reiff, Terry P
XENIA: WESTMINSTER
1 – Rickels, Joyce P
YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST
1 –

RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Courtney, Donna (LC) P
Collins, Gidget (Mod) P

Mauntler, John (LC)
Mauntler, Marge (CPM) P
Don Niece (LC)

Welborn, Diane (LC)
Hollar, Larry (SC) P
Piermont, Dennis (EP) P

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (not otherwise registered): Ruling Elder Marge Morgan (Recording Clerk), Teaching Elder Douglas Portz (Pittsburgh); Teaching Elder John Skelly (Middle Tennessee); Teaching Elder Rob Weingartner (Middle Tennessee)

INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES (not otherwise registered): None

STAFF MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY (not otherwise registered): Tom Oxley

Gathering of God's People

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONVENING PRAYER

Ruling Elder Gidget Collins, Moderator

OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

HOSPITALITY REPORT

- The Hunger Offering today supports United Christian Services Food Pantry.
- Guests and first time Ruling Elders were welcomed.
- **New pastors in our midst:** Teaching Elder Ray Stewart introduced Rev. Sang Un Lee, pastor at the Dayton: Immanuel Korean Church, who was recently transferred to us from the Presbyterian Church of Korea. The presbytery sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in gratitude to God and in welcome to our new colleague.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK, PART I – Ruling Elder Larry Hollar

Preliminary Business

- A quorum was declared and on motion/second, the presbytery approved forming the roll by signatures obtained during registration showing an attendance of thirty-seven (37) teaching elders, one (1) minister member from denominations in correspondence, twenty-four (24) ruling elder commissioners (representing twenty-three (23) churches), and five (5) ruling elder members of presbytery: sixty-seven (67) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were four (4) corresponding members, twelve (12) visitors, and one (1) staff member of the presbytery. Including duplicate categories, total registered attendance of eighty-four (84).
- On motion/second, the docket as distributed was adopted with three amendments.
- Presbytery was advised of dates and locations of stated meetings in 2018, and the likelihood of a special presbytery meeting in November 2017 to examine and elect a new Executive Presbyter.

Correspondence (May 9, 2017 to September 11, 2017):

- Letter from Presbyterian Foundation relating to Krebs Memorial Fund (referred to Leadership Council).
- Membership changes since last stated meeting:
 - a. Gains: **Garth Adams** (by ordination); **Sang Un Lee** (entered initially as minister member from a denomination in correspondence for duration of his service at Immanuel Korean that began July 1, 2017, based on his membership in Presbyterian Church of Korea, pursuant to G-2.0506; then entered by transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Korea, effective 9/8/17); **Kenneth Locke** (from Muskingum Valley)
 - b. Losses: None
 - c. In transition: **Nancy Birdsong** (pending transfer from New Brunswick); **Todd Allen** (pending transfer from New Hope)

Action Items: On motion and after opportunity for discussion, the presbytery concurred with the following actions (voice vote):

- **Corresponding members for this meeting:** Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz (Pittsburgh Presbytery) and Rev. Dr. Rob Weingartner (Middle Tennessee Presbytery) were seated.

Administrative Commissions:

- No reports

Additional Reports from the Stated Clerk:

- Closing on the land contract for the Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church property occurred on June 13, 2017.
- Provided clarifying guidance related to the presbytery's use of ministry titles (such as Teaching Elder/Minister of the Word and Sacrament) until such time as the denomination settles on titles with finality.

Synod Records Review

- The presbytery’s 2016 minutes were approved without exception at the May 1-2, 2017 minutes review in Maumee, Ohio, an action formally approved at the Synod Assembly on August 4, 2017.

Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery

- *D-5.0206b of the Book of Order says: “The designated stated clerk shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years...The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the council.” Should the current PJC lack a quorum, the clerk will select by rotation a sufficient number of these former members to constitute a quorum.*

Class of 2018

Teaching Elder Brian Maguire (term interrupted due to his assuming the office of presbytery moderator)

Class of 2014

Ruling Elder James Dyer (Dayton: Westminster)

Class of 2012

Ruling Elder Robert Harley (Springfield: Covenant)

Treasurer’s Report Summary

- Year to Date Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet through August 2017 distributed. YTD Receipts for General \$268,299.44; YTD Disbursements for General \$235,367.10; Difference \$32,932.34. YTD Pass-Through Income and Expense \$136,341.41. Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$1,597,618.54.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, PART I – Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, chair

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was presented. No items were requested to be pulled from the agenda, and by unanimous consent the following two actions were approved:

From the Stated Clerk:

Presbytery Minutes: Approve the minutes of the stated meeting of May 8, 2017.

From the Leadership Council:

Ratification of the Property Description for the property sale of the Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church: Move that the presbytery ratify the following as the final description of the property that the presbytery sold in a land contract on June 13, 2017, disposing of the property of the Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church, at 11510 State Route 177, Camden (Israel Twp.), Preble County, Ohio 45311, (PID: E18612650000001000, Legal: Lots 1 & 2) :

“Situate in the Town of Morning Sun, County of Preble, and State of Ohio and being Lots One (1) & Two (2) in the Town of Morning Sun as shown in Plat Book 1 Page 29 of the Plat Records in Preble Co. Ohio and also the following described tract of land: Situate in the Township of Israel, County of Preble, State of Ohio and being a part out of the South side of the South West quarter of Section 23 Town 6 Range 1 East and beginning at a point of the South line of said quarter Section, North of the North East corner of Lot 5 in the Town of Morning Sun, Preble Co, Ohio. Thence North 5 rods, thence East 21 rods, thence South East to a point on the said South line of the quarter Section, thence 3 rods East of the North East corner of lot 1 in said Town of Morning Sun, thence West to the place of beginning. Containing 117/160 of an acre. (About 2/3 of an acre)

Save and except the following:

Situate in the State of Ohio, County of Preble, and Township of Israel and being a part of the South West quarter of Section 23, Town 6, Range 1 East and beginning at a point on the South line of said quarter due North of the North East corner of lot 5 of Morning Sun, thence North 5 rods, thence East parallel with the South line of said quarter about 13 rods to a point due North of the North West corner of lot 2 of said Morning Sun, thence South 5 rods to the South line of said quarter; thence West on said South line of said quarter to the place of beginning. Auditor Parcel No: E18-612650000001-000”

Rationale: *The presbytery previously approved the sale of this property at the May 9 presbytery meeting. However, during settlement negotiations the lawyers discovered, and the county approved, a slightly different legal description of the exact same property that was used when the sale occurred on June 13. So to complete the official records in the presbytery minutes, this ratification will ensure the property is correctly described.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Ruling Elder Gidget Collins. Moderator

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH -- The presbytery together proclaimed faith through excerpts from A Brief Statement of Faith.

MODERATOR’S REPORT – The Moderator reported on her participation in the August Synod of the Covenant Assembly, her visits to churches in the presbytery, the upcoming dinner to bid farewell to Dennis Piermont, and a workshop for churches interested in creating a web site.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, PART II – Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, chair

Reports:

- **Executive Presbyter Search Committee:** Committee moderator Diane Ziegler provided an update on the group’s process in seeking a new EP (**Appendix A**).
- **Scripture Focus:** The presbytery spent time in small groups reflecting on the September Scripture Focus, which is on “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” (John 14:5-7)
- **Board of Pensions:** The church consultant for this presbytery, Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, provided an update on changes in Board of Pensions coverage for 2018 and an invitation to a longer workshop tomorrow at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Centerville.
- **Synod Assembly:** Teaching Elder Ron Lawrence, Synod Commissioner, was ill but the Stated Clerk commended presbyters to the written report (**Appendix B**) and reminded presbyters of deadlines for applications for grants and scholarships.
- **Presbyterian Outreach Foundation:** The Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Rob Weingartner, offered stories of people around the world whose lives have intersected with the Foundation’s work. He invited presbyters to a February 2018 Outreach Foundation trip to Cuba.

For information:

- **Connectional Support:** Presbyters were pointed to information on the status of churches’ 2017 connectional support payments to the presbytery and attendance of Teaching and Ruling Elders from each church at the last four stated presbytery meetings.
- **Budget Guidance for Churches for 2018:** Preliminary estimates of amounts expected from churches for Connectional Support to the presbytery in 2018, as well as Synod and General Assembly per capita figures, were provided (**Appendix C**) as well as 2016 church active membership numbers on which those per member amounts are based (**Appendix D**).
- **Approval of funds related to Executive Presbyter Search Committee:** At the request of the Executive Presbyter Search Committee, Leadership Council:
 - a. Approved an additional, separate 2017 budget line item for \$2,500 for consultant expenses to allow the EPSC to engage Jill Hudson’s consultant services, while maintaining the current \$5,000 budget item for other EPSC expenses such as bringing EP candidates to Dayton for interviews and for presbytery approval; and
 - b. Approved an allowance of up to \$20,000 for EP moving expenses, with funding to be taken from presbytery reserves and then paid back from the presbytery budget to our

reserves over the next four annual budget cycles at a rate of \$5,000 each year, beginning in 2018. (LC, 6/8/17 and 7/13/17)

- **Approval of reserve funds for training of Sexual Misconduct Taskforce members:** At the request of the Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce and the Committee on Ministry, the Leadership Council approved creation of a line item in the 2017 presbytery budget allocating from unbudgeted presbytery reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to permit two Taskforce members to participate in the Teaching Healthy Boundaries workshop offered by Marie Fortune and the Faith Trust Institute at the Spring Hill Suites at Chicago, O'Hare on October 10 and 11, 2017. (LC, 8/10/17)
- **Process for use of Krebs Memorial Fund amounts:** The Stated Clerk received a letter from the Presbyterian Foundation reporting that the presbytery, as successor to Morning Sun United Presbyterian Church, will receive about \$150 a year from the Krebs Memorial Fund at the Foundation for rural church education and/or evangelism. Leadership Council approved empowering the Committee on Ministry to distribute the proceeds of this Fund annually (in August or September) to a church in this presbytery for use in accordance with the purposes of the Fund, and to report back its decision annually to the Council. (LC, 8/10/17)
- **Evaluation of Presbytery Stated Clerk:** Council received the following report from the Staff Support Committee and following discussion, directed the Stated Clerk to publish the report in the minutes of the presbytery (LC 8/10/17):

August 10, 2017

To: Leadership Council

From: Bob Wade
Chair, Staff Support

Re: Performance Review of Larry Hollar

On July 18, 2017, the Staff Support Committee met with Stated Clerk Larry Hollar to conduct his first year (and a half) review. The Committee had invited all Clerks of Session and Teaching Elders plus five Committee Chairs of Presbytery to respond to a questionnaire concerning Larry's work and ministry. Though the number of returned questionnaires was less than we had hoped, all that were returned gave a resounding endorsement of Larry's work, character and integrity in fulfilling his call as Stated Clerk. Larry also walked the Committee through his Self-Review sharing his thoughts, impressions, suggestions and joys of his first year and a half of ministry. Following an informative give-and-take, the Staff Support Committee voted to enthusiastically approve Larry's first year of ministry and affirm his ongoing ministry as Stated Clerk of the Miami Valley Presbytery. We are all thankful to God for calling Larry to our Presbytery!

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Teaching Elder Ray Stewart, chair

On motion, presbytery approved the following actions by voice vote:

- **Honorable Retirement—Teaching Elder Cheryl Edmonds**--That the presbytery grant the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Cheryl Edmonds, effective August 1, 2017.
- Following the vote, Rev. Stewart expressed warm appreciation for Rev. Edmond's ministries and said a prayer for the continuation of her faithful service to the Lord in retirement.
- **2018 Pastors' Compensation Recommendation:** That the presbytery approve the Committee's recommendation for pastors' compensation and other compensation matters for 2018 (**Appendix E**). The recommendation provides for a 2% increase over 2017 compensation recommendation.

Reports:

- **Small Church Transformation Project:** The team filed its final written report (**Appendix F**), and during the meeting the co-facilitators, Teaching Elders Diane Ziegler and Bob Wade, offered their insights, followed by Teaching Elder Maggie Gillespie (Huber Heights: Faith) and Teaching Elder Shelley Wiley (New Carlisle: Honey Creek) from the perspective of participating churches.
- **Laurie Davis:** Teaching Elder Richard Baker announced that Teaching Elder Laurie Davis has accepted a call beginning in October to serve in Marshfield, WI. Richard recounted highlights of her service in this presbytery, and Laurie expressed gratitude for these

opportunities to join together in the Lord's work. Prayers were offered for Laurie and her husband, Ruling Elder Bob Davis (Dayton: College Hill), as they journey on in faith and trust.

For information, the committee reported actions taken on behalf of the presbytery:

- **Dayton: Immanuel Korean**—If the way be clear following a COM interview with and approval of a prospective candidate presented by the Pastor Nominating Committee for the pastoral position at Immanuel Korean, authorized the session of the Immanuel Korean Church to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to propose the election of that approved candidate, at terms to be approved and reported to COM by designated members of COM following the interview. (COM, May 30)
- **West Liberty**-- Authorized COM chair Ray Stewart to appoint a moderator of session, beginning immediately upon appointment. (COM, May 30)
- **Clifton**-- Appointed TE Andrew Gerhart (HR) as moderator of session, effective July 1, 2017. (COM, May 30)
- **Cheryl Edmonds**-- Approved a motion to request that the presbytery grant the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Cheryl Edmonds, effective August 1, 2017. (COM, June 27)
- **Dayton: Immanuel Korean**--
 - a. Pending a meeting with COM representatives, ratified the decision of the congregation of the Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church at a duly-called congregational meeting on June 18, 2017, to call the Rev. Sang Un Lee, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, to serve as their full-time installed pastor and to be Moderator of the Session;
 - b. Authorized him to begin work on July 1, 2017, at the following terms of call: Effective Salary \$33,000 (including housing and vacation supplement); Travel (auto at IRS rates) \$2,400; professional expenses \$600. Vacation 2 weeks. These terms are not in compliance with presbytery requirements for 2017, although they are higher than amounts paid to the previous pastor.
 - c. Enrolled the Rev. Sang Un Lee, a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, a denomination in correspondence with the PC (USA), as a member of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley for the duration of his term of service in accordance with G-2.0506.
 - d. Authorized the Rev. Sang Un Lee to administer and celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (COM, June 27)
- **Dayton: Southminster**-- Authorized the session of the Dayton: Southminster Presbyterian Church to call a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to propose the election of the Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong as full time Pastor, commencing October 1, 2017, at the following terms of call: Effective Salary \$94,000 (including cash salary, housing and dental insurance); full Board of Pension dues; SECA up to 50%; Travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rates) \$1,000; Continuing Education Expense reimbursement \$1,150; Professional expense reimbursement \$2,500; Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education 2 weeks including 2 Sundays; moving costs up to \$17,000. These terms meet presbytery requirements for 2017. (COM, June 27 and July 25)
- **Oxford**-- Authorized the session of the Oxford Presbyterian Church to call a congregational meeting to approve the establishment of a full time Associate Pastor position (G-2.0504(a)), such call to occur only after a designated team of COM members approves a revised job description. (COM, June 27)
- **Dayton: Southminster**-- Authorized the Stated Clerk to seek the transfer of membership of the Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, to serve as full-time Pastor of the Southminster Presbyterian Church effective October 1, 2017, and upon completion of the transfer enter her on the rolls of this presbytery. (COM, July 25, 2017)
- **Piqua: Westminster**-- Authorized a designated group of COM members to:
 - a. Meet at an appropriate time prior to the next COM meeting with Rev. Todd Allen, a member of the Presbytery of New Hope currently serving in Alaska, and the PNC for the Piqua: Westminster Presbyterian Church, and
 - b. Assuming the designated group agrees following that meeting, authorize the session of the Piqua: Westminster Presbyterian Church to call a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to propose the election of the Rev. Todd Allen as Pastor, commencing on or about October 16, at the following terms of call: Effective Salary \$70,000 (including housing); full Board of Pension dues; Travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rates) \$1,350; Continuing Education Expense reimbursement \$1,150; Professional expense reimbursement \$1,000; Cell phone

expense \$450; Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education 2 weeks including 2 Sundays; moving costs up to \$10,000. These terms meet presbytery requirements for 2017. (COM, July 25 and August 29, 2017)

- **Eaton: First**—Approved the action of the session of First Presbyterian Church of Eaton to renew the contract with the Rev. John J. Skelly as full-time Interim Pastor for the period September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018, at the following terms: Effective Salary \$56,800 (including cash salary, housing, medical supplement reimbursement and deferred income); full Board of Pension dues; SECA up to 50%; travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rate) \$4,800; professional expense reimbursement \$2,000; continuing education expense reimbursement \$1,500; Vacation 5 weeks (including 5 Sundays); Continuing Education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays). Terms meet presbytery requirements. Also appointed him Moderator, and authorized him to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, while his membership remains in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, for the period September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 as Interim Pastor at the Eaton: First Presbyterian Church. (COM, July 25, 2017)
- **Rev. Dr. Sang Un Lee**-- To enable the transfer of the membership of Rev. Dr. Sang Un Lee, pastor since July 1, 2017 of the Dayton: Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church, to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pursuant to G-2.0505(a)(1) of the Book of Order (related to pastors for immigrant fellowships and congregations), approved the following:
 - a. Determined that this presbytery's strategy for mission with the Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church makes the use of the provisions of G-2.0505(a)(1) expedient;
 - b. Authorized the presbytery's Stated Clerk to request that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) communicate with the Presbyterian Church of Korea asking for a letter of transfer for Rev. Dr. Sang Un Lee from the Presbyterian Church of Korea to the PC (USA) and in doing so confirming that Rev. Lee is in good standing with that Korean denomination and dismissing him to the PC (USA);
 - c. Upon completion of the transfer, approved entering him on the rolls of this presbytery;
 - d. Agreed to invite Rev. Lee to meet with the COM or its designees at an appropriate time to discuss the types of support the Committee may offer him, including such additional education opportunities as may be necessary and prudent for his successful ministry in this presbytery. (COM, July 25, 2017)

Rationale: G-2.0505(a)(1) of the Book of Order, as part of the provisions involving transfer of ministers of other denominations to the PC (USA), includes this special circumstance: "In the case of ministers for immigrant fellowships and congregations, a presbytery may, if it determines that its strategy for mission with that group requires it, recognize the ordination and receive as a member of presbytery a new immigrant minister who furnishes evidence of good standing in a denomination, even though at the time of enrollment that minister lacks the educational history required of candidates, and provide such educational opportunities as seem necessary and prudent for that minister's successful ministry in the presbytery." Rev. Lee clearly has a strong overall educational background, including degrees from seminaries in the U.S. But in consulting with the PC (USA) denominational offices dealing with Korean-speaking congregations, with preparation for ministry, and with ecumenical relations, their suggestion to us is to use this provision of the Book of Order to simplify Pastor Lee's entry into the denomination.

- **Blue Ball**-- Approved the part-time (15 hours (1/3 time) per week) Stated Supply appointment of Rev. Edward McNulty, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed him moderator of the session:
Total Effective Salary \$12,000; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) actual miles submitted; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms do not meet 2017 presbytery requirements for effective salary or continuing education reimbursement. (COM, July 25, 2017)
- **Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce**-- Approved the request of the Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce that COM request the Leadership Council to allocate from unbudgeted presbytery reserve funds an amount not to exceed \$3,000 to permit two Taskforce members to participate in the Teaching Healthy Boundaries workshop offered by Marie Fortune and the Faith Trust Institute at the Spring Hill Suites at Chicago, O'Hare on October 10 and 11, 2017. (COM, July 25, 2017)
- **Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce**-- Approved the appointment of Rev. Brad Dardaganian to serve as a Taskforce member in the class of 2018, replacing Ruling Elder Kathryn Van der Heiden (Yellow Springs: First), who has resigned. (COM, August 29)

- **Rev. Todd Allen**-- In light of the vote of the congregation of the Piqua: Westminster Presbyterian Church on August 20, 2017 to extend a call to the Rev. Todd Allen to serve as pastor and to approve the terms of call, and his acceptance of that call and the terms of call, authorized the Stated Clerk to seek his transfer from the Presbytery of New Hope, effective on the date he is to begin work at the church (currently October 16), and upon completion of the transfer enter him on the rolls of this presbytery (COM, August 29)
- **Use of Krebs Memorial Fund money from Presbyterian Foundation**-- The Stated Clerk received a letter from the Presbyterian Foundation reporting that the presbytery, as successor to the Morning Sun church, will receive about \$150 a year from the Krebs Memorial permanent fund designated for rural church education and rural church evangelism. Leadership Council oversees this new fund. On August 18, Leadership Council (LC) approved empowering the Committee on Ministry to distribute the proceeds of this Fund annually (in August or September) to a church in this presbytery for use in accordance with the purposes of the Fund, and to report back its decision annually to LC.
Therefore COM approved:
 - a) Accepting the responsibility to annually approve a recipient of the Krebs Memorial funds from among the small, rural churches of the presbytery, and to report annually to Leadership Council its decision;
 - b) Authorizing the Stated Clerk to approach the Clifton Presbyterian Church to inquire as to their interest in receiving the accumulated funds in the summer of 2018 and expending them for the designated purposes;
 - c) Should the Clifton Church decline, authorizing the Clerk to approach the Huntsville Presbyterian Church with a similar invitation; and
 - d) Requesting that recipient churches be asked to describe briefly in writing to COM how these funds have helped their ministries, to enable Leadership Council to file an annual report to the Foundation and Krebs Memorial Fund donors. (COM, August 29)
- **2018 Pastors' Compensation Recommendation**-- Approved requesting the presbytery to approve the 2018 Pastors' Compensation Recommendation as presented, providing for a 2% salary increase for 2018. (COM, August 29, 2017)
- **Dayton: Corinth**—Approved enthusiastically the Dayton: Corinth Mission Study and COM looks forward to working with the Corinth Session to achieve the stated goal to retain the pastoral leadership of Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller. (COM August 29, 2017)
- **Dayton: Southminster**—Appointed Teaching Elder Jackie Nowak as session moderator to serve following the departure of Teaching Elder Stephen Plunkett and until the arrival of Teaching Elder Nancy Birdsong as pastor. (COM, August 29, 2017)
- **Piqua: Westminster**--Appointed Ruling Elder Ron Schultz as session moderator to serve following the departure of Teaching Elder Kathleen Burslem and until the arrival of Teaching Elder Todd Allen as pastor. (COM, August 29, 2017)
- **Staff Compensation Survey**—Approved sending a Staffing Compensation Survey to congregations to collect information on hours, compensation, and benefits for non-pastoral staff members, to enable creation of a document that will help churches evaluate their staffing patterns and compensation. (COM, August 29, 2017)

TABLE BLESSING FOR DINNER, AND A DELIGHTFUL MEAL SHARED

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – Ruling Elder Marge Mauntler, chair

For action: Randall Brakemeyer -- Request that the presbytery:

- 1) Examine the Rev. Randall Brakemeyer concerning his Statement of Faith submitted as part of his request to transfer his membership from the United Church of Christ to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (**Appendix G**);
- 2) Following completion of the presbytery's examination, approve by a two-thirds vote of presbytery the following motion:

Pursuant to G-2.0505(a)(2), which permits the presbytery to grant an exemption from ordination examination requirements for a minister of another Reformed church who has been ordained for five or more years, the presbytery exempts Rev. Brakemeyer from all such examination requirements and recognizes his previous ordination in the United Church of Christ pursuant to G-2.0505(a), in order to permit his requested transfer to occur.

Prior to the examination, Ruling Elder Marge Morgan, vice-chair of the Committee on Ministry, explained the background of Rev. Brakemeyer's request for transfer and the reasons for that

Committee’s approval of a motion to receive and enroll Rev. Brakemeyer as a member-at-large of this presbytery, pending the 2/3 vote on the CPM motion and also pending receiving confirmation of Rev. Brakemeyer’s surrendering his membership in the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Brakemeyer read his statement of faith, was questioned on it, and at the conclusion of the examination the presbytery voted by a show of hands, with more than 2/3 of those voting agreeing to approve motion (2) above, to waive the ordination examination requirements for Rev. Brakemeyer and recognize his ordination in the United Church of Christ. The Moderator prayed for his ministry as the presbytery welcomed Rev. Brakemeyer with the Doxology.

For information:

1. **Ordination examination readers for 2018:** Elected Teaching Elder Cliff Haddox and Ruling Elder Carolyn Peters (Dayton: College Hill) to serve as ordination examination readers for 2018. (CPM, May 18, 2017)
2. **Susan Brasier:** Approved a motion to request that the presbytery examine Inquirer Susan Brasier for candidacy at the November 2017 stated presbytery meeting. (CPM, August 17, 2017)
3. **Jeanne McIver:** Voted to thank Jeanne McIver for her many years of service to the Presbytery in the area of preparation for ministry of Teaching Elders and Certified Christian Educators, upon her resignation as Certification Advisor for this presbytery and its CCE candidates. (CPM, August 17, 2017)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – Teaching Elder Steven Ingram, chair
(*legend: TE= Teaching Elder; RE= Ruling Elder*)

On motion, the Committee nominated the following names to serve as commissioners, alternate commissioners, young adult advisory delegate and alternate young adult advisory delegate to the 223rd General Assembly, June 16-23, 2018, in St. Louis, MO, and as members of Presbytery committees. Additional nominees from the floor were solicited, and none appearing, nominations were declared closed and, **by voice vote, the presbytery elected the following people:**

COMMISSIONERS TO THE 223rd PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Ruling Elder Cyndi Adams (Huber Heights: Faith)
- Ruling Elder Mike Buker (Dayton: Central)
- Teaching Elder Maggie Gillespie
- Teaching Elder Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Ruling Elder Marj Lawson (Dayton: Southminster)
- Ruling Elder Cynthia Nowka (Springfield: Covenant)

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE TO THE 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Courtney Hemmelgarn (Dayton: Central)

ALTERNATE YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE TO THE 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- Anne Paquette (Dayton: Westminster)

+++++

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Class of 2020
- TE Brad Dardaganian

Staff Support

September 12, 2017

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Class of 2018

RE Kim Hamilton (Dayton: Corinth)

The Committee on Nominations thanked those who have stepped up to serve in these roles, and noted that additional positions remain to be filled.

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

HUNTSVILLE CHURCH CHOIR Musical Selections

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 10:19-25

SERMON *"The Courage We Need"*
Rev. Dr. Herbert Miller

Responding to God's Word

INSTALLATION OF THE RECORDING CLERK

Moderator Gidget Collins led the installation service for the Recording Clerk, Ruling Elder Marge Morgan who was elected at the May 2017 stated meeting. Constitutional questions were asked and answered and prayers were offered, along with gratitude for Marge's faithful service with the presbytery.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Teaching Elder Ben Beres, Presiding

CLOSING HYMN *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

ADJOURNMENT WITH CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Gidget Collins at 8:20 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley will be held at Fairmont Presbyterian Church, 3705 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering, Ohio 45429, on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

Larry Hollar, Stated Clerk

APPENDICES:

- A. Executive Presbyter Search Committee Report
- B. Synod Assembly Report
- C. Budget Guidance for Churches for 2018
- D. 2016 PMV Church Membership Numbers (for use with Appendix C)
- E. 2018 Pastors' Compensation Recommendation
- F. Report of the Small Church Transformation Project
- G. Randall Brakemeyer Statement of Faith

REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK