

**MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY**  
 Saturday, February 10, 2018  
 Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Xenia, Ohio

The meeting was convened with prayer at 9:01 a.m. on Saturday, February 10, 2018, by Ruling Elder Cheryl (Gidget) Collins, Moderator, at the Memorial United Presbyterian Church, Xenia, 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

**TEACHING ELDERS ON ACTIVE ROLL**

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

**MINISTER MEMBERS FROM DENOMINATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE**

Saari, Aaron	E	Miller, Herbert	P
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**HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS** (Excused unless attendance indicated)

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

**ROLL OF CHURCHES (RULING ELDERS PRESENT)**

BELLBROOK 1 – Evans, Al P	DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK 1 – Mundhenk, Terry P	OXFORD 1 – Cross, Danny P
BELLE CENTER 1 –	DAYTON: TRINITY 1 – Coleman, Gail P	PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD 1 – Kerns, Sandra P
BELLEFONTAINE 1 – Hawkins, Bridget P	DAYTON: WESTMINSTER 1 – Saunders, Gene P	PIQUA: WESTMINSTER 1 – Copsey, Randy P
BLUE BALL 1 -	2 –Knechel, Bob P	REILY 1 –
BRADFORD 1 – Buker, Mike (CRE) P	3 –Lachman, Amy P	RUSHSYLVANIA 1 -
2 –	EATON: FIRST 1 –	SEVEN MILE 1 – Ault, Lee (CRE)
CLIFTON 1 –	FAIRBORN: FIRST 1 – Seewer, Michael P	2 -
COLLINSVILLE 1 – Gabbard, M. (CRE)	FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS 1 – Gray, Jennifer P	SIDNEY: FIRST 1 –
2 -	HAMILTON: THE P. C. 1 – Eyler, Greg P	SPRINGBORO: COVENANT 1 –
COVINGTON 1 – Schultz, Ron P	2 -	SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT 1 – Morrison, Ann P
DAYTON: BATH 1 – Miller, Janet P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD 1 -	SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER 1 – Dodds, Deborah P
DAYTON: CENTRAL 1 – Awsumb, Bill P	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH 1 – Adams, Cyndi P	TROY: FIRST 1 –
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL 1 –	HUNTSVILLE 1 –	2 –
DAYTON: CORINTH 1 – Hamilton, Kim P	JAMESTOWN 1 – O’Bryant, Larry P	URBANA: FIRST 1 –
DAYTON: FAIRMONT 1 – Chamberlain, C. P	MIDDLETOWN: FIRST 1 –	WEST LIBERTY 1 -
2 –	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE 1 -	WILMINGTON 1 – Gillette, James P
DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN 1 –	MONROE 1 –	XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED 1 – King, Norma P
DAYTON: MEMORIAL 1 -	NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK 1 – Picek, Andrew P	XENIA: WESTMINSTER 1 – Hanlin, Harold P
DAYTON: SOUTHMINSTER 1 – Lawson, George P	NEW PARIS 1 –	YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST 1 –
2 – Ferguson, Mark P		

**RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY**

Courtney, Donna (LC) P	Mauntler, Marge (CPM) E	Shoemaker, Matt (LC)
Collins, Gidget (Mod) P	Morgan, Marge (Acting EP) P	Welborn, Diane (LC)
Mauntler, John (LC) E	Niece, Don (LC) P	Hollar, Larry (SC) P

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** (not otherwise registered): Ruling Elder Kathleen Seewer (Recording Clerk Pro Tem)

**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***"Morning Has Broken"***HOSPITALITY REPORT**

- The Hunger Offering today supports Interfaith Hospitality Network.
- Guests and first time Ruling Elders were welcomed and invited forward.
- **New pastors in our midst:** Teaching Elder Ray Stewart introduced and offered a prayer for Rev. Jeri Baker, pastor at the Monroe Church, who will be installed Saturday, April 14. Rev. Beau Brown, pastor at the Urbana: First Church, could not be attend today so will be introduced in May His installation is Sunday, Feb. 18. Following a passing of the peace, the presbytery sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in gratitude to God and in welcome to our new colleagues.

**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-six (36) teaching elders, one (1) minister member from denominations in correspondence, twenty-nine (29) ruling elder commissioners (representing twenty-six (26) churches), and five (5) ruling elder members of presbytery: seventh-one (71) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were one (1) corresponding member, four (4) visitors, and one (1) staff member of the presbytery. Including duplicate categories, total registered attendance of seventy-seven (77).
- On motion/second, the docket as distributed was adopted with one amendment, to remove the Committee on Nominations item since that committee has no report.
- The stated clerk thanked clerks of session, pastors and other church staff and volunteers for preparing the annual statistical reports. He reminded presbyters of the annual session minutes review and training session for Saturday, March 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. Information on remaining 2018 stated meetings and upcoming installation services was shared. The clerk welcomed presbyters to attend the briefing on the upcoming 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly by OGA director of assembly operations Tom Hay on Thursday, April 19, at 4:00 p.m.
- The clerk highlighted the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering as well as the other denominational offerings throughout the year that provide critical help for people in need.

**Correspondence (November 12, 2017 to February 9, 2018) and other matters:**

- One delinquency report received. 2018 per capita assessments received from the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly.
- The clerk announced he is tidying the Bylaws and Policy and Practice Manuals with minor change, since presbytery did not approve any amendments in 2017.
- Teaching Elder membership changes since last stated meeting:
  - a. Gains: **Jeri Baker** (from Blackhawk); **Nancy Birdsong** (from New Brunswick); **Randall Brakemeyer** (from the United Church of Christ); **Beau Brown** (from Wabash Valley)
  - b. Losses: **Steve Plunkett** (to Grace)
  - c. In transition: **Terry Kukuk** (from Missouri Union); **Ted Dennis** (Mid-South)

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

- **Corresponding members for this meeting:** None.

**Administrative Commissions:**

- Minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Todd Allen as pastor of the Piqua: Westminster, January 14, 2018 (Appendix A): See Consent Agenda for action.

**Treasurer's Report Summaries**

- Year-End 2017 Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet through December 2017 distributed. YTD Receipts for General \$381,891.09; YTD Disbursements for General \$379,658.00; Difference \$2,233.09. YTD Pass-Through Income and Expense \$190,486.58. Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$1,586,767.84.
- Year to Date Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet through January 2018 distributed. YTD Receipts for General \$39,300.26; YTD Disbursements for General \$25,641.49; Difference \$3,658.77. YTD Pass-Through Income and Expense \$21,001.13. Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$1,608,544.18.

**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 actions were approved:

From the Stated Clerk:

- **Presbytery Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the stated meeting of November 11, 2017, and the special presbytery meeting of January 16, 2018.
- **Minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Todd Allen as pastor of the Piqua: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Jan. 14, 2018:** Approve the minutes and thank the AC members for their participation (Appendix A).
- **Approval of the Lord's Supper:** Grant the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the 2018 Spring Youth Retreat and during 2018 summer camp at Kirkmont Center as long as teaching elders preside at the table and ruling elders serve the elements.

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

**CONFESSIONS OF FAITH** -- The presbytery together proclaimed faith through the Apostles' Creed.

**MODERATOR'S REPORT** – The Moderator reflected on her visits to nearly all the presbytery's churches. She also noted opportunities to witness to faith in surprising times and places.

**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, PART II** – Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, chair**For action:**

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

- **Temporary Waiver of Bylaws relating to Tuesday stated meeting starting times:**
  - a. Approved the temporary suspension, for the May and September 2018 stated meetings, of the provision in Section 4.01 of the presbytery Bylaws that requires a 4:00 p.m. start time for Tuesday stated meetings, in order to permit those two 2018 meetings to begin at 3:00 p.m.; and
  - b. Following this two-meeting experiment, direct the Leadership Council to assess the advisability of proposing a permanent revision of the Bylaws to include a new starting time or other appropriate revisions applicable to Tuesday meetings, after seeking input from presbyters.

*Rationale: In some instances, presbytery has been unable to complete essential business and worship prior to dinner during Tuesday meetings that begin at 4:00 p.m. Some presbyters choose to leave the meeting before or immediately after dinner and prior to the completion of business and worship. While there might be a number of responses to this reality, Council decided to suggest an experiment with an earlier starting time of 3:00 p.m. for the next two Tuesday meetings--in May and September 2018--to make it more likely business and worship will be completed before dinner, which normally starts at 6:00 p.m. Following the experiment, Council will assess whether an earlier start time or other changes are warranted on a longer-term basis, and bring a proposal to presbytery for approval. Council will pay particular attention to the impact of an earlier time on participation of Ruling Elders who are employed or others who may be*

*affected. Presbyters are strongly encouraged to plan to remain for the entire stated meeting as docketed, to enable us to grow together as a worshipping, covenantal, and active community in God's service.*

- **Approval of Summary Letter of 2016 Financial Review:** Approved the summary letter of the 2016 presbytery financial review done pursuant to G-3.0113 of the Book of Order (Appendix B). Presbytery also expressed thanks to Treasurer Martha Keil and Bookkeeper Joyce Routzohn for their diligent work to accomplish this favorable result.

#### **Reports:**

- **Executive Presbyter Search Committee:** Committee moderator Diane Ziegler presented the search committee's final report (Appendix C) and invited questions. The presbytery again thanked the committee for its work that resulted in the election of Rev. Terry Kukuk as Executive Presbyter. Terry will begin work in early March.
- **Scripture Focus:** The presbytery spent time in small groups reflecting on the February Scripture Focus, which is on Epiphany/Lent, O Oriens "O Dayspring," Job 38:4, 12-13, and related questions.
- **Perspective on Presbytery Connectional Support:** Teaching Elder Ken Locke offered some perspectives on church giving for presbytery Connectional Support, thanking churches for the overall improved giving in 2017. He also invited churches that find they cannot pay their fair share of Connectional Support based on church active membership to let the presbytery know when and why they cannot pay.
- **Report from the Network Support and Grants Committee:** Committee chair Teaching Elder Marciana Bain gave a comprehensive report on the work and plans of each approved Network.

#### **For information:**

- **Expense Addition for new Executive Presbyter Furniture and Office Materials:** Trustees requested and the Leadership Council approved up to \$2,500 from presbytery reserves to purchase a desk, chair, laptop and other needs to allow the new Executive Presbyter to make the office her own following her beginning work on or about March 1. (LC, Jan. 11, 2017)
- **Departure Covenant for former Executive Presbyter:** To clarify ethical obligations and norms of conduct for the future, former Executive Presbyter Dennis Piermont, the Leadership Council chair, the Moderator, and the Stated Clerk agreed to and signed a Covenant of Departure on November 30, 2017 (Appendix D) incorporating the presbytery's Standards of Ethical Conduct When the Executive Presbyter Departs. (Appendix E).
- **Information on each PMV church's final 2017 Presbytery Connectional Support payments and Synod and General Assembly Per Capita payments:** Updated final statistics are in Appendix F.
- **Scripture focus—next steps?** For nearly a year Council has encouraged session and presbytery meetings and committees, study groups, church leaders and members, and others to take part in a common Scripture focus for prayer and discussion each month. Resources for that focus conclude in April 2018, and Council has begun to discuss what to do next. They would like your stories and input to inform that discussion. How have you used the Scriptural materials this past year? What do you suggest for a possible presbytery-wide shared focus that Council could consider for the future?

#### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – Teaching Elder Brad Dardaganian, member**

- **Committee priorities:** Rev. Dardaganian discussed CPM's role in overseeing the preparation of Certified Christian Educator candidates, and encouraged churches to recognize a call to ministry among their members.

#### **For information:**

- **Candidate Anne Fyffe:** The Committee conducted the final assessment with Candidate Anne Fyffe (Dayton: Southminster) and determined that she has satisfactorily completed all the requirements of the preparation for ministry process, as set forth in G-2.0607 of

the Book of Order, and is now certified as ready, pending a call, to be examined for ordination. (CPM, Dec. 21, 2017)

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY** – Teaching Elder Ray Stewart, chair;

**For Action:** On motion presented by Committee member Teaching Elder Cliff Haddox, and following discussion, presbytery approved the following actions by voice vote:

- **Honorable Retirement—Teaching Elder Raymond Stewart:** Granted the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Raymond Stewart, effective January 15, 2018. (Approved by COM, November 28, 2017)

**Reports:**

- **Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce:** Received a report from the Taskforce (Appendix G) and information on upcoming trainings.
- **Church Staff Salaries:** Churches were commended to review results of a COM poll on church staff salaries, to assist in evaluating staffing patterns and compensation for comparably-sized churches.

**For Information:**

- **Administrative Commission** to Install Rev. Todd Allen as Pastor of the Piqua: Westminster Church—For the installation service scheduled to occur on Sunday, January 14, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at the church, on motion,
  - a. Authorized the COM chair to approve the AC members once they are identified, subject to ratification at a future COM meeting;
  - b. Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the installation service, at the discretion of Rev. Allen. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
  - c. On motion, ratified the appointment of the following to serve on the AC, following the COM chair approving them in advance of the installation: RE Gidget Collins, Moderator (Dayton: Bath); RE Audrey Gillespie (Piqua: Westminster); and TE Diana Circelli. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Seven Mile**--On motion, renewed the part-time (20 hours per week) Commissioned Ruling Elder Covenant between Ruling Elder Lee Ault and the Seven Mile Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Duties: Preach and worship leadership, administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, perform weddings and funerals, provide pastoral care, advise and resource session and congregational committees. Serve as Moderator of session, attend meetings of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley with voice and vote. Mentoring by a TE to be named; RE Ault's membership is in the Monroe Church. Terms: Effective Salary including housing--\$27,000; Continuing Education expense reimbursement--\$2,000; Vacation--5 weeks, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education--2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. Salary terms meet presbytery requirements for CREs. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Farmersville: Slifers**-- On motion, approved the part-time (30 hours per week) Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Angela Schenck, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed her moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing and medical supplement reimbursement – \$44,600; Board of Pensions dues for pension, death and disability; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,200; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement - \$500; Vacation—5 weeks, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **New Carlisle: Honey Creek**-- On motion, approved the part-time (30 hours per week) Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Shelley Wiley, effective January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, a six month appointment, at the following terms for that period, and appointed her moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing and SECA above 50% reimbursement – \$20,000; full Board of Pensions dues; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$810; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$586.50; Vacation—3 weeks, including 3 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—1 week, including 1 Sunday. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements on an annualized basis. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Fairborn: First**-- On motion, approved the full-time Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Karen Cassedy, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the

following terms, and appointed her moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$54,351; full Board of Pensions dues; SECA up to 50%; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,750; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement - \$1,500; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)

- **Springfield: Covenant**—Following the recent vote of the congregation to concur in Rev. Ray Stewart's request to terminate the pastoral relationship between himself and the church effective January 15, 2018, on motion:
  - a. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship effective on that date;
  - b. Agreed to request that the presbytery grant the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Ray Stewart, effective Jan. 15, 2018, at his request; and
  - c. Authorized TE Sandy McConnel to appoint a moderator for the session following the departure of Rev. Stewart until a temporary pastor is in place. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Stephen Plunkett**: On motion, authorized the Stated Clerk to file papers to dismiss and transfer the membership of the Rev. Stephen W. Plunkett to Grace Presbytery, at that presbytery's request. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Ratification of online vote to approve Kathleen Burslem validated ministry**—Following the October COM meeting when it was inadvertently omitted, an online vote was taken and unanimously agreed to approve Teaching Elder Kathleen Burslem in the validated ministry for which she had applied in a timely way. On motion, ratified the action taken in this prior online vote to approve Rev. Kathleen Burslem in the validated ministry of Palliative Medicine Chaplain at OhioHealth: Grant Medical Center. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Ratification of November 14 actions related to Candidate for Executive Presbyter**: Due to the lack of a quorum for action at the November 14 COM interview with EP Candidate Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk, on motion, ratified by voice vote the actions taken by the COM representatives present at that interview, and:
  - a. Approved the designation of the position of Executive Presbyter as a validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church, pursuant to Sec. 1.06 (8) of the Committee on Ministry Policy and Practice;
  - b. If the way be clear following the presbytery's action to elect Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk as Executive Presbyter to occupy the validated ministry described in (a) above, approved Rev. Kukuk to become a member of this presbytery; and
  - c. Authorized the Stated Clerk, following the presbytery's election of Rev. Kukuk, to file the necessary papers for Rev. Kukuk's transfer from the Missouri Union Presbytery, effective no later than her first day of service in this presbytery. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Authority to Act**: On motion, agreed to authorize the COM chair to act on necessary matters prior to the next stated COM meeting on January 30, 2018. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Urbana: First**— After meeting with the Pastor Nominating Committee of Urbana First Presbyterian and their candidate for pastor, the Rev. Beau Brown, on motion:
  - a. Authorized the session of the Urbana: First Presbyterian Church to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to propose the election of Rev. Beau Brown as Pastor, and to approve the terms of call as follows: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$56,000; full Board of Pensions dues; Moving costs up to \$2,500; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,000; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement - TBD; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. Expected start date is Dec. 11, 2017;
  - b. Authorized the COM chair to appoint a moderator for the congregational meeting for the approval of the pastor and terms of call, expected to occur on Dec. 10, 2017; and
  - c. Pending approval by the congregation in (a) above, authorized the Stated Clerk to request the transfer of membership of Rev. Brown from Wabash Valley Presbytery. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)

- **Dayton: Westminster**—On motion, approved the action of the session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, to employ Teaching Elder Denise Weaver as full-time Interim Associate Pastor beginning on December 1, 2017 for a period not to exceed one year unless extended, at the following terms: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$64,000; full Board of Pension dues; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) – no limit; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement - \$1,077; Vacation—4 weeks, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays, cumulative to 3 weeks. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Dayton: Fairmont**--At the request of the Dayton: Fairmont church regarding its Associate Pastor position, on motion approved the Ministry Information Form for that position contingent on a second review of language by several COM members, and, following such review and approval of the revised document, authorized its placement in the Church Leadership Connection system. (COM, Nov. 28, 2017)
- **Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Beau Brown as Pastor of the Urbana: First Church** -- On motion,
  - a. Took note of the installation service scheduled to occur on Sunday, February 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the church;
  - b. Approved the following members to serve on the Administrative Commission: RE Gidget Collins, Moderator (Dayton: Bath); Ruling Elder Michele Slone (Urbana: First); and TE Ray Stewart.
  - c. Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at the discretion of the Pastor. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Nancy Birdsong as Pastor of the Dayton: Southminster Church** -- On motion,
  - a. Took note of the installation service scheduled to occur on Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the church;
  - b. Approved the following members to serve on the Administrative Commission: RE Gidget Collins, Moderator (Dayton: Bath); RE Ralph Adkins (Dayton: Southminster); TE Jacqueline Nowak; TE Garth Adams.
  - c. Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at the discretion of the Pastor. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Bellbrook** -- On motion, approved the full-time Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Diane Ziegler, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed her moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$53,809; Board of Pensions dues for pension, death and disability (medical provided elsewhere); Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$250; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Xenia: Memorial** -- On motion, approved the full-time Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed her moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing, medical supplement reimbursement and dental coverage – \$55,689.74; full Board of Pensions dues; SECA reimbursement up to 50% -- \$3,982; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,500; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,500; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays, cumulative to 4 weeks. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Dayton: Southminster**—On motion, approved the extension of the part-time (20 hours per week) Transitional Associate Pastor Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Garth Adams, effective January 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018, at the following terms: Total Effective Salary, including housing: \$4,350; BOP Pension and Disability (no Medical Coverage); SECA up to 50%; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate): \$172.00; Continuing Education Reimbursement: \$199.00; Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$44.00. Amounts listed above are for the term of the contract. Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements for effective salary and continuing education reimbursement. (COM, January 30, 2018)



- **Dayton: Memorial:** On motion, approved the part-time (20 hours per week) Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder David Foubert, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed him moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$37,366; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,765; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement -- \$500; Vacation—5 weeks, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays, cumulative to 7 weeks. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Hamilton: Westwood**—On motion, approved the part-time (25 hours per week) Stated Supply appointment of Teaching Elder Norman Godfrey, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed him moderator of the session: Effective Salary (including cash salary, housing, and medical supplemental) – \$39,843.11; full Board of Pension dues; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$1,750; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,150; Professional expense reimbursement \$950; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements (Continuing Ed funds expected to be increased to the required \$1,173). (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Eaton: First** — On motion:
  - a. Ratified the action of the COM sub-group that earlier met with and approved the candidate, and as a result agreed to authorize the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Eaton to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee to propose the election of Rev. Timothy Eric Dennis as Pastor, and to approve the terms of call as follows: Total Effective Salary, including housing (manse value) – \$65,000; full Board of Pensions dues; SECA reimbursement (up to 50%) -- \$4,972.50; Moving costs up to \$5,000; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$2,500; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,173; Professional Expense reimbursement -- \$2,000; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. Expected start date, pending congregational approval, is Sunday, February 25, 2018.
  - b. Authorized the COM chair to appoint a moderator for the congregational meeting for the approval of the pastor and terms of call, expected to occur on Sunday, February 4, 2018, in the event Interim Pastor John Skelly is unavailable to moderate; and
  - c. Pending approval by the congregation in (a) above, authorized the Stated Clerk to request the transfer of membership of Rev. Dennis from Mid-South Presbytery. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Dayton: Corinth**--On motion:
  - a. Approved the December 24, 2017 action of the session of the Corinth Presbyterian Church requesting appointment of Rev. Herbert Miller as Stated Supply pastor and to end the interim pastor relationship with Rev. Miller effective December 31, 2017; *Rationale for part (a)*-- *On August 29, 2017, COM adopted the following statement: "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." Since then, COM has not taken final action on this intention. By approving today the Corinth session's action taken in December, COM will complete this transfer to a potentially longer-term status for Rev. Miller with the church. The session's rationale for its request has been provided separately to COM.*
  - b. Following adoption of (a) above, approved the full-time Stated Supply appointment of Rev. Herbert Miller, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed him moderator of the session: Total Effective Salary, including housing – \$62,800; full pension/medical dues; SECA (up to 50%) – \$4,712; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) -- \$300; Continuing Education reimbursement – \$1,200; Professional Expense reimbursement - \$2,000; Vacation—4 weeks, including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education Time—2 weeks, including 2 Sundays. These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, January 30, 2018)

- **Springfield: Covenant**—On motion, ratified the appointment of Teaching Elder Sandy McConnell to serve as moderator of the session, until such time as an interim pastor is in place and authorized to moderate the session. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Rev. Stanley Gockel**—Rev. Stanley Gockel, an American Baptist minister, formerly served in various capacities in this presbytery, including as interim and stated supply pastor at the Bellbrook Church, stated supply at the Seven Mile Church, and chaplain at Mt. Pleasant retirement village. He has now returned to this area following a pastorate in Indiana. On motion,
  - a. Approved Rev. Stanley Gockel's name to be placed on the Pulpit Supply list; and
  - b. Authorized Rev. Gockel to serve the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on February 4, 2018, during worship at Springfield: Covenant Church, for that occasion only. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Rev. Julia Williamson** – Rev. Williamson is a UCC pastor who now lives in our area and has been vetted. On motion, and pending a successful standard entry interview with COM, approved Rev. Julia Williamson's name to be placed on the Pulpit Supply list and authorized her to be considered for appropriate positions in this presbytery. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Dayton: Southminster**-- On motion, approved the job description for the Interim Associate Pastor position with comments, and authorized the session to consider candidates to fill that position. (COM, January 30, 2018)
- **Troy: First**—Pending the subsequent approval by the session of the Troy: First church, on motion ratified the COM's approval of the Ministry Information Form for the Pastor position with comments, and authorized its placement in the Church Leadership Connection system. (COM, January 30, 2018)

*Hearing God's Word Proclaimed*

**MUSIC**

Memorial Bell Choir and Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

2 Kings 5:1-7

**SERMON**

*"You still have to wash"*  
Teaching Elder Emily Haddox

*Responding to God's Word*

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Come, Share the Lord"*

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Teaching Elders Jacqueline Nowak and Steven Ingram, Presiding

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**TABLE BLESSING FOR LUNCH, WHICH WE SHARE AS A COVENANT COMMUNITY**

**ADJOURNMENT WITH CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Gidget Collins at 11:58 a.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley will be held at Dayton: Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Road, Kettering, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. (note new time), with sexual misconduct prevention training to precede the meeting.

Attest:

Larry Hollar, Stated Clerk

**APPENDICES:**

- A. Minutes of AC to Install Rev. Todd Allen, Piqua: Westminster Presbyterian Church
- B. Summary Letter of 2016 Financial Review
- C. Executive Presbyter Search Committee Final Report
- D. Signed Covenant of Departure for Executive Presbyter
- E. Presbytery's Standards of Ethical Conduct When the Executive Presbyter Departs
- F. Final 2017 Presbytery Connectional Support payments and Synod and General Assembly Per Capita payments by each PMV church
- G. Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce Report