

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

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, Kettering, Ohio

**Approved at stated meeting on September 11, 2018**

The meeting was convened with prayer at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, by Ruling Elder Cheryl (Gidget) Collins, Moderator, at the Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, Kettering, Ohio.

LEGEND:

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

**OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY**

*Ruling Elder Gidget Collins*, Moderator P  
*Teaching Elder Kelley Wehmeyer Shin*, Leadership Council Chair P  
*Ruling Elder Larry Hollar*, Stated Clerk P

**TEACHING ELDERS ON ACTIVE ROLL**

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

**TEMPORARY MINISTER MEMBERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS**

Gockel, Stan P  
 Miller, Herbert P  
 Saari, Aaron  
 Schumm, Steve P

**HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS** (Excused unless attendance indicated)

Amidon, C. Forrest		Graham, James		Schechter, Richard	
Barr, Judith Dunlap	P	Hinds, Joe. M III		Sheldon, Jocelyn J.	
Battin, Barbara		Hookey, Joseph R.		Smith, Robert B., Jr.	
Brown, Edward		Horrigan, Kevin		Sparks, W. Franklin	
Conn, Arbuth	P	Howard, Kenneth		Stewart, Donald M.	
Creager, Ronald		Kester, Gordon L.		Stewart, Raymond	P
Davis-Dudding, Kay		Kim, Soo Kwang		Swaim, Gerald G.	
Edmonds, Cheryl		Kingsbury, Edwin		Thompson, Glenn E.	
Edwards, Robert L.		McConnel, George H.	P	Thornton, Jesse	
Fleming, David L.	P	McNulty, Edward	P	Wade, Robert	
Foubert, David	P	Meyers, JoAnne		Wall, Evan	
Fulton, Robert		Niece, Linda	P	Walthour, William	
Garcia, Nehemias		Nowak, Jackie		Warren, Patrick	
Gerhart, Andrew		Philips, William		Williams, Russell D.	
Girbert, David A.		Phleger, Terry		Yanney, William	
Godfrey, Norman		Righter, Richard L.		Zuercher, John	

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

BELLBROOK		DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK		OXFORD	
1 – Aldrich, Ray	P	1 – Mundhenk, Terry	P	1 – Cross, Danny	P
BELLE CENTER		DAYTON: TRINITY		PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD	
1 –		1 – Blackmon, M.J.	P	1 – Kerns, Sandra	P
BELLEFONTAINE		DAYTON: WESTMINSTER		PIQUA: WESTMINSTER	
1 – Brady, Michael	P	1 –		1 – McColloch, C.	P
BLUE BALL		2 –		REILY	
1 -		3 –		1 –	
BRADFORD		EATON: FIRST		RUSHSVLVANIA	
1 – Buker, Mike (CRE)	P	1 – Smith, Gerald	P	1 -	
2 –		FAIRBORN: FIRST		SEVEN MILE	
CLIFTON		1 – Seewer, Michael	P	1 – Ault, Lee (CRE)	
1 –		FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS		2 -	
COLLINSVILLE		1 – Gray, Jennifer	P	SIDNEY: FIRST	
1 – Gabbard, M. (CRE)		HAMILTON: THE P. C.		1 –	
2 -		1 – Eyler, Greg	P	SPRINGBORO: COVENANT	
COVINGTON		2 – McGuire, Richard	P	1 – Ritzinger, John	P
1 – Schultz, Judy	P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD		SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT	
DAYTON: BATH		1 -		1 – Nowka, Cynthia	P
1 – Lockwood, Susan	P	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH		SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER	
DAYTON: CENTRAL		1 – Adams, Cyndi	P	1 –	
1 – Henry, Don	P	HUNTSVILLE		TROY: FIRST	
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL		1 –		1 –	
1 – Carson, Joel	P	JAMESTOWN		2 –	
DAYTON: CORINTH		1 – O’Bryant, Larry	P	URBANA: FIRST	
1 – Hamilton, Kim	P	MIDDLETOWN: FIRST		1 –	
DAYTON: FAIRMONT		1 –		WEST LIBERTY	
1 – Chamberlain, C.	P	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE		1 -	
2 – Harvey, Mike	P	1 -		WILMINGTON	
DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN		MONROE		1 – Gillette, James	P
1 –		1 –		XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED	
DAYTON: MEMORIAL		NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK		1 – Martin, Judy	P
1 -		1 – Perkins, Marilyn	P	XENIA: WESTMINSTER	
DAYTON: SOUTHMINSTER		NEW PARIS		1 – Rickels, Joyce	P
1 – Lawson, George	P	1 –		YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST	
2 – Cleaves, Gretchen	P			1 –	

**RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY**

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

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** (not otherwise registered): Ruling Elder Marge Morgan (Recording Clerk)

**INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES** (not otherwise registered): None

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

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*Gathering of God’s People*

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONVENING PRAYER** Ruling Elder Gidget Collins, Moderator

**OPENING HYMN** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**HOSPITALITY REPORT**

- The Hunger Offering today supports the House of Bread.
- 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 Teaching Elder Beau Brown, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, and Teaching Elder Ted Dennis, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Eaton. Following 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 – 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 forty-one (41) teaching elders, three (3) minister member from other denominations, thirty (30) ruling elder commissioners (representing twenty-seven (27) churches), and five (5) ruling elder members of presbytery: seventh-nine (79) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were one (1) corresponding member, twenty-one (21) visitors, and one (1) staff member of the presbytery. Including duplicate categories, total registered attendance of one hundred two (102). A motion to accept excuses from seven Teaching Elders was adopted. No additional corresponding members were present and so no motion to seat was necessary.
- On motion/second, the docket as distributed was adopted with three amendments.

##### **Correspondence (February 10, 2018 to May 7, 2018) and other matters:**

- **Correspondence:** Received on May 3, 2018 a letter from Teaching Elder Ronald Lawrence resigning his position as Synod Commissioner, effective May 2, 2018.
- **Presbytery Minutes Review:** The presbytery’s 2017 minutes were reviewed at the annual review session of all the presbytery stated clerks in our synod at the office of the Synod of the Covenant on Tuesday, May 1. The presbytery’s minutes were approved without exception. Reviewer comments: “Beautifully done! Clear headings, easy to read. Consider changes to mixed use of references to Teaching Elder, TEs, Rev. and Reverend.” Response by PMV Stated Clerk to last comment: “We primarily intend to use Teaching Elder and TE to refer to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ministers, and Reverend and Rev. to refer to pastors among us from other denominations who, under our Bylaws (Sec. 2.01), we treat identically to TEs but who are not actually TEs. I will pay closer attention to that issue in the future.” The review results will be approved at the Synod of the Covenant Assembly in August.
- **2017 Session Minutes Review:** The Clerk presented the current status, encouraging churches not yet reviewed to do so soon.
- The clerk updated the presbytery on 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly matters, and presented the presbytery’s 2017 annual statistical summary (Appendix A) and report on churches and Teaching Elders submitted to General Assembly (Appendix B).
- **PC(USA) Special Offerings:** 19 churches in the presbytery were recognized for participating in all four denominational Special Offerings in either 2016 or 2017, or both years.
- **Poll on changing Tuesday meeting times:** Presbyters were encouraged to vote on whether they prefer a 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm starting time for future Tuesday presbytery meetings.
- **2017 Necrology:** Presbytery paused to give thanks in silence and with music for the life and witness of Ruling Elders who died in 2017. (Appendix C)
- Teaching Elder membership changes since last stated meeting:
  - a. Gains: **Terry Kukuk** (from Missouri Union; **Ted Dennis** (Mid-South); **Stan Gockel** (as member from another denomination (American Baptist) for duration of service at Springfield: Covenant)
  - b. Losses: **None**
  - c. In transition: **Margaret Gillespie** (to New Castle)

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

- **Redressing the Imbalance of Teaching and Ruling Elders for year 2018-2019:**
  - Under Sec. 2.05 of the presbytery’s Bylaws, when the number of resident teaching elders entitled to vote in the presbytery is greater than the number of ruling elders so

entitled, this imbalance shall be redressed annually by providing for the election, appointment, or selection of additional ruling elders, paying special attention to the concerns of G-3.0103. Such additional elders serve a one-year term, under Sec. 2.05.

- As of this meeting, there were seventy-three (73) resident teaching elders active in the life of the presbytery. (According to the Bylaws, honorably retired (HR) teaching elders are excused from presbytery meetings, therefore HR teaching elders are considered in the calculations only when they are serving a congregation [interim, temporary supply], are members of a presbytery committee, and/or attend at least one presbytery meeting per year.)
- At the end of this stated meeting and by presbytery rule, there will be fifty-five (55) ruling elder commissioners from member congregations, three (3) commissioned ruling elders, nine (9) ruling elders from Leadership Council and chairs of presbytery committees, and one (1) ruling elder serving as Stated Clerk, for a total of sixty-eight (68) ruling elders with voice and vote.
- Therefore, there is an imbalance of teaching elders to ruling elders amounting to five slots. This is the first time in recent years that this imbalance has occurred, and is related primarily to an increase in active Teaching Elders under the criteria above.
- **To implement Sec. 2.05 of the Bylaws, the Stated Clerk moved, and presbytery concurred, that presbytery delegate to Leadership Council authority to approve a plan on behalf of presbytery to redress the imbalance prior to the next presbytery meeting.** This approval will be reported to the September stated presbytery meeting. Additional ruling elder slots authorized under this approved plan will be in effect from that next meeting until the May 2019 stated meeting, as the Bylaws prescribe.
- The Stated Clerk will prepare a proposed plan of redress for Leadership Council consideration that takes into account diversity and inclusiveness criteria under G-3.0103, as well as factors of geography, varied size of churches, and evidence of recent ruling elder participation in stated presbytery meetings from churches.

#### **Treasurer's Report Summaries**

- Year to Date Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet through April 2018 distributed. YTD Receipts for General \$162,036; YTD Disbursements for General \$93,361; Difference \$68,675. YTD Pass-Through Income and Expense \$81,645. Total Liabilities and Fund Balance \$1,615,440.

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

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda below 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 Meeting Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the stated meeting of February 10, 2018, and the special presbytery meeting of March 27, 2018.
- **Minutes of three Administrative Commissions:** Approve the minutes of the Administrative Commissions and thank the AC members for their participation--
  - To install Teaching Elder Beau Brown as pastor of the Urbana: First Church, Feb. 18, 2018 (Appendix D);
  - To install Teaching Elder Nancy Birdsong as pastor of the Dayton: Southminster Church, Feb. 25, 2018 (Appendix E)
  - To install Teaching Elder Jeri Baker as pastor of the Monroe Presbyterian Church, April 14, 2018 (Appendix F).

**MODERATOR'S REPORT –** The Moderator reported on her year of exceptional service to the presbytery.

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

**CONFESSIONS OF FAITH --** The presbytery together proclaimed faith through excerpts from the Confession of Belhar.

**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT—**Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk presented her first report to the presbytery since becoming the Executive in March 2018.

**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 presbytery officers and as chairs and 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:

**OFFICERS**

Class of 2019

**Moderator** TE Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

**Vice Moderator** RE Bruce Saunders (Wilmington)

**Chair of Leadership Council** RE Cheryl (Gidget) Collins (Dayton:  
Bath)

**TEACHING ELDER ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

TE Michael Isaacs and TE Karen Cassedy

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS**

**Leadership Council**

[2018-19 Chair RE Gidget Collins (Dayton: Bath)]

Class of 2021

TE Deborah Linville

TE Kenneth Locke

RE Diane Welborn (Dayton: Westminster)

**Committee on Ministry**

2018-19 Chair – RE Marge Morgan (Dayton: Sugar Creek)

2018-19 Vice Chair – TE Ray Stewart

Class of 2020

RE Sue Seiler (Bellbrook)

Class of 2021

RE Michael Buker (Dayton: Central)

RE Marge Morgan (Dayton: Sugar Creek)

RE Michael Sewer (Fairborn: First)

TE George (Sandy) McConnel

TE Melissa Tidwell

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

2018-19 Chair – RE Marge Mauntler (Troy: First)

Class of 2021

TE Cheryl Edmonds

RE Marge Mauntler (Troy: First)

**Network Support and Grants**

2018-19 Chair – TE Marciana Bain

Class of 2020

RE Jim Pelfrey (Dayton: Corinth)

Class of 2021

TE Marciana Bain

TE Steven Schumm

TE Diana Circelli

RE Rachel Lang (Bellefontaine: First)

**Nominations**

2018-19 Chair – TE Steven Ingram

Class of 2021

TE Kathleen Burslem  
RE Ruth Gordon (Dayton: Sugar Creek)

**Trustees**

2018-19 Chair – TE David Foubert  
Class of 2021  
RE Diane Brunn (Dayton: Sugar Creek)  
TE Brian Maguire

**Staff Support**

2018-19 Chair – TE Robert Wade  
Class of 2019  
TE Judith Barr  
Class of 2021  
RE Kim Hamilton (Dayton: Corinth)  
TE Joseph Hookey

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

Class of 2024  
RE Sarah Conover (Troy: First)  
RE David Weaver (Dayton: Westminster)  
TE Todd Allen

**Synod of the Covenant Assembly Commissioner**

Class of 2019  
TE Diane Ziegler (effective August 3, 2018)

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

**On motion** and in light of the election at this and earlier presbytery meetings of a full complement of Commissioners, Young Adult Advisory Delegate, and alternates for those positions for the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly and a new Synod Commissioner, the presbytery proceeded to the following:

- **Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners, Young Adult Advisory Delegate, and Alternates for those positions, and Synod Commissioner:** Moderator RE Gidget Collins commissioned the elected Teaching and Ruling Elders to their respective roles, and prayed for their well-being and service at the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, June 16-23, 2018, in St. Louis, MO and at the Synod of the Covenant. Those elected are:
  - Teaching Elder Commissioners Ken Locke and Kelley Shin
  - Ruling Elder Commissioners Cyndi Adams and Mike Buker
  - Young Adult Advisory Delegate Courtney Hemmelgarn
  - Alternate Teaching Elder Commissioners Karen Cassedy and Michael Isaacs
  - Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioners Marj Lawson and Cynthia Nowka
  - Alternate Young Adult Advisory Delegate Anne Paquette
  - Teaching Elder Commissioner to the Synod of the Covenant: Diane Ziegler

**Reports:**

- **Representation Training:** Teaching Elder Steven Ingram, chair of the Nominations Committee, and Moderator RE Gidget Collins, reported on Synod-sponsored training offered by Molly Casteel of Louisville on representation issues and approaches.
- **The Colombia Partnership Network,** through Teaching Elder Darryll Young, reported on a recent delegation trip to the Presbytery of the North Coast in Colombia and its churches, and on plans for an upcoming trip to this area and to Detroit by the MAJUP youth praise band and their pastor from the Iglesia Presbiteriana de Cartagena, Colombia.
- **The confirmation class of First Presbyterian Church of Eaton** was introduced and welcomed.
- **Monthly Spiritual Focus using Hymns:** During today's presbytery meeting the Council introduced a new approach to a shared spiritual connection for the year ahead,

following on from the scriptural focus of the past year. For 2018-19 the emphasis will be on selected hymns and reflection questions, which are placed on the presbytery web site. Council encouraged committees, churches, sessions, groups and individuals in our presbytery to use these materials as a regular spiritual activity in the year ahead.

- **The Presbyterian Youth Connection:** The two outgoing PYC network co-moderators, Abby Schultz (Dayton: Sugar Creek) and Caroline Eader (Bellefontaine), reported on the annual PYC Spring Youth Retreat and on their inspiring personal faith journeys.
- **Morning Sun Church property deed signing:** On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, the chair of the presbytery Trustees, Teaching Elder David Foubert, signed a General Warranty Deed conveying the former Morning Sun Church property to its new owner, James W. Harlan. The presbytery and Mr. Harlan had entered a land contract for the sale in June 2017, and Mr. Harlan paid the contract in full in early March 2018. After filing of the deed with Preble County, the sale will be officially complete. The presbytery continues to celebrate the many years of faithful service and witness of the former Morning Sun church members. Even as the church's property now leaves us and we entrust it to a new owner, the spirit of this church remains with us as a cherished part of this presbytery's history.
- **Update on response to disorder at the Synod of the Covenant:**
  - **Overture Advocate Appointed for Item 05-03:** As the presbytery authorized the Council to do at the March 27, 2018 special presbytery meeting, Council has designated Ruling Elder Marvella Lambright (Dayton: College Hill) to serve as this presbytery's Overture Advocate for Item 05-03 on the docket of the 223rd General Assembly. Council has authorized four nights lodging, meals, and transportation cost reimbursement for RE Lambright to serve as Overture Advocate.
  - **Synod Responding Overture:** Presbytery was advised that, in a conference call on April 26, the Synod of the Covenant Assembly responded in opposition to the Cincinnati Overture by passing an Overture of its own to the General Assembly. This Synod Overture asks GA not to approve the Administrative Commission that the Cincinnati Overture has recommended in order to deal with disorder in the Synod. The Synod also approved sending and funding two Overture Advocates to GA, and created a five-member committee to deal with any matters and follow up related to the Cincinnati Overture. The Synod committee was authorized to hire any legal or ecclesiastical counsel needed to protect the Synod.
- **Connectional Support payments:** Each PMV church's first quarter 2018 Presbytery Connectional Support payments were made available. Council appreciates the covenantal generosity of churches that contribute to our shared life through Connectional Support payments throughout the year.
- **New Network** -- The Network Support and Grants Committee has approved the "Fulfill Our Calling Network," with the goal of lifting the importance of evangelism/congregational growth in the Presbytery and offering helpful resources to congregations in calling all people to Christ. Teaching Elder David Fleming is the network's contact person.

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

##### **For information:**

- **Haley Ingram:** The Committee interviewed Haley Ingram, who is seeking Inquirer status, and following discussion and with prayer and gratitude to God, on motion approved her enrollment as an Inquirer, under care of Dayton: Westminster. (CPM, April 19)
- **Inquirer Shelby Oda:** The Committee received a report that Inquirer Shelby Oda (Huntsville) has determined she is being called into individual and family therapy, and requests that her name be removed from the roll of Inquirers. On motion, the Committee approved her request. (CPM, April 19)

- **Other matters:** The Committee is working to prepare clearer processes for Certified Christian Educator (CCE) certification and for transferring ministerial credentials from other denominations. (CPM, April 19) The Committee also:
  - affirmed the importance of CCEs taking the required Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training that the presbytery is currently providing; and
  - agreed to work toward building a closer relationship between the committee and individuals in the process of receiving CCE certification and their mentors. (COM, March 15)

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

**For Action:** On motion and following discussion, presbytery approved the following action by voice vote:

- **Honorable Retirement—Teaching Elder Harry (Hart) Edmonds:** Granted the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Harry (Hart) Edmonds, effective June 1, 2018. (Approved by COM, February 27, 2018) Chair Ray Stewart offered thanks to Hart (in absentia) for his service and a prayer for a healthy and productive retirement

**Reports:**

- **Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce:** Received a report from the Taskforce and information on upcoming trainings.
- **2018 Installed Pastor Compensation Report:** (Appendix G)

**For Information:**

- On motion, the Committee completed the following actions on behalf of the presbytery on the dates indicated at the end of each action:
- **Hamilton: Westwood** — approved the following revised terms from those reported to the presbytery in February: 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) \$40,096; Board of Pension dues for pension and death/disability; Travel reimbursement (including Auto at IRS rate) \$1,500; Continuing Education reimbursement \$1,173; Professional expense reimbursement \$1,000; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); Continuing Education Time 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays, cumulative to 6 weeks). These terms meet 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Feb. 27)
  - **Bellefontaine: First United** – approved the action of the session of the First United Presbyterian Church, Bellefontaine, to renew the full-time interim pastor appointment of Teaching Elder Kenneth M. Locke for the period from January 15, 2018 through November 15, 2018, at the following terms, and appointed him moderator of the session: Effective Salary 67,105 (including salary, housing, dental benefits, and supplemental medical); full Board of Pension dues; SECA up to 50%; travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rate) no maximum included; continuing education reimbursement \$1,173; professional expense reimbursement \$720; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); Continuing education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); includes provision—“If the contract ends before Rev. Locke is able to secure a new call, any monies remaining in the supplemental medical, continuing education and book allowance will be transferred to a ‘separation fund.’ This fund will cover such usual costs as local storage or breaking the lease on his apartment. Rev. Locke will submit receipts.” Terms comply with 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Feb. 27)
  - **Dayton: Southminster** –
    - pending the action of the session, approved the part-time (30 hrs./wk.) Interim Associate Pastor appointment of the Rev. Steven Schumm from March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019, at the following terms: Effective salary \$42,380; full Board of Pensions dues; SECA up to 50% \$3,242; worker’s comp \$202; Travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rate) \$2,000; Continuing education \$1,173; professional expense reimbursement \$250; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays); Continuing education 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Terms comply with 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, Feb. 27)
    - authorized the session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. (COM, March 27)

- **Troy: First** – appointed Teaching Elder Sandy McConnel as Moderator effective April 3, 2018 until a new pastor is called. (COM, Feb. 27)
- **Teaching Elder Hart Edmonds** – requested that the presbytery grant the status of Honorably Retired to Teaching Elder Hart Edmonds, effective June 1, 2018. (COM, Feb. 27)
- **Springfield: Covenant** --
  - approved the action of the session of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Springfield, to agree to the full-time interim pastor appointment of Rev. Stan Gockel for the period from April 16, 2018 through April 16, 2019, at the following terms: Effective Salary \$65,000; church pays vacancy dues to BoP of \$8,684, and otherwise no Board of Pension dues due to Rev. Gockel being retired in the American Baptist Churches and otherwise providing for pension and medical expenses; medical reimbursement up to \$8,400; SECA up to 50%; travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rate) \$3,000; continuing education reimbursement \$1,500; professional expense reimbursement \$2,000; Vacation 5 weeks (including 5 Sundays); Continuing education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); Terms comply with 2018 presbytery requirements;
  - appointed Rev. Gockel to serve as moderator of the session; authorized him to administer the Sacraments; and authorized his being entered as a Teaching Elder from another denomination on the rolls of the presbytery for the duration of his service as interim pastor, pursuant to Section 2.01 of the presbytery Bylaws. (COM, March 27)
- **Administrative Commission to Install Teaching Elder Jeri Baker as Pastor of the Monroe Church** --
  - took note of the installation service scheduled to occur on Saturday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Monroe church;
  - approved the following members to serve on the Administrative Commission: RE Gidget Collins, Moderator (Dayton: Bath); RE Kevin Laughlin (Monroe); and TE Michael Isaacs.
  - authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at the discretion of the Pastor. (COM, March 27)
- **Huber Heights: Faith** – following the recent vote of the Faith congregation to concur in Rev. Margaret Gillespie's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between herself and the church effective April 1, 2018:
  - approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship effective on April 1, 2018;
  - appointed Teaching Elder Ben Beres as moderator of the session effective April 2, 2018, until an interim pastor is in place; and
  - authorized the Stated Clerk to dismiss and transfer the membership of Rev. Gillespie to the Presbytery of New Castle, pending their request. (COM, March 27)
- **Clifton** – appointed Teaching Elder Garth Adams as moderator of the session, effective immediately. (COM, March 27)
- **Teaching Elder Karel Hanhart** – Authorized Teaching Elder Karel Hanhart, a member of Northern Waters Presbytery and a former member of this presbytery, to labor within the bounds of this presbytery to preside at the wedding of his son on Sunday, June 17, at the Steam Plant in Dayton. (COM, March 27)
- **Teaching Elder David Good** – Pending a successful interview with COM representatives, authorized the name of Teaching Elder David Good, an Honorably Retired member of Maumee Valley Presbytery, to be placed on the pulpit supply list for the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. (COM, March 27) A successful COM interview was later completed.
- **Bellefontaine: First United** – following a successful review at this meeting, approved the Congregational Mission Study Report for the Bellefontaine First United church and authorized the session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. (COM, March 27)
- **Dayton: Fairmont** – following a successful COM interview at this meeting with the candidate presented by the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) from the Fairmont church and with the APNC, authorized the Fairmont session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on the report of the APNC to elect Teaching Elder Kelley Shin as Associate Pastor, to begin service on May 21, 2018 date, and to approve the following terms of call: Effective Salary \$60,000 (including cash salary, housing, supplemental medical/dental, and savings/annuity); full Board of Pensions dues; SECA up to 50%; travel reimbursement (auto at IRS rate) no limit; continuing education reimbursement \$2,000; professional expense reimbursement \$1,500; Vacation 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays);

Continuing Education 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays). Terms comply with 2018 presbytery requirements. (COM, March 27)

- **Belle Center and Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler –**
  - approved an extension of the Designated Pastor relationship between the Belle Center United Presbyterian Church and Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler until April 30, 2018 at the previous terms. (COM, Feb. 27)
  - authorized the session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler as Pastor (pending clarification of earlier search process). (COM, Feb. 27)
  - following a congregational vote of 31 in favor and 20 opposed to the motion to elect Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler as Pastor and end the Designated Pastor relationship:
    - authorized the Belle Center session to confirm the termination date of April 30 for the Designated Pastor relationship with Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler and encouraged the session to negotiate a suitable severance package; and
    - authorized Teaching Elder Kevin Lawler to be placed on the member-at-large roll, effective May 1, 2018, pending resolution of his status. (COM, March 27)
  - appointed Teaching Elder Ray Stewart as moderator of the session, effective May 1, 2018. (COM, April 24)
- **Dayton: Trinity and Teaching Elder Ronald Lawrence –** [the following describes COM action approved on March 27, with notes updating the status based on subsequent COM or congregational action]:
  - pending a formal session vote to approve an agreement between the Trinity session and Teaching Elder Ronald Lawrence on terms for a departure settlement initiated by Teaching Elder Lawrence, authorized the COM chair to review and approve, prior to the session vote, the terms of the settlement agreement (note: such agreement was subsequently secured);
  - following the COM chair's and the session's approval of the settlement agreement terms, authorized the session to call a congregational meeting to concur in Teaching Elder Ronald Lawrence's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Trinity church at the terms approved by the session, with the effective date to be determined in the approved departure settlement (note: such congregational meeting occurred on April 29 and the congregation voted to concur in the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship and to approve the settlement agreement, with the effective date of June 3, 2018);
  - pending that favorable congregational vote above, approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship effective on the date specified in the departure settlement (June 3, 2018); and
  - authorized Teaching Elder Ronald Lawrence to be placed on the member-at-large roll, effective on the date of dissolution of the relationship (June 3, 2018), pending resolution of his status. (COM, March 27)
- **Dayton: Westminster –** in light of the congregational vote on February 18 to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee:
  - authorized retroactively the Dayton: Westminster session to call a congregational meeting to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC); and
  - required the APNC and church staff to present to the Committee on Ministry for approval, prior to publicizing the opening in any way, a staffing plan and a revised Associate Pastor job description. (COM, March 27)
- **Administrative Commission to Install Teaching Elder Timothy E. (Ted) Dennis as Pastor of the Eaton: First Church --**
  - took note of the installation service scheduled to occur on Sunday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m. at the Eaton church;
  - approved the following members to serve on the Administrative Commission: RE Gidget Collins, Moderator (Dayton: Bath); RE Joe DeLuca (Eaton: First); RE Marge Morgan (Dayton: Sugar Creek); TE Angie Schenck; TE Michael Isaacs.
  - authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper, at the discretion of the Pastor. (COM, April 24)
- **Xenia: Memorial –** appointed Teaching Elder Angie Schenck as moderator of the session, effective May 7, 2018, and authorized her to appoint a substitute when needed. (COM, April 24)

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- **Pulpit Supply List** – Authorized the names of Ruling Elder Gidget Collins (Dayton: Bath and currently Presbytery Moderator) and Teaching Elder Arbuth Conn to be placed on the presbytery's pulpit supply list. (COM, April 24)
- **Midwest Ministry Development** -- approved the presbytery entering into a partnership with the Midwest Ministry Development for the benefit of minister members and candidates for ministry under the care of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. (COM, April 24)
- **Sexual Misconduct Response Taskforce** -- In cooperation with the Taskforce, COM members agreed to contact and encourage compliance to those who have not signed up and taken the Taskforce's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training. (COM, April 24)

*Hearing God's Word Proclaimed*

**MUSIC**

Brad Mattingly, Soloist

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Hebrews 10:23-25

**SERMON**

*"That's OK, you're doing good"*  
Ruling Elder Gidget Collins, Moderator

*Responding to God's Word*

**INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Moderator Gidget Collins presided at the installation of the newly-elected moderator, Teaching Elder Kelley Shin and the vice moderator, Ruling Elder Bruce Saunders, praying for them in their new roles. The newly-installed moderator, Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, then led the installation of Ruling Elder Gidget Collins as Leadership Council chair, thanking her for her service as moderator and wishing her well in her new responsibilities. Mutual gifts were shared and holy tears of gratitude shed.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

*"Though I May Speak"*

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

Teaching Elders Kelley Shin and Garth Adams, Presiding

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

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

**ADJOURNMENT WITH CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Kelley Shin at 6:15 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley will be held at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 North Main Street, Oxford, Ohio, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. (note start time), with sexual misconduct prevention training to precede the meeting.

Attest:

Larry Hollar, Stated Clerk

**APPENDICES:**

- A. 2017 Presbytery Annual Statistical Report
- B. Report to General Assembly on Congregations and Teaching Elders for 2017
- C. 2017 Necrology of Ruling Elder Deaths
- D. Minutes of AC to Install TE Beau Brown, Urbana: First Presbyterian Church
- E. Minutes of AC to Install TE Nancy Birdsong, Dayton: Southminster Presbyterian Church

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- F. Minutes of AC to Install TE Jeri Baker, Monroe Presbyterian Church
- G. 2018 Installed Pastor Compensation Report