

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio

The special meeting was convened with prayer at 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, by Ruling Elder Gidget Collins, Moderator, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, 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 Cheryl (Gidget) Collins</i> , Moderator	P
<i>Teaching Elder Margaret Gillespie</i> , Vice Moderator	P
<i>Teaching Elder Kelley 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	E
Allen, Todd		Gillespie, Margaret	P	Martin, Christopher	
Avotri, Solomon		Haddox, Clifford	P	McCormick, Dwight	
Bain, Marciana		Haddox, Emily	P	Neely, John	P
Baker, Jeri	P	Hamilton, Susan	P	Pelaez-Diaz, Francisco	
Baker, Richard		Helling, Michael	E	Ramsey, Tom	
Bartel, Lawrence	E	Hernandez, David		Schenck, Angela	E
Beres, Benjamin		Hess, Lisa		Shin, Kelley Wehmeyer	P
Birdsong, Nancy	P	Hinds, Kathryn Blocher		Soards, Marion	
Brakemeyer, Randall	P	Hodgkins, Nancy		Sparks-Franklin, Sarah	P
Brown, Beau	P	Ingram, Steven	E	Stewart, Raymond	
Burslem, Kathleen		Isaacs, Michael	P	Tidwell, Melissa	P
Cassedy, Karen	P	Lawler, Kevin		Weaver, Denise	P
Circelli, Diana		Lawrence, Ronald	P	Wiley, Shelley	E
Dardaganian, Brad	P	Lee, Sang Un		Worthen, Merritt	
Dozeman, Thomas		Lewis, John		Young, Darryll	P
Edmonds, Hart	P	Linville, Deborah	P	Ziegler, Diane	P
Evans, Michael		Locke, Kenneth	P		

MINISTER MEMBERS FROM DENOMINATIONS IN CORRESPONDENCE

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

Amidon, C. Forrest		Gerhart, Andrew	P	Meyers, JoAnne	
Barr, Judith Dunlap		Girbert, David A.		Niece, Linda	P
Battin, Barbara		Godfrey, Norman	P	Nowak, Jacqueline	P
Brown, Edward		Graham, James		Philips, William	
Conn, Arbuth	P	Hinds, Joe. M III		Phleger, Terry	
Creager, Ronald		Hookey, Joseph R.	P	Righter, Richard L.	
Davis-Dudding, Kay		Horrigan, Kevin		Schechter, Richard	
Edmonds, Cheryl	P	Howard, Kenneth		Sheldon, Jocelyn J.	
Edwards, Robert L.		Kester, Gordon L.		Smith, Robert B., Jr.	
Fleming, David L.	P	Kim, Soo Kwang		Sparks, W. Franklin	
Foubert, David	P	Kingsbury, Edwin		Stewart, Donald M.	
Fulton, Robert		McConnel, George H.	P	Swaim, Gerald G.	
Garcia, Nehemias		McNulty, Edward	P	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 – Seiler, Sue P	DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK 1 –	OXFORD 1 – Ziegler, Janet P
BELLE CENTER 1 –	DAYTON: TRINITY 1 – Blackmon, M.J. P	PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD 1 – Kerns, Sandra P
BELLEFONTAINE 1 – Storm, Rob P	DAYTON: WESTMINSTER 1 –	PIQUA: WESTMINSTER 1 –
BLUE BALL 1 -	2 –	REILY 1 –
BRADFORD 1 – Buker, Mike (CRE)	3 --	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 -	SIDNEY: FIRST 1 –
2 -	HAMILTON: THE P. C. 1 – Eyler, Greg P	SPRINGBORO: COVENANT 1 –
COVINGTON 1 –	2 -	SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT 1 –
DAYTON: BATH 1 – Whitaker, Jeff P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD 1 -	1 –
DAYTON: CENTRAL 1 –	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH 1 – Mayhew, Ellen P	SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER 1 –
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL 1 – Jones, José L. P	HUNTSVILLE 1 –	TROY: FIRST 1 – Senseman, Andrea P
DAYTON: CORINTH 1 – Hamilton, Kim P	JAMESTOWN 1 –	2 –
DAYTON: FAIRMONT 1 – Chamberlain, C. P	MIDDLETOWN: FIRST 1 – Peterson, Nancy P	URBANA: FIRST 1 –
2 –	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE 1 -	WEST LIBERTY 1 -
DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN 1 -	MONROE 1 –	WILMINGTON 1 – Gillette, James P
DAYTON: MEMORIAL 1 -	NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK 1 – Perkins, Marilyn P	XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED 1 –
DAYTON: SOUTHMINSTER 1 – Lawson, George P	NEW PARIS 1 –	XENIA: WESTMINSTER 1 –
2 – Davis, Steve P		YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST 1 –

RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

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

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS (not otherwise registered): Ruling Elder Kathleen Seewer (Recording Clerk pro tem); Teaching Elder Nancy Kahaian (Presbytery of Cincinnati); Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk (Missouri Union Presbytery); Teaching Elder Brad Sheppard (Missouri Union Presbytery); Teaching Elder Raafat Zaki (Luke Huron Presbytery and Synod of the Covenant).

INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES (not otherwise registered): None

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

CALL OF THE MEETING

Today's special meeting was duly called by the Moderator at the request of the Presbytery Trustees, the Executive Presbyter Search Committee and the Leadership Council (in compliance with the Bylaw requirement that the request come from two teaching elders and two ruling elders from different churches). Pursuant to the presbytery Bylaws, notice was given to all church sessions, Teaching Elders and Ruling Elder members of the presbytery by email and by U.S. Mail on January 5 and January 8, 2018.

The purpose of the meeting was to request that the presbytery approve two motions related to church property that the Trustees have approved, and to approve a variety of motions to examine, elect and approve the terms of call for the Rev. Terry Kukuk to a five-year term as Executive Presbyter, and to amend the 2018 presbytery budget to accommodate those terms of call. The purpose also included a motion from the Leadership Council to provide financial resources for the Executive Presbyter Search Committee and to thank the committee for its work.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK: Following the convening prayer by the Moderator and an update on the health of the former Executive Presbyter Dennis Piermont, the Stated Clerk attested to a quorum being present, and on motion and second, presbytery approved the roll of the meeting being formed by signatures obtained at registration. On motion and second, presbytery seated the following corresponding members: Teaching Elder Nancy Kahaian (Presbytery of Cincinnati); Teaching Elder Terry Kukuk (Missouri Union Presbytery); Teaching Elder Brad Sheppard (Missouri Union Presbytery); and Teaching Elder Raafat Zaki (Luke Huron Presbytery and Synod of the Covenant).

The Stated Clerk attested to the call of the meeting, and clarified the purpose and the process to be undertaken at the meeting, including the process for ballots to elect and approve the terms of call for the Executive Presbyter candidate. He noted that no additional matters may come before the meeting and that only presbyters who have registered by signature would be eligible to vote.

By signatures, the attendance was as follows: thirty-five (35) teaching elders, one (1) minister member from denominations in correspondence, eighteen (18) ruling elder commissioners (representing seventeen (17) churches), and four (4) ruling elder members of presbytery: fifth-eight (58) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were five (5) corresponding members, eight (8) visitors, and one (1) staff member of the presbytery. Including duplicate categories, total registered attendance of seventy-two (72).

PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES – Teaching Elder David Foubert, chair

The chair was recognized and, on behalf of the Trustees, offered the following motions, which were approved by voice vote following opportunity for discussion:

Motion 1: That the presbytery approve the Dayton: Southminster Presbyterian Church entering into a letter agreement between the church and Crown Castle Towers 09 LLC, previously approved by the Southminster congregation, for the acquisition of a 40 year term easement and assignment of lease on a designated parcel of the church's property related to a cell tower.

Motion 2: That the presbytery approve the First Presbyterian Church of Middletown, Ohio (Seller) entering into a contract of sale of the Church Manse located at 3007 McGee Avenue, Middletown, Ohio 45044, with Arthur W. Frasier III (Buyer), for \$159,000.00, a sum which the church session has determined is the fair market value of the property, the congregation having approved the sale by action on October 22, 2017.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE – Teaching Elder Diane Ziegler, moderator

The search committee moderator was recognized and, on behalf of the search committee, explained the committee's process, including its selection of Rev. Jill Hudson as consultant. The committee also noted for information that, following the search committee's identification of Rev. Terry Kukuk as their candidate in November, the presbytery's Committee on Ministry interviewed her by Skype as a Teaching Elder and voted to (a) approve the designation of the position of Executive Presbyter as a

validated ministry beyond the jurisdiction of the church in this presbytery, and (b) approve Rev. Kukuk to be a Teaching Elder member of this presbytery if the presbytery elects her to that position, and following that election to request transfer of her membership from her current presbytery (COM, Nov. 14 and Nov. 28, 2017).

The search committee moderator offered the following three motions in the order indicated for presbytery approval:

Motion 3(a): That the presbytery examine the Rev. Terry Kukuk, a Teaching Elder member of the Missouri Union Presbytery, concerning her Statement of Faith (**Appendix A**) and her fitness, readiness, and sense of call to serve in the position of Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley (**Appendix B**). The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent and the Candidate read her Statement of Faith and responded to questions from presbyters. The Candidate was then escorted from the room.

Motion 3(b): Following completion of the above examination, that the presbytery:

(i) elect the Rev. Terry Kukuk to the position of Executive Presbyter of this presbytery for a term of five years pursuant to Section 2.04 of the PMV Policy and Practice, with the term to begin when her work commences on or about March 1, 2018, at the following terms of call; and

(ii) upon approval of these terms of call, that the 2018 presbytery budget approved in November 2017 be amended to include the correct amount for Executive Presbyter Medical dues of \$18,750, rather than \$18,375, with the additional costs to come from presbytery reserve funds:

Executive Presbyter Terms of Call for Rev. Terry Kukuk

Effective Salary: \$75,000 (including cash salary of \$46,867.68, housing allowance of \$25,000, dental supplement of \$1,632.32, and medical expense reimbursement of \$1,500)

Moving Costs: Up to \$20,000

Estimated Board of Pension Dues (total of Medical, Disability and Pension): \$27,750

SECA reimbursement (up to 50% only): \$5,737.50

Continuing Education Reimbursement: \$3,000

Professional Expense Reimbursement (including auto at IRS rate): \$9,000

Annual Vacation Leave: 4 weeks

Annual Continuing Education Leave: 2 weeks

The rationale of the search committee for its selection of the Candidate was before the presbytery (**Appendix C**). The presbytery engaged in discussion concerning this motion and, following the completion of all discussion, proceeded to vote by ballot. After distribution of ballots to eligible voters and collection and counting of those ballots by appointed tellers, the Moderator announced the vote as fifty-two (52) votes in favor and two (2) votes opposed, so Motion 3(b) was agreed to. The Candidate was welcomed back to the room with the singing of the Doxology and agreed to accept the call and the terms of call as presented by the presbytery. The Moderator offered prayer for Rev. Kukuk and the presbytery.

The following motion was then adopted by unanimous consent: **Motion 3(c):** That the presbytery elect the Executive Presbyter Search Committee members present at this meeting to sign the call papers.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – Teaching Elder Kelley Shin, chair

The Council chair offered the following two motions, which were approved by voice vote:

Motion 4(a): That the presbytery authorize the Executive Presbyter Search Committee (EPSC) to expend not to exceed \$2,500 from 2018 presbytery funds for expenses related to the completion of the search process, with such amounts to come from presbytery reserves.

Motion 4(b): That the presbytery express deep gratitude to the Executive Presbyter Search Committee for its diligent work to present a candidate for election, commend the Committee to continue its work to help welcome Rev. Kukuk and her family to our midst, and dissolve the Committee at the conclusion of that work with the presbytery's heartfelt thanks.

The presbytery rose in applause and thanks to the search committee. The Moderator invited the search committee and Rev. Kukuk to come forward for the closing prayer. All business having concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley

January 16, 2018—Called Special Meeting

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

will be at the Xenia: Memorial United Presbyterian Church, 343 West Ankeney Mill Road, Xenia, Ohio, on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

(Attestation and Appendices appear on next page)

Attest:

Larry Hollar, Stated Clerk

APPENDICES:

- A. Rev. Terry Kukuk Statement of Faith
- B. Summary of Ministry and Experience of Rev. Terry Kukuk
- C. Rationale of Executive Presbyter Search Committee for selecting Rev. Terry Kukuk as their Candidate