

**Informal Summary of Major Actions**  
**Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 3:00 pm starting time**  
**Via Zoom**

Documents for this meeting are at [http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pmv\\_presby\\_docs.htm](http://www.miamipresbytery.org/pmv_presby_docs.htm).

**Our Moderator, Ruling Elder Alice McCollum**, presided at this June 10, 2020 special meeting, our second meeting done completely by electronic means. A total of 49 people attended via Zoom and 13 via Livestream.

**Process for Holding Virtual Meetings** — Presbytery is in the process of adopting clear Bylaw and manual provisions to guide how we do presbytery and Leadership Council meetings via Zoom or other electronic means. So presbytery began today by approving temporary rules to ensure presbyters “have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items.” The Stated Clerk declared a quorum and explained to presbyters which buttons and tabs on their devices they would use during the meeting. Presbytery approved four excuses for ministers from the meeting.

**Motion 1**—The presbytery adopted a motion from the Nominations Committee by a 40-0 Yes/No Zoom vote to **elect Ruling Elder Kevin Laughlin (Monroe) to the Class of 2022 on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.**

**Motion 2**—The presbytery proceeded through several actions on motions from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry related to the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) process. The two committees offered information to presbytery about the process followed and about their discernment concerning the preparation and qualifications of Ruling Elder Cheryl (Gidget) Collins. The presbytery then:

1. **Examined Ruling Elder Cheryl (Gidget) Collins** on her statements of faith, call, and motive to seek a commission under G-2.1002, and on her fitness for receiving a commission. RE Collins read her statement of faith and then responded to eight questions raised by presbyters.
2. Following the examination and after an opportunity for discussion in which two presbyters offered comments, **presbytery voted by a Yes/No Zoom vote of 40-0 to declare itself satisfied as to her qualifications and confirm the action of the Committee on Ministry in finding the proposed commission with the Seven Mile United Presbyterian Church of Seven Mile, OH a suitable one.** By applause presbytery expressed its joy in affirming this ministry for RE Collins and the Seven Mile Church.
3. Presbytery proceeded immediately to **the commissioning service led by the Moderator in which RE Collins confirmed her commitments and accepted the commission.** CRE Collins expressed appreciation to many people for their support and encouragement during her discernment and preparation process.

**The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm following a prayer by CRE Gidget Collins. The Moderator announced the next stated presbytery meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., either at The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton or if necessary virtually.**

*(Formal and official minutes of this June meeting will be reviewed and approved at the September 2020 stated presbytery meeting.)*