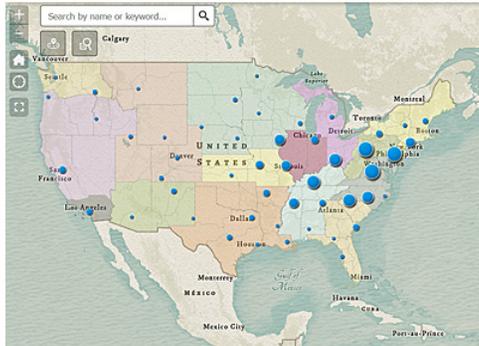


How to make Presbyterian history part of your summer travel plans



The American Presbyterian and Reformed Historic Sites Registry honors places of special significance to the Reformed tradition in the U.S.A. The **Presbyterian Historical Society** has created an interactive map of more than 400 sites nationwide.

The Registry was established by the Presbyterian Historical Society in 1973. To be listed in the

registry, congregations submitted formal applications, which were first approved by the presbytery or classis within whose bounds the site lay, and then approved by the Society's Historical Sites Committee. Approved sites received a metal plaque featuring John Calvin's seal and the site's registry number.

Although the registry is now closed, the Presbyterian Historical Society continues to collect and share records of Presbyterian congregations from across the United States. Churches and other sites of historic significance may still be added to the map.

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News & Information

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Presbyterians respond to the aftermath of Dayton area tornadoes



Presbytery of the Miami Valley and its churches have responded with assistance to those affected by a series of tornadoes that struck Dayton and the Miami Valley the night of May 27-28.

Through the generosity of PMV congregations and individuals and a grant from **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**, our presbytery has helped to meet emergency needs and to provide meals for tornado victims. PMV has also been involved in the distribution of 180 clean-up buckets from Church World Service, as well as blankets and hygiene kits. **Pictured above** are clean-up buckets being loaded onto the Trinity Presbyterian Church (Dayton) bus for distribution to those in need.

In addition, there have been many examples of Presbyterian churches in the Miami Valley responding with donations of money, supplies, clothing, clean-up labor, meals, and other assistance.

Recovery efforts are ongoing, and Presbytery of the Miami Valley is continuing to meet with representatives of PDA and other partner organizations to determine the best ways to be of assistance in the weeks and months ahead.

Meet our new presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator

At its May 14 meeting, Presbytery of the Miami Valley elected and installed Ruling Elder Bruce Saunders as Moderator and Ruling Elder Alice McCollum as Vice Moderator of presbytery for 2019-20.



Bruce Saunders was clerk of session at the **Presbyterian Church of Wilmington** for 14 years. Bruce joined the Wilmington church as a student at Wilmington College, having grown up in the Condit Presbyterian Church outside Sunbury, Ohio. His family has worshiped at Condit since his great-grandfather was an elder there.

Bruce has been active in our presbytery for the past 30 years, serving most recently on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and as Vice Moderator in 2018-2019. He traveled with other members of our presbytery to Ghana, West Africa on the first of three mission trips organized by our presbytery in the 1980's.

Bruce is a retired educator after 38 years at Wilmington City Schools, where he served as a teacher, building principal and finally technology director. He also served as technology director for Oakwood City Schools after retiring from Wilmington.

In retirement he currently serves as president of the Clinton County Trails Coalition, which builds bicycle/walking trails in Clinton County. He was a Boy Scout leader for many years and also served on the board of the Clinton County Historical Society, Camp Joy, Wilmington College Alumni Council, and Wilmington High School Scholastic Achievement Council.

He lives in Wilmington with his wife, **Fayanne**, who has served as an elder, trustee and currently a deacon at the Wilmington church. He has one son, two daughters, and four grandchildren who live in Wilmington and in Colorado.



Alice McCollum, a lifelong fourth generation Presbyterian, has been an active member of **Trinity Presbyterian Church** in Dayton for over 45 years. She has served Trinity in several capacities: Trustee, choir member, chair of the James I. Davis Endowment Fund, member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, and after several previous terms, is currently a member of the Session. As a Ruling Elder, Alice designs and conducts new member training at the request of the Pastor and the Clerk of Session. Alice particularly values the regulations and directions provided by the Book of Order.

Serving as a judge for more than 40 years has given Alice a chance to practice her ministry: serving the community; encouraging others to improve their lives through education, treatment, and behavior modification; and resolving disputes in a courteous and professional manner: in other words, treating everyone as she would want to be treated. Alice believes in being a servant leader and desires that her efforts reflect her Christian beliefs and values.

In addition to several professional leadership positions, Alice has served on many community boards including the United Theological Seminary and Dayton Children's Hospital. Currently, Alice is actively involved with her Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Tau Lambda Omega Chapter, which is a service-oriented organization, feeding the hungry, clothing the less fortunate, and delivering other vital services to the community. Alice also enjoys providing memorable experiences for her grandchildren.

While Alice's involvement in the presbytery has been somewhat limited, she recently served as a member of the Permanent Judicial Commission, a position she now leaves as she assumes the role of Vice Moderator. She has served as a commissioner to presbytery representing Trinity and has attended other presbytery meetings for educational development. Alice is excited and humbled to take on new roles in the life of the presbytery.



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