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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
May 10, 2022

- 1. For action**, the Committee nominates the following names as presbytery officers for 2022-2023:
(*legend: MWS= Minister of the Word and Sacrament; RE= Ruling Elder*)

Class of 2022-2023

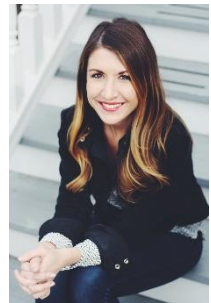
Moderator MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin
Vice Moderator RE Michael Seewer
Chair of Leadership Council MWS Amy Duiker

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NOMINEE FOR PRESBYTERY MODERATOR, CLASS OF 2022 -2023

Minister of the Word and Sacrament Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin is the Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springboro. She is married to Jonathan and they have two children, Cora (6) and Levi (2). Over the past 5 years, Sarah has served the presbytery in various capacities. She was a member of the Executive Presbyter Search Committee and was an Alternate Commissioner for the 224th General Assembly. Sarah currently serves on the Presbytery's Committee on Nominations. In February of 2018, she went on a trip with other members of the PMV to visit Covenant's sister church and our sister presbytery in Colombia.



Sarah went through the ordination process in the PMV, graduating from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2013. Upon graduation, she and Jonathan moved to Bloomington, Indiana where Sarah served as a full-time Director of Youth and Young Adults at First United Methodist Church. She was ordained and installed at Covenant on March 13, 2016.

In her spare time, Sarah serves as a board member of Young Clergy Women International, an organization that supports, empowers, and equips clergywomen under the age of 40. When she's not running after her two small children, she enjoys trying new varieties of cold-brew coffee, Netflix binging, having nerdy theological discussions with her spouse, and spending time with her close-knit group of college friends.

NOMINEE FOR PRESBYTERY VICE MODERATOR, CLASS OF 2022
Ruling Elder Michael Seewer



Originally from northern Ohio, the Seewer family settled in Fairborn because of its close proximity to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. My father's work was in the military and the Federal Civil Service. Other than time in Germany with family and the college experience, I have lived in the surrounding area all my life. Having both enormous joy in reading and intellectual curiosity about the past led me to a thirty-one year career of teaching history and literature. In the process I acquired both a M.A. and Ph.D. degree in history. Sadly, I prematurely had to depart a position I loved and filled with care for my students because of my severe genetic hearing disability.

I have been a Presbyterian my entire life. Experiencing excellent role models in my mother with her Christian compassion for others, my father who was both a deacon and an elder, and significant pastor mentors. I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church of Fairborn for sixty-four years. Ordained as a Ruling Elder, I have served in this capacity for almost forty years. During this period, I have been a member of the session at Fairborn for eighteen years, chairing numerous committees, including Mission, Christian Education, Worship, Personnel, and others. I also chaired a Pastor Nominating Committee. Currently I am a member of the Nominations Committee at the local congregation.

At the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, I initially was a member of the Committee on Certified Christian Educators for six years, helping teachers reach their goals in the denomination. For the last fourteen years, I have been a member of, or working with, the Committee on Ministry. In this capacity, I have been a liaison to various congregations, including moderating sessions for periods of time when needed, assisting pastoral searches, and serving on two Administrative Commissions, providing a leadership role in one. I pray that, with God's help, I can prove worthy of the position to which I have been presently called. I am indeed appreciative of those who feel I am qualified to serve the Presbytery of the Miami Valley as Vice Moderator. I shall strive to do my very best. God bless and watch over all the congregations of this fine presbytery.

NOMINEE FOR CHAIR OF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, CLASS OF 2022

Minister of Word and Sacrament Amy Duiker



Amy Duiker has been the Pastor of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church in Kettering since August 2019, and has served congregations in Maumee Valley, Cincinnati, and Baltimore Presbyteries. In addition to serving at Sugar Creek and in the presbytery, she also serves on the

Synod of the Covenant's Grants Team, which is responsible for approving higher education scholarships and church grants that align with the denomination's Matthew 25 initiatives. Her family runs a small nonprofit called Broken Bus Dayton that endeavors to meet those experiencing homelessness in Dayton where they are with immediate needs and the deep and broad love of Christ. Amy enjoys reading, crocheting, taking walks with her husband and two kids (Claire, 11; Owen, 9), and date nights to see Dayton Live Broadway shows.

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2. For action, the Committee nominates the following names to Presbytery committees and Council:

(Note: The Nominations Committee continues to seek to fill vacant committee slots.)

Leadership Council

[2022-23 Chair MWS Amy Duiker, noted above]

Class of 2024

MWS Ben Beres, Huntsville

RE Alice McCollum, Dayton, Trinity

Class of 2025

MWS Joe Hinds, Fairborn

MWS Cliff Haddox, Dayton, Central

1 vacant - RE

Committee on Ministry

2022-23 Chair – MWS Shelley Wiley, Slifers

Vice-Chair – MWS Anna Owens, Dayton, Westminster

Class of 2023

RE Michelle Sloane, Urbana

Class of 2024

MWS Jackie Nowak, HR

1 Vacant - MSW

Class of 2025

RE Brenda Peters, Dayton, College Hill

RE Scott Risner, Huntsville

RE Rob Storm, Springfield, Covenant

3 Vacant – MSW

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

2022-2023 Chair – MWS Kelly Shin

Class of 2023

1 Vacant - MWS

Class of 2025

RE Kevin Creager, Springfield, Northminster
1-2 Vacant MWS and/or RE

Network Support and Grants

2022-23 Chair – Mike Gardner

Class of 2025

MWS Nancy Birdsong, Dayton, Southminster
MWS Ted Dennis, Belle Center
MWS Don Sherman, HR

Nominations

2022-23 Chair – RE Marge Morgan, Sugar Creek

Class of 2025

MWS Marcy Bain, VAL
1 vacant - MWS

Representation and Diversity

2022-23 Co-Chairs – Pat Meadows and Diane Welborn

Class of 2023

RE Donna Courtney, Sugar Creek

Class of 2024

MWS Ed McNulty, HR

Class of 2025

RE Pat Meadows, Trinity

Staff Support

2022-23 Chair –

Class of 2023

RE Mark Brunn, Sugar Creek

1 vacant RE

Class of 2025

RE Janice Kronour, Slifers

MWS Angie Schenck, HR

Trustees

2022-23 Chair – Georgie Woessner

Class of 2025

MWS Tom Ramsey, Reily

RE Georgie Woessner, Dayton, Westminster

Permanent Judicial Committee (PJC)

Class of 2028

RE Diane Brunn, Sugar Creek

MWS Steven Ingram, VAL