

Staff Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” 2 Cor. 5:17-20

Staffing and Operations. Take a moment and consider that in just over four years, almost the entire staff of the Presbytery has changed in function, structure, and those individuals who are serving the Presbytery. We are grateful for those serving now, and particularly to Don Nowak who has been a constant presence, source of information and communication, and a patient and trusting team member in the midst of massive change. In addition to the staff changes, operational structures and formats for much of the Presbytery’s work have also changed – technology (computers, copiers, phones, etc.), communication tools like the web site, office space and more. Driving this amount of organizational change is a huge accomplishment of the Presbytery staff and this committee as well as others. With much of the transition work now behind us, the committee most recently worked in concert with Trustees to address the role of Treasurer, a previously staffed position, taken on by the Trustees on a temporary basis, now defined as a part-time volunteer position. If the way be clear, John Ey of the Staff Support Committee will resign from the Staff Support Committee and take the position of Treasurer for the Presbytery. John has volunteered significant time already in the transition to Realm, working with financial information, reports and policies. We are grateful for John’s willingness to assume this role, and for his financial and business expertise.

Policy and Practice. The committee has completed significant work on Policy and Practice review which will contribute to the Presbytery-wide work in this area as it moves forward.

Reviews. The committee will begin the review process for our Executive Presbyter this summer.

Other stuff. Staff Support continues to provide operational support with Realm and other areas as needed.

A huge thanks to those Staff Support Committee members who are finishing their service: Judith Barr, John Ey, and Sherry Webb. Thanks and gratitude to Laurence Bartel and Julia Williamson who will continue to serve, and also to those coming on to the committee. The committee is grateful for the wisdom, presence and leadership of Terry Kukuk, EP and Lynn Bova; and to all staff members of the Presbytery for their service. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and we are grateful.

Submitted with gratitude and thanks by Diane Ziegler, Outgoing Chair