

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
ORDER OF THE DOCKET
September 13, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.
Slifers Presbyterian Church
2999 S. Clayton Road, Farmersville, OH 45325

PREPARE

NOTE: MWS = Minister of Word and Sacrament
RE = Ruling Elder

3:00 pm Convening Prayer & Welcome

MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Moderator

+ **Introduction to PMV Worship Theme** – Stubborn Hope

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **Welcome** to any first-time commissioners with us today.

+ **Recognition of New Pastors in our Midst**

MWS Shelley Wiley, COM Chair

MWS Josh Rodriguez, Piqua, Westminster

MWS Jody Noble, Springfield, Covenant

MWS Annie Melick, Eaton

MWS Carol Pierson, Sidney

MWS Joungnam Lee, IKPC

+ **Passing of the Peace**

+ **Declaration of Quorum**

MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin

+ **Formation of the Roll**

ON MOTION: to Seat Corresponding Members and Approve Excused Minister Members

ON MOTION: to give voice to MWS Joni Sancken and Deacon Bryce Wiebe

+ **Adoption of the Docket**

ON MOTION: Adoption of the Docket (A-1)

Hospitality Report

MWS Shelley Wiley

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **Greetings** from the Host Church

+ **Mission at every meeting** – for more information on the mission opportunities selected by Slifers Presbyterian Church, please see attachment (I-1)

CAMP (Community Action Mission Project)

The Village Food Pantry

“Disaster Bucket Ministry”

Mission at every meeting supports our involvement as a Matthew 25 Presbytery.

+ **Land Acknowledgement**

MWS Shelley Wiley

Report of the Stated Clerk

MWS Lynn Bova

+ **Minute for Good News**

Other Items for Action or Information

- + **For Approval** in the Consent Agenda (A-2)
 - Minutes** for May Stated meeting, (A-3)
 - Minutes** from Administrative Commission to install Caitlin Deyerle at Dayton, Westminster (A-4)
 - Minutes** from Administrative Commission to install Annie Melick at Eaton Presbyterian, (A-5)
 - Final Report** from the Administrative Commission to close Hamilton, Westwood (A-6)
- + **Correspondence** - PILP grant and loan report, Special Offerings Report, the Board of Pensions announcement that there will be an increase to 39% for the Pastor Participation Plan in 2023, Minister ID Cards (please pick them up at the meeting. They will not be mailed unless requested.)
- + **Synod Minute Review** - The Minutes for the Presbytery of Miami Valley for 2020 and 2021 were approved with no exceptions.

+**The Book of Order requires the following report to appear in the minutes each year:** *D-5.0206b of the Book of Order says: “The designated stated clerk shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years...The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the council.” Should the current PJC lack a quorum, the clerk will select by rotation a sufficient number of these former members to constitute a quorum.*

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) of the Presbytery

• **Former Members Roster**

Class of 2022

- MWS Karen Cassedy (HR)
- RE Steve Davis (Dayton, Southminster)
- RE Josephine Laury (Dayton, College Hill Community)

Class of 2020

- MWS George (Sandy) McConnel (HR)—resigned before completion of term to serve on COM
- RE Marge Morgan (Dayto, Sugar Creek)—resigned before completion of term to serve on COM
- RE Cynthia Nowka (Springfield, Covenant)
- MWS Robert Wade (HR)

Class of 2018

- MWS Brian Maguire (Dayton, Fairmont)—resigned before completion of term to assume office of presbytery Moderator (currently serving on the SoC PJC)
- MWS Denise Weaver (VAL)

- + **Minute Review** – 2020 and 2021 Minutes are in the process of being reviewed. (A-7)
- + **Reminder** – we still receive mail addressed to the Smithville Road address. Please be sure to share the new address with your staff. (I-2)

+ **Upcoming 2022 - 2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

Currently planned locations:

<p>Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host Seven Mile)</p> <p>Saturday, February 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host TBA)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 3:00 p.m., at Fairborn Presbyterian</p> <p>Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m., at Xenia United</p> <p>Saturday, November 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host TBA)</p>

We are grateful to these churches for agreeing to host. Churches interested in hosting stated presbytery meetings in future years are encouraged to contact the Stated Clerk. We encourage our smaller churches who might not be able to host an in-person meeting to host a Zoom meeting in November or February.

+ **Membership and Minister Changes** since the May 2022 stated presbytery meeting:

- a. Gains: Caitlin Deyerle (James), Carol Pierson (Maumee Valley), Annie Melick (Scioto Valley), Josh Rodrigues (Middle Tennessee), Jody Noble (Central Florida)
- b. Losses: Diana Circelli (Mission)
- c. In transition: Jounnam Lee (from Homestead)

+ **Realm Office** – Church Data Form and Pastor Information Form (I-3, I- 4)
Thank you to the Regents of the Realm: RE Marge Morgan, RE Kim Hamilton, MWS Judith Barr and MWS Diane Ziegler for working on this project!

Realm Update

RE Marge Morgan

Leadership Council

MWS Amy Duiker, Chair

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **ON MOTION:** Adoption of the Consent Agenda (A-2)

+ **Consideration of Action Items**, if any, pulled from the Consent Agenda.

+ **ON MOTION:** to dismiss the Hamilton Westwood Administrative Commission with thanks.

The final report for this commission was in the consent agenda. They include:
RE Janice Kronour, MWS Steve Schumm, RE Danette Shuler, RE Rob Storm, MWS Denise Weaver. (A-6)

+ **Administrative Commission for Clifton’s Gracious Separation** (A-10)
MWS Brian Maguire, Chair

ON MOTION: That the Presbytery of the Miami Valley makes certain findings of fact regarding its mission and that of the Clifton United Presbyterian Church. (A-10)

ON MOTION: That the Presbytery of the Miami Valley adopt a Covenant of Gracious Separation with the Clifton United Presbyterian Church. (A-10)

Recognition and celebration of the ministry of the Clifton Church in this Presbytery and a prayerful farewell.

ON MOTION: to dismiss the Administrative Commission for Clifton’s Gracious Separation with thanks.

+ **Announcements & Information:**

+ **Imbalance of MWS and RE Commissioners** has been corrected by inviting COM and CPM ruling elders to be commissioners this year.

+ **First Reading of Proposed bylaw change** – to be voted on in November.
Bylaw Change Recommendation:

A proposed change in the Bylaws section 2.02 and 2.03 (see below) to help with the continuing imbalance of MWS and RE by seating each Ruling Elder member of Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry as a presbytery commissioner (usually 9 RE on COM and 4 RE on CPM) and giving each congregation with more than 250 members 2 commissioners to begin following the May 2023 presbytery meeting.
1-249 members – 1 commissioner and
250 or more - 2 commissioners.

Currently our bylaws state (with strike through and changes in red):

Section 2.02: Representatives of Churches

Each session under the jurisdiction of the presbytery shall be represented at each meeting of the presbytery by the number of ruling elders directed by the following active membership calculations:

- 1 – ~~400~~249 members: 1 ruling elder
- ~~401~~—~~800~~ 250 or more members: 2 ruling elders
- ~~801~~—~~1200~~ members: ~~3~~ ruling elders

Whenever a session is not represented by a regularly elected ruling elder commissioner at four consecutive Stated Meetings without excuses satisfactory to the presbytery, the session shall be notified in writing by the Stated Clerk and shall be requested to render satisfactory reason for this absence.

Section 2.03: Ruling Elder Members of the Presbytery

Ruling elders elected to serve as: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Leadership Council Chair, a member of the Leadership Council, **a member of the Committee on Ministry, a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**, a chairperson of a standing committee, Executive Presbyter, and Stated Clerk shall be enrolled as ruling elder members of the presbytery for the duration of service in these positions, whether or not commissioned by their sessions.

Rationale: these Ruling Elders are already actively engaged in the work of the presbytery, and it might be helpful for them to hear and speak into decisions especially as they are not represented on Leadership Council. We continue to have fewer churches and fewer members and changing the number of commissioners from congregations and from presbytery committees will help with the imbalance of both numbers of commissioners and those who actually attend meetings.

+ **Preliminary Budget** information for planning purposes (A-11 & 11a)
Member of Trustees

- \$9.85 GA Per Capita
- \$3.25 Synod of the Covenant Per Capita
- \$40.00 Connectional Giving for PMV
- \$53.10 Total per member

+ **ON MOTION:** to set aside the policy and receive the audit report at the November Stated Meeting. The policy can be found in:

Section 2.08 Fiscal Accountability

6. Financial Statements

B. Alternating financial reviews or full audits, prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, shall be provided to the presbytery annually, not later than the September Stated Meeting, showing the operations for the prior year and the status of all the accounts as of the end of the prior year.

Rationale: During the move, the information for the audit was lost and had to be reassembled by the new bookkeeper and new treasurer. The information is with the accountant currently, but we have not yet received the report.

+ Please like our Facebook Page and sign up for Constant Contact. You can find links to these on the Presbytery website <https://miamipresbytery.org/>.

Committee on Ministry

MWS Shelley Wiley, Chair

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **Recommendation for Minimum Terms of Call** and suggested recommendation due to Cost of Living and Inflation for ministers and other staff currently employed –

ON MOTION: to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry concerning Terms of Call (A-12)

+ **Reminder** that the BOP dues for pastor's participation will increase 2% to 39%.

Presbytery Covenant - We read together a part of the Mission Statement. (C-1)

EQUIP

How to Have a Hard Conversation: The Role of Polarization

MWS Chip Hardwick and MWS Terry Kukuk

Calvin Worship Grant Presentation: VIDEO

MWS Diane Ziegler

Synod Executive's Report

MWS Chip Hardwick

+ **Minute for Good News**

(A-13)

Executive Presbyter's Report

MWS Terry Kukuk

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **Welcome Deacon Bryce Wiebe**

NURTURE

Nominations Committee

RE Marge Morgan, Chair

+ **Minute for Good News**

ON MOTION: to elect the slate presented. (A-14)

Committee Reports –

Committee on Representation and Diversity

RE Pat Meadows, Co-chair

+ **Minute for Good News**

+ **Upcoming Event** - Hidden Figures Conversations - VIDEO (A-15, I-5)

Acknowledgement of Written Reports

Staff Support

(A-16)

GA Commissioner Reports

(A-17, A-18)

Financial Reports
Network Support and Grants

MWS Diane Ziegler and RE Bridget Hawkins
(A-19)
(A-20)

ON MOTION: to receive the reports.

CONNEC 

Moderator's Report
+ Minute for Good News

MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin

+ Announcements – Information for various upcoming events or forms are in the Information section of the meeting papers.

Playology - **VIDEO**

+ ON MOTION: Adjournment will be at the Benediction

We Worship Together

MWS Sarah Sparks-Franklin, MWS Joni Sancken
(A-21)

Our next stated presbytery meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

on Zoom

Hosted by Seven Mile Presbyterian Church

Dinner will follow the meeting for those who made a reservation!