

## **Staff Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley**

*Rooted and built up in Christ and established in the faith,  
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. - Colossians 2:7*

With joy, the Staff Support Committee welcomed three new members to our vital work of supporting, encouraging and strengthening the staff of the presbytery. Elected at the May meeting of Presbytery to serve on the committee were Janice Kronour, Mark Brunn and the Rev. Angie Schenck. These new committee members immediately made an impact on our work with their gifts and insights, experience and commitment. The Rev. Julia Williamson and the Rev. Lawrence H. Bartel continue their service on the committee.

**Staffing.** The committee received the six month review of Kat Milhouse. Kat was hired in late 2021 as the Presbytery's Bookkeeper. Kat works closely with John Ey who was elected as (volunteer) Treasurer at the May meeting of Presbytery.

**Office Location.** The presbytery staff continues to express gratitude for the welcoming and productive office space in the Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church.

**Reviews.** The committee began the review of our Executive Presbyter (EP), the Rev. Terry Kukuk. In July, the committee requested feedback from members of the Presbytery on a set of questions based on the EP's position description. Nearly thirty presbytery members responded. Thank you! Simultaneously, Rev. Kukuk completed a self assessment. Members of the committee then met with Rev. Kukuk for an in person review.

**Operations.** John Ey and Kat Millhouse continue to integrate the new church management software, Realm, into the daily practices and procedures.

A team of Presbytery staff continues to work with Brent Bylerly, a consultant on financial practices and procedures. This team includes Rev. Kukuk, Rev. Lynn Bova (Stated Clerk), John Ey and Kat Millhouse.

**Policy and Practice.** The committee continues to document necessary updates to the Policy and Practice document. Revising this document will be an ongoing focus of our work over the coming months.

**Abounding in Thanksgiving.** As we welcomed three new members of our committee, we also expressed our abundant thanksgiving for members who rotated off in May. With the excellent leadership of the Rev. Diane Ziegler and the outstanding contributions of the Rev. Judith Barr, John Ey, and Sherry Webb, the Staff Support Committee superbly navigated many significant changes including the retirement of long time staff members and the move of the presbytery offices themselves. These committee members attended to the many important details while always living into grace. Diligent and creative, these members encouraged, supported and resourced the staff as we all strive to live into our presbytery's mission.

Submitted with gratitude and thanks by Lawrence Bartel, chair.