

Staff Support Committee of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to they perfect light!*

Since the last meeting of Presbytery, the Staff Support Committee journeyed with our Presbytery Staff and one another through the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. We now find ourselves following Christ's Light in the season of Epiphany.

This is a wonderful opportunity to take a moment and thank our gift Presbytery staff for the gifts they offer our mutual ministry. Through the ministry and mission of our work, we seek to live in Christ's Light, centering every aspect of our life together in the gift of Emmanuel. This is where we find our source of salvation and abundant life. This is also where we need one another.

Reviews. We continue the process of our yearly reviews. Members of our committee continue to meet with Executive Presbytery (EP), the Rev. Terry Kukuk, and each member of our Presbytery staff.

Operations. A team of Presbytery staff, including Rev. Kukuk, Rev. Lynn Bova (Stated Clerk), John Ey and Kat Millhouse continue to work with Brent Bylerly on clarifying and improving financial practices and procedures.

Policy and Practice. At our January meeting, the committee continued to revise practices in the SSC Policy and Practice document to align with current best practices. We also began to review the policies noting areas that may require updating.

We thank the Presbytery Staff the gifts of wisdom and love, connection and generosity shared throughout 2022. At the dawn of 2023, we once more receive Jesus' gift of life and light, together, and prepare to begin, again.

Submitted with gratitude and thanks by Lawrence H. Bartel, chair.