

Synod of the Covenant report to the Presbytery of Miami Valley, May, 2023

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The Synod continues its creative support of its congregations and leaders through many efforts, including:

- Monthly workshops on preaching (first Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30. The next offering: *Acceleration, Amplification, Accumulation, Alienation: Preaching in Times Like These*, June 7, 10:00 am. Led by Rev. Dr. Wes Avram, Senior Pastor of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. Further information and registration: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/acceleration-amplification-accumulation-alienation-preaching-in-times-like-these>.
- The event formerly known as Synod School: Covenant Gathering, July 9-14, at Geneva Center. This year's theme: "Re-Create," facilitated by Alonzo Johnson and Margaret Mwale of the Self-Development of People. Further information: www.covenantgathering.com.
- For information about higher education scholarships and Matthew 25 grants, please check <https://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries/grants-and-scholarships>.

The Synod has worked through a revision process regarding its By-Laws.

The new Organizer for Synod Communities of Color, Lindsey Anderson, invites all Synod of the Covenant Presbyterians to help discern the best ways for us to resource congregations and support leaders by offering a few moments of survey input at <https://synodofthecovenant.org/standing-in-the-breach-preaching-and-conflict-2>.

The Synod's annual Commissioner Retreat and Annual Meeting will be October 26-28 in Oregon, Ohio.

Grace & peace,
Mike Wakeland