

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley Called Meeting
FINAL ORDER OF THE DOCKET
September 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
At Xenia United Presbyterian Church**

PREPARE

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

2:30 pm Gathering and Registration

3:00 pm Convening Prayer & Welcome

RE Michael Seewer, Moderator

+ Declaration of Quorum

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+ Formation of the Roll

MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk

ON MOTION: to seat with voice corresponding members Rev. Cristhian Gómez (presbytery executive), Rev. Vilma Yánez (presbytery moderator), Elder Gina Zabala (presbytery recording secretary), and Elder Belkys Teherán (administrative director of the Colegio Americano, a school connected to the presbytery) all from the Presbytery of North Coast, Colombia and to approve ____ excused minister members of PMV.

ON MOTION: to give voice to the following guests who are serving as translators and assistants to the delegation: Melanie Monzon, Susan Stewart, Paula Ewers, Tom Milligan, and Megan Worcester.

+ Adoption of the Docket (A-1)

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+ Welcome to any first-time commissioners with us today and to Jose' Jones.

+ Recognition of MWS new to us, retirements and memorials

Introduction of new MWS:

Rev. Ken Locke – returning to our presbytery – serving a UCC church

Rev. Bruce Miller, newly ordained serving Urbana

Retirement – Rev. Denise Weaver (I-1)

Memorial – Rev. Edward J Brown (A-5)

RE Jim Griffin, COM chair

O blest communion, fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine

Alleluia, Alleluia

+ Passing of the Peace

+ Minute for Good News – please write down your minutes of good news and signs of hope so we can share them throughout the meeting.

Hospitality Report

+ **Minute for Good News and Greetings** . (I-2, 3, 4, 5) MWS Mike Wakeland

+ **Mission at Every Meeting** – for more information on the mission opportunities selected by Xenia United Presbyterian Church.

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

+ **Land Acknowledgement** MWS Mike Wakeland

Report of the Stated Clerk

+ **Correspondence** - PILP grant and loan report, Special Offerings Report, the Board of Pensions announcement that there will be no increase to the Pastor Participation Plan in 2024, Minister ID Cards (please pick them up at this meeting. They will not be mailed.)

+ **Minutes** are included in the consent agenda (A-2) including:

- Minutes of May 2023 stated meeting (A-3)
- Minutes of June 2023 called meeting (A-4)

+ **Minute Review** –

- **Presbytery minutes** will be read in October.
- **Congregational Minute Review** – Churches have been paired to read minutes. Many are complete and some are still in process. The final report will be given in November.

+ **GA Book of Order** - the new BoO is available. There are a limited number of copies for sale today for \$8. You can find a downloadable version here:

[boo_2023-2025_publishedversion_update_07112023.pdf \(pcusa.org\)](http://boo_2023-2025_publishedversion_update_07112023.pdf(pcusa.org))

+ **BoO Changes** that impact presbytery and congregations. I will be meeting with the clerks of session in October to discuss changes that they will need to be aware of such as anti-racism and harassment policies, family leave policies, etc. One change is mandatory Boundary training every 36 months for Ministers, Educators, CREs and those serving on councils.

- **Boundary Training reminder** – new BOO rules state that MWS, CREs, CCEs, Inquirers, Candidates and Ruling Elders serving the presbytery must have boundary training every 36 months. If you were in a group that participated in training offered by the presbytery between 2018-2020 you will need to sign up! Please forward a copy of your certificate to the stated clerk when you receive it.

Boundary Training or Child Sexual Abuse Prevention are both being offered through the Synod. See information below.

<https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops/>

+**Upcoming GA in 2024 to be held in Salt Lake City.**

Important Dates:

180-day deadline for commissioner and advisory delegate names is December 28, 2023.

165-day deadline for deadline and word-length extension requests is January 12, 2024.

120-day deadline for overtures requesting amendments to the constitution or Book of Order and all agency/committee reports is February 26, 2024.

60-day deadline for overtures with financial implications is April 26, 2024.

45-day deadline for all other overtures, all concurrences, and comments is May 11, 2024.

30-day deadline for the slate of nominations is May 26, 2024.

+ **Report of the Administrative Commission** for College Hill Community Church. (A-6)

+ **Former PJC Members** (required by BoO)

The Book of Order requires the following report to appear in the minutes

each year: *D-3.0602b and c of the Book of Order says: “The 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 or councils.”*

....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 (Dayton, 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)

+ **Reminder of Bylaw Change** – The new bylaw adopted last November is in place. Clerks of sessions have been emailed with the number of commissioners for each church. Each congregation will have one or two commissioners based on membership (reported on the statistical report as of Dec. 2022) as follows:

1 – 249 members: 1 ruling elder

250 or more members: 2 ruling elders

Ruling Elders serving as officers, committee chairs or members of Leadership Council, Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry are also seated as commissioners.

+ **Upcoming 2023 - 2024 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

We are grateful to these churches for agreeing to host. Please consider hosting a meeting. February and November meetings will be held on Zoom and May (typically at the home church of the incoming moderator) and September meetings will be in person. Churches interested in hosting stated presbytery meetings 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.

Currently planned dates and locations:

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m., at Xenia United Reports and docket requests due by August 30
Saturday, November 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: Honey Creek) Reports and docket requests due by Oct. 30
Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: Sidney First Presbyterian) Reports and docket requests due by January 31, 2024
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 3:00 p.m., at Dayton, Bath Presbyterian Reports and docket requests due by May 1, 2024

+Membership and Minister Changes since the May 2023 stated presbytery meeting:

- a. Gains: Kenneth Locke (from Winnebago), Bruce Miller (newly ordained, from Scioto)
- b. Losses: Anna Owens (to Heartland), Dwight McCormick (to Shenandoah) Ed Brown (to the Lord’s loving care in death)
- c. In transition:

Leadership Council

MWS John Lewis, Chair

- + **ON MOTION:** Adoption of the Consent Agenda (A-2)
- + **Consideration of Action Items**, if any, pulled from the Consent Agenda.
- + **Budget Recommendations** from Trustees (A-7, A-8) RE Georgie Woessner
- + **Yearly Financial Review Report 2022** (A-9)

ON MOTION: Approve the Independent Accountant’s Report dated August 29, 2023 relating to the presbytery’s financial statements as of December 31, 2022, in accordance with G-3.0113 of the Book of Order, which include the conclusion that, “based on my [the accountant’s] review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

- + **Staff Support:** Recommendation for Stated Clerk MWS Lawrence Bartel

ON MOTION: to elect MWS Lynn Bova to serve as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley for an additional 3-year term beginning November 15, 2023. (terms of call will be included in the budget recommendation in November.)

- + **International Peacemaker** (I-6 & 7, & video) MWS Cynthia Holder-Rich

+ Announcements & Information:

Please like our Facebook Page and sign up for Constant Contact. We have a new YouTube channel called Miami Valley Presbytery. You can find links to these on the Presbytery website: <https://miamipresbytery.org/>.

EQUIP

Colombia Delegate Presentation (A-10)

Susan Stewart, Colombian Partnership Network Co-Chair

Executive Presbyter’s Report

MWS Terry Kukuk

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

MWS Kelley Shin, Chair

- + **ON MOTION:** to approve the recommendation of the CPM to appoint RE Anne Brienza and MWS Ted Dennis as readers of ordination exams.

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Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Committee on Ministry

RE Jim Griffin, Chair

ON MOTION: the minimum terms of call recommendation (A-11)

NURTURE

Nominations Committee (I-7, 8, & 9)

RE Marge Morgan, chair

+ **ON MOTION:** the Committee nominates the following slate of officers and committee members and chairs:

Leadership Council

Class of 2026

RE Jim Gillette, Wilmington

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Chair, 2023-2024

MWS Emily Haddox

Class of 2026

MWS Emily Haddox, Bath

Network Support and Grants

Class of 2026

RE Carolyn Leatherman, Slifers

General Assembly Commissioner 2024

RE John Ey, Dayton Westminster

Committee Reports

+ **Synod of the Covenant Report** (A-12)

RE Mary Jean Blackmon

+ **Committee on Representation and Diversity** (I-10)

MWS Ed McNulty, Co-chair

Acknowledgement of Written Reports

+ **Staff Support** (A-13)

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Chair

Moderator's Report & Announcements

CONNEC



Break – 10 minutes

We Worship Together (A-14)

Participants include: Moderator Michael Seewer, call to worship, confession and installation

RE Larry Hollar, Elder Gina Zabala, RE Paula Ewers, scripture

MWS Amy Duiker, preaching

MWS Mike Wakeland and Rev. Vilma Yáñez, presiding at communion

Elder Belkys Teherán, and Rev. Cristhian Gómez, special music.

Charge & Benediction

Closing Prayer & Blessing for Dinner

Adjournment

Dinner

Our next stated presbytery meeting

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 9:00 am

On ZOOM

Hosted by New Carlisle, Honey Creek Presbyterian Church