

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
ORDER OF THE DOCKET
November 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom with Honey Creek Presbyterian Church as Host

We hope to be able to Livestream the meeting. This link will take you to the YouTube channel for Miami Valley Presbytery:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg5xdqkKB5iO8dKZ6DcaP-g>

Zoom Protocols can be found in the papers on the website. (ZP)

Papers can be found at:

<https://miamipresbytery.org/presbytery-of-the-miami-valley-documents/#packets>

PREPARE

NOTE: MWS = Minister of Word and Sacrament

CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder

RE = Ruling Elder

8:45 am Gathering on Zoom

9:00 am Convening Prayer & Welcome

RE Michael Seewer, Moderator

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

+ **Declaration of Quorum**

RE Michael Seewer, Moderator

+ **Formation of the Roll**

MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk

ON MOTION: to seat with voice corresponding members (?) and to approve ____ excused minister members of PMV.

+ **Adoption of the Docket (A-1)**

ON MOTION: Adoption of the Docket

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

+ **Passing of the Peace**

+ **Memorials**

RE Jim Griffin, COM chair

Memorial – Rev. David Hernandez (A-7)

RE John Peterson, Former Treasurer for PMV (A-8)

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine
Alleluia, Alleluia

Hospitality Report

+ **Minute for Good News and Greetings:**

RE Cindi Cook

Host Church, Honey Creek Presbyterian – Meet Honey Creek!

- + **Mission at Every Meeting** – for more information on the mission opportunity selected by Honey Creek Presbyterian Church. (I- 1)

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

- + **Land Acknowledgement**

RE Cindi Cook

Report of the Stated Clerk

- + **Correspondence** - received 3rd quarter Special Offering impact report for the churches in this presbytery and PILP report. Scholarships are available for Presbyterian College.

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

- Minutes of September 2023 stated meeting (A-3)
- Minutes of AC to ordain and install Bruce Miller (A-4)
- Minutes of AC to ordain Rachel Boden (A-5)
- Minutes of the AC to College Hill Community Church (A-6)

- + **Minute Review** –

- **Presbytery minutes** were approved with no exceptions on October 26, 2023.
- **Congregational Minute Review** – The final report on congregational minute review. The following churches have not completed their minute review. (A-9)

- + **Statistical reports** – the portal will open on Friday, December 1 for churches. I will be contacting clerks of session with additional information. A zoom gathering is planned to answer questions on Thursday, November 30 at 7 pm for clerks of sessions.

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

boo_2023-2025_publishedversion_update_07112023.pdf (pcusa.org)

- + **BoO Changes** that impact presbytery and congregations are in process of being reviewed and written. They include a Family Leave policy, an anti-racism policy, a harassment policy and updating the Sexual Misconduct and Child Protection policies.

- **Boundary Training reminder** – new BOO rules state that MWS, CREs, CCEs, Inquirers, Candidates, CEs in certification process and Ruling Elders serving the presbytery must have boundary training every 36 months. If you completed the Boundary Training with Leaderwise through the Synod, please send me a copy of the certificate you received.

- + **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.

NOTE: Applications to serve on General Assembly Committees are now available at

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/nominations/>.

- + **Report of the Administrative Commission** for College Hill Community Church. (A-10)

+ 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:

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
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m., Host: TBA Reports and docket requests due by August 30, 2024
Saturday, November 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: TBA) Reports and docket request due by October 28, 2024

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

- a. Gains:
- b. Losses: David Hernandez (to the Lord’s loving care), Rachel Boden (to Cincinnati)
- 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.
- + **Presentation** of the 2024 Budget and Terms of Call for EP and SC
(RE Georgie Woessner, Chair of Trustees and John Ey, Treasurer)
- ON MOTION:** to approve the 2024 Budget including the Terms of Call for the Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk and the Stated Clerk MWS Lynn Bova. (A-11 & 12)
- + **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 Delegation Report – (I-2&3)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/presbytery-of-the-miami-valley-colombian-presbytery-celebrate-decades-of-mission-based-connection/>

Synod Executive’s Report

MWS Chip Hardwick

+ **Synod Commissioner’s Report** (A-13, I- 4)

MWS Mike Wakeland

Executive Presbyter’s Report

MWS Terry Kukuk

Breakout sessions (15-20 min)

With the Moderator’s focus at this meeting upon the empathy portion of the New Social Gospel, it is singularly appropriate to consider the definition of the terms to be used in the breakout rooms.

Empathy is an individual’s awareness of another person’s emotional experience and frame of reference, with a concerted effort to understand them sympathetically.

Compassion is not precisely the same since it involves a more direct action, with the specific desire to help or assist others.

The two terms are nevertheless closely related and should serve in tandem with each other, especially in Christian behavior.

“...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (*Ephesians* 4:32)

Two Questions for Consideration and Discussion:

1. How does empathy change and enhance one’s frame of reference as a Christian?
2. In what fashion can empathy positively impact a congregation’s Christian mission?

NURTURE

Committee on Ministry

RE Jim Griffin, Chair

Board of Pensions (10 min) (I-5)

MWS Luke Choi, BoP Representative

Nominations Committee

RE Marge Morgan, Chair

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

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2026

RE Galen Wilson, Corinth, Dayton

Synod of the Covenant Commissioner

Class of 2026

RE Mary Jean Blackmon, Trinity, Dayton (term begins in January 2024)

General Assembly 2024

Commissioner

MWS Cliff Haddox, Central Presbyterian, Commissioner

Alternates

MWS Marcy Bain, VAL, Alternate Commissioner

RE Alice McCollum, Trinity, Dayton, Alternate Commissioner

Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Olivia Collins, Westminster, Dayton, YAAD

+ **ON MOTION:** to permit the nominating committee to appoint an alternate YAAD if one should become available.

Rationale: at this time, no other Young Adult has applied to serve and so we do not have an alternate and we will not have another presbytery meeting before the date set to turn in the names. The committee would be charged with reading the application should one be received and deciding if the candidate is eligible and able to serve.

Committee Reports

+ **Committee on Representation and Diversity (I-6)** MWS Ed McNulty, Co-chair

Acknowledgement of Written Reports

- + Network Support and Grants (A-14)
- + Financial report – year to date (A-15)
- + Connectional Giving and Per Capita for 2024 (A-16)
- + International Peacekeeper Report & Useful Resources (A-17, I-7)

RE David Wantz, Chair

Moderator's Report & Announcements

CONNEC 

Please have your Communion Elements prepared before we begin.

We Worship Together (I-8)

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

Scripture Readings: *Exodus 3: 1-4* and *Luke 16: 19-31*

MWS Rob Smith, preaching "What Do You See?"

MWS Ken Locke, presiding at communion.

Charge & Benediction

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Our next stated presbytery meeting

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 9:00 am

On ZOOM

Hosted by Sidney Presbyterian Church

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