

## **Consent Agenda Updated**

**November 11, 2023**

The consent agenda consists of items deemed essentially non-controversial that the presbytery will vote on as a package without debate or amendment, unless any presbyter requests, at the time the consent agenda is on the floor for approval, to have a particular item pulled from the consent agenda. In the case that an item is pulled, that item is considered separately at a different place in the meeting docket, and the vote may proceed immediately on the remaining items in the consent agenda that have not been pulled.

The consent agenda exists to help move along the flow of more routine business to allow time for in-depth consideration of other items. This agenda also includes reports from committees or commissions that make decisions on behalf of the presbytery. However, the consent agenda is never a vehicle to prevent discussion and votes on items that presbyters believe should receive more extensive review.

**ON MOTION:** To approve this meeting's Consent Agenda consisting of the action items below, the specifics of which are on the designated pages of this packet's materials:

### ***Stated Clerk***

#### **Approve the following actions of the Stated Clerk:**

1. **Minutes** of the September 12, 2023, stated presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed. (A-3)
2. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Bruce Miller, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed. (A-4)
3. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to ordain Candidate Rachel Boden, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed. (A-5)
4. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to College Hill Community Church March – October, 2023. (A-6)

### ***Leadership Council:***

#### **Approve the action of the Leadership Council**

#### **Receive the report of the Leadership Council:**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August, September, and October 2023

- Approved recommending the 2024 budget including the terms of call for EP Terry Kukuk and SC Lynn Bova, with permission for Trustees, Treasurer and others to continue fine tuning numbers as needed to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley at the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Approved recommending the updated 2024 budget including the terms of call for EP Terry Kukuk and SC Lynn Bova to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley at the November 11, 2023 meeting

**Committee on Ministry:**

**Approve the action of the Committee on Ministry:**

**Approved** a request for the presbytery to authorize the presbytery’s Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission to carry out the dissolution of the West Liberty Presbyterian Church. The authority of the Administrative Commission will be based upon the authority previously granted to the Administrative Commission on Church Separations, which no longer exists.

**Receive the report of the COM:**

**Approval of minutes:** August and September, 2023.

**Ratified** the Administrative Commission of MWS Terry Kukuk, MWS Lynn Bova (clerk), RE Michael Seewer (Moderator, Fairborn), RE Abby Smith (Urbana) and RE Bridget Hawkins (Bellefontaine) to Ordain and Install Bruce Miller at Urbana Presbyterian on Sunday, September 10 at 2 pm. Rev. Tolar will be seated as a corresponding member from Scioto Valley.

**Ratified** the email vote on August 17,2023 to authorize Carol Pierson, vice-chair, and Shelley Wiley, immediate past chair, to take any necessary urgent actions, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter, between August 7-29.

**Ratified** the addition of RE Marge Morgan to the mediation team to work with the session of FUPC Bellefontaine and MWS Steve Merrin on terms of dissolution.

**Ratified** Exit Interview Team for MWS Steve Merrin of: RE Steve Davis & MWS Carol Pierson  
**Approved** Wilmington’s Mission Study.

**Authorized** the session at Wilmington to call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee.

**Approved** MWS Lucinda Isaacs to labor outside the bounds and the contract for interim ministry at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

Cash Salary	53,000
Housing	18,000
Deferred Income	6,000
Effective Salary	77,000
Other	
SECA	
Travel:	1,000
Cont. Ed.	1,500
Prof. Exp	2,000
Est. BOP	30,030
Total	111,530
Vacation:	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Cont. Ed.:	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The contract meets or exceeds our minimum terms of call except for Cont. Ed. that is \$1500 instead of \$1750.

**Approved** the action of the session of Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church on August 6, 2023 to renew the part time (30 hours per week) Stated Supply Contract for MWS Jungnam Lee for the period of June 1, 2023-May 31,2024, and continue his appointment as moderator of the session at the following terms:

Cash Salary	24,000.00
Annual Housing & Utilities	13,558.00
Effective Salary	37558.00

SECA 2,854.08

**Total Effective**

Note: there is no Continuing education at \$1,750

BoP Minister's Choice 4059.36

Vacation at 2 weeks plus 2 Sundays

Continuing Education at 2 weeks plus 2 Sundays

**Approved** the invitation of the Presbytery of Cincinnati to ordain Candidate Rachel Boden at Fairmont Presbyterian Church by Miami Valley Presbyter.

Rational: Rachel, a candidate under care of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley and certified to receive a call, has been called as Associate Pastor of Sycamore Presbyterian Church. Her examination for ordination was sustained by the Presbytery of Cincinnati on August 12, 2023. The Presbytery of Cincinnati invited the Presbytery of the Miami Valley to conduct the service of Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament at Candidate Boden's home congregation, Fairmont Presbyterian Church.

**Approved** the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First United Presbyterian Church of Bellefontaine and MWS Steve Merrin as of August 31, 2023. A congregational meeting was held on August 20, 2023 and the congregation voted to concur with this request.

Whereas the Reverend Merrin and the Session of the First United Presbyterian Church (USA) of Bellefontaine, OH, have discerned together that it is in the best interest of both parties to dissolve the call of the Reverend Merrin to the First United Presbyterian Church (USA) and the congregation has concurred in its meeting of August 20, 2023 to dissolve the call effective, August 31, 2023, and thereby requests that the Presbytery of the Miami Valley by and through its Committee on Ministry dissolve the pastoral relationship. This relationship is hereby dissolved by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley in accordance with the Book of Order G-2.09, effective August 31, 2023.

This dissolution of call contains the following changes to the terms of call as negotiated by the session, agreed upon by Rev. Merrin and approved at the congregational meeting of August 20, 2023.

1. Rev. Merrin shall fulfill all pastoral duties through August 31, 2023.
2. In conjunction with the end of the pastoral call, Rev. Merrin agrees to:
  - a. Voluntarily request the dissolution of the pastoral call in a congregational meeting on August 20, 2023 with an effective date of August 31, 2023 and voluntarily request that the Presbytery of the Miami Valley approve this dissolution.
  - b. Remove all personal belongings and books from the First United Presbyterian Church and return keys and all other property belonging to the First United Presbyterian Church currently in his possession on or before August 31, 2023. Provide all passwords, subscription services and access codes. Access to all computers, electronic files and e-mail will also cease on this date.
  - c. Submit all requests for properly approved automobile, professional and continuing education expenses accrued through August 31, 2023 not later than August 31, 2023.
  - d. Comply in all respects with the *PCUSA Standards of Ethical Conduct - Life Together in a Community of Faith: Standards of Ethical Conduct for Ordained Officers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* as attached.
  - e. Fulfill all the terms of this approved written dissolution agreement. If the terms of this agreement are not fulfilled by Rev. Merrin, the Presbytery of the Miami Valley through the Committee on Ministry shall reserve the right to withhold the transfer of credentials and/or reserve recommendations for future ecclesiastical/secular employment. Breaches of this agreement may also result in disciplinary action.

3. In conjunction with the end of the pastoral call, the First United Presbyterian Church agrees to:
  - a. Provide effective salary compensation through January 31, 2024, at the rate currently set in the most recently approved terms of call. Specifically, salary of \$15,790 and housing allowance of \$10,333 shall be paid on a bi-weekly basis. These payments shall cease if Rev. Merrin secures another full-time position.
  - b. Provide full Board of Pensions' pension contributions, family medical insurance coverage, and disability insurance coverage, all based upon Rev. Merrin's total effective salary, through January 31, 2024, making such payments as necessary to the Board of Pensions on Rev. Merrin's behalf. These payments shall cease if Rev. Merrin secures another full-time position.
  - c. Reimburse Rev. Merrin for all properly approved automobile, professional and continuing education expenses accrued through August 31, 2023, not later than August 31, 2023.
  - d. Compensation for unused 2023 vacation and continuing education is included in the compensation set forth above.
  - e. Comply in all respects with the *PCUSA Standards of Ethical Conduct - Life Together in a Community of Faith: Standards of Ethical Conduct for Ordained Officers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* as attached.
  - f. Fulfill all the terms of this approved written dissolution agreement. If the terms of this agreement are not fulfilled by the First United Presbyterian Church Bellefontaine, the Presbytery of the Miami Valley through the Committee on Ministry may refuse to allow a new search process to begin. Breaches of this agreement may also result in disciplinary action.
4. In conjunction with the end of this pastoral call, and the congregation's concurrence thereof, the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, through its Committee on Ministry, agrees to:
  - a. Provide pastoral care to all parties involved and hold all parties involved in prayer.
  - b. Appoint a Moderator for the Session and provide it with support and assistance as appropriate.
  - c. Provide the Session with assistance in securing ongoing pastoral leadership.
  - d. Comply in all respects with the *PCUSA Standards of Ethical Conduct - Life Together in a Community of Faith: Standards of Ethical Conduct for Ordained Officers in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* as attached.
  - e. Monitor compliance with this agreement and enforce breaches of this agreement as described above in items 2e and 3f.

**Approved** the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Northminster Presbyterian Church and MWS Dwight McCormick as of September 8, 2023. A congregational meeting was held on August 27, 2023, and the congregation voted to concur with this request.

**Ratified** the Exit interview team for MWS Dwight McCormick of: MWS Jackie Nowack, MWS Lucinda Isaacs, and Presbytery Executive Terry Kukuk

**Ratified** the email motion for Rachel Boden's ordination approving the date (September 17), time (2 pm), presiding at Lord's Supper, and the AC including: RE Michael Seewer (Moderator, Fairborn), RE Juli Cohen (Fairmont), MWS Kelley Shin (Fairmont), MWS Garth Adams (VAL), MWS Lisa Hess (VAL) and Corresponding member – Rev. Ross Reddick (Presbytery of Cincinnati). There are others participating in worship.

**Ratified** the appointment of MWS Kathleen Burslem as moderator of FUPC Bellefontaine through Dec. 2023.

**By Consensus** the October meeting date was moved up one week to Oct. 24.

**Approved** sending a letter to Rev. Worthen regarding her continuing relationship with some of the members of the congregation at CHCC that is hampering the reconciliation process and disapproving of that work.

**Approved** MWS Jim Graham to moderate the congregational meeting to elect a PNC at Wilmington Presbyterian Church.

**Approved** the action of the session of the Southminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, to agree to the full-time stated supply pastor appointment of Rev. Stan Gockel, a minister in good standing with the American Baptists, for the period from December 11, 2023 through Dec. 10, 2024, at the following terms:

Annual Cash Salary	\$ 45,000
Annual Housing &/ or Utilities Allowance	\$ 38,000
Medical Supplement Reimbursement	\$ _____
SECA (portion <u>above</u> 50% only)	\$ _____
Deferred Income	\$ _____
(Annuity, Life Insurance, IRA, 403b, retirement savings, etc.)	
Other (please specify)	\$ _____
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<b>EFFECTIVE SALARY (total above)</b>	<b>\$ 83,000</b>
Estimated Pension/Medical Dues (Board of Pensions)	\$ 0*
SECA (portion <u>up to</u> 50%)	\$ 6,349.50
Reimbursable Expenses:	
Auto (@ IRS rate)	Up to \$ 1,000
Continuing Education ( <u>required</u> ; must meet entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work—minimum is \$1,750 for 2023)	Up to \$ 1,750
Professional Expenses/Books	Up to \$ 1,500
Other (please specify)	
__Bureau of Worker’s Compensation__	Up to \$ 96.30
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION</b>	<b>\$ 93,695.80</b>
ANNUAL LEAVE: Vacation (minimum of 4 weeks)	4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)
Study leave (minimum of 2 weeks)	2 weeks (including 2 Sundays);
Plus 4 additional Sundays, paid time off, scheduled in conjunction with the Pastor/HOS**	

**NOTES:** The Stated Supply relationship is for a maximum period of twelve months. At the end of that time, it is to be reviewed and may be renewed for an additional twelve months with the concurrence of the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. The Session may terminate the contract with 60 days’ written notice and with the concurrence of the Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry. The Pastor may terminate the contract with 60 days’ written notice to the Session. The Pastor will be paid for all services up to the date of termination. The Pastor will submit all requests for expense reimbursement by the date of termination, and the Session will promptly pay those expenses.

- Pastor Stan Gockel does not participate in Board of Pension plans or any of their benefits. Based on conversation with representative from Board of Pension, no dues are therefore required.
- The additional Sundays off were requested to be able to travel out of state to visit family and help care for grandchildren.

**Authorized** Rev. Stan Gockel to administer the Sacraments; and authorized him being entered as a Minister of Word and Sacrament from another denomination on the rolls of the presbytery for the duration of his service as stated supply pastor, pursuant to Section 2.01 of the presbytery

bylaws. (COM, June 26) Rev. Gockel has served a number of churches in the presbytery previously.

**Approved** the temporary supply appointment of MWS Ed McNulty. The session agrees to compensate the temporary supply pastor for services rendered according to the following fee schedule:

Worship leadership (including preaching and the sacraments)	\$200 per week
Funeral Service	\$150 per service
Moderate Session	\$75 per meeting
Pastoral Care Visitation	\$27 per hour
All other services requested by the session	\$27 per hour

Mileage will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.

Either the session or the temporary supply pastor may terminate the pastoral relationship with 30 days notice.

**Appointed** MWS Ed McNulty as moderator of the session at Middletown First Presbyterian.

**Appointed** MWS Bob Wade as moderator at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield.

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