

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting**  
**ORDER OF THE DOCKET**  
**September 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**  
**At The Presbyterian Church, Hamilton**  
 23 S Front Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

**PREPARE**

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

**2:30 pm Gathering Time and Registration**

**3:00 pm Convening Prayer & Welcome** CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

+ **Declaration of Quorum** CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

+ **Formation of the Roll** MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk  
**ON MOTION:** to approve minister members and other commissioners who have requested to be excused.

+ **Adoption of the Docket**  
**ON MOTION:** Adoption of the Docket (A-1)

+ **Welcome** to any first-time commissioners with us today. CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

+ **Recognition** of MWS new to us/retirements/changes?? RE Jim Griffin, COM Chair

+ **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:** MWS John Lewis

+ **Mission at Every Meeting** – Open Door Food Pantry selected by The Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. (I-1)

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

+ **Land Acknowledgement** RE Greg Eyler

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

- + **Minutes** are included in the consent agenda including:
- Minutes of May 2024 stated meeting (A-3)
  - AC Minutes to install Justin Miller, Middletown (A-4)

- AC Minutes to ordain Emily Knoth, Springboro, Covenant (A-5)

+ **Report: Administrative Commission** for College Hill Community Church (A-6)  
RE Jose' Jones announcement

+ **Synod of the Covenant Bylaw Change** - Commissioners of the Synod of the Covenant recently made a change in their bylaws for the purposes of representation. Per PCUSA Constitution, changes in bylaws or policies that alter the composition of synod membership must be approved by presbyteries that comprise the synod.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT BYLAWS**  
**ON MOTION: To approve the following proposed amendment:**

To add:

40:80 In order to fulfill the principles of participation and representation the Synod shall elect three ruling elders and three teaching elders as at large members as follows: two (2) people of African descent, two (2) people of Asian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander (AAPI) descent, and two (2) people from marginalized communities within the bounds of the Synod (member of another racialized identity, immigrants, those whose first language is not English). Two (2) of those elected will be assigned to serve on the Leadership Committee, and the other four (4) will be assigned, one each, to one of the other standing committees by the Nominating Committee

- Each at-large member shall be elected to serve terms of three years and may be eligible for election. However, no at-large members shall serve more than six consecutive years, and any at-large member who has served six consecutive years shall be ineligible for election as an at-large member for at least one year.
- At-large members will have voice and vote on the committees to which they are assigned, as well as voice and vote at Synod Assemblies.
- Each at-large member shall be a ruling elder or a teaching elder.
- Each at-large member shall be a member of a presbytery or congregation within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant.
- No more than one (1) at-large member from each presbytery can serve simultaneously.

Constitutional Support: F-1.0403, G-3.0103, G-3.0401

+ **Correspondence** – None

+ **GA Report** – The 226th General Assembly will send 12 proposed amendments to the Book of Order to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative vote. A proposed Ecumenical Agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will also be sent to the presbyteries for confirmation. We will vote in November or February. A guide from the Association of Stated Clerks will be available soon. Per capita for GA will be \$10.44 for 2025 and \$11.08 for 2026. Information about GA can be found in the packet under I-7, I-8 – GA In Brief - and can be shared with your congregations.

+ **Boundary Training Additions** - Reminder! Send a copy of your certificate of completion to [statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org](mailto:statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org).

+ **Synod Minute Review** – will take place in October.

+ **Congregational Minute Review** – Clerks have been advised of opportunities to have minutes read. Some have already been completed.

+ **Minister Cards** – are available in the registration area. Note they expire on March 31, 2025, even though it does not appear on the card.

+ **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 2024**

RE Sarah Conover (Troy: First)

RE David Weaver (Dayton: Westminster)

**Class of 2022**

RE Steve Davis (Dayton, Southminster)

**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)

### + **Upcoming 2024 - 2025 Presbytery Meeting Dates**

We are grateful to 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. We still need a host for the November 2024 and February 2025 Zoom meetings and the September 2025 in person meeting. Currently planned dates and locations:

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: TBA)

Reports and docket requests due by Oct. 28

Saturday, February 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: TBA)

Reports and docket requests due by January 29, 2025

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 3:00 p.m., at Oxford Presbyterian Church tentative

Reports and Docket requests due by April 30, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 p.m., (TBA)

Reports and docket requests due by Aug. 29

+**Membership and Minister Changes** since the May 2024 stated presbytery meeting:

a. Gains: Emily Knoth (ordained)

b. Losses: Sarah Sparks-Franklin (Cincinnati), Emily Knoth (Southern Kansas)

- c. In transition:
- d. Changes within PMV: Kazy Hinds (Slifers), Steven Ingram (bridge at Springboro Covenant),

**Synod Executive’s Report**

MWS Chip Hardwick

**Leadership Council**

RE Michael Seewer, Chair

- + **ON MOTION:** Adoption of the Consent Agenda (A-2)
- + **Consideration of Action Items**, if any, pulled from the Consent Agenda.
- + **ON MOTION:** to adopt the change in Policy for the Committee on Representation and Diversity Section 1.03 Committee Size and the subsequent changes to other policies to bring them into order. (A-7)

+ **Budget Recommendations** from Trustees (A-8, A-9) MWS Kazy Hinds

+ **Yearly Financial Review Report 2023** (A-10)

**ON MOTION:** Approve the Independent Accountant’s Report dated August 24, 2024 relating to the presbytery’s financial statements as of December 31, 2023, in accordance with G-3.0113 of the Book of Order, which include the conclusion that, “In my [the accountant’s] opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Presbytery of the Miami Valley as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

+ **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/>.

**Treasurer Report** (A-11)

RE Ivy Young, Treasurer

**EQUIP**

**Educational time: Required policies and how to begin writing them!**

**Executive Presbyter’s Report**

MWS Terry Kukuk

**General Assembly Commissioners Reports** (A-12) Video

MWS Cliff Haddox  
RE John Ey  
YAAD Olivia Collins

**NURTURE**

**Nominations Committee**

RE Marge Morgan, chair

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

**Staff Support**

Class of 2026                      Kathy McCreary, Eaton

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

MWS Emily Haddox, Chair

**Committee on Ministry**

RE Jim Griffin, Chair

**ON MOTION:** to approve the minimum terms of call recommendation of a 2.6% increase for 2025. No other changes were recommended. (A-13)

**Family Leave Policy** – First Reading (A-14)

**NOTE: Board of Pensions** employer agreements need to be updated for all churches.

**Committee Reports**

No requests for docket time or written reports have been received.

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**Moderator’s Report & Announcements (I-6)**

+ **Information Items** can be found in the presbytery papers:

Faith and Civic Life – Mark Yaconelli – The Healing Power of Storytelling (I-4)

Training Opportunities – (I-5)

GA In Brief (I-7, I-8)

+ **Final Minute for Good News**

**Adjournment will be at the Benediction**

**Break – 10 minutes**

**We Worship Together (I-9)**

Participants in worship: RE Janet Miller, MWS Justin Miller, MWS John Lewis

***Our next stated presbytery meeting***

*Saturday, November 9, 2024 at 9:00 am*

*On Zoom*

*Hosted by TBA*