

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting Minutes (approved September 2024)

May 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
At Bath Presbyterian Church
4624 Bath Road, Dayton, OH 45424

PREPARE

At 3:01 pm, RE Michael Seewer, Moderator, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. The moderator reminded the assembly of his focus on love, empathy, compassion and care and then declared a quorum

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve minister members who had requested to be excused. Attendance can be found in Appendix A.

A MOTION PREVAILED to give voice to Inquirer Caroline Eader.

A MOTION PREVAILED to adopt the final docket.

The Moderator recognized first-time commissioners and then recognized RE Jim Griffin, COM chair, to introduce new minister members Justin Miller and Greg Menssen. Jim also recognized Shelley Wiley on her retirement. The moderator then recognized MWS Lawrence Bartel, Staff Support Chair, to recognize Treasurer John Ey on his retirement and introduce RE Ivy Young as the new Treasurer for the presbytery.

The moderator then invited the assembly to pass the peace of Christ with one another.

The moderator invited commissioners to share good news on the form provided. Those Minutes of Good News were shared throughout the meeting.

The Moderator recognized MWS Emily Haddox to welcome the assembly to Bath Presbyterian Church. She shared the mission opportunity, Huber Heights FISH food pantry and then presented the land acknowledgement.

The Moderator recognized Stated Clerk, MWS Lynn Bova who reminded the assembly to be sure they had signed in at the registration table. The Clerk stated that the minutes were in the consent agenda and then read the written report from the Administrative Commission for College Hill Community Church. The clerk stated that RE Rob Storm would report on behalf of the Administrative Commission for West Liberty.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the findings of fact regarding its mission and that of the West Liberty Presbyterian Church:

1. The Presbytery of the Miami Valley finds that the congregation of the West Liberty Presbyterian Church of West Liberty, Ohio has clearly expressed its desire and intention to withdraw from its association with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to withdraw from membership within the Presbytery of the Miami Valley most recently in a majority congregational vote on April 14, 2024.
2. The Presbytery of the Miami Valley recognizes that all property held by or for a congregation is held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and further recognizes its responsibility to steward all property and resources for its mission and ministry.
3. The Presbytery of the Miami Valley in adopting the enclosed Covenant of Gracious Separation takes due consideration of the value of the property of the West Liberty Presbyterian Church; the financial needs of the West Liberty Presbyterian Church, The Presbytery of the Miami Valley, and The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); the potential financial and relational costs of alternative litigation; and, the spiritual needs of both the West Liberty Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

Rationale: *These proposed findings of fact are provided to comply with the requirements for conveyance of property specified in Tom v. Presbytery of San Francisco, GA PJC Remedial Case 221-03.*

A MOTION PREVAILED to adopt the following Covenant of Gracious Separation with the West Liberty Presbyterian Church:

**A COVENANT OF GRACIOUS SEPARATION BETWEEN
THE WEST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND
THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY**

(see appendix C for full agreement)

RE Ben Griffith read a statement from the session at West Liberty. A prayer was offered. **A MOTION PREVAILED** to dismiss the Administrative Commission with gratitude. The Stated Clerk shared that Springboro Covenant has paid the Special Extension Fund Loan of \$60,000 in full to PILP. Correspondence about special offering was also shared. The Stated Clerk shared that the Synod of the Covenant has announced the addition of two more options for Boundary Training from LeaderWise. One is on September 11 and 12 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm eastern, and the other is on October 8 and 9 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm eastern. Please sign-up at [Synod of the Covenant – LeaderWise](#), which is linked from our website via [Equipping Leaders | Synod Of The Covenant \(synodofthecovenant.org\)](#). These two offerings provide 80 more slots for 2024, for a total of 240 slots. All of the other trainings are full. Please remember to send the stated clerk your certificate of completion.

The statistical reports (see appendix D) will be approved in the consent agenda. The clerk noted that membership in 2023 was 5835 with 8 churches with 250 members or more, 4 churches with 150-249 members, 8 churches with 100-149 members, 11 churches with 50-99 members and 12 churches with less than 50 members. The Presbytery of the Miami Valley is a presbytery of small churches.

The presbytery minute reading through the Synod of the Covenant will take place in October. Congregational Minute Review will be scheduled soon.

The Stated Clerk reminded the assembly of the bylaw change as follows:

Each congregation will have one or two commissioners based on membership as follows:

1 – 249 members: 1 ruling elder

250 or more members: 2 ruling elders

(beginning in September this includes: Dayton, Fairmont, Dayton, Southminster, Dayton, Westminster, Eaton, Hamilton Presbyterian, Middletown First, Oxford, and Springfield Covenant)

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. If you chair one of these committees, please remind your RE members that they are commissioners with a vote.

The Stated Clerk reminded Minister members to pick up their minister card in the registration area.

The assembly was reminded of upcoming meeting dates and the need for hosts for both in-person and Zoom meetings. The stated clerk also thanked the host churches.

<p>Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m., at Hamilton Reports and docket requests due by August 28</p> <p>Saturday, November 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: TBA) Reports and docket requests due by Oct. 28</p> <p>Saturday, February 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM (Host: TBA) Reports and docket requests due by January 29, 2025</p> <p>Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 3:00 p.m., at (TBA)</p>

The clerk noted membership and minister changes in the docket since the February 2024 stated meeting.

- a. Gains: Greg Menssen (ordained), Justin Miller (ordained in Holston),
- b. Losses:
- c. In transition:
- d. Changes within PMV: Steve Merrin (Northminster), Shelley Wiley (retired)

The Stated Clerk invited RE Marge Morgan to update the assembly on the directory and invited the to update any information that may have changed.

The Moderator recognized MWS John Lewis, chair of Leadership Council who presented the consent agenda.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the consent agenda.

Approved the following actions of the Stated Clerk:

1. **Minutes** of the February 10, 2024, stated presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed.
2. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to ordain Greg Menssen on March 3, 2024 (see appendix D).
3. **Receive** the 2023 statistical report. (see appendix E)

Approved the action of the Leadership Council:

None

Received the report of the Leadership Council:

Approved a presbytery wide workshop in September in partnership with Dayton, Westminster and Mark Yaconelli for an amount not to exceed \$3500 from account 330200.

Approved the updated treasurer job description including minor changes to the position description that include the possibility of a small stipend and mileage.

Approved an office aid position for the Presbytery Offices for up to \$4500 for calendar year 2024.

Approved the action of the Committee on Ministry:

Approved the recommendation that the Presbytery of the Miami Valley approve the terms of call for installed and designated pastors. (Appendix F)

Received the report of the COM:

Approved contracts for:

Monroe, One Community Church – Steven Copeland

On the 18th day of October 2023 at a properly called meeting of the Session of One Community Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Ohio, the Rev. Dr. Steven Copeland was approved as Stated Supply and Moderator of Session, part time; effective from Jan. 1, 2024, through Dec. 31, 2024.

Annual Cash salary	\$18,200 (\$350/week)
Other – Care Pastor \$100/week; Moderator \$75/month ((\$5200 Pastoral Care + \$900 Moderating)	\$6100

Effective Salary	\$24,300
Continuing Education	\$1750

(Required: must meet the entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work.)

Annual Leave:

Vacation: up to 4 weeks as approved by session
Study Leave: up to 2 weeks as approved by session

Session may terminate with 30 days written notice with concurrence of Committee on Ministry. The Pastor may terminate the contract with 30 days written notice to the Session.

Monroe, One Community Church – Vaughn Lewis

On the 18th day of October 2023 at a properly called meeting of the Session of One Community Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Ohio, the Rev. Vaughn Lewis was approved as Stated Supply, part time; effective from Jan. 1, 2024 through Dec. 31, 2024.

Annual Cash salary	\$18,200 (\$350/week)
Effective Salary	\$18,200
Continuing Education	\$1750

(Required: must meet the entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work.)

Annual Leave:

Vacation: up to 4 weeks as approved by session

Study Leave: up to 2 weeks as approved by session

Session may terminate with 30 days written notice with concurrence of Committee on Ministry. The Pastor may terminate the contract with 30 days written notice to the Session.

Middletown, First – Justin Miller updated terms of call.

+At a called congregational meeting on February 18, 2024, the following terms of call were unanimously approved:

Effective Date of the Call (date work is to begin): 03-01-2024 (3-04-2024 is 1st day in office) Number of Years for Designated Call: 3 years. Terms include:

*Annual Cash Salary:	\$39,000
*Annual Housing Allowance:	\$24,000
*Medical Supplement Reimbursement	\$2,000
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$65,000
Moving Costs:	up to a limit of \$4,750

(NOTE: moving costs are taxable income)

Annual Vacation (Minimum 4 Weeks including 4 Sundays) 4 weeks

Annual Leave for Continuing Education: 2 weeks

(Minimum 2 Weeks, including 2 Sundays per Year Cumulative to ___ Weeks)

Personal Days (2 per quarter) 8 days

Estimated Board of Pensions (39%) \$25,350

SECA up to 50% \$2,892

Travel Reimbursable Expenses \$1,000

Cont. Educ. \$1,750

(must be included at an amount not less than the current presbytery minimum)

Professional Expense Reimbursement \$1,000

A provision for 12 weeks paid family leave are included in these terms of call. Yes

Slifers, Farmersville

+On February 18, 2024 at a stated meeting of the session of Slifers Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Shelley Wiley, for the purpose of providing pastoral services as part-time (30-hours/week) stated supply and moderator for a period of 3 months. The effective contract date is Jan. 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024 at the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$6,200
Housing &/ or Utilities Allowance	\$4,500
EFFECTIVE SALARY (total from above)	\$10,700
Board of Pensions (8.5%)	\$4,100

Reimbursable Expenses:

Auto (@ IRS rate) \$300

Continuing Education \$1,750

(required; must meet entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work.)

Professional Expenses/Books \$65

TOTAL COMPENSATION \$16,915

LEAVE

Vacation (minimum of 1 weeks) 1 weeks (including 1 Sundays)

Study leave (minimum of 2 weeks) 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)

Approved the following names for the Administrative Commission for the ordination service of Candidate Greg Menssen on March 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at Bellefontaine First United Presbyterian Church as Minister of Word and Sacrament, Transitional Pastor: RE Michael Seewer (Fairborn, moderator), MWS Bruce Miller (Urbana), RE Michele Sloane, (Urbana), MWS Ben Beres (Huntsville), RE Scott Risner, (Huntsville), RE Nancy Wisse (Bellefontaine). Also to participate: Rev. Marion Redding Stenner (HR Scioto Valley), Rev. Dr. Paul Kim (Scioto Valley), Rev. Dr. Jeffery Jaynes (Scioto Valley) and possibly Rev. Ginny Teitt (Scioto Valley). No communion is planned. Scott Underwood from Marysville will provide the music.

Approved transitional ministry training for COM and others in 2024.

Approved an amount not to exceed \$4000 to underwrite this training.

Approved the following contract:

Springfield, Northminster

On the 20th day of February 2024 at a stated meeting of the Session of the Northminster Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ohio, the Reverend Steven Merrin was approved as Transitional Pastor and Moderator of the Session; at full-time; effective from March 4, 2024 through March 3, 2025.

The following terms apply:

Annual Cash Salary	\$18,000
Annual Housing &/ or Utilities Allowance	\$36,000
Deferred Income – 403b	\$6,000
EFFECTIVE SALARY (total from above)	\$60,000
Board of Pensions (39%)	\$23,400
SECA(portion up to 50%)	\$4,131
Reimbursable Expenses:	
Auto (@ IRS rate)	Up to \$1,000
Continuing Education	Up to \$1750
(required; must meet entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work.)	
Professional Expenses/Books	Up to \$1,300
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	Up to \$270
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$91,851

ANNUAL LEAVE

Vacation (minimum of 4 weeks) 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)

Study leave (minimum of 2 weeks) 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); cumulative to 3 weeks.

Session may terminate with 30 days written notice with concurrence of Committee on Ministry. The Pastor may terminate the contract with 30 days written notice to the Session.

Appointed RE Susan Seller as Moderator for Slifers Presbyterian Church.

Approved the requested exemption from boundary training for Rev. Don Steward for health reasons. He is living in assisted living in Arizona.

Appointed the following mentors to work with newly called and ordained pastors for 1 year: MWS Ben Beres (MWS Greg Menssen), MWS Jody Noble (MWS Bruce Miller) and MWS Ed McNulty (MWS Justin Miller).

Appointed RE Scott Risner to moderate the congregational meeting on April 14, 2024, at West Liberty Presbyterian Church.

Approved directing Corinth’s session to only meet when a representative from COM is present excluding any current church member on COM.

Approved Mike Buker covenant contract as follows:

In keeping with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to set forth

clearly the agreement for the Commissioned Ruling Elder relationship between the Bradford Presbyterian Church in Bradford, Ohio and Ruling Elder Mike Buker, the following covenant is mutually agreed to:

A. Ruling Elder Mike Buker agrees to provide pastoral leadership and guidance in the following ways during the period of this commission:

- 1 Preach and involve the congregation in worship, thereby facilitating spiritual growth;
2. Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper if authorized by the Presbytery and the Session;
3. Serve as Moderator of Session and congregational meetings.
4. Perform weddings and funerals if authorized by the Presbytery and the Session and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio;
5. Provide pastoral care, including visitation;
6. Advise the Personnel Committee, serve ex officio with the Nominating Committee, and act as a resource to other committees as necessary;
7. Maintain personal growth programs through formal and informal study as required and as appropriate;
8. Attend meetings of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, and serve on presbytery committees and commissions as appropriate;
9. Participate in evaluations of the pastoral experience with the Committee on Ministry;
10. The CRE will be under the supervision of the Rev. Cliff Haddox, as mentor;
11. The CRE shall remain a member of the Central Presbyterian Church
12. Agree to only perform pastoral duties for the church named in this agreement, and agree to cease all pastoral functions with this church when this commission ends;

B. The congregation will support and cooperate with the Commissioned Ruling Elder in every way and will assume responsibility for:

1. Attending worship services and meetings;
2. Supporting the Commissioned Ruling Elder by engaging fully in the church's ministry to the community;
3. Providing clerical assistance as needed;
4. Participating in evaluation during and at the end of the commission.

C. This Commissioned Ruling Elder's service will be part-time at 14 hours weekly.

D. This covenant is effective from June 1, 2024 through June 1, 2025, and is reevaluated annually as mutually agreeable, pending appropriate approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

E. The church agrees to provide the following compensation to the Commissioned Ruling Elder, with due regard to the minimums set forth in the presbytery-approved 2024 Pastors' Compensation Recommendation:

Cash Salary	\$1,600
Housing	\$12,500
Mileage and Professional Expense Reimbursement	\$1,650
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 1,750
(must meet presbytery minimum-for 2024, \$1,750)	
Total package:	\$17,500
Vacation, at one week per quarter, cumulative to four weeks per year.	4 weeks
Study leave, at one week per six months	2 weeks

Approved the action of the session of the Reily Presbyterian Church to renew the part-time (19 hours/week maximum) Stated Supply Pastor appointment of MWS Tom Ramsey for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at the following terms, and continue his appointment as moderator of the session:

The following terms apply:

(Sunday services including sacraments, pastoral care and hospital visits, funerals and weddings.)

Annual Cash Salary \$24,204

EFFECTIVE SALARY (total from above) \$24,204

Reimbursable Expenses:

Auto (@ IRS rate) \$1000

Continuing Education \$1750

(required; must meet entire presbytery minimum even for part-time work.)

Professional Expenses/Books \$500

TOTAL COMPENSATION \$ 27,454

ANNUAL LEAVE

Vacation (minimum of 4 weeks) 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)

Study leave (minimum of 2 weeks) 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); cumulative to 2 weeks.

Approved the Oxford Presbyterian Church request to grant honorific emeriti status to Rev. Drs. Barbara and Mark Barnes.

DID NOT APPROVE: the contract between Bath Presbyterian and MWS Emily Haddox. The Continuing Education benefit does not meet the minimum terms for all pastors. RE Bridget Hawkins is the liaison for Bath Presbyterian and will have a conversation with the session regarding this.

Approved on behalf of the presbytery for 2023-2024, based upon reports submitted or other information, the validated ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church, in accordance with G-2.0503a, for the following, and authorize these ministers of the Word and Sacrament to celebrate the Lord's Supper under Sec. 1.06(11) of the COM Policy and Practice: Garth Adams, Marcy Bain, Kathleen Burslem, Carmen Garrigan, Charles Hardwick, Lisa Hess, Susan Brasier, Steven Ingram, Lucinda Isaacs, Christopher Martin, and Francisco Pelaez-Diaz.

Approved on behalf of the presbytery for 2023-2024, based upon reports and requests submitted, the status of member-at-large, in accordance with G-2.0503b, for the following: Kazy Blocher Hinds, Steven Schumm, Marion Soards.

Approved the proposed contract for CRE Janet Miller and recommended that the presbytery commission her for a three-year term which will go into effect following the presbytery vote and commissioning. In keeping with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to set forth clearly the agreement for the Commissioned Ruling Elder relationship between the Presbytery of the Miami Valley thru the Committee on Ministry and Ruling Elder Janet Miller, the following covenant is mutually agreed to:

A. Ruling Elder Janet Miller agrees to:

1. Provide pastoral care and a presbytery connection with retired clergy and surviving spouses, through cards, calls, visits, etc.
2. Offer an opportunity for retired pastors to share a meal together, at least once a year (regionally).
3. Administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper if authorized by the Presbytery thru the Committee on Ministry and the session of a church within the bounds of the Presbytery of Miami Valley.
4. Serve as Moderator of Session and of Congregational Meetings for congregations when appointed by COM.
5. Provide pastoral care, including visitation and funerals as needed for congregations within the presbytery.

6. Attend meetings of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley and serve on presbytery committees and commissions as appropriate.
 7. Participate in evaluations of her pastoral experience with the Committee on Ministry.
 8. Agree to cease all pastoral functions with the PMV when this commission ends.
 9. Meet as needed with the minister mentor assigned by COM: MWS Jackie Nowak.
 10. During the commission, the Commissioned Ruling Elder will remain a member of Bath Presbyterian Church.
- B. Compensation will be paid by COM or the church being served at the following rates:
- a. Pastoral Care to Retired Ministers and surviving spouses \$20.25/hour
+ mileage
 i. Paid by COM
 - b. Pastoral Care to congregations as needed and approved \$20.25/hour
+ mileage
 i. Paid by the congregation
 - c. Moderating a session or congregational meeting \$75.00/mtg.
+ mileage
 i. Paid by the congregation
 - d. Pulpit Supply (sacraments included when approved)
 i. paid by the congregation
 1. For churches up to 250 members: \$150 + mileage
 2. For churches over 250 members: \$200 + mileage
 3. Additional compensation of \$75 for each additional service.
- C. This covenant is effective from May 15, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and is reevaluated annually as mutually agreeable, pending appropriate approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and PMV. A commissioning service will be held on May 14, 2024, if the way be clear.
- D. Either the Presbytery through the Committee on Ministry or the Commissioned Ruling Elder can terminate the pastoral relationship, with notice of at least 30 days.

Approved the rationale (appendix I) for this commission of RE Janet Miller as CRE.

This concludes the consent agenda.

The assembly was reminded to check that their giving records are correct and to sign up for Facebook, Constant Contact and YouTube.

RE John Ey, Treasurer, was recognized to give the treasurer's report (see appendix G).

EQUIP

The Moderator recognized MWS Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter who invited the assembly to answer some trivia questions to remind them that fun and fellowship are important. And that we worship a God of abundance not scarcity. The assembly was invited to share ideas for workshops, retreats, or training events that would be of interest. The assembly was reminded of the event in September when Mark Yaconelli will be present. Gratitude was expressed for those who have served or will be serving.

The Moderator announced that in place of the Synod Executive's report, a video would be shared. The Synod CRE coordinator Tim Pollock shared more information about what is happening with his new position.

General Assembly Commissioners, MWS Cliff Haddox, RE John Ey, RE Olivia Collins, RE Alice McCollum (alternate) were commissioned to serve at General Assembly 2024 by the Moderator. Alternate MWS Marcy Bain was not able to participate due to work schedule. A prayer and charge were shared.

NURTURE

RE Marge Morgan, chair of the Nominating Committee was recognized.

A MOTION PREVAILED to elect the following slate of officers and committee members and chairs and there were no nominations from the floor:

Officers

Class of 2024-2025 RE Janet Miller, Moderator, Bath
MWS Lawrence Bartel, Vice Moderator, Oxford
RE Michael Seewer, Chair, LC, Fairborn

Leadership Council (LC)

Class of 2026 MWS Ben Beres Huntsville
Class of 2027 RE Sandra Kerns, Piqua Good Shepherd
MWS Jody Noble, Springfield: Covenant

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Chair RE Jim Griffin, Northminster
Vice Chair MWS Carol Pierson, Sidney
Class of 2025 RE Michele Slone, Urbana
Class of 2027 RE Jim Griffin, Northminster
RE Bridget Hawkins, Bellefontaine
CRE Gidget Collins, Fairmont/Seven Mile
MWS Kelley Shin, Fairmont

vacant

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Chair MWS Emily Haddox, Bath
Class of 2027 RE Anne Brienza, Bellefontaine
RE Marge Mauntler, Troy
RE Ken Poling, Sidney

Network Support and Grants

Chair MWS Ted Dennis, Belle Center
Class of 2027 MWS Steve Merrin, Northminster

vacant

Nominating Committee (NOM)

Chair RE Marge Morgan, Sugar Creek
Class of 2025 MWS Frank Rupnik, Troy
Class of 2027 MWS Caitlin Deyerle, Dayton Westminster

Committee on Representation and Diversity (CoRD)

Co-Chairs
Class of 2027 RE Jim Pelfry, Corinth

Trustees (Trst)

Chair MWS Kazy Hinds, MAL
Class of 2027 MWS Bruce Miller, Urbana
RE Rob Storm, Springfield: Covenant

Staff Support (SS)

Co-chairs MWS Angie Schenck, HR
RE Janice Kronour, Slifers

Class of 2026 vacant
vacant

Class of 2027 RE Greg Eyler, Hamilton
MWS Mike Wakeland, Xenia

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)

Class of 2030 MWS Karen Cassedy, HR
 MWS John Lewis, Hamilton
 RE Sue Seiler, Bellbrook

The Moderator recognized MWS Emily Haddox, Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry who gave a brief report of the work of the committee. Inquirer Caroline Eader was invited to share her statement of call. (Appendix H) The assembly was reminded that they could only examine her sense of call at this time.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve moving Inquirer Caroline Eader to Candidacy.

The Moderator led the Liturgy for Receiving a Candidate.

The Moderator then recognized Executive Presbyter Terry Kukuk to make an announcement about a scholarship that was being presented to Candidate Caroline Eader from the Troy Presbyterian Church in memory of MWS Ed Sensenbrenner, former pastor.

The chair of CPM invited Ruling Elder Janet Miller to read her statement of faith (appendix I) and be examined by the presbytery to seek a commission with the Presbytery of Miami Valley.

A MOTION PREVAILED, following the examination, by vote, the presbytery declared itself satisfied as to her qualifications and confirmed the action of the Committee on Ministry in finding the proposed commission with the Presbytery of the Miami Valley through the COM a suitable one. (see appendix J for the rationale for this position – the covenant contract will be/was approved in the COM consent agenda)

A MOTION PREVAILED to immediately proceed to hold a commissioning service pursuant to G-2.1003.

The Moderator presided over the commissioning of CRE Janet Miller.

The Moderator recognized RE Jim Griffin, Chair of Committee on Ministry who shared more about the rationale for the CRE position. He then invited MWS Carol Pierson, vice-chair, to share information about pastoral care. RE Lois Shroyer won the drawing for submitting answers to questionnaire that was sent out.

The Moderator recognized MWS Ed McNulty, Co-chair of the Committee on Representation and Diversity urged the assembly to become informed about the issues surrounding the Israel Palestine conflict. (Appendix K)

MWS Don Sherman was recognized on behalf of Network Support and Grants and shared a variety of information from the committee. (Appendix L)

Written reports were received from Synod of the Covenant commissioners and from Staff Support. (Appendix M and N)

CONNEX

RE Michael Seewer, Moderator, gave his final report that included participating in the ordination of MWS Greg Menssen, attending Zoom meetees with the refugee network, Committee on Representation and Diversity, a webinar on Christian Zionism, and celebrating with Immanuel Korean for their 20th anniversary. The outgoing moderator offered a prayer for RE Janet Miller, moderator elect and MWS Lawrence Bartel, vice-moderator elect.

A 10-minute break was taken prior to worship.

Worship was led by the following participants: RE Michael Seewer, RE Janet Miller, MWS Lawrence Bartel, MWS Emily Haddox, MWS Lynn Bova. It included the necrology report, a message titled Precarity based on Luke 5:17-26, Communion, and the Installation of officers. RE Janet Miller, Moderator, introduced the theme of Earth Care for her term in office and offered reminders about information provided. She adjourned the meeting with prayer at 6:42 pm. (Appendix O)

Recorded by:

MWS Lynette H Bova, Stated Clerk

Our next stated presbytery meeting

*Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 3:00 pm
At The Presbyterian Church, Hamilton
23 South Front St.
Hamilton, OH 45011*

Appendices

- A – Attendance
- B - AC for College Hill Community Church Report
- C – AC for West Liberty Dissolution
- D – Minutes for Greg Menssen Ordination
- E – Statistical Report
- F – Installed Pastor’s Terms of Call
- G – Treasurer’s Report
- H – Inquirer Caroline Eader Statement of Call
- I - CRE Janet Miller Statement of Faith, Motivation, etc.
- J – Rationale for PMV CRE position
- K – Committee on Representation and Diversity report
- L – Network Support and Grants Report
- M – Synod Commissioners Report
- N – Staff Support Report
- O – Necrology Report