

February 8, 2025

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
ORDER OF THE DOCKET
February 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

We will 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>

Registration for the meeting or requests to be excused can be found here:

<https://miamipresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting-registration/>

PREPARE

NOTE: MWS = Minister of Word and Sacrament

CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder

RE = Ruling Elder

8:45 am Gathering on Zoom

Please have your Communion Elements prepared before we begin.

9:00 am Convening Prayer & Welcome

CRE Janet Miller, 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**

CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

+ **Zoom Protocols** (ZP)

+ **Election of Stated Clerk Pro Tempore**

RE Michael Seewer

ON MOTION: to elect RE Marge Morgan as Stated Clerk Pro Tempore.

+ **Approval of Lord's Supper for 2025**

RE Michael Seewer

ON MOTION: to approve the celebration to the Lord's Supper at all stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley in 2025.

+ **Formation of the Roll**

RE Marge Morgan, Stated Clerk Pro Tem

ON MOTION: to seat, with voice, RE Marvella Lambright, guest, to speak about Synod Presbyterian Women Gathering, and corresponding member MWS Trisha Tull from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and to approve ___ excused minister members of PMV.

+ **Adoption of the Docket** (A-1) – *Final docket will be posted on the website when the final call for the meeting goes out.*

ON MOTION: Adoption of the Docket

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

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+ **Welcome – Rev. Jay Joeng Kim, Rev. Bruce Archibald**

RE Jim Griffin, COM

+ **Passing of the Peace**

+ **COM Report**

RE Jim Griffin, Chair

The COM has reviewed the call, met with the Session at Seven Mile and with CRE Cheryl (Gidget) Collins and all parties agree that the call remains viable, and COM recommends that she be recommissioned. The new contract can be found in the Consent Agenda.

ON MOTION: to approve the recommissioning, during worship at this meeting, of CRE Gidget Collins as required by the Book of Order (G-2.1001) and to continue serving at Seven Mile Presbyterian Church.

Memorial – CCE Prudence Dana (A-4)

MWS Lawrence Bartel

**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:** Covington Presbyterian Church -video

+ **Mission at Every Meeting –** Covington Outreach Association - (I-1)

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

We Worship Together (I-2)

Participants: Moderator Janet Miller and MWS Trisha Tull

Commissioning for Gidget Collins

Communion – MWS Francisco Pelaez-Diaz

Report of the Stated Clerk

+ **Correspondence** – none received

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

- Minutes of November 2024 stated meeting (A-3)

+ **Minute Review –**

Congregational Minute Review – The final report on the 2023 congregational minute review is complete. The following churches have not completed their minute review as of January 1, 2025: Blue Ball, IKPC, Huntsville, Middletown St. Luke, Rushsylvania, and Yellow Springs. Piqua Westminster, Reily and Southminster are in process. (A-5)

+ **Statistical Reports** – due this week! Friday, February 15 is the final day clerks will have access to the portal. If your clerk has questions, please contact the stated clerk. Thank you to all of the churches who have already completed the reports and entered the data in the portal.

+ **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 and child protection training every 36 months. If you completed the Boundary Training with LeaderWise through the Synod, please send a copy of the certificate you received to statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org. If you

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have not completed the training or are due this year, you will receive a letter. The Executive Presbyter will present more information on new ways to complete boundary training and child protection training for sessions.

The Synod of the Covenant is offering Child Protection Training this year instead of boundary training. This is also a requirement every 36 months. You can register here:

<https://www.synodofthecovenant.org/event-details/child-sexual-abuse-prevention-training-workshops>

Workshop DATES & TIMES

March 1 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

May 12 and 13 9:00 am to 11:30 am

May 19 and 20 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

September 17 and 18 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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

+ Upcoming 2025 Presbytery Meeting Dates

We are grateful to churches for agreeing to host. Please consider hosting a meeting. The stated clerk is beginning to schedule 2026 meetings. 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 or to partner with another small church to host an in person meeting.

Please note the time change to 2:00 pm for May and September meetings in 2025.

Currently planned dates and locations:

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 2:00 p.m., at Oxford Presbyterian Church

Reports and Docket requests due by April 25, 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Springfield Covenant (tentative)

Reports and docket requests due by Aug. 22, 2025

Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM, Host: Piqua Good Shepherd (tentative)

Reports and docket requests due by October 24, 2025

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

a. Gains: Rev. Jay Joeng Kim (from Blackhawk), Rev. Bruce Archibald (from Western New York)

b. Losses: Rev. Ken Locke (to Whitewater)

c. In transition: Rev. Emily Knoth (to Southern Kansas)

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.

+ **Announcements & Information:**

Please like our Facebook Page and sign up for Constant Contact. We also have a YouTube channel called Miami Valley Presbytery. You can find links to these on the Presbytery website:

<https://miamipresbytery.org/>.

TREASURER'S REPORT (A-7, 7a-c, A-11&12, I-3)

RE Ivy Young, Treasurer

PW Gathering (I-8)

RE Marvella Lambright, guest

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EQUIP

Synod Executive's Report

MWS Chip Hardwick

Executive Presbyter's Report

MWS Terry Kukuk

Colombia Letter (A-9)

2025 Foci (A-8)

PRC Introduction

Save the date – Tod Bolsinger (I-10)

By Law And Policy Change Recommendations: Leadership Council

RE Michael Seewer, chair

Current Bylaws of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley require a few updates.

These bylaws may be amended at any stated meeting of the presbytery by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous stated meeting.

These were in the November 2024 packet.

Proposed changes: words to be omitted have ~~strikethrough~~. Added words are ***bold italics***.

ON MOTION: to approve the Bylaw changes as recommended and required. (see below)

PROPOSED CHANGE PER GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION:

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

Section 1.02: Name and Function

The Presbytery of the Miami Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ~~including Presbyterian congregations in Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren counties in the state of Ohio.~~ ***The geographic district of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley consists of the counties of Butler (excluding the townships of Fairfield, Fairfield City, Ross, and Westchester), Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren (excluding the townships of Deerfield, Hamilton, Harlan, and Mason), all in the state of Ohio.***

RATIONALE: *New descriptions of our presbytery are needed. This was adopted at GA this year.*

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 6.03: Investigating Committees

The Moderator of the presbytery may appoint an investigating committee between stated meetings of the presbytery as authorized by ~~D-10.0201b~~ ***D-7.0501*** upon receipt by the Stated Clerk of a written statement of an offense as defined in ~~D-10.0101~~ and ~~D-10.0102~~ ***D-7.0102, D-7.0103 and D-7.0201e***. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate to the Vice-Moderator the authority to appoint an investigating committee. In making the appointment, the Moderator or Vice-Moderator shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the presbytery or their designees. The appointment of investigating committee shall be reported as information to the next stated meeting of the presbytery.

Section 6.04: Committees of Counsel

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In the event the presbytery becomes a complainant or respondent in a remedial case (~~D- 6.0302~~ **D- 4.0204a**), the Moderator of the presbytery may appoint a committee of counsel between stated meetings of the presbytery as authorized by ~~D-6.0302a~~ **D- 40204b**. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate to the Vice- Moderator the authority to appoint a committee of counsel. In making the appointment, the Moderator or Vice-Moderator shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the presbytery or their designees. The receipt of the remedial complaint and the appointment of committees of counsel shall be reported as information at the next stated meeting of presbytery.

RATIONALE: *The reference numbers in the Book of Order have changed in Church Discipline (no longer called the Book of Discipline.)*

Trustees

MWS Kazy Hinds. Chair

+ Policy Change

ON MOTION: to approve the following change in the Trustee Policy and Practice:

6. Financial Statements

B. **Alternating** Financial reviews ~~or full audits~~, prepared by a Certified Public Accountant, shall be provided to the presbytery annually, not later than the September Stated Meeting, showing the operations for the prior year and the status of all the accounts as of the end of the prior year.

RATIONALE: *As there are not a large number of transactions or complex transactions that would make an Audit necessary, a financial review is deemed adequate when prepared by a Certified Public Accountant. There are checks and balances in place and a requirement for additional, different signatures for a larger amount transaction.*

Energizer

RE Michele Slone

General Assembly Proposed Amendments (I-4&5) MWS Lawrence Bartel, MWS Terry Kukuk, MWS Cliff Haddox

The 226th General Assembly has sent 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.) has also been sent to the presbyteries for confirmation.

+ Called Meeting

In accordance with Section 4.02 of the Bylaws of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, a special meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley has been called for the purpose of voting on the 12 Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA and the proposed Ecumenical Agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This meeting is called by the moderator with the concurrence of three (3) Ministers of Word and Sacrament and three (3) Ruling Elders from different churches. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 2 pm on Zoom. The docket and supporting materials will be placed on the PMV website by March 1. Please save this date!

You can find the information about these items in today's papers – items I-4 and I-5.

NURTURE

CPM

MWS Emily Haddox, Chair

Nominations Committee

RE Marge Morgan, Chair

ON MOTION: the Committee nominates the following slate:

Committee on Representation and Diversity

CO- CHAIRS: MWS Justin Miller and MWS Francisco Pelaez-Diaz

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Committee & Network Reports – None

Acknowledgement of Written Reports
Staff Support (A-??)

CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

Moderator's Report

CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

Announcements

- + Covington Outreach Association (I-1)
- + 2025 Per Capita & Connectional Support (I-3)
- + GA Proposed Amendment Booklet and Summary sheet (I-4 & 5)
- + Colombia Network (I-6)
- + Officer Training (I-7)
- + PW Gathering (I-8)
- + Triennium (I-9)
- + Save the Date – Tod Bolsinger (I-10)
- + Women's Retreat (I-11)
- + Covenant Gathering (I-12)

CONNEC 

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

CRE Janet Miller, Moderator

Our next stated presbytery meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm
At Oxford Presbyterian Church
101 North Main Street, Oxford, OH 45056
513-523-6364

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