

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
Minutes to be approved in November 2025
September 9, 2025, at 2:00 pm
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Springfield

PREPARE

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 2:03 pm. The moderator welcomed everyone and reminded the assembly to share their good news and signs of hope. Many of these were shared throughout the meeting. The moderator also shared that the Stated Clerk Lynn Bova would be retiring at the end of 2025 and the November called meeting would be her last as clerk. A quorum was declared.

The moderator recognized MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk, for the formation of the roll.

A MOTION Prevailed to approve 12 minister members and commissioners asking to be excused and to seat as a corresponding member with voice but no vote MWS Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, Synod of the Covenant Associate for Racial Justice, New York City Presbytery. Attendance is in Appendix A.

A MOTIONPREVAILED to adopt the updated docket found on the website.

The moderator welcomed first-time commissioners, then recognized RE Jim Griffin, chair of Committee on Ministry, to share a memorial for Rev. Joe Whitt, Trinity. (Appendix B) The moderator offered a prayer.

The moderator recognized MWS Jody Noble who shared the hospitality report, the Mission at Every meeting recipient, Covenant Children's Academy scholarship fund, and shared the Land Acknowledgment. Rev. Noble closed with a prayer.

The moderator recognized the stated clerk who reported that thank you notes from College Hill Kirkmont campers for helping provide funding so they could attend camp at Kirkmont Center were received. The quarterly update from PILP was received. The clerk reminded the body that all Board of Pension employee representatives should go in and make selections for 2026 before October 3 and that dues information was in the papers for the meeting. The clerk reminded the assembly that the minutes for the May and June meetings and the terms of call for installed and designated pastors (Appendix C) is included in the consent agenda. The schedule for minute reading for all churches has been sent to clerks of session and the PMV minutes will be read in October. Copies of the Book of Order are available for \$8 at the registration table along with a few copies of Tod Bolsinger's Canoeing the Mountains for \$20. Minister cards that were not picked up in May have been placed in your nametag.

The stated clerk shared that the PJC roster of former members is included to meet **the Book of Order requirement of 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)

The stated clerk announced that all MWS, active and retired, and RE serving on PMV committees should have received an invitation from Praesidium to set up an account. The two training courses required are Keeping Your Church Safe (child protection) and Preventing Abuse and Exploitation in Pastoral Ministry (sexual misconduct boundary training). COM has determined that these satisfy the Book of Order Requirements. There are other training courses available, and you are welcome to use them.

The stated clerk reminded the assembly that written reports were provided for the Administrative Commission (AC) for Rushsylvania and the AC for Honey Creek. (Appendix D and E).

The AC for Corinth gave a verbal report. The stated clerk introduced MWS Annie Melick and RE Greg Eyler, members of the AC for Corinth, who reported that their work began in March of 2025, they have been focusing on three areas, work with the session including the pastor, looking at finances and building information, and working with the congregation. The AC has noted instances of disorder; they have not determined the need for original jurisdiction yet. Work that they have done includes establishing a set meeting time for session that they attend, financial statements were made available to the congregation, attended 2 new member examinations, and noted that the Presbyterian Women had disbanded in August 2025. They noted staff changes, reviewed membership rolls and inactive members were removed, and the active ruling elder serving as clerk and treasurer resigned effective Dec. 31, 2025. The AC has recommended ways to reduce the budget (likely to run out of funds sometime in 2026), and they have listed the Christian Education building for sale. A stewardship drive took place that resulted in some new pledging units (especially from online worshippers), and the AC met with two Trustees and the realtor for updates. The AC has also hosted several gatherings with the congregation and has more planned. A congregational meeting will be held Oct. 26 for an advisory vote on whether to continue or dissolve.

The clerk thanked all the AC members for their hard work.

The stated clerk reminded the assembly of a change for the November meeting. It will be in person at Sugar Creek on Sat., Nov. 8 at 9 am. An invitation to host the September (in person) and November (on Zoom) in 2026, please contact her.

Currently planned dates and locations:

2025
Saturday, November 8, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Sugar Creek Reports and docket requests due by October 24, 2025
2026
Saturday February 14, 2026, 9:00a.m., ZOOM, Host: Piqua Good Shepherd Reports and docket requests due by January 30, 2026
Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Bellbrook Presbyterian Reports and docket requests due by April 24, 2026
Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Host: TBA Reports and docket requests due by August 21, 2026
Saturday November 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM, Host: TBA Reports and docket requests due by October 24, 2026

Membership and Minister Changes since the May 2025 stated presbytery meeting:

- a. Gains: none
- b. Losses: Rev. Joseph Whitt (to the Lord’s loving care), Rev. Steven Schumm (to the Presbyterian Church of Canada – pending today’s approval)
- c. In transition: none
- d. Within the PMV: none

The moderator recognized MWS Amy Duiker, member of Leadership Council, for the Leadership Council report.

A MOTION PREVAILED to adopt the Consent Agenda consisting of the action items below with no items removed for consideration:

Approved the actions of the Stated Clerk:

1. **Minutes** of the May 13, 2025, 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 June 24, 2025, called presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed.
3. **2025 Installed Pastor Terms of Call** as recommended by COM. (Appendix C)

Approved the actions of the Leadership Council:

1. Recommended the 3 proposed overtures received from Cynthia Holder Rich be shared for a first reading, an overview, discussion and questions at the September PMV meeting and to vote on them at the November PMV meeting.

Received the report of the Leadership Council:

- + **Approved the request** for the moderator of the presbytery to call a meeting to approve forming an administrative commission for Rushsylvania Presbyterian Church on June 24 at 4pm.
- + **Approved** that a MWS be invited to preside at communion on June 29 at Rushsylvania Presbyterian Church.
- + **Approved** the registration fees be paid for Triennium in the amount of \$2448 from the Annette Brown special fund 309100.
- + **Approved** holding the November PMV meeting in person at Sugar Creek at 9 am on Saturday, November 8 in order to say thank you to retiring stated clerk and hopefully welcome a new stated clerk.
- + **Approved** giving College Hill Community Church \$5000 to send 10 campers to Kirkmont Center from Acct #330200.
- + **Approved** the action of the Trustees, on behalf of the Presbytery and Leadership Council, to approve the Piqua, Westminster Church to encumber their endowment for a \$250,000 loan for property updates.
- + **Approved** paying the transportation expenses for Triennium from the Annette Brown Fund #309100.
- + **Approved** the recommendation of the Trustees that Connectional Support remain at \$40 for 2026.
- + **Approved** sending a letter concerning rental of church property and to place it on the presbytery website.

Approved the action of the Committee on Ministry:

1. Request the PMV dismiss MWS Steven Schumm from the PCUSA as he has been received into the Presbyterian Church of Canada.
2. That the Presbytery of the Miami Valley approve the terms of call for installed and designated pastors. (A-5 – see clerk's report)

Received the report of the COM:

- + **Approved** the session of Springboro Covenant to call a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).
- + **Approved** the following Ruling Elders to preside at communion in their home congregation per BOO W-3.0410 and G-3.0301b who were trained on Sunday May 18 by PMV: Ruling Elders Betsy Ann Shoffstall - Huntsville, Jenny Barhorst - Sidney, Ken Poling - Sidney, Larry White – Bellbrook, Michelle Kraft – One Community Monroe, Ruth Ann Young – One Community Monroe, R Schueller – One Community Monroe, Cody Myers – Sidney, Sue Evans Berkemeier – Urbana, Debbie Bickett – Xenia, Brenda Peters – College Hill, Ivy Young – College Hill, Rosemary Smith – Trinity, Bethany Stewart – Bellbrook, Terrence K. Grimes – Trinity, Leroy V. Edwards – Trinity, and Kathryn Mobley – Trinity.
- + **Received** the report of the Corinth Administrative Commission for May.
- + **Appointed** Rev. Dan Hrach (HR) to moderate the Blue Ball Session beginning in June 2025.
- + **Received** the resignation of RE Galen Wilson from the committee.

- + **Approved** Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson (American Baptist) be placed on the Pulpit Supply list and be considered for openings in the future, if the way be clear.
- + **Approved** requesting that the Trustees recommend that COM budget remain at \$10,000 2026.
- + **Received** reports from the Administrative Commissions for Corinth and Rushsylvania, for June.
- + **Approved** MWS Arby Conn to baptize Nancy Terrell on June 29 at Rushsylvania Presbyterian Church.
- + **Approved** MWS Josh Rodriguez be moved from designated pastor to called and installed for an undesignated term and to permit the session to call a congregational meeting to elect and approve terms of call (to be approved later).
- + **Approved** and affirmed following the practice we have used in the past to not permit CREs to serve their home church
- + **Approved** Piqua Good Shepherd to receive the Krebs Memorial Fund for Rural Church Education or Evangelism for 2026.
- + **Authorized** the APNC to request that Session call a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the candidate chosen by the APNC and approved by COM to be elected to serve as associate pastor and to agree to the terms of call. September 7th the congregational meeting will be held. The new associate pastor will begin November 9th which is the effective date of the call.

The terms of call include:

Annual Cash Salary	\$ 32500
Free Use of Manse yes / X no	\$
Annual Housing &/ or Utilities Allowance	\$ 32500
Medical Supplement Reimbursement	\$
SECA ¹ (portion above 50% only)	\$
Deferred Income	\$ _____
(Annuity, Life Insurance, IRA, 403b, retirement savings, etc.)	
Other (please specify) _____	\$
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$ 65,000
BoP2 Estimated Pension/Medical Dues (total)	\$ waiting on pricing
Pension/Disability (10%)	\$ 6,500 _____
Covering Health Insurance for: Pastor (16%)	\$ waiting on pricing _____
Spouse	\$ _____
Children	\$ waiting on pricing
Family	\$ _____

If not covering health insurance for spouse or family, please note the other source for health insurance:

SECA1 (portion up to 50%)	\$ 4,973
Reimbursable Expenses:	
Auto (@ current IRS rate)	\$1,000
Continuing Education	\$ 1,750
(required: must meet entire presbytery minimum including part-time work - \$1750 for 2025)	
Professional Expenses/Books	\$ 1,500
Other (please specify)	\$ 100
_____ Bureau of Workman's Compensation	
Moving Costs: Full: ___ or up to a limit of	\$ _____ NA _____
(This is considered taxable income for IRS purposes)	
TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$? – waiting on final cost for medical

ANNUAL LEAVE: (INCLUDING PART TIME WORK)

Vacation (minimum of 4 weeks) 4_ weeks (including _4_ Sundays)

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Continuing Education \$ 1,750
 (required: must meet entire presbytery minimum including part-time work - \$1750 for 2025)

Professional Expenses/Books \$ 1,500

Other (please specify)

BWC _____ \$ 100

Moving Costs: Full: ___ or up to a limit of \$ ___ NA _____

(This is considered taxable income for IRS purposes)

TOTAL COMPENSATION \$ 105,395

ANNUAL LEAVE: (INCLUDING PART TIME WORK)

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

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

(PMV recommends that 3 years of study leave or up to 6 weeks plus 3 years of Cont. Ed. Funds be permitted to accrue.)

A provision for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks paid family medical leave per the Book of Order G-2.0804 is included in these terms of call.

+ Ratified the electronic vote and approved the change for pension (10% added) to the terms of call for MWS Josh Rodriguez for an installed call with no designated term.

MWS Josh Rodriguez	Sept.- Dec. 2025	Jan.- Dec. 2026
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Annual Cash Salary	\$ 16,000	\$ 48,000
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Annual Housing &/ or Utilities Allowance	\$ 12,334	\$37,000
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Medical Supplement Reimbursement	\$ 0	0
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SECA1 (portion above 50% only)	\$ 0 _____	0
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Deferred Income	\$ 0 _____	0
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(Annuity, Life Insurance, IRA, 403b, retirement savings, etc.)

Other (please specify) _____	\$ 0	0
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TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$ 28,334	\$85,000
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BoP2 Estimated Pension/Medical Dues (total)	\$12,184	\$39,950
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Medical	\$ 9,351 (33%)	\$31450 (37%)
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Pension/Disability (10%)	\$ 2833	\$8500
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If not covering health insurance for spouse or family, please note the other source for health insurance:

NOTE: if you are in the transitional package the dues will be 47% - 10% and 37% for 2026.

SECA1 (portion up to 50%)	\$ 2,167.50	\$6502.5
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Reimbursable Expenses:

Auto (@ current IRS rate)	\$ 167	\$500
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Continuing Education	\$ 600	\$1800
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(required: must meet entire presbytery minimum including part-time work - \$1750 for 2025)

Professional Expenses/Books	\$ 600	\$1800
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Other (please specify)

\$ _____

Moving Costs: Full: ___ or up to a Limit of	\$ ___ NA _____	\$ ___ NA _____
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(This is considered taxable income for IRS purposes)

TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$ 44,052.50	\$135,552.50
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ANNUAL LEAVE: (INCLUDING PART TIME WORK)

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

Study leave (minimum of 2 weeks) 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays); cumulative to ___ weeks.
 (PMV recommends that 3 years of study leave or up to 6 weeks plus 3 years of Cont. Ed. Funds be permitted to accrue.)

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A provision for a minimum of twelve (12) weeks paid family medical leave per the Book of Order G-2.0804 is included in these terms of call. x
+ **Received** the reports of Administrative Commissions for Corinth (verbal), Rushsylvania and Honey Creek for August. (Appendix D & E)

Here Ends the Consent Agenda

MWS Amy Duiker shared that Leadership Council had received 3 proposed Overtures to GA 227 and invited MWS Cynthia Holder-Rich to introduce and explain them for a first reading. (Appendix F, G, H) These will be voted on in November. The schedule of deadlines for GA 227 follows:

180-Day Deadline

24, 2025

Commissioner and Advisory Delegate names submitted.

120-Day Deadline

February 22, 2026

All reports from General Assembly entities, all overtures with constitutional implications, all requests for authoritative interpretation.

60-Day Deadline:

April 22, 2026

All overtures without constitutional implications and the report of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution.

45-Day Deadline

May 7, 2026

All comments from entities, concurrences from mid councils, and minutes of entities (including Synods).

30-Day Deadline

May 22, 2026

Report of the General Assembly Nominating Committee.

June 23, 2026

Commissioner's Resolutions (more information on process to come in 2026).

MWS Amy Duiker invited MWS Marc van Bulck to share his report on Triennium. The delegation was small, and they had a great time!

MWS Amy Duiker then invited MWS Kazy Hinds, chair of Trustees, to report on the following coming from the Trustees. Connectional Support for 2026 is projected to remain at \$40, Synod of the Covenant per capita will remain at \$3.40 and GA per capita will go up to \$11.26 for a total of \$54.66 per member. The amounts for each church can be found in the packet. (Appendix I) A letter concerning issues to consider when renting church space will be sent to the clerk of session at each church. Minister's will be receiving a letter inviting them to also help support the presbytery budget.

The Yearly Financial Review 2024 has been received from the CPA. (Appendix J)

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the Independent Accountant's Review dated August 29, 2025 relating to the presbytery's financial statements as of December 31, 2024, in accordance with G-3.0113 of the Book of Order, which include the conclusion that, "Based on my review, I [Matthew J. Scarr, CPA LLC] am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

This concluded the Leadership Council Report.

The moderator recognized RE Ivy Young, Treasurer, who gave a quarterly report ending in June 2025. He reported that a draw has been made on invested funds. Also included in the packet are the reports for July 2025. (Appendix K,L,M)

EQUIP

The moderator recognized MWS Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter, who asked a few trivia questions about our denomination. Words of gratitude for the sabbatical were shared, and the assembly was invited to stand and pass the peace of Christ with one another. The time of sabbatical allowed for rest and

opportunities to connect with church leaders around the country and time to be with family. Processing is continuing to unfold. Good Samaritan was a common theme. Who is my neighbor and how are we called to love or fear our neighbor. Tending to the quality of our relationships is the theme for this year. Spent a day at Lexington Theological Seminary talking about what it means to thrive as a church. The church needs to know you are not alone. Coming together allows space to be called to something new. Reach first for God's mission, not finances or what has been done in the past was a common theme. God is doing something new. Journey of transformation – you never arrive.

The Good Futures Accelerator was introduced. Cohorts will be formed to imagine ways to use property creatively. Churches must know its mission. Encouraged churches who are interested to contact the office.

The moderator recognized MWS Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, Associate for Racial Justice for the Synod of the Covenant. This work is new and is to equip, facilitate and resource churches and presbyteries. Will also facilitate difficult trainings. Looking for co-conspirators. Workshop on Oct. 7 at 4:30 on Zoom. Registration on the SOC website. Encourage those interested in Cultivating the Gift of Preaching are invited to apply and mentors are also needed. MWS Chip Hardwick sent his greetings and regrets.

NURTURE

The moderator recognized RE Jim Griffin, COM chair, who reminded the body that CRE Mike Buker will be recommissioned today. This was approved in May. The minimum terms of call were introduced. (Appendix N)

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the minimum terms of call recommendation for 2026 including:

1. 2.7% COLA increase
2. To make the CRE and CCE terms comparable.
3. To recommend adding this language: Churches are encouraged to follow this recommendation: Base salary plus one percent per year for each year of experience beyond five years be provided.

COM Chair reported that a request for an Administrative Commission for St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Middletown has been received by COM.

A MOTION PREVAILED The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley recommends that the Moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley appoint an Administrative Commission for St. Luke Presbyterian Church. The Moderator of the Presbytery is to appoint the members according to our bylaws Article VI, Section 6.02. The purpose and authority of the Administrative Commission will be:

Purpose:

The Committee on Ministry having received clear evidence of the intent of St. Luke Presbyterian Church to close its doors and be dissolved as a congregation recommends, pursuant to G-3.0109b of the Book of Order provisions, that the Presbytery authorize the PMV Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission (according to our bylaws Article VI, Section 6.02) to work with the St. Luke Presbyterian Church. The Commission will consist of at least five (5) presbyters, and at least one of whom shall be a member of the Committee on Ministry, with the remaining members representing an even distribution of teaching and ruling elders from churches in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, for the following purposes, including but not limited to:

- a. Working with the Session and congregation to dissolve the current congregation and dispose of some or all property, (see scope and authority of the AC below)
- b. Keeping accurate minutes of AC actions for the Presbytery,
- c. Providing an initial report of its findings and recommendations to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley at the next immediate stated meeting following its appointment, and
- d. Providing regular reports to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley at all stated meetings thereafter until completion.

Scope and Authority

The Administrative Commission (AC) of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Middletown, OH in consultation with the church's session and congregation, shall:

- i. Arrange for all liabilities of the church to be paid in full.
- ii. Determine the care and distribution of the real property and contents of the church, with the authority to dispose of such property granted to the Trustees of the Presbytery of Miami Valley. The Administrative Commission shall determine the amount of reserve funds to be retained to offset anticipated presbytery expenses for the continued maintenance of the vacant building if needed. Once the congregation is dissolved, the presbytery may direct, limit, and appoint, or such property may be sold or disposed of as the presbytery may direct. (BoO G-4.0205). The AC may work with Trustees of the Congregation to transfer property to the Presbytery and/or consult with attorney at law for the most appropriate means to transfer the property to the Presbytery. This may need to be accomplished prior to formal dissolution of the congregation.
- iii. Consult with an Attorney at law for any associated licenses or certifications for ongoing ministries and missions controlled by the congregation.
- iv. Determine the use of undesignated mission funds.
 - v. Arrange for ways to address the pastoral care of the congregation and transfer of membership upon dissolution of the congregation.
 - vi. Arrange for transfer of all session and financial records to the presbytery.
- vii. Determine an appropriate schedule for the congregation’s last worship service and celebration.
- viii. Dissolve the congregation’s corporation under state law.
- ix. Dissolve the congregation after the last worship service.
 - x. Prepare minutes of its proceedings and a final report upon completion of its actions that will be reported at stated meetings of the presbytery.
- a. Should additional authority not specified above be necessary to implement the AC’s mandate, the AC, in consultation with the congregation, may request the presbytery’s Committee on Ministry to approve and grant the AC additional or clarifying authority. The Committee on Ministry shall report on any such authority granted to the AC to the next stated presbytery meeting.

+ PC(USA) Book of Order, G-3.0109 Committees and Commissions

....A commission is empowered to consider and conclude matters referred to it by a council. The designating council shall state specifically the scope of the commission’s powers and any restrictions on those powers.

The moderator recognized MWS Emily Haddox, Chair of Committee on Preparation for Ministry, who reported that it is time to elect Ordination Exam readers.

A MOTION PREVAILED to appoint MWS Ted Dennis and RE Anne Brienza as ordination exam readers and to appoint MWS Cliff Haddox and RE Marge Mauntler as alternates.

The chair introduced Inquirer Bethany Stewart and invited her to share her statement of call and reminded the body that only questions of call could be asked. (Appendix O)

A MOTION PREVAILED to arrest the exam of Inquirer Bethany Stewart.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve moving Inquirer Bethany Stewart to Candidacy. The moderator then led the liturgy to receive a candidate and offered a prayer.

The Moderator recognized RE Marge Morgan, a member of the Nominating Committee, who presented the slate for election.

A MOTION PREVAILED to elect the slate presented:

Committee on Representation and Diversity

Class of 2028

MWS Jay Kim, Wilmington

Class of 2027

RE Keith Williams, Faith, Huber Heights

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2027	RE Gene Saunders, Westminster, Dayton
GA Commissioners	
RE 2026	RE Alice McCollum, Trinity
MWS 2026	vacant
RE Alt. (2028)	vacant
MWS Alt. (2028)	vacant
Youth Delegate	vacant
Youth Delegate Alt.	vacant

The assembly was also reminded that an application to serve as a GA Commissioner or alternate or as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate is in the meeting packet.

The Moderator recognized MWS Jody Noble, chair of Network Support and Grants Committee, who Shared a video about the Covenant Gathering, one of the networks that is supported by the presbytery. The Moderator recognized MWS Justin Miller, co-chair of the Committee on Representation and Diversity, who invited congregations to fill out the questionnaire they would be receiving and to be in touch if they needed assistance in writing their anti-racism policy. It was also announced that a series on Christian Nationalism would be held sometime in the spring.

The Moderator recognized MWS Diane Ziegler to share a report on the event held in August with Tod Bolsinger speaking. Books are available at a discounted rate if anyone is interested.

The Moderator reminded the assembly of the presbytery’s three foci and shared the connections being made in a variety of ways. Announcements about MWS Ed McNulty’s memorial service, the Summit on Affordable Housing, the Colombia Network invitation, and the Great Lakes Call Finder were shared as well as a reminder that the November 8 meeting is in person at Sugar Creek at 9 am.

The assembly was then invited to live into our theme of “cultivating the quality of our relationships.” Small groups of 2 or 3 people that we don’t know were formed and engaged in these questions inspired by the presbytery event with Tod Bolsinger:

- What is great about living in my community?
- What is not so great about living in my community?
- If good people came together, what could we do to make it great for everyone who lives in my community?

The moderator called for a 5-minute break to prepare for worship.

CONNEX

Worship was led by the following participants: Rev. Jay Kim, Rev. Jody Noble, Rev. Lawrence Bartel It included a message from Rev. Jay Kim titled “Blessed is the Young Puppy Who Doesn’t Fear the Tiger,” the commissioning of CRE Mike Buker to serve at Bradford by Moderator Lawrence Bartel, music by the Covenant Presbyterian Church Choir, and Communion led by Rev. Noble and Rev. Bartel. The meeting was closed with prayer that included grace for the meal by Rev. Jody Noble and the choir singing a benediction.

Our next stated presbytery meeting
Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
At Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church
4417 Bigger Road, Dayton, OH 45440
937-298-3743

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APPENDIX

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- B – Memorial for Rev. Joe Whitt
- C – Terms of Call for Installed and Designated Pastors
- D – Administrative Commission for Rushsylvania Report
- E – Administrative Commission for Honey Creek Report
- F – Proposed GA Overture: A Call for Investigation of the Restructure of PC(USA) World Mission
- G – Proposed GA Overture: Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- H – Proposed GA Overture: On Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Covenants in Employee Relations
- I - 2025 Proposed Connectional Support and Per Capita for churches in PMV
- J – 2024 Yearly Financial Review
- K – Treasurer’s Report – July 2025
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